



UPCOMING EVENTS:

*** Wed 20 Feb:**
Parent Meet
and Greet

*** Mon 18 Feb -
Mon 25 Mar
3 - 4:15pm:**
After School Sport
Program
(for Years 1 & 2)

*** Tue 19 Feb -
Tue 26 Mar
3 - 4:15pm:**
After School Sport
Program
(for Years 1 & 2)

*** Mon 1 Apr - Fri 12
Apr:**
Swim School for
Years 1 & 2

Sefton Infants School Newsletter

Wednesday 6 February 2019

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to the school year for our new and returning families! It has been so lovely to hear all about our students' holiday adventures and see how much they have grown over the summer break. I trust that all of our families had a relaxing and enjoyable school holiday time and are ready for another great year of learning at Sefton Infants School.

Sefton Infants School has made a fantastic start to the 2019 school year. Our new Preschoolers and Kindergarten students are settling very well into their new school routines and making new friends. All of our students are looking wonderful in their uniforms, displaying much pride in their school. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for assisting us with this smooth start to the school year.

2019 is set to be another great year of learning at Sefton Infants School. All of our teachers and administration staff are looking forward to the year ahead and ensuring a comprehensive range of excellent educational experiences for your child.

Our school will be hosting a 'Parent Meet and Greet' afternoon on **Wednesday 20 February** from **4:30-5:30pm**. This is an excellent opportunity for our Kindergarten to Year 2 parents and caregivers to meet their child's class teacher and find out about their learning programs for 2019. It is also a wonderful time to meet and network with other parents at the school. These information sessions will take place in the classrooms and only parent/caregivers need to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you and your child all the very best for a great school year filled with good health, happiness and successful learning.

Kind regards,

Sharna Labbe





'Parent Meet and Greet'

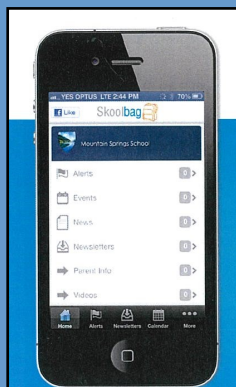
**Wed 20 Feb
4:30 - 5:30pm**

All parents and carers welcome



**Free Sefton
Infants Skoolbag
Smart phone App**

**Available from
iTunes or
Google play**



Temporary Classes

As it is very difficult to predict the number of students who may enrol or transfer at the commencement of a new school year, our classes at this stage are temporary. This means that if student numbers change during these first few weeks of the year, our class structures and compositions may also need to change and your child may be placed in a different class with a different teacher. The teachers and students have been made aware that current classes are temporary. We hope that student numbers are finalised by Monday 11th February and your child's class placement will then be confirmed with a letter sent home via your child.

Meet the Teacher Afternoon

All 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 20 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 2019. 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 2019 Parent Meet and Greet.

School Website and School App

It is important for our parents to keep informed of programs and events taking place at Sefton Infants School. Our school newsletter, which is a valuable source of information, is produced each fortnight and published on the school website and the Sefton Infants School App. Printed hard copies of the newsletter are available from the school office.

Other important school notes are distributed as required. **Notes printed on yellow paper need parent replies and should be returned to school as soon as possible.** This newsletter as well as lots of other worthwhile information, notes and photos from our school are also available on the Sefton Infants School website:

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

Sefton Infants School also has a mobile App that allows us to communicate school happenings directly to parents/carers and students. The App works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Sefton Infants School uses the App to alert parents of important school messages, as well as a way for parents to access school newsletters, documents and links to the school website, update personal details and submit absence notes.

We encourage our school community to download the free App in either iTunes or in Google Play. Just type our school name (Sefton Infants School) in the search section to install the Skoolbag App.

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.

Best Start

This week all of our Kindergarten students will participate in the Best Start Assessment. The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps show teachers the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. All Kindergarten students in all classes in government schools take part in Best Start. The information gleaned from Best Start helps teachers plan lessons to best support the learning needs of every child. The assessment is not a test but provides teachers with useful information to help support your child's learning at school. During Best Start, the teachers sit with each child one on one, asking them questions to focus on what your child can do in terms of beginning literacy and numeracy skills. Later this term, the parents will receive written and oral feedback on the their child in regards to this Best Start Kindergarten Assessment.

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

Parent and Carer Information

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student when they start Kindergarten.

Assessment

Your child will answer questions to assess their literacy and numeracy at the beginning of Kindergarten. There is no preparation required for the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment.

Feedback

You will be provided with feedback about how you can support your child during the first year of school.



Your child

We know that every child starts school with their own set of experiences, skills and abilities.

Understand and plan

The information gathered will help teachers to develop effective learning programs that build upon what each child knows and can do when they start Kindergarten.

Best possible start

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment will ensure your child receives the best possible start to formal school education.

PARENTS AS CONFIDENT COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

FREE CHILD MINDING
FREE LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS

STARTING TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
9:45AM TO 12:45PM
VILLAWOOD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
(LOWANA ST & GUNDAROO ST, VILLAWOOD)

CALL CRISTINA OR RANA
9645 3700
FOR BOOKINGS

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL FOCUS ON:

- PARENTING SKILLS
- BUDGETING
- HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES
- WOMEN'S WELL BEING & SELF CARE
- READING, STORY TELLING & HOMEWORK TIPS
- OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Parent Information Sessions in Villawood are supported by Villawood East Public School & SSI Community Hub. Bankstown Communities For Children Facilitating Partner is Funded by The Australian Government and facilitated in Bankstown by The Smith Family

Free Homework

help!

Homework assistance
for students in Years 2-8
Mondays at 3.30-5pm

Enquiries: 9645 3700, 9707 9740

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN

Chester Hill Library and Knowledge Centre
12 Chester Hill Rd, Chester Hill NSW 2162

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.**

School Rules

Currently, all of our students are learning our school rules for positive behaviour at Sefton Infants School. These rules operate for all students and in all settings of the school. Award systems at the school are based on these school rules or expectations. We encourage our families to also discuss these rules at home to help reinforce the school's expectations for positive behaviour. The rules are as follows:

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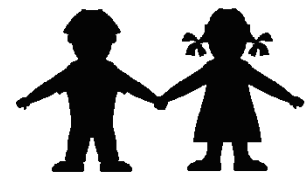
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Working Together



The simplest way

... to ensure your child gets the nutrients they need at school

Simply pack something from each of the 5 food groups plus water. Try this great example lunch box:



Wholegrain Breads & Cereals: Bread Sushi

Vegetables and salads: Corn cob

Meat & Alternatives: Baked bean muffin

Dairy: Yoghurt tub

Fruit: Strawberries

Water: Always pack a bottle of water

For these recipes and more examples of healthy lunch boxes visit our [website](http://healthy lunchbox.com.au).

healthy lunchbox.com.au



The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box

The average school child will eat more than 2,500 lunches during their 13 years at school.



A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a lunch box, Cancer Council's [website](http://healthy lunchbox.com.au) is now even easier to use and share with friends and family.

- **Search** – you can now search for recipes by name or ingredients and quickly find the information and tips you are looking for.
- **Print recipes** – it's now easier to print recipes for safe keeping.
- **Share recipes** – on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.
- **Videos** – some recipes now feature short videos showing the simple steps to making the meal.
- **Lunch Box Builder** – plan a healthy lunch box with your kids using the new builder items.
- **New Content** – check out our new recipes, sandwich filling ideas and packed healthy lunch box examples.

healthy lunchbox.com.au