

# St Johns Park Public School Newsletter

Term 3, Week 8  
Monday, 9th September, 2019

Dear Parents,

## **Always our Best**

Congratulations Alexander Warne from 2/3M for winning the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee last Monday. He will now move on to the State Finals to be held in November.

On 31<sup>st</sup> August, a group of students represented our school as a part of the Tournament of the Minds competition. Mr Luxa has 'coached and guided' the group in the lead up to the competition. Although they didn't win, they all agreed that it was a great experience. Thank you to the students and their families, as well as the teachers who went along to support.

Last week, Year 5 had their camp to Bathurst. By all reports the weather was great and they had a fantastic time. The alternate excursion for students not attending camp was also held last week. Similarly, they had a great time. Thank you to the teachers for organising these activities to provide students with a variety of educational opportunities and experiences. Year 6 camp will be held in Week 10.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the 2019 Maths Cup Competition. Teams achieved 2nd, 4th and 7th places overall. Thank you to Miss Tran for coordinating the competition at school level.

## **Public Speaking Competitions**

Public Speaking Competitions have begun and will continue for each class over the next 2 weeks. Public Speaking is an important skill to learn and one that will potentially help students in their adult lives. The Stage competitions will be held in Week 10. Best of luck to all students.

## **Sandringham Street**

This message is for parents and carers who pick their children up from Sandringham Street. Please **DO NOT** park in the Drop Off Zone. The maximum amount of time you are permitted to park there is 2 minutes. Many drivers also double park alongside the cars in this zone and call their children out in between cars. Not only is this unsafe for children but this is also against the law.

Please use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road. One of our executive is always on duty to ensure safe crossing of the road. We have seen too many parents crossing the road, between cars and into oncoming traffic and not using the crossing. It is your responsibility to set a good example for your children.

## **Quote for Week 8:**

*"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."*

**Pele**

**D. Donatiello**  
**Principal**



## **Uniforms**

Uniforms can be  
purchased from the  
School Office  
8.30am - 2.30pm  
Monday to Friday.

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Find our school website using your  
smartphone or tablet.

## Year 6 Fundraiser - Mufti Day

On Thursday the 22nd of August, students at St Johns Park Public School wore their favourite team jersey to school to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell. The highlight of this exciting day was the teachers v students newcombeball game during lunchtime. Teachers in Year 6 were asked to select their best newcomballers to challenge the teachers. With 2 teams of 9, the students took to the field with an outstanding passion to represent their cohort.

Unfortunately, the students were no match for the experienced teachers who managed to win 4 out of the 6 rounds. Better luck next year students!

With the excitement of the day, the school managed to raise over \$600 which will go towards the Year 6 Farewell! Thank you to all the students who dressed up and a special thank you to all the students who played their absolute best in the newcombeball game!

**Mr A. Russo**  
**Fundraiser Coordinator**

## Debating Reports

On Tuesday, 3rd September a debate was held between St Johns Park Public School, the negative team, and Canley Vale Public School, the affirmative team as part of the Fairfield District Debating Competition. The topic was that 'Parents should financially reward their children for improving personal school results'. The debate was a draw. It was a tough decision as in each round the affirmative and the negative sides were equally strong and persuasive.

**Mrs T. Bosnjak**  
**Debating Coach**

On Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, our debating team versed Chester Hill North Public School for the Fairfield District Debating Competition. The debate topic was that 'Parents should financially reward their children for improving personal school results'. We were the affirmative team. It was a tough and close debate. The opposing team won.

Congratulations to Nini, Erika, Jayden, David, and Lena for their great efforts and arguments.

**Miss S. Bejain**  
**Debating Coach**

## Sustainability Committee Fundraiser

St Johns Park Public School's Sustainability Committee will be having a fundraising BBQ on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 9.00am at Bunnings, Bonnyrigg. The money raised will be used to build an outdoor learning space for the school community to use. Your support on the day will be appreciated as our students will benefit. Bring along family, friends and relatives .

**The Sustainability Committee**

**Sausage  
"Sizzle"**

## PSSA Results

### Finals Round

St Johns Park PS vs Cecil Hills PS		
Netball		
Year 3	LOSS	1 - 11
St Johns Park PS vs Cabramatta West PS		
Basketball		
Junior Mixed	WIN	11 - 10
St Johns Park PS vs Fairfield Heights PS		
AFL		
Year 5/6 Boys	WIN	30 - 21

**Congratulations!**

## Kindergarten 2020

### Now Enrolling for Kindergarten 2020

Enrolment Forms are available from the School Office.

### Kindergarten Orientation and Transition

Wednesday, 6th November, 2019

Wednesday, 13th November, 2019

Wednesday, 20th November, 2019



## Lost Property

A reminder to families to check the area outside the School Office for any lost property including jackets, hats, drink bottles and lunchboxes.

## Walkathon Report

The annual school Walkathon was held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July. The weather conditions were favourable and the participants were eager to walk the distance. Collectively, the school community raised almost \$10 000 which will be used for purchasing educational resources for all students. We would like to thank the school community for their support as this made the day successful and enjoyable!

The Walkathon draw was held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August. One student per grade was picked out of the draw to receive a prize valued up to \$50.

We would like to congratulate the following grade winners:

Carrera Cheung –Preschool  
 Anaisha Toamio – KE  
 Arden Luangaphay – 1B  
 Selene Bou – 2G  
 Austin Paterson – 3O  
 Fabian Dawood – 4N  
 Leo Tran – 5/6C (Yr5)  
 Jason Tran – 5/6K (Yr6)

**Mrs L. Simmons and Miss L. Humphreys**  
**Walkathon Coordinators**



## Public Speaking

### Class Competitions

Term 3, Weeks 8 and 9

### Stage Competitions

Term 3, Week 10

## Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Competition

The Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Competition for 2019 was held at Bonnyrigg Heights Public School on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019. 4 talented students represented our school:

Benjamin Ngo (3T)  
Alexander Warner (2/3M)  
Timothy Loo (5/6C)  
Michelle Nguyen (5/6C).

The competitors were accompanied by their supportive parents as well as Mrs Cummings and I. The Junior and Senior Competitions each comprised of 2 representatives from 16 schools. It was an intense competition and every participant exerted talent and confidence until the very end. The school community would like to congratulate all our students that participated in such an event. We would also like to congratulate Alexander Warne for winning the Junior Spelling Bee Regional Competition 2019 and Michelle Nguyen for placing runner up in the Senior Spelling Bee Regional Competition 2019. The school would like to wish Alexander best of luck in representing the region at State level.

**Mrs L. Simmons**  
**Competition Coordinator**

## Maths Cup

On Wednesday, 4th September, 9 students participated in the Maths Cup. 100 teams comprised of 300 Year 6 students from 42 schools took part in the competition.

They participated in three tasks including Mat Choice, Mat Operator and Mat Race. All three teams qualified for the semi-finals, which involved challenging maths problems. Students had only one minute to answer each question. Our teams were very supportive of each other and performed exceptionally well. We placed second, fourth and seventh. It was an exciting and close tournament.

Our prizes included a \$ 1,000 cheque for St Johns Park Public School and a Samsung Galaxy tablet for each team member who placed second.

Congratulations to Kevin, Jaydan, Melanie, Jaden, Liam, Jayden, Dylan, Jack and Clinton!

**Miss T. Tran**  
**Maths Cup Coordinator**





## Zone Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 51 students participated in the annual Zone Athletics Carnival. Events included discus, long jump, high jump, shot put, sprints and relay events. All students did their very best with 7 students qualifying for the Regional Athletics Carnival. Overall our school achieved 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Carnival.

Regional Event	Regional Representative
100m 8yr Boys	Edward Ong
100m 8yr Girls	Ruby Nguyen
100m 9yr Boys	Tyler Lama
200m Jnr Girls	Xinly Leung
Relay Jnr Girls	Xinly Leung Thasika Sin Monica Nguyen Chloe Nguyen



The students will compete on the Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Campbelltown Athletics Centre. We wish them all the best!

**Miss T. Tran**

## Fruit & Veg Month

Our school has registered for Fruit & Veg Month 2019.

The theme for this year is 'The Adventures of Captain Fruit N Veg!' It's all about linking eating fruit and vegetables with good times, superheroes, superpowers and adventures.

Fruit & Veg Month 2019 runs for the last 4 weeks of Term 3, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities which encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

Fruit & Veg Day will be held, at St Johns Park Public School, on Wednesday, 11th September, 2019. Students will have the opportunity to learn about different fruit and vegetables and will receive a bowl of fruit to eat.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist on Wednesday.

**Miss E. Presot and Mrs V. Nguyen**  
**Fruit & Veg Month Coordinators**

## Library Update

### Book Week 2019

We would like to thank everyone who supported Book Week at our school. The students, often with the support of their teachers, managed to create a gallery of amazing artworks. These are on display in our school library, and will remain there, until Book Week 2020. We would also like to thank the staff and parents who gave up their time to assist with the mounting of these displays, and the executive, for the time that they spent on the challenging task of judging.

### Book Fair

After a hectic week, the Book Fair has concluded. Parents, teachers and students spent a total of \$8475. These purchases have earned our library \$2616 commission, which will be spent on books for our library. Again, we wish to thank the school community for their support of the library.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2019 NSW PRC has now closed. Congratulations to the 401 students who successfully completed the challenge. This represents almost half the students at our school. Each year the number of students who complete the challenge continues to rise. We thank those parents who supported their children by assisting them to log their reading records online.

**Mrs Erzikov and Mrs Ennis**  
**Teacher Librarians**

## P&C Update



### 2019 SJPPS P&C Father's Day Gift Stall



Your P&C held a **Father's Day Gift Stall** at our school. **A huge thank you** to our school, P&C members, and parents / carers for supporting us. **A phenomenal effort** by our volunteers **where 1100+ units were sold** and making this fundraiser such a success. **Thank you everyone.**

## Positive Behaviour 4 Learning Update

### Term 3, Week 8

Area: Classroom

Expectation: Be An Active Learner    Focus: Actively Participate

You are doing the right thing when you hear:

*"Thank you for actively participating."*

*"You are actively participating because you are contributing to the task."*

### Term 3, Week 9

Area: Classroom

Expectation: Be Respectful    Focus: Be Kind

You are doing the right thing when you hear:

*"Thank you for being kind and making your peers feel cared for."*

*"You are being respectful because you are being kind to your peers."*



## Kindness Klub

### Upcoming Kindness Focuses:

*Week 8 – Help another student with their work*

*Week 9 – Carry something for a teacher.*

### Kindness Quote:

*"Kindness is the sunlight through which virtue grows." – Robert Green Ingersoll*



The following students have recently received Kindness Klub awards:

Sofia (KJ), Ethan (2R), Karzan (2S), Harris (KE), Mia (KJ),

Nathaniel (2/3M), Sophronia (KL), Nicole (KJ), Jasper (3K),

Leanna (1/2T), Michelle (1B), Zara (KM), Legacy (3O), Austin (3O),

Jakov (3O), Summer (3O), Ashley (2L), Amelia (3O), Ngoc (3O),

Isabelle (6G), Jessie (3O), Natalie (2L), William (3O), Lorraine (2L),

Kevin (1S), Justin (2L), Sidanet (3O), Alessia (2L),

Angela (1B), Natalia (5A), Jayden (3T)

## Choose Kind!



# Preschool News...

## Father's Day Breakfast

The preschool celebrated our wonderful fathers and grandfathers by having an egg and bacon breakfast for each group. It was wonderful to see our dads engaging and interacting with the children in their play. We had very brave dads who went for a visit to the barber and had their face shaved, created a masterpiece with their child on the easel and took home a brand new tie. Thank you for supporting the preschool and your child's learning.



Quality Area 6	Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
6.2.3 Community Engagement	The service builds relationships and engages with its community.

**Mrs R. Nasrallah**  
**Preschool Teacher**



# Translations

## Principal's Message - 校长的话

### Always Our Best – 常常尽力

我们恭贺在上星期一赢取区域州长拼字比赛的2/3M同学Alexander Warne。他将参加在十一月举行的州决赛。

在八月三十一日，我校有一群学生代表学校参加头脑竞争比赛。Mr Luxa 是这群学生的教练，学生是经过他的指导以致能参与这个比赛。虽然他们没有得奖，但一致认为这是一个宝贵的经验。我们感谢这些学生，学生的家人及前去支持他们的老师。

上星期，五年级的同学去Bathurst露营。他们回来说天气非常好和露营生活愉快。我们在上星期也安排了一个旅行给未能参加露营的学生。同样的，他们也很开心。感谢老师们安排这些活动，提供学生们各样教育机会和经验。六年级的同学将会在第十周去露营。

### Public Speaking Competition – 演讲比赛

演讲比赛已经开始，在未来两个星期将继续在每一班进行。演讲是一个要学习的重要技能，它可能可以对学生以后的成年生活提供帮助。阶段的比赛将在第十周举行。祝同学们好运。

### Sandringham Street – Sandringham街

这个讯息是给那些在Sandringham街接孩子的家长们和监护人。请**不要**在下车点停车。那里只允许你最长的停车时间是两分钟。很多司机在下车点作双人停车，然后叫孩子从汽车中间出去。这不单是不安全，而且是违法的事情。

请用人行横道过马路。我们其中一个行政人员常常在那里值日，确保学生安全过马路。我们看见很多家长不用人行横道过马路，反而在汽车中间和在迎面而来的交通过马路。你们有责任对你们的孩子作榜样。

### Quote for Week 8 – 第八周摘引

‘成功不是意外得来的。而是勤劳，毅力，学习，研究，牺牲和最重要的是，喜欢你现在所做的或正在学习的。’

**Pele**

## Principal's Message – Thông tin của Hiệu Trưởng

### Always Our Best – Luôn Cố gắng tuyệt đối

Chúc mừng em Alexander Warne lớp 2/3M đã đoạt giải kỳ thi về Kỹ năng Đánh Ván của Khu vực các Trường Tiểu Học Công Lập phía Tây nam Sydney vào Thứ Hai vừa qua. Em ấy sẽ tham dự kỳ thi chung kết của Tiểu Bang vào Tháng Mười Một tới đây.

Vào ngày 31st Tháng Tám, Nhóm đại diện học sinh của trường do thầy Luxa hướng dẫn đã tham dự cuộc thi về Trí Tuệ. Mặc dù các em không đạt được giải nhất của cuộc thi nhưng đã học hỏi được nhiều kinh nghiệm quý báu. Chân thành cảm ơn tất cả quý vị phụ huynh, học sinh và thầy cô đã giúp đỡ các em.

Tuần vừa qua, Khối lớp 5 đã tham gia cắm trại tại Bathurst. Các em đã có những thời gian tuyệt vời và một thời tiết thật đẹp trong kỳ trại này. Các em không tham dự trại cũng có buổi du ngoạn vui không kém. Chân thành cảm ơn ban tổ chức đã cho các em nhiều cơ hội học tập và kiếm được các kinh nghiệm đáng khắc ghi. Khối lớp 6 sẽ đi cắm trại vào tuần thứ 10.

## Translations...Continued

### **Public Speaking Competitions – Cuộc thi diễn thuyết trước công chúng**

Cuộc thi diễn thuyết trước công chúng đã bắt đầu và sẽ tiếp tục cho mỗi lớp trong hai tuần kế tiếp. Đây là một kỹ năng để học hỏi và là một kinh nghiệm giúp các em trong giao tiếp xã hội suốt cuộc đời. Từng Cấp lớp sẽ có cuộc thi đua vào tuần 10. Chúc tất cả các em may mắn.

### **Sandringham Street – Đường Sandringham**

Đây là thông báo rất cần thiết cho các phụ huynh và người bảo mẫu khi đưa rước các em học sinh. Vui Lòng KHÔNG đậu xe tại chỗ được phép Đẻ Học Sinh Xuống Xe. Chỗ này chỉ được phép tối đa dừng 2 phút thôi. Đã có quá nhiều phụ huynh đậu hoặc dừng song song hai xe với nhau khi đưa hoặc rước học sinh. Nó rất nguy hiểm không những cho các em mà đây còn là vi phạm Luật Giao Thông.

Vui lòng dùng phần đường dành riêng cho người đi bộ để băng qua đường. Các Phụ tá Hiệu Trưởng và Ban Giám Hiệu nhà trường luôn có trách nhiệm về an toàn tại khu vực này mỗi ngày. Chúng tôi thường xuyên thấy các phụ huynh dắt các em băng qua đường giữa dòng xe cộ qua lại rất nguy hiểm mà không dùng phần đường riêng này. Quý vị phải có trách nhiệm là những mẫu mực cho các em học hỏi điều tốt.

### **Quote for Week 8: - Câu nói hay trong tuần 8**

*“Thành công không tự nhiên mà có. Nó là một quá trình tu luyện chăm chỉ, học và hành, hy sinh và trên hết là sự yêu thích những gì chúng ta đang làm hoặc đang học hỏi để làm”*

Pele

## Nutrition Snippets



Nutrition Snippet

### The simplest way

... to get enough calcium.

The biggest opportunity to build strong bones is in childhood, when children are still growing.

This is why it is extremely important that children eat enough calcium rich foods such as milk or calcium fortified dairy alternatives (e.g. soy milk), cheese and yoghurt. Visit the dairy section of our [lunch box builder](#) to see how many dairy serves your child needs and to get calcium rich lunch box ideas.

Visit [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) and try these calcium rich recipes:

- [Minty yoghurt dip](#)
- [Berrylicious smoothie](#)
- [Turkish, avocado, ricotta & tomatoes](#)
- [Easy Pizza](#)

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



Nutrition Snippet

### The simplest way

... to use spring vegetables.

Fruit and vegetables are tastiest and cheapest when they are in season.

During Spring, mandarins, pineapples, berries, asparagus, cucumber, green beans, zucchini, mushrooms and peas are all in season.

Here are some fruit and veg filled, spring ideas:

- [Green frittata](#)
- [Fattoush salad](#)
- [Moroccan lentil salad](#)
- [Tofu Korma](#)
- [Zucchini and turmeric salmon patties](#)
- [Healthy banana split pots](#)
- [Yoghurt rice pudding](#)
- [Frozen fruit puree](#)

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



# Important Dates

## Term 3

### Week 8 Public Speaking Class Competitions

#### **Monday, 9th September, 2019**

- K-6 Assembly - 9.10am
- Gymnastics  
- Kindergarten and Year 2

#### **Tuesday, 10th September, 2019**

- Special Religious Education
- School Banking
- Playgroup - 10.00am

#### **Wednesday, 11th September, 2019**

- Coffee & Chat
- Community English Class
- Footsteps - Preschool, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5
- Fruit & Veg Day
- Senior Dance Group Performance at Bonnyrigg High School

#### **Thursday, 12th September, 2019**

- Early Bird Reading in 1V from 8.40am
- Stage 2 Assembly

#### **Friday, 13th September, 2019**

- Stage 1 Assembly
- SSW Athletics Carnival

### Week 9 Public Speaking Class Competitions

#### **Monday, 16th September, 2019**

- K-6 Assembly - 9.10am
- Gymnastics  
- Kindergarten and Year 2

#### **Tuesday, 17th September, 2019**

- Special Religious Education
- School Banking
- Playgroup - 10.00am
- Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm

#### **Wednesday, 18th September, 2019**

- Coffee & Chat
- Community English Class
- Footsteps - Preschool, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5
- Paper Plane Competition  
- Years 5 & 6

#### **Thursday, 19th September, 2019**

- Early Bird Reading in 1V from 8.40am
- Stage 3 Assembly
- Paper Plane Competition  
- Years 3 & 4

#### **Friday, 20th September, 2019**

- Early Stage 1 Assembly

- Paper Plane Competition  
- Years K - 6
- Sustainability Committee  
Fundraising Disco

### Week 10

#### **Monday, 23rd September, 2019**

- K-6 Assembly - 9.10am
- Gymnastics  
- Kindergarten and Year 2
- Year 6 Camp

#### **Tuesday, 24th September, 2019**

- Special Religious Education
- School Banking
- Playgroup - 10.00am
- Year 6 Camp

#### **Wednesday, 25th September, 2019**

- Coffee & Chat
- Year 6 Camp
- Public Speaking Competition  
- Stage Finals

#### **Thursday, 26th September, 2019**

- Early Bird Reading in 1V from 8.40am
- Stage 2 Assembly
- Public Speaking Competition  
- Stage Finals

#### **Friday, 27th September, 2019**

- Stage 1 Assembly
- Last day of Term 3

## Term 4

### Week 1

#### **Monday, 14th October, 2019**

- Students return to school
- K-6 Assembly - 9.10am

#### **Tuesday, 15th October, 2019**

- Special Religious Education
- School Banking
- Playgroup - 10.00am

#### **Wednesday, 16th October, 2019**

- Coffee & Chat
- Cowpasture Network Public Speaking Final - William Stimson Public School
- Footsteps - Catch up lesson

#### **Thursday, 17th October, 2019**

- Early Bird Reading in 1V from 8.40am
- Stage 3 Assembly

#### **Friday, 18th October, 2019**

- PSSA Summer Round 9
- Early Stage 1 Assembly

### Week 2

#### **Monday, 21st October, 2019**

- K-6 Assembly - 9.10am

#### **Tuesday, 22nd October, 2019**

- Special Religious Education
- School Banking
- Playgroup - 10.00am

#### **Wednesday, 23rd October, 2019**

- Coffee & Chat

#### **Thursday, 24th October, 2019**

- Early Bird Reading in 1V from 8.40am
- Regional South Operational Directorate Public Speaking Grand Final

- Stage 2 Assembly

#### **Friday, 25th October, 2019**

- PSSA Summer Round 10
- Stage 1 Assembly

### Week 3

#### **Monday, 28th October, 2019**

- K-6 Assembly - 9.10am
- Year 4 Camp

#### **Tuesday, 29th October, 2019**

- Special Religious Education
- School Banking
- Playgroup - 10.00am

- Year 4 Camp

#### **Wednesday, 30th October, 2019**

- P&C Meeting - 9.30am
- Coffee & Chat
- Year 4 Camp
- Footsteps - Catch up lesson

#### **Thursday, 31st October, 2019**

- Early Bird Reading in 1V from 8.40am
- P&C Halloween Disco - Lunchtime
- Stage 3 Assembly

#### **Friday, 1st November, 2019**

- PSSA Wet Weather Round 1
- Early Stage 1 Assembly