

# Sutton School Newsletter

*"Value Learning, Learning Values"*

**Term 4 Week 8**

**Principal: Clare Pritchard**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018**

## Principal's Report

### **Classes in 2019**

As each school year draws to a close we find everyone turning their mind to which teachers and classmates will work together in the new year. Our class structures and sizes will be determined as a result of the Department of Education staffing allocation given to the school.

Based on current enrolment enquiries we are expecting to have eleven classes in 2019 following the same structure as this year. Any families who will be transferring their child's enrolment in the new year are asked to advise us in writing as soon as possible. We appreciate your assistance in this matter at this busy time of year.

At present a lot of thought is being given to forming our classes to ensure that individuals are catered for, whilst finding the best fit across the school for teaching and learning. When class lists are finalised, parents will be notified in writing of their child's placement in a class group for 2019. Students will then have the opportunity to spend time with their new class group during the last days of Term.

### **Staffing in 2019**

Parents will be aware of expected changes to staffing for the new school year. We entirely understand that staff changes can create a degree of anxiety for parents and students. However, these are unavoidable and a normal course of events in a school.

Mrs Blencowe will be on extended leave. We wish her all the very best for the birth of her first child. Mrs Dixon will also be on extended leave and we wish her too, all the best for the arrival of her first child. Mr Dunn and his family will be moving to pursue new career opportunities and Mr Nigel Downey has resigned from the NSW Teaching service and will not be returning to Sutton. We are working hard to finalise staffing arrangements, and students and parents will be notified as soon placements are confirmed.

Our students, together with the quality of learning and teaching provided by the school, will continue to be our main priority. New staff members bring skills, knowledge and experience that add to the wealth of our practice; staff changes also ensure that our school remains a vibrant learning community.

### **Back to School 2019—Information for Parents.**

In early January 2019, parents will receive communication regarding all you need to know to prepare for 2019. Starting dates, term dates, uniform information, book pack and school requirement lists will be provided.

***Important information about our end of year events can be found in this newsletter. Please get in touch if you require any further information.***

Clare Pritchard, Principal

## DIARY DATES

**Mon 10th Dec - Year 6 Farewell Dinner - 6pm until 7.30pm & Primary Disco from 7.30pm until 9pm**

**Thurs 13th Dec - Primary Presentation Night - 7pm**

**Fri 14th Dec - Infants Presentation - 10am & Concert - 12.30pm**

**Mon 17th Dec - Infants Disco - 2pm - 3.10pm  
Yr 3/4 Bike Safety Activity**

**Tues 18th Dec - Yr 3/4 Bike Safety Activity**

**Wed 19th Dec - Students Last Day Term 4**

**Wed 30th Jan 2019 - Years 1-6 First Day 2019**

**Fri 1st Feb 2019 - Kindy First Day**



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# IT'S CELEBRATION TIME!

## Year 6 Farewell and Primary Disco

### **Monday 10th December**

Students attending may dress in the theme: "Party Disco".

Students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend dinner between 6 and 7:30pm.

Students in Year 3 and 4 are invited to attend the disco between 7:30 and 9:00pm.

Students are to be collected by an adult from the hall door at 9:00pm.

## Primary Presentation Evening

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

At 7:00pm on Thursday 13th December all students in Years 3 to 6 will take part in our Primary Presentation Assembly. Certificates and awards will be presented. Student Leaders for 2019 will be announced and the band and choir will also perform for us during the assembly.

Students are to be dressed in full school uniform and arrive at their classrooms by 6:45pm.

Year 6 students may wear their Year 6 shirts.

Members of the band and choir are asked to arrive by 6:30pm.

## Infant Presentation Day and End of Year Concert

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

#### • **Infants Presentation Assembly**

At 10:00am on Friday 14th December all students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in our Infants Presentation Assembly. Certificates and awards will be presented and our choir will perform.

Students are to be dressed in full school uniform.

Students arrive to class at the usual time of 9:20am

#### • **Presentation Day BYO Picnic Lunch – 11:00—12:00 noon**

Following the Infants Presentation Day Assembly there will be time for families to meet and share a BYO picnic lunch within the school grounds. Mums, dads, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and special guests are encouraged to bring their picnic blanket and a packed lunch to share.

**NB:** The hall will be locked following the Infants Presentation Assembly to allow staff to prepare for the concert. All belongings are to be removed from the hall to allow for the chairs to be moved.

A bell will ring at approximately 12:00 noon indicating that all students should return to their classrooms to get ready to perform.

#### • **Presentation Day Concert – 12:30pm**

At 12:30pm on Friday 14th December all students K-6 will present our end of year performance for you.

The School Concert is an annual event enjoyed by parents and the community. Come along and watch your child on stage and enjoy some fun at the end of the year with the family. We look forward to sharing this special day with you.

**NB:** All students K-6 will be in their classrooms at the conclusion of our concert. **Any parents wishing to collect their child early on the day are to go to their child's classroom to "sign out" their child.**



## Infants Disco—2pm

Monday 17th December



The Infants Disco will be held during school hours on Monday 17th December and is for all Kindergarten to Year 2 students. It will run from 2pm until 3pm and includes dancing, games and festive foods. Entry is free.

Parents are more than welcome to join us for the disco! Students may wear their "Free Choice Disco" outfits to school or change at school prior to the event. Parents wishing to help their child get ready may join them on the front lawn of school outside the Kindergarten rooms from 1:30pm. Please sign the visitors book at the front office on arrival.

Students will have an early recess from 1.10pm on this day to enjoy the party food and allow time for the food to settle before the dancing begins. If your child has any food allergies, intolerances or special dietary requirements could you please contact your child's teacher to discuss options for your child.

We are asking families to contribute the following items to assist with our end of year celebration:

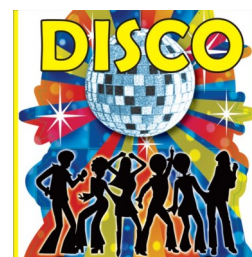
Kindergarten: Boys - Sparkling mineral water or 100% juice poppers

Girls - Cups and paper plates

Year 1: Savouries (finger food, chips, etc)

Year 2: Cakes, slices or biscuits

We look forward to a fun-filled afternoon!



## Annual Christmas Gathering at the Bywong hall, Les Reardon Reserve

14th December 2018

The Bywong Community Association's Annual Christmas Gathering will commence with light refreshments in the Hall, (67 Birriwa Rd Bywong) 6:30pm start.

A selection of festive beverages and nibbles will be provided for all ages, or feel free to bring some food/drink to share. The evening will include:

**Raffle draw** for great prizes of wine/dinner vouchers (donated by [Contentious Character Winery](#)) and local artworks (by *John-Pierre Favre*)

- **Presentation** to supporters of the Bywong Community Association. A small token of thanks to our biggest supporters for their help in selling our amazing merchandise created by JP, which helps us raise money to hold events and add to the facilities.....one of our latest fundraisers is to look into external table and seating to finalise our playground project.

- **Wonderful Women of Wamboin Christmas decorating winners** announced (also to be announced at the Wamboin markets on Saturday too)

- There will be some Christmas craft for the younger ones and our fabulous playground, Santa may make a brief visit as well.

For more information go to URL link here <http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au/christmas-drinks/>

## Summer Tennis Camp

15th, 16th, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Venue: Sutton Tennis Courts, Sutton

Games, skills and prizes available for all participants. Qualified Tennis Australia Coach available.

Times: 4-8pm daily. Cost - \$35 per day. Flexible options available for families with all skills covered.

Registrations by 13/1/19 to: Scott Eulenstein [scott.eulenstein@outlook.com](mailto:scott.eulenstein@outlook.com) or PH: 0421016365.





## Library News

As a final library activity, Kindy and 1/2 classes have been invited to make a collage that 'tells a story'. All pictures will be exhibited in the library in 2019.

Our stocktake is almost complete. Thank you to families for your support in returning books. Please keep looking for the SPS school barcode on the back of books.

Library monitors have helped throughout the year and have been generous and willing with their time and energy. A very special thank you to Mitch, Andrew, Tia, Hannah, Rebecca and Abbie.

Lastly, a warm thank you to our families who support the library by covering books, helping with Book Fair, Grandparents book sales, Book Swap and our Book Writing Competition. Our school is fortunate to be so well supported by a community of family and friends.

Robyn Doran, Librarian

## What's your opinion of our school?

### Complete our School Satisfaction

#### Survey Online

A 2018 School Satisfaction Survey has opened online for all Sutton families. We value parents' thoughts and feedback about what we do at Sutton Public School and how we do it in order to reflect and to improve our practices.

The Survey is hosted by Survey Monkey and will be open between Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/83YBC2C>

This link is available on the website and Skoolbag.

Parent responses will be reported in the Annual School Report for 2018.

### PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES 2018

#### Primary Presentation:

**Thursday 13th December at 7pm**

#### Infants Presentation:

**Friday 14th December at 10am**

We look forward to sharing these special events with you.

**Students are to be dressed in full school uniform.**



## SCHOOL FAIR 2019

**Saturday April 6th**

### FAIR PLANNING IS UNDERWAY!!!

We are currently looking for: A **GRAPHIC DESIGNER** who can help with branding our Fair in exchange for advertising before, during and after the event.

**SPONSORSHIP.** If you are a school family with a business or know of any business that would like to support our Fair, please contact us to chat about sponsorship levels.

If you can help with either or these requests, or anything else Fair related, please contact Linda on 0410 294 420.



## Head Lice

Head lice have again been reported in the school. Please examine your child's hair and if needed treat with a number of solutions which are available from the chemist or supermarkets. Alternatively you could use the conditioner treatment with the head lice comb. You will need to treat your child for 7 continuous days.



### YMCA VACATION CARE HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT SUTTON PS

**7th—25th JANUARY 2019**

Bookings are now open providing opportunities for students to take part in the full program or single days.

Anyone aged between 4-12 can come which means even our kindergarten children starting school in 2019 are able to make new friends and join in the fun.

An exciting program of activities and excursions means there will be something for everyone!

For more information call the YMCA on 6242 4040

**GO 4 FUN**  
HEALTHY ACTIVE HAPPY KIDS

### ENROL NOW - FREE Term 1 Program

**Q-One Indoor Sports Centre**  
**Term 1, 2019 (10 weeks from 31 January 2019)**  
**Thursdays 4pm to 6pm**

Go4Fun is an established healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children aged 7-13 who are **above** their healthy weight.

### WAMBOIN COMMUNITY CAROLS NIGHT

It might not feel it yet but the end of year is approaching faster than we might believe and so too is the annual Wamboin Community Carols Night! Put on by the Wamboin Community Association this is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the year with a community get together. This is a non-denominational event and the emphasis is on the community enjoying themselves particularly the younger residents. Admission to the event is a gift under the Christmas tree for the Salvation Army people to take to some less fortunate.

The night features carol singing, the telling of the Christmas story (in its rather unique style), a BBQ (gold coin donation which also goes to the Salvo's), and of course the arrival of Santa to distribute gift bags to the children. The date for this extravaganza is 7th December 2018 at 7:00 pm sharp at the Community Hall in Bingley Way. So please come along and enjoy yourselves. Parents of children wishing to perform in the Christmas Play are invited (PLEASE) to ring Jenny Richards on 6238 1329 as soon as possible to organize parts.

