

St Johns Park Public School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 8
Monday, 16th March, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Notes

As a school we are constantly reflecting on and reviewing our procedures.

To streamline our procedures relating to student absences, as of Monday, 16th March, 2020 we ask families to submit to the School Office, rather than the class teacher, any explanations and/or medical certificates related to student absences. Parents can continue emailing the school and using the School app to submit absent notes.

Permission to Publish notes will no longer be discussed and completed upon enrolment. The permission to publish is included in the Enrolment Form. If circumstances change and parents wish to change the status of this permission, we ask that the School Office is contacted and arrangements for this change to occur can be organised.

We thank families for their support in these matters.

School Photographs

Class photographs and individual portraits, as well as sibling/family photographs, will be taken on Thursday, 19th March, 2020. Every student, Kindergarten to Year 6, was given an individually labelled prepay envelope. A limited number of extra envelopes are available. Sibling/family envelopes are available from the School Office.

All orders must be submitted to the School Office before 9.10am on Thursday, 19th March.

The School office will be closed 8.30-8.45am so that the staff photograph can be taken. We ask students and parents, who have photo orders to submit, to wait outside the School Office until the School Administrative Staff return to the office.

A reminder that each student will be photographed individually and as part of the class photograph whether or not an order is placed. Parents wishing for their child not to be photographed and included in other children's photograph packages must inform the school in writing by Tuesday, 17th March, 2020.

We ask that all students wear their full Summer school uniform which includes white socks and black shoes. Sports day for students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will be postponed. Teachers of these classes will notify parents of the rescheduled day for sport for this week.

Life Education Program

Students in Preschool to Year 6 will be participating in an interactive visit from Life Education. The visit will take place in the Life Education Classroom which will be located on the school grounds - Tuesday 24th March to Wednesday 8th April, 2020. Each class will attend **one** lesson of 60 or 90 minutes, accompanied by their class teacher, with all participating students receiving a workbook to support the lesson.



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.

Relieving Principal's Message Continued...

Information regarding the Life Education Program was distributed to families with the specific lessons outlined in the note.

A reminder that Permission Notes and payment of \$8.00 should be finalised by Wednesday, 18th March, 2020.

Gymnastics Program

In Term 2, students in Kindergarten & Year 2 will participate in weekly Gymnastics lessons. Gymnastics is a part of our PDHPE syllabus and therefore it is expected that all students will participate.

Trained expert teachers, being supervised with the class teacher, will deliver a sequence of 8 lessons over the term. This will give our students greater access to the required 2 hours of physical activity at school each week and develop movement skills.

Students in Years 4 and 6 will participate in the program in Term 3.

Contact Details

Families are reminded to notify the School Office if any contact details have changed. It is extremely important that contact details, especially telephone numbers, of parents/caregivers and emergency contacts are updated if they have changed.

If the change of details is related to a change of address, parents are required to complete a form available from the School Office and supply a copy of documentation with the new address.

Families are also asked to inform the School Office of any updates/changes to their child's medical condition/s so that our school records can be updated.

High School Forms

A reminder to parents of Year 6 students that high school forms for 2021 are to be completed and returned to the School Office by Friday, 20th March, 2020.

It is important that all forms are returned by this date as they then need to be forwarded to the relevant high schools.

School Banking

The P&C have notified us that School Banking has been suspended as of Tuesday, 17th March, 2020 until further notice.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

In line with advice from the NSW Department of Education and NSW Health, we have postponed the Parent Teacher Interviews, scheduled for Week 10, until a later date.

E. Presot

Relieving Principal

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning Update

Term 1, Week 8

Area: All Areas

Expectation: Be Safe Focus: Walk

You are doing the right thing when you hear:

"Thank you for moving sensibly around the school."

"You are being safe because you are walking in a walk zone."

Term 1, Week 9

Area: All Areas

Expectation: Be Respectful Focus: Be an Active Listener

You are doing the right thing when you hear:

"Thank you for being an active listener."

"You are being respectful because you are following the 5L's."



PSSA Update

Round 5

St Johns Park PS vs Smithfield West PS

Newcombeball

Junior Girls	WIN	2 sets to 0
Senior Girls	WIN	1 set to 0

St Johns Park PS vs Prairievale PS

Cricket

Junior Boys	WIN	109 - 108
Senior Boys	LOSS	112 - 136

T-Ball

Junior Girls	WIN	19 - 2
Junior Boys	WIN	17 - 10

St Johns Park PS vs King Park PS

Softball

Senior Boys	WIN	9 - 0
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Touch Football

Senior Boys	LOSS	1 - 4
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St Johns Park PS vs Smithfield PS

Softball

Senior Girls	WIN	4 - 3
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St Johns Park PS vs Chester Hill PS

Touch Football

Senior Girls	LOSS	0 - 3
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Harmony Day



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HARMONY DAY



Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Join us in celebrating by wearing orange.



St Johns Park Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Tuesday 24th March.**

Wear an orange hat, pants, shirt, dress, ribbon or hair band to show your support.



P&C Raffle

2020 Easter Hat Parade Raffle, your P&C is



Calling for any EASTER related donations.

(Chocolate Eggs / Bunnies, Baskets and any Wrapping materials)

Please put donations in the P&C EASTER DONATIONS BOX provided in the School Office.



Last year we gave away 20 hamper prizes. Help us beat that this year.



Any Help and Donations you can provide, no matter how small is Welcomed and Appreciated.

School Photographs

The P&C has organised The School Photographer to take our school photographs for students in Kindergarten to Year Six on **Thursday, 19th March, 2020**. Class, individual and sibling photographs will be taken on this date.

Students are asked to wear full summer school uniform.

Each student has received an individual pre-payment order form with their name and class printed on it with details of the available packages and pre-payment instructions.

Follow these steps to order:

- Tick the box for the package being ordered.
- Tick the box for payment method. You may pay by cash, money order or credit card (online orders only).
- If paying by cash, please enclose the correct payment as change is not available.
- Credit card payments can only be processed online by going to www.theschoolphotographer.com.au. Record the receipt number in the space provided on the envelope and return the envelope to the School Office.
- Each student has received an individual envelope with their name and class printed on it. This is the envelope that should be returned to the School Office **before Thursday, 19th March, 2020**. If combining payments for more than one child please complete the 'combined payments' box on the envelope.

Parents wishing to have their children photographed together, should collect a family/sibling envelope from the School Office.

Each student will be photographed individually and as part of the class photograph whether or not an order is placed. Parents wishing for their child not to be photographed and included in other children's photograph packages must inform the school in writing by Tuesday, 17th March, 2020.

All enquiries should be directed to The School Photographer. Contact details are on the photograph order envelope.

E. Presot
School Photographs Co-Ordinator



Poetry Competition

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been participating in the 2020 school-based Poetry Competition. They are asked to learn a poem and recite it to the class during Weeks 8 and 9 (beginning Monday, 16th March, 2020).

Two students from each class will be chosen to recite their poem in the Grade Poetry Competition to be held in Week 10 – Wednesday, 1st April, 2020. The grade competitions will be adjudicated by an external judge and a Grade Winner will be chosen. Times for each competition are available on the 'Important Dates' page of this newsletter.

When reciting their poem, children may use palm cards, simple props and hand actions. The props and hand actions must not detract from the child's presentation as they will be judged on articulation, voice projection, eye contact, rhythm and expression.

We wish all students good luck with their poems and we look forward to the recitals.

If you have any questions about the Poetry Competition, please see your child's teacher.

L. Simmons
Poetry Competition Co-Ordinator

Library Update

2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, our school will be participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, while enabling students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge for students to read more widely and more often.

Students must read from a prescribed list. Students in K-2 may have the books read to them.

PRC books are located on special shelves in our library, to make them easy to locate. Inside the cover of each book, there is a code, which should be recorded in a PRC Reading Log and entered online at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Parents and caregivers should read the privacy information on the PRC website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/privacy.html>

In order to successfully complete the challenge:

- ◆ K-2 students must read 30 books from the 2020 PRC List
- ◆ Years 3-6 must read 20 books from the 2020 PRC List

Parents must be aware that it is their responsibility to ensure that reading records are entered onto the PRC website, using the student's DET username and password. Teacher librarians are unable to enter reading records online, due to the large number of students participating. If you do not have internet access, students can enter their reading online in the library before school or at lunchtime, but it is important that they keep an accurate paper record on their Reading Log. Online registration opened on **Monday, 2nd March, 2020**. All Student Reading Records must be submitted online by **Friday, 28th August, 2020**.

Information regarding student usernames can be provided by the class teacher or the Teacher Librarians. These usernames and passwords are the same ones that students use when logging on to computers and devices at school. Parents who need assistance should visit the library before 9am in the morning.

How to Record Books for NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2020

Your child needs to record the books that they read in a paper reading log. This is available from the school library, or can be downloaded from the PRC website.



This is the personal reading log of :

- o To make sure you are reading the right books, please check the rules for your Challenge on the website: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premierreadingchallenge>
- o Student Reading Records must be entered online. Online entries will be available when schools register in 2012.
- o You can use the last two columns here to record the date or to have books signed off when you read them.

PRC ID	Title	Author		

The website address is : <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Students enter their DEC username and password. The password is the child's name with a full stop on the middle (no spaces). Sometimes there is a number at the end e.g. sarah.jones27. The students use this same username and password each time they logon to a computer at school.

Library Update Continued...

The website will look like this:

The screenshot shows a web interface for entering books. On the left is a navigation menu with items like 'Student Reading Records', 'Enter Books', 'Booklists', 'Rules', 'Tips and Teaching Notes', 'Privacy Information', 'Personal Reading Log', and 'News'. The main content area has tabs for 'My Reading Record', 'Add a Choice Book', and 'My Information'. The 'Enter Books' section contains instructions: 'You can enter books by PRC ID, Title or Author. Use the form fields below to search for your books.' Below this is a table with columns for ID, Title, and Author. The ID field contains '5021', the Title field contains 'Foocool: tennis ace', and the Author field contains 'Kettle, Phil'. An 'Add' button is to the right of the Author field. A note states: 'A PRC book will not show as a PRC book IF it does not have its official PRC ID number. If you add a PRC book with a new num it will only come up as Personal Choice. PRC books can all be chosen from the drop down list, can be added from the book list you can type in the official PRC ID number to enter them.'

ID	Title	Author	
5021	Foocool: tennis ace	Kettle, Phil	Add

Enter the code and title will automatically appear.

If you don't know the code, just type the title of the book.

Library Bags

It is pleasing to see that most students are remembering to bring their library bags when borrowing books from the library. Our school PB4L states that students must respect library books and remember to bring their library bag. If your child does not have a library bag, we kindly ask that you provide them with a plastic shopping bag in order to protect our library books from leaking drink bottles.

E.Erzikov and Y.Ennis
Teacher Librarians

Bullying. No Way!



On Friday, 20th March, 2020 our school will be taking part in **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA)**. It is an important day to mark Australian school communities standing together against bullying and violence. Our school community is asked to share their commitment to say **Bullying. No Way!** and put our anti-bullying programs in the spotlight.

Definition of Bullying

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Preschool News...

What has been happening in Preschool?

Dinosaurs are a big interest of the children in preschool, both in pink and purple group. Through interacting and observing the children's play, the children were manipulating natural materials in the environment to represent their ideas; rocks in the ground were dinosaur eggs. From this observation the children made dinosaur eggs using resources in the preschool, we found moulds that resembled eggs and froze them to incorporate them into our play. The children displayed many dispositions of learning such as problem solving and trial and error as they collaborated to work out how to get the eggs out of the moulds and how to release the dinosaurs. Pulling, banging the mould on the edge of the tray and using warm water were just some of the methods used. We extended on this learning by talking about fossils and bones and following up with a dinosaur skeleton craft.



Preschool Clothing

Remember to always pack a **hat** and **spare set of clothes** for your child. Sometimes clothing can get wet or dirty when experimenting and exploring the environment. Messy play helps children to understand how things feel, such as textures and temperatures. They also learn about body awareness and spacial awareness. Children can develop many great pre-writing skills with messy play through pouring, scooping, and grasping while perfecting hand-eye coordination skills. It is also a great way for children to engage in pretend play.

This information supports:

Quality Area 6	Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
6.2.3 Community Engagement	The service builds relationships and engages with its community.
Quality Area 3	Physcial Environment
3.2.1 Inclusive Environment	Outdoor and indoor spaces are organised and adapted to support every child's participation and to engage every child in quality experiences in both build and natural environments.

R. Nasrallah
Preschool Teacher

Important Dates

Term 1, 2020

Week 8 Class Poetry Competitions

Tuesday, 17th March, 2020

- Playgroup - 10.00am

Wednesday, 18th March, 2020

- Leader's Induction Ceremony - 10.00am
- Final date to return permission notes and payments for the Life Education

Thursday, 19th March, 2020

- School Photographs - Class, Portraits and Sibling Photographs

Friday, 20th March, 2020

- National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
- Summer PSSA Competition - Round 6

Week 9

Tuesday, 24th March, 2020

- Life Education Program
- Harmony Day

Wednesday, 25th March, 2020

- Life Education Program

Thursday, 26th March, 2020

- Life Education Program

Friday, 27th March, 2020

- Summer PSSA Competition - Round 7
- Life Education Program

Week 10

Monday, 30th March, 2020

- Life Education Program

Tuesday, 31st March, 2020

- Life Education Program

Wednesday, 1st April, 2020

- Life Education Program
- Poetry Competition Grade Competitions
 - Kindergarten 9.40 - 10.20am
 - Year 1 & 2 10.30 - 11.30am
 - Year 5 & 6 12.40 - 1.40pm
 - Year 3 & 4 2.15 - 3.05pm

Thursday, 2nd April, 2020

- Life Education Program

Friday, 3rd April, 2020

- Summer PSSA Competition - Round 8
- Life Education Program

Week 11

Monday, 6th April, 2020

- Life Education Program

Tuesday, 7th April, 2020

- Life Education Program

Wednesday, 8th April, 2020

- Life Education Program

Thursday, 9th April, 2020

- Life Education Program
- Easter Parade Preschool - Year 2
- Last day of Term 1.

Term 2, 2020

Week 1

Monday, 27th April, 2020

- School Development Day

Tuesday, 28th April, 2020

- Students return to school
- School Banking
- Playgroup - 10.00am
- Special Religious Education - 9.10am

Wednesday, 29th April, 2020

- Preschool Pink Group Photographs

Thursday, 30th April, 2020

- Cross Country Carnival - Years 3 to 6

Friday, 1st May, 2020

- Preschool Purple Group Photographs