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UPCOMING EVENTS:

* Wed 21 Feb 4:30pm:

Parent
Meet and Greet

* Mon 26 Feb -

Mon 26 Mar :
After School Sport
(Years 1 & 2 only)

* Tue 27 Feb -

Tue 27 Mar :
After School Sport
(Years 1 & 2 only)

* Wed 28 Feb 9am:

P & F Meeting

* Fri 2 Mar:

Clean Up Australia Day

* Wed 7 Mar:

Parent Workshop:
Fruit & Veg Sense

* Wed 21 & Wed 28 Mar:

Disability Awareness
Program (Years 1 & 2)

* Tues 3 Apr -

Fri 13 Apr:
Swimming Lessons for
Years 1 & 2

Sefton Infants School Newsletter

Wednesday 21 February 2018

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our classes for 2018 have now been selected and I am hoping that many parents take the opportunity to attend our Parent Meet and Greet session happening this afternoon (Wednesday 21 February 4:30 - 5:30pm) to meet their child's class teacher and find out about the class programs that will be undertaken this year.

Sefton Infants School welcomes three new teachers to our school - Miss Tadros, Miss El-Asmar and Mrs Hbous. These teachers bring with them a wealth of quality teaching experience, valuable training qualifications and loads of enthusiasm and care to the education of our students.

Here is a current list of 2018 Sefton Infants School staff members:

Principal	Ms Labbe
Assistant Principal	Ms Dulaurens
School Administration Manager	Mrs Costello
School Administration Officer	Ms Kingman
Preschool Teacher	Mrs Talevska
Preschool Support Learning Officer	Mrs Richards
Kindergarten Blue	Miss El-Asmar
Kindergarten Green	Miss Tadros
Kindergarten Red	Ms Dulaurens
1/2 Orange	Mrs Hbous
1/2 Purple	Miss Colley
1/2 Yellow	Mrs Yaghi
English as an Additional Language Teacher	Mrs Taranec
Community Language - Vietnamese	Mr Tran
Community Language - Arabic	Mrs El-Asmar
Teacher Librarian	Mrs Nicholls
School Learning Support Officers	Mrs Tyson / Mrs Byrne /
	Mrs Meesorn-iam / Mrs Yag
	Mrs Wong (Fridays)
	Mr Atterton
School Counsellor	
General Assistant	

If you have any concerns in regards to your child's learning or need to relay any important information about your child, please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher before or after school.

Kind regards,

Sharna Labbe



**School newsletter
now available
each fortnight
(even school
weeks on
Wednesday)
on school website
and school App.**



**Please alert the
school as soon as
possible if any of
your child's
contact details
change**

Composite Classes

Some years, most schools will need to form multi-age or composite classes due to uneven student numbers across the grades. At some point in your child's K-6 schooling, there is a high probability that your child will be part of a composite class. Composite classes occur in small and large schools to meet student numbers and learning needs. This year our school has had to form three composite classes comprised of Year 1 and Year 2 students in order to keep class sizes even and at the recommended student numbers advised by the NSW Department of Education, as well as to meet the learning needs of our students. Students in a multi-age or composite class are taught the same syllabus content as their same-aged peers in a 'straight' class. The teachers ensure that no work is missed or no opportunity is missed from being in a composite class. There are actually many benefits to being in a multi-age class including growth of student leadership and independent learning skills, as well as opportunities to attend to particular learning styles and achievement levels. All classes, whether they are composite or not, present with a range of student abilities. As you know, children develop academically and mature socially at different times and not necessarily at the same age. All teachers need to cater for the variety of learning levels in their straight or composite class. Often there can actually be a wider range of abilities in a straight class compared to a composite class. Regardless of whether your child is in a composite or a straight class, the teachers consider the individual learning pace of each child and strive to achieve each child's personal best.

Last Hard Copy of Newsletter

This will be the last hard copy of the Sefton Infants School newsletter distributed to our students. The newsletter will still be produced and issued each fortnight on a Wednesday (even school weeks) but will be available only on the Sefton Infants School website and the Sefton Infants School App.

The school website address is as follows:

www.seftoninf-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Please refer to the leaflet enclosed in this newsletter for instructions on how to install the free Sefton Infants School app on your smart device.

If you do not have a smart device or the capacity to download our school App, you can receive the same App messages and notifications via email. The link to this email service is in the 'School App' tab on the school website.

If you are not able to access any electronic versions of the school newsletter, there will be a small number of hard copies of the newsletter available for you to collect from the school office.

The newsletter is a very important form of communication for our students and their families. We urge all of our parents to access our fortnightly newsletter in the format that suits their circumstances. Thank you for your support.

Change of Contact details

It is vital that our school office has your current address and contact details for essential correspondence, as well as if an emergency takes place. Please ensure that you visit or call the school office (9644 4079) if any of your contact details (e.g. address, mobile number, emergency contact people) change and need updating. Similarly, please contact the school office as soon as possible to alert us of any new health conditions such as allergies that might be affecting your child. We thank you in anticipation for keeping your information up-to-date.

Local Worthwhile Community Programs

Bringing Up Great Kids



FREE 4 week parenting sessions building strong respectful, loving and caring parent or carer-child relationships with children 0-12 years of age.

- Insight into children's emotional development and how children's brains grow.
- Learn about positive & supportive parenting strategies
- FUN mindfulness activities
- Taking care of yourself

Starting **Wednesday 14th March** (weekly for 4 weeks)

Time: 9:30am to 12:00pm

Where: The Roundabout Youth Centre, 104 Carlingford Street, Sefton.

[FREE Light refreshments provided!! & FREE child-minding provided!!](#)

**For All Enquires & Bookings: Call Rana or Kylie
on 9645 3700 or 0410 189 339**



Parents as Confident Community Members

Looking for
ideas from parents and
professionals?
Are you happy to share
your own ideas?

**8 FREE Information Sessions
FREE School Holiday Activities**
Starting **Thursday 1st March**
11:30am - 2:00pm
At Villawood East Public
(Lowana Street, Villawood)

**FREE child minding
provided onsite.**

**FREE LUNCH provided
from 11:30am to
12:00pm**

Information Sessions
will focus on:
- Parenting Skills
- Women's Wellbeing
- Healthy Lunchboxes
- Reading & Homework
Help
- Budgeting



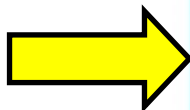
Call Rana or Cristina 9645 3700 or 0499 227 100 for bookings

Information sessions in Villawood are supported by Villawood East Public & Villawood Community Hub
Sponsored by the Department of Social Services, Government of New South Wales
and facilitated by the Sefton Family

Healthy Eating Workshop at Sefton Infants School

All parents and caregivers of Sefton Infants School and Preschool are welcome to attend an upcoming workshop on healthy eating for children. This very practical and free workshop will be presented by qualified nutritionists from the Cancer Council NSW. It will take place on:

**Wednesday 7 March
9-10am
Sefton Infants School Library**



Please join us at this great workshop.



**Cancer
Council
NSW**

The simplest way
to improve the health of your
school community

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense workshop for parents



**Date: Wednesday 7th March, 2018
Start: 9.00am-10.00am
Venue: Sefton Infants Public School**

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This is FREE workshop for parents run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals.
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters.
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending.

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 2/3/18 by:

Calling or visiting the school front office or register online at
cancercouncil.com.au/find-a-fruit-veg-sense-workshop



At Sefton Infants School we are safe, respectful learners.

SAFE

- * Be in the right place.
- * Move safely.
- * Hands and feet to yourself.

RESPECTFUL

- * Follow teacher instructions.
- * Be kind to others. Let others learn.
- * Care for our school.

LEARNERS

- * Try your best.
- * Be responsible for your own behaviour.

Parent Meet and Greet
Wed 21 Feb
4:30 - 5:30pm



P & F Meeting
Wed 28 Feb
9-10am

School Rules

You may have noticed your child with a bright orange Super Sefton Award in their hand or heard that he or she has received a Super Sefton Award during the school day. Our Super Sefton Awards are part of the whole school student welfare policy and procedures which aim to reinforce positive student behaviour. The students earn Super Sefton Awards for being safe, respectful learners in the classroom or playground, and demonstrating our school rules. The students place any awards earned in a special award box with a weekly award draw from the box giving a student an opportunity to gain a prize. At the end of the week these awards are redistributed. The students then collect their 'Super Seftons' to earn other awards categorised at different levels. The collection and counting of awards starts afresh each year.

The award levels are as follows:

NUMBER OF SUPER SEFTON AWARDS	AWARD LEVEL
First 10 Super Sefton Awards	Principal's Award
20 Super Sefton Awards (2nd lot of 10)	Bronze Award
30 Super Sefton Awards	Silver Award
40 Super Sefton Awards	Gold Award
50 Super Sefton Awards	Platinum Award
60 Super Sefton Award	Medal Awarded

Meet the Teachers Afternoon

Our parents and caregivers are invited to a special 'Meet and Greet' session involving the teachers of Sefton Infants School. This informative session will take place on **Wednesday 21 February from 4:30—5:30pm**. Come along to meet your child's class teacher, find out about your child's class routines and expectations, as well as the key concepts and topics he/she will be learning about in 2018. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents at the school. The meetings will be taking place in the K-2 classrooms. Parental involvement and interest in schooling is a positive factor in children's learning success. **This meeting is just for parents and carers only. No students should attend.** Please find alternative care arrangements for your children. We hope to see you at our 2018 Parent Meet and Greet.

Parents and Friends (P&F) Association Meeting

All parents and friends of Sefton Infants School and Preschool are warmly invited to our first P&F Meeting for 2018. The P & F meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 28 February from 9-10am** in the school library. This is a great opportunity to find out about school happenings and programs, as well as participate in decision making and planning for future school events. Furthermore, the P&F meeting is a wonderful chance to meet and network with other parents in a friendly, informal environment. We hope to see you there.