



UPCOMING EVENTS:

*** Tue 15 Dec:**

K-2 Talent Show,
Sausage sizzle and
mufti day

*** Wed 16 Dec:**

Last day for
K-2 students

*** Fri 29 Jan 2021:**

Year 1 and 2 students
return for new school
year



Sefton Infants School Newsletter

Tuesday 14 December 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow... what a year 2020 has been for Sefton Infants School, Australia and the world! It has certainly been a different year for education with us having to quickly develop remote teaching strategies so that our students could learn safely from home during the pandemic for a significant part of the year. We have also had to do things differently when we have been at school this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Despite all the changes with teaching and learning this year and the world this year, the staff and students of Sefton Infants School have continued to learn and thrive by facing the challenges with resilience and seeing this year and its complexities as another opportunity to improve how we teach and learn at Sefton Infants School. Not once this year have I heard any of our students or teachers complain that they missed out on something this year at school because of COVID-19 or its restrictions. We just kept on doing what we do best – that is teaching and learning. We made the most of what we could do and learnt new ways of doing things. More than any other year, we put our school motto of, "Working Together", into practice each and every day to make the most of education, as well as to support and nurture each other. Commendations to the staff and students of Sefton Infants School for all your achievements in this very different year of education and many thanks to all of you for your support and care of each other.

Our families have walked beside us every step of the way during 2020. They have done an outstanding job this year with all of its changes to education and school life. Our families bravely faced learning at home and adapted so resiliently and peacefully to new ways of doing things at school during the restrictions. On behalf of Sefton Infants School, I want to express my deep gratitude to our parent community for your unconditional support of all of the programs that operate at our school and for working together with us to bring out the best in your children.

Wishing all of our families a wonderful festive season and a safe, relaxing holiday. We are looking forward to more great learning adventures in 2021. School commences for our Year 1 and 2 students on **Friday 29 January 2021**. Our Preschool and Kindergarten students need to refer to their individual letters for their starting dates and times.

Kind regards,
Sharna Labbe



Farewell Mr Tran



Mr Tran, our wonderful Vietnamese Community Language Teacher, is retiring at the end of this school year. Mr Tran has been working for the NSW Department of Education for many years, teaching students from Preschool all the way up to Year 12. He has been teaching Vietnamese language skills and cultural studies at Sefton Infants school for the last ten years. Mr Tran is highly regarded and respected by all members of the school community for his expert knowledge of language teaching, along with his constant kindness and compassion for his students and colleagues. It is with much sadness that we farewell Mr Tran. He will be truly missed by everyone at Sefton Infants School. We thank Mr Tran deeply for his dedication and excellent teaching of hundreds of students over his career and wish him all the very best for his retirement. May your retirement years be filled with all the things you enjoy, Mr Tran.



School Security

Unfortunately, holidays can be a time when schools become targets for vandalism or theft. Staff will be on-site at certain times throughout the summer break, as will security patrol personnel. However, we seek your support to help us keep our school safe by reporting any suspicious activities you may notice near or in the school grounds by calling:

SCHOOL SECURITY
1300 880 021

Thank you for your support.

Community Service Award

It is with great pleasure and pride that Sefton Infants School nominates Ali Alameddine for the Jason Clare 2020 Community Service Award. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 this year, the usual community award ceremony with all of the other recipients from local schools could not be held to celebrate this award.



Ali has been a student at our school since preschool and throughout this time, he has always demonstrated care and compassion to his schoolmates and teachers. Ali volunteers his playtime to assist his peers, as well as younger students, with the distribution of play equipment and the organisation of games. He demonstrates a strong sense of fairness, equality and justice, which often leads him to initiate effective peer mediation in the playground. Ali always demonstrates sensitivity and care towards all members of our diverse school community, seeking ways to contribute to an inclusive and harmonious playground. Furthermore, Ali willingly volunteers his assistance to his teachers in a range of school organisational tasks and he always undertakes a pivotal role in the weekly fundraising ice-block stall held at the school. He always fulfils his volunteer roles with a high level of maturity and responsibility, well beyond his age of 7 years. Ali's exemplary behaviour, citizenship and community will be missed at Sefton Infants School as he graduates and moves forward to his primary education. Commendations and congratulations, Ali!

2021 Back to School

Here are some dates to keep in your diary for the start of the 2021 school year.

Friday 29 January 2021: Year 1 & 2 return to school for the new year

Monday 1 February 2021: Kindergarten Best Start Assessments commence
(Please refer to Kindergarten individual student starting times on letters distributed.)



Happy and safe holidays! We look forward to seeing all of our new and returning students for another wonderful year of learning in 2021.

More Super Sefton Students

Here are more of our Super Sefton Award winners for this fortnight. Commendations for being excellent safe, respectful learners right to the very end of the school year. Please see the award recipient list of the final page of this newsletter.



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

Congratulations to our Super Sefton students, working hard right to the end of the school year.

Principal's Award - 10 Super Sefton Awards

Fatima Naji	KG	Hamzah Wahab	KB
Amenah Naji	1/20	Momina Fayad	KB

Bronze Award - 20 Super Sefton Awards

Huzaifah Nadeem	1/2Y	Khadija Diab	KG
Sababa Nawra	KG	Aleena Zreika	KB
Issa Tobbie	KG	Nora Merheb	KB
Noah Zaki	KG		

Silver Award - 30 Super Sefton Awards

Serene Osman	KG	Ladon Duong	1/20
Malak Al-Jabari	KG	Wilson Ha	KG
Raneem Shahin	1/2Y	Jayda Zaki	1/20
Rachel Luong	KB	Kimberly Phan	KB

Gold Award - 40 Super Sefton Awards

Ali Alameddine	1/20	Emily Huynh	1/2Y
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