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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

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

**\* Wed 6 Mar 9-10am:**  
Parents and Friends  
Association Meeting

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

# Sefton Infants School Newsletter

Wednesday 20 February 2019

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our classes for 2019 have now been formed and I am hoping that many parents take the opportunity to attend our Parent Meet and Greet session happening this afternoon (Wednesday 20 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. (Please note that the Parent Meet and Greet for Kindergarten Blue is taking place on Tuesday 26 February 4:30 - 5:30pm.)

Sefton Infants School welcomes two new teachers to our school - Mrs Olm and Miss Pham. 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 2019 Sefton Infants School staff members:

Principal	Ms Labbe
Assistant Principal (Relieving)	Miss Colley
School Administration Manager	Mrs Costello
School Administration Officers	Miss Kingman / Mrs Brown
Preschool Teacher	Mrs Talevska
Preschool Support Learning Officer	Mrs Richards
Kindergarten Blue	Miss El-Asmar
Kindergarten Green	Miss Tadros
1 Orange	Miss Pham
1 Yellow	Miss Chan
2 Purple	Miss Colley
Learning and Support Teacher	Mrs Olm
English as an Additional Language Teachers	Mrs Taranec / Mrs Ibrahimovic
Community Language - Vietnamese	Mr Tran
Community Language - Arabic	Mrs El-Asmar
Teacher Librarian	Mrs Nicholls
Relief for Face-to Face (RFF) Teacher	Mrs Davidson
School Learning Support Officers	Mrs Tyson / Mrs Byrne / Mrs Meesorn-iam / Mrs Yag
School Counsellor	Ms Ing (Fridays)
General Assistant	Mr Atterton

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

### 'Parent Meet and Greet'

**Wed 20 Feb  
4:30 - 5:30pm  
(KG, IO, IY & 2P)**

**All parents and carers welcome**



**P & F  
Meeting  
Wed 6 March  
9-10am**

**All parents and carers welcome**



## 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to sudden and unforeseen circumstances, the date for the Meet the Teacher afternoon for **Kindergarten Blue** has had to be changed. The new date for parents and carers of Kindergarten Blue is now **Tuesday 26 February 4:30 - 5:30pm**.

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## Voluntary Contributions

Each year government schools request that their families make a voluntary contribution to the school. Our school relies on these contributions to purchase resource materials to support and enrich the learning experiences of each student. These resource materials include pencils, exercise books, paper, scissors, glue and other art materials.

The contribution amount for 2019 is \$49 per student (Kindergarten to Year 2) or \$90 for two siblings at the school. This equates to just over **\$1 per week** to help us provides the resources needed for your child's quality education. If you prefer, you can spread your contribution payment across the school terms to help with your family's budget.

Invoices for this voluntary contribution are in the process of being delivered to your child. We offer cash, EFTPOS and credit card facilities for payment, as well as a secure 'Online' payment system linked to our school's website (see school website under MAKE A PAYMENT and instruction brochure under NOTES).

Thank you for your support. Prompt payment of these contributions by all families is greatly appreciated.

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## Parents and Friends Association

All parents and friends of Sefton Infants School and Preschool are warmly invited to our first P&F Meeting for 2019. The P & F meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 6 March** 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. Join us for a relaxed morning tea. We hope to see you there.

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## Personal possessions and lost property

We ask that EVERYTHING that your child brings to school be labelled clearly with their full name. We endeavour to return any items with your child's name. Any found items are placed in the lost property container located in the school office foyer. Please feel free to check the lost property container at any time. At Sefton Infants School we encourage all students to take responsibility for their own belongings and to be independent in packing and unpacking their school items. We also remind our families that students are **not allowed** to bring any toys or personal items that are not needed at school. The school has many sport and recreational items that the children can play with in the classroom and playground. It is safer for children to keep their precious toys, sport items and personal equipment at home. Thank you for your support.

## Farewell and best wishes

Sefton Infants School would like to wish Mrs Yaghi farewell and best wishes as she prepares to welcome her first child in the next month. Mrs Yaghi has been working as a class teacher at Sefton Infants School for the last two years and during this time she has demonstrated high quality teaching and care for all the students at the school. Mrs Yaghi will certainly be missed at our school, but hopefully we will get to see her again and experience her wonderful teaching skills at Sefton Infants School following her maternity leave. Many thanks Mrs Yaghi and all the very best to her and her family as she moves into this new and exciting chapter of her life.

## Importance of regular school attendance

### Why must I send my child to school every day?

In NSW, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for instruction. Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular school attendance makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children. If your child misses learning the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in the later years of schooling.

Class teachers are required to keep daily records of students' attendance and punctuality to school. Class attendance rolls are monitored regularly by the principal and district home school liaison officer. Parents/carers may be prosecuted if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

A small number of absences from school may be just justified if your child:

- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness
- is required to attend a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- has to go to a special religious ceremony.

It is important to let the school know when your child is away from school and the reason for the absence. All absences must be explained to the school. You can notify the school of your child's absence with a note, email, telephone call or submit an absence via the Skoolbag app. Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to illness are frequent or prolonged.

### What should I do if our family is going on holiday or overseas in school time?

We strongly urge that families try to arrange holidays and overseas trips during the school holidays. When children travel overseas for extended periods, they miss a significant amount of their school studies and it is very difficult for them to catch up. If the family trip is in school time, parents must inform the school office in advance so that an application for exemption can be completed.

### What if my child won't go to school?

You should contact your child's class teacher or principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and seek help. The principal may enlist the support of a home school liaison officer.



**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**

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



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SunSmart Snippet

## **The simplest way**

... to reduce your child's skin cancer risk

2 in 3 people who grow up in Australia will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.



Protect their skin in these FIVE ways:

- **Slip** on sun-protective clothing
- **Slop** on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher
- **Slap** on a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on some wrap-around sunglasses.

When you protect your child's skin, you reduce their risk of skin cancer.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)