



Term 4 - Week 7

Teacher Wellbeing Week

Week 7 of each term is 'Teacher Wellbeing Week'. During this week, we focus on teacher wellbeing with some pre-prepared activities and hold no meetings. It is our way of providing time for teachers to reflect and refocus for the final four weeks of the term. Our P&C also supports this by providing a coffee treat for each teacher, so thank you to our P&C for all of that.

As the term moves closer to its end, some reminders of Jersey Day are coming up this Wednesday, 22 November, so all kids have an opportunity to wear a Jersey of their favourite sporting team from any sport and dress up in the colours of that team. We can't wait to see some of the outfits. Donate and order some Pizza through the QKR app. Thanks again to our P&C for this fundraiser.

Dr Lavitt helps raise money for Dementia Research

Yesterday, Dr Lavitt participated in a charity cycle ride to raise money for Dementia research. The ride was 155 km, though he also cycled to Bondi from his home in Dulwich Hill, so all up, it was 168 km. There were riders from all over Sydney, including one from Cronulla, with 138 riders in different groups. If you'd like to read about the charity, you can [click here](#).

Dr Lavitt commented that the ride was fantastic, with many riders in an event that was brilliantly organised, and the weather was perfect with favourable temperature and wind conditions. It was great doing something for such a great cause. You can see his [ride here](#).

Kindergarten Orientation - Day 1 - Success



Last Thursday, the school held its Kindergarten Orientation Day 1. We had parents and families coming in, our 2024 Year 6 leaders, as well as our P&C, SCOOSH, School Office, our uniform provider Midfords, Assistant Principals and Dr Lavitt all presenting information about the school while our great Kindergarten Teachers hosted the kids in their kindergarten rooms. Even this year’s kindies got in on the act by spending time with their buddies as a special treat. It was a true collaborative effort so thanks to all involved.

A week on Thursday, we’ll be holding our second session, which will be more time for the children to be together in their rooms for 2024. and for parents, it will be an opportunity to find out how to support their child in Kindergarten. The session will be led by Mrs Newton, who is our Assistant Principal - Curriculum and Instruction and Mrs Chapman.

Important Dates Ahead

Date	Event
Monday, 20 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Student Lighthouse Canteen - Recess● Student Lighthouse Team Meeting - Lunch● Selective High School Application (Year 7 in 2025) - Closes today● Stage 2 Mufti and Afternoon Dance Party PBL Reward
Tuesday, 21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Scripture/Ethics● Library Classes - 1J, 2M, KP● Canteen● Senior Dance Rehearsal - 8 am in Hall● Band Ensemble - lunchtime - Music Room● Senior Choir Rehearsal - lunchtime - 3/4M classroom
Wednesday, 22 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● P&C Jersey Day & Pizza Picnic lunch● Student Lighthouse Canteen - Recess● The uniform shop will be open for sizing from 8:30 am to 9:30 am● 3-6 - Got Game Program● Library Classes - 5/6H, 3/4B, 3/4M, 4/5C, KN
Thursday, 23 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Junior Dance Rehearsal - 8 am in Hall● Canteen● K-2 - Got Game Program● Library Classes - 5/6P, 1W, 2CB
Friday, 24 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Student Lighthouse Canteen - Recess● Year 1 Learn to Swim Program - Cronulla Beach Swim School● PSSA - Round 7 - Venue Allocations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Basketball - Sutherland Basketball Stadium, Rawson Avenue, Sutherland○ Tee Ball - Captain Cook Playing Fields, Captain Cook Drive, Woollooware
Coming Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Monday, 27 November - Stage 2 Australian Museum Excursion● Monday, 27 November - Stage 3 Money Talks Financial Literacy Incursion● Tuesday, 28 November - State Wide Year 6 High School Orientation● Tuesday, 28 November - P&C Meeting 6:30pm to 8pm in Library● Wednesday, 29 November - K-6 Assembly - 1:45pm in Hall● Thursday, 30 November - Kindergarten 2024 - Transition for 2024 Kindy Students and Parents Information Session 2● Tuesday, 5 December - Stage 3 Money Talks Financial Literacy Incursion● Tuesday, 5 December - Stage 2 Surf Awareness Excursion● Wednesday, 6 December - Mufti/Crazy Hair Day (Red Cross Fundraiser)● Thursday, 7 December - Stage 3 Surf Awareness Excursion● Thursday, 7 December - Christmas Concert - 5pm to 7pm● Monday, 11 December - Year 6 Movie Day● Tuesday, 12 December - Year 6 Farewell● Tuesday, 12 December - Year 6 Fun Day● Thursday, 14 December - Presentation Day● Friday, 15 December - Semester 2 Reports sent home● Friday, 15 December - K-6 Picnic Day● Friday, 15 December - Students' last day of school for 2023 <p>2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thursday, 1 February - Years 1 to 6 students return for first day back in 2024

- Monday, 5 February - First day of Kindergarten
- Monday, 19 February - 3-6 Swimming Carnival - Caringbah Leisure Center
- Monday, 4 March - National Young Leaders Day Excursion
- Monday, 18 March - School Photo Day
- Monday, 25 March - K-6 Cross Country Carnival - Kareela Synthetic Fields
- Tuesday, 11 June - K-6 Athletics Carnival - The Ridge Athletics Track
- Monday-Wednesday, 29-31 July - Stage 3 Caberra Excursion

A Week Ahead in Learning

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

Literacy	Numeracy
<p>Writing Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experimenting with and creating wordplay and poems ● Using and understanding words that are of personal interest <p>Phonics, Spelling and Grammar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phoneme (sound) long vowels /ee/ 'e', 'ea', 'ee' as in 'me', 'see' & 'flea' ● Camera words - revision <p>Reading Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using background knowledge when identifying connections between a text, own life, other texts and/or the world ● Reading decodable texts with increasing fluency. 	<p>Numeracy Focus: Geometry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exploring familiar three-dimensional objects and their features ● Sorting, describing and naming familiar two-dimensional shapes ● Using the counting sequence of ones flexibly
<p>PDHPE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Got Game - Dance ● Peer support - Seahorse Circles <p>Science and Technology: Digital Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revision and assessment <p>Geography: Location of Places</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revision and assessment <p>Creative Arts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drama - Christmas concert ● Art - creating abstract art from real world items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●

Stage 1 - Years 1 and 2

Literacy	Numeracy
<p>Writing Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Using noun groups to build descriptions of people and things● Using contextually precise prepositional phrases when creating texts <p>Phonics, Spelling and Grammar:</p> <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Phoneme (sound) /ear/ 'ere', 'ear', 'eer' & 'ier' as in 'here' 'year' 'pier' <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Phoneme (sound) revision <p>Reading Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Asking a clarifying question when more background knowledge is needed to make an inference● Making text-to-self, text-to-text or text-to-world connections when reading● Reading decodable texts with increasing fluency.	<p>Numeracy Focus: Geometry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Classifying 2D shapes and 3D objects in different ways according to their features● Recognising that flat surfaces of 3D objects can be named as 2D shapes● Understanding that 3D objects are named according to their features● Recognising how 3D objects can look different depending on the perspective
<p>PDHPE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Got Game - Dance● Peer support <p>Science and Technology: Energy Comes in Different Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Assessment <p>Geography: Features of Places</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Assessment <p>Creative Arts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Drama - Christmas concert	<ul style="list-style-type: none">●

Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4

Literacy	Numeracy
<p>Writing Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Exploring purpose, audience and context of poetry, as well as poetic devices <p>Spelling and Grammar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Green group: revision of the /ow/ phoneme● Blue group: introducing suffixes -er and -ly● Purple group: revision of long e grapheme (ie) <p>Reading Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Reading aloud with fluency and prosody● Identifying techniques, devices and patterns in poetry	<p>Numeracy Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fractions & Decimals: locating fractions on number lines, ordering decimals to 2 decimal places, converting between common fractions and decimals
<p>PDHPE: Healthy Lifestyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Identifying types and benefits of physical activity <p>Science and Technology: Material World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Creating a design and prototype of a package to meet a need <p>Geography: Australia's Neighbours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Exploring sustainable agricultural, commercial and recreational practices for environments <p>Creative Arts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Got Game: Dance● Drama - continued rehearsals	<p>Other Reminders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stage 2 Museum excursion is Monday 27 November, please complete payment and permission online● Parent Volunteer EOI for Museum Excursion closes 3pm Monday 20 November. A ballot will be held if we receive more volunteers than the museum will allow● Stage 2 PBL reward is Monday 20 November students may wear mufti clothes (with enclosed shoes) and will have a dance party in the afternoon session● Stage 2 Surf Awareness excursion is Tuesday 5 December, please complete payment and permission online

Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6

Literacy	Numeracy
<p>Writing Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● This week we continue using Google Sites to convert our informative texts into websites. Students are experimenting with the layout and design of their webpages. <p>Spelling and Grammar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Using knowledge of known words and base words to spell new words. Our focus this week will remain similar with group D focusing on using their knowledge of spelling rules to correct misspelled words in sentences. Group F will continue to focus on using the morphograph i-e-v-e. <p>Reading Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Literacy circle groups have now rotated their topics. Students will work on chunk 6 of their assigned texts for literacy circles. Reader's theatre will continue to be rehearsed and performed in class.	<p>Numeracy Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maths Olympiad: In small groups, students will compete in class Maths Olympiads. This will allow students to demonstrate their problem-solving skills and their ability to work mathematically.● Length: This week we will revise length with students creating their own marble rollercoaster. Over the next several lessons students will have to accurately measure pieces of cardboard to construct a rollercoaster.
<p>PDHPE: Healthy Lifestyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Got Game focus: Dance● Students will continue examining the role of physical activity in promoting health and wellbeing. <p>Science and Technology: Material World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will finalise their bush tucker garden designs this week and present them to their class. <p>Geography: Natural Disasters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will begin finalising their bushfire safety presentations. They will be allocated time to create infographics or film short videos. <p>Creative Arts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● This week we will begin a new project using weaving. Students will investigate how we represent the likeness of things from our world and explore. Students will appreciate pieces from artists such as Katie Wyatt, Ron Brown, Lise Temple and more.	<p>Reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Orders for Year 6 2024 polos and hoodies closes tomorrow. Please follow the link to order if you still need to do so.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Year 6 2024 polo and hoodie order form● Surf Education: Please provide permission payment and complete the online waiver form for our upcoming surf education day.● Financial literacy incursion: Ensure you have given permission for your child to attend our financial literacy incursion in week 8.

Second Reminder Selective High School Applications (Year 7 in 2025)

Parents of Year 5 students (2023) who are interested in applying for their child to attend a selective high school in 2025 will need to complete an application through the SHS and OC placement website (<https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au>) by **Monday 20 November 2023**. The placement test will be held on 9 May 2024 and placement outcomes are expected to be released in late August 2024.

More information about the application process is available from the [NSW Education website](#).

Positive Behaviour for Learning and Leader in Me - Term 4 - Week 7

PBL Our PBL focus for Week 7 will be looking at expectations for the Southern Site playground, particularly around the equipment, fence and shed areas. All classes will discuss what being safe, respectful and active learners looks like in this area and these will be compiled into some whole school expectations.

Leader in Me We will continue with our focus on **Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw** this week, focusing on recharging and rejuvenating. Students will have their final Seahorse Circles session on Friday, with an extended recess and picnic in their groups. Each group will have recess together and then play some games or activities. Students may like to write a thank you letter to their group leaders for running the groups and activities each fortnight for them.

Student Lighthouse Team Our Student Lighthouse Team will be meeting at lunchtime on Monday. The team is also planning a Mufti/Crazy Hair Day fundraiser in Week 9 to support the Red Cross and their work. We will share some more information and a poster in next week's newsletter. Our Student Art Club has also begun, meeting with Miss Murray on Wednesdays. Our Student Canteen Team will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week.



P&C News

Jersey Day - Wednesday 22 November

JERSEY DAY

p&c Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Come to school dressed in MUFTI, wearing your favourite sporting jersey or team colours!

*Please note that children must wear enclosed shoes.

Make your donation and order your PIZZA PICNIC lunch via the Qkr! app now. Orders close 2pm Tuesday 21 November.

Thank you for supporting this P&C fundraiser. Money raised will be used towards the purchase of multi-sports hoops for our students.

On Wednesday 22nd November students and staff are encouraged to show their team spirit and come to school dressed in MUFTI, wearing their favourite sporting jersey or their team’s colours. Please note students must wear enclosed shoes.

The P&C are asking for a small donation for Jersey Day. All funds raised from this event will be going towards two new Multi Purpose Sporting Hoops (basketball/netball) for our Southern site playground.

Traditionally, the children have been asked to bring in a gold coin donation on the day. However, for parents' convenience, we will be accepting all donations for this fundraiser through our Qkr! app.

The canteen will also host a PIZZA PICNIC to keep the fun rolling throughout the day.

Options available for purchase will be:

- Pizza slices of different varieties, including gluten free options (Cheese, Cheese and Ham, Hawaiian and BBQ Meat lovers) - \$3.00 per slice. There will be Gluten Free options available.
- Garlic Bread (5 inch roll) - \$2.50 each
- Ice Blocks - \$1.50 each
- Fairy Bread - \$1.50 each
- Juice Bombs - \$2.50 each
- Poppers - \$1.50 each

All orders can be made through our Qkr! app.

No orders or cash on the day.

Orders close 2pm Tuesday 21st November.

No other canteen items will be available for purchase on this day.

THANK YOU for supporting your School P&C! We work hard to ensure that every dollar you raise has an impact and plays a positive role in continuing to enrich our school for each and every student.

P&C Meeting - Last one for 2024

The last P&C Meeting for Term 4 will be held on Tuesday, 28 November at 6:30 pm in the Library. We welcome all existing and new parents to attend and learn about updates regarding school activities and future moves and how you can become involved in your school's P&C events and committees. The meeting will be finished no later than 8:30 p.m.

Important Uniform Ordering Dates

Final Day for Uniform Orders

Midford will close their warehouse from Friday 15 December 2023 to 9 January 2024

December 2023

- Home Delivery Orders – need to be placed by 5.00pm Thursday 14 December 2023 to ensure dispatch before the warehouse closes.
- School Pickup Orders – need to be placed by 5.00pm Tuesday 12 December 2023
Orders will be available for collection from the School Office Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December 2023 between 8.30am and 3.00pm.

January 2024

- Home Delivery Orders – Orders placed while the warehouse is closed will then be sent out from the 9 January 2024 after the warehouse reopens.
- School Pickup Orders – need to be placed by 5.00pm Thursday 25 December 2023 to ensure delivery to the School Office on Tuesday 30 January 2024.
Orders will be available for collection from the School Office on Wednesday 31 January 2024 between 8.30am and 3.00pm or alternatively they will be handed out to Year 1 to 6 Students on Thursday 1 February 2024.

2024 Kindergarten Students can either collect from the School Office on Wednesday 31 January 2024 or while attending Best Start.



Community Events



Girls just want to **HAVE A BLAST**



Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast

It's a fun active program for girls, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

Sutherland Girls Blast Centre!

When: Monday afternoons from 5pm-6pm

Dates: Monday 5/2/24 for 6 weeks

Where: Kareela Oval (south - cricket/soccer field)



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PROGRAMS



**LOWER
PRIMARY**
(5-7 years)



**UPPER
PRIMARY**
(8-11 years)



SECONDARY
(High school
students)

Sessions include:

- 🐾 Fun interactive activities that teach about animal care.
- 🐾 Behind-the-scenes tour of our shelter.
- 🐾 Help our Animal Carers with their daily responsibilities.
- 🐾 Meeting a variety of shelter animals.
- 🐾 Learn how to be an animal advocate in your community.
- 🐾 Learn about animal career pathways

📍 **Sydney Adoption and Education Centre**
201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199



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