



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Tue 27 Oct - Tue 24 Nov:**
Heartlinks Program for KB
- * Wed 28 Oct:**
School Photos
- * Thu 5 Nov:**
Year 2 transition visit to Chester Hill PS
- * Fri 6 Nov:**
Book Character Parade
- * Wed 11 Nov:**
kNOw waste program
- * Thu 12 Nov:**
Year 2 transition visit to Birrong PS
- * Fri 13 Nov:**
kNOw waste program
- * Tue 8 Dec:**
2020 Presentation Assembly
- * Fri 11 Dec:**
Student Yearly Reports
- * Mon 14 Dec:**
Year 2 Farewell
- * Wed 16 Dec:**
Last day for K-2 students

Sefton Infants School Newsletter

Wednesday 21 October 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to Term 4 to all our families. Our students have already made a great start to the new term, bringing much enthusiasm and energy to their learning. This term our students will continue to consolidate and extend their foundation skills in literacy and numeracy. It is wonderful to see the growth that all of our students have made so far this year in their English and Mathematics. We are striving to continue this strong growth right to the end of the school year.

During Term 4 all of our students will also be developing their movement skills through an 8 week gymnastics program taught by specialist instructors and supervised by their class teachers. This program started last week with high levels of engagement and enjoyment displayed by all of the students. Gymnastics is an important content strand of the NSW syllabus in Physical Education. Our gymnastics program will be taking place each Wednesday for most of this term.

In the learning area of Health and Personal Development, our students will be undertaking important studies related to sun and water safety during Term 4. We always encourage our families, as our students' first and primary educators, to help reinforce the messages of safety at home and in our community.

Our successful and popular Inquiry Learning Groups are continuing this term on Fridays. During this term our students will work in mixed small groups to develop their knowledge and skills in science and technology, STEM, history and geography.

Term 4 will also see our preparations for 2021 commence with modified Preschool and Kindergarten orientations starting soon. We are very much looking forward to meeting our new students and helping them to get ready for big school. Our Year 2 students will also be involved in transition visits to our local government schools during Term 4 so that they are ready for the next chapter in their primary education.

As we are now starting to organise our classes for 2021, it is very important to alert your child's class teacher or the principal if your family is planning to move home or to a different educational setting in the new year. For school records, we require you to inform the school in writing, outlining when your child will be leaving the school and the new educational setting your child will be attending. This information helps with the transition to the new school. We appreciate your support in providing this information to the school.

Wishing all of our students a productive, successful and fun term of learning.

Kind regards,

Sharna Labbe

School Photos

Wed 28 Oct
Term 4 Week 3

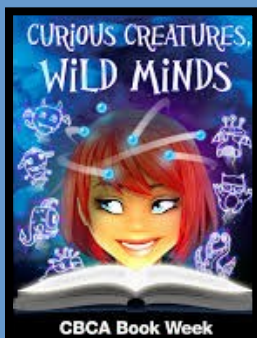
Full summer
school uniform



Book Week Celebrations

Book Character Parade

Fri 6 Nov



School Photos 2020

All students from Preschool to Year 2 will be involved in school photographs on **Wednesday 28 October**. Whole school, class and individual photos will be taken by visiting professional photographers. Information about the costing of photos has been distributed. If you would like to order any photographs, please complete the order form on the envelope, enclosing the exact payment required and return to the Payment Box in the School Office by Wednesday 28 October. If you would like to order a family photo for siblings who attend Sefton Infants School and Preschool, please visit the school office to obtain a special order form.

It is vital that all K-2 students wear **full summer uniform** on the day of the photographs. This full uniform includes a red short-sleeved polo shirt, navy blue shorts or culottes (for girls), navy blue socks and black school shoes. Many families, as well as the school, purchase photos and want the photos and the school to be represented at its best. Therefore, it is very important for students to be extra neat and tidy in their school uniform on the day. There will not be any gymnastics lessons on this day. Thank you for your support.

Book Character Parade

Due to COVID-19, this year's Children's Book Week celebrations had to be postponed until Term 4. Sefton Infants School will be holding a fun book character parade and literature activity day on **Friday 6 November 2020**.

On this day, the students come to school in fancy dress costumes related to books. This year's Book Week theme is **'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.'** Students might like to prepare a costume related to this theme or come dressed as their favourite book character. Please note our parade date on your calendar and start getting ready for this fun event now!

We will also be hosting a Book Club event during the week of the parade so that students can purchase books to celebrate Book Week as well. Keep your eye out for the book catalogue coming home soon.

Unfortunately, the current NSW Health and Department of Education COVID-19 restrictions prevent our parents/carers or any other external visitors from being a part of the gatherings on the school site. This means that only the students will be involved in the parade. We apologise for this situation. Sefton Infants School will seek to share photos and videos of the event with our school community.



COVID-19 Update for government schools in Term 4

Schools continue to operate in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment.

Student Attendance

All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence. In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **not** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Students and staff with flu-like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days before returning to school.

Parent/Carers

Unfortunately, parents/carers are still not permitted to be on the school site. Our current school drop off and pick up arrangements at the Rodd and View Street gates will continue throughout Term 4. Parents and carers can visit the school administration building for the purpose of collecting a child early from school. Essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives to discuss welfare or disciplinary matters can be arranged, where a virtual meeting is not possible. Please note that all adults visiting a school must comply with the Department's COVID-safe requirements including personal hygiene, infection control and physical distancing guidelines. All visitors must sign the external visitors form each time they visit the school regardless of the frequency and duration of the visit.

More information on the NSW Department of Education Term 4 guidelines on current school operations and activities during this stage of the COVID-19 pandemic can be found on the Department's website or the Sefton Infants School website. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sports Fun Day

Our students had a fantastic time at our sports fun day on the last day of Term 3. We also raised \$250 dollars for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Many thanks to our students for their excellent participation and sportsmanship on the day. Thank you also to our families for supporting this fundraising event. Visit our school website for more photos of our great day.



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.

Super Sefton Awards

Well done to these students for earning awards for being safe, respectful learners at Sefton Infants School:

Principal's Award - 10 Super Sefton Awards

Ruqaya Alhashimi KB

Bronze Award - 20 Super Sefton Awards

Malak Al-Jabari	KG	Medina Houda	KG
Serene Osman	KG	Fatima El-Ayoubi	1/2Y
Zahra Al Kahtany	1/2Y	L'Or Ma	1/2Y

Silver Award - 30 Super Sefton Awards

Musa Mahroof	1/2Y	Noah Aboulhaf	1/2Y
Hayden Pham	KG		

