



UPCOMING EVENTS:

*** Thu 16 Dec:**
Last student day
2021
Fun Day

*** Fri 17 Dec:**
School holidays
Commence

*** Tues 1 Feb:**
Years 1 & 2
commence the 2022
school year

*** Tues 1 Feb:**
Kindergarten and
Preschool com-
mence their
orientation to
school

Sefton Infants School Newsletter

Wednesday 15 December 2021

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a year 2021 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. 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 and a huge thank you 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 2021. 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.

This is our last newsletter for the school year. I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful festive season and a safe, relaxing holiday. We are looking forward to more great learning adventures in 2022. School commences in the new year for our Year 1 and 2 students on **Tuesday 1 February 2022**. Our Preschool and Kindergarten students need to refer to their individual letters for their 2022 starting dates and times.

With many thanks and warm wishes,

S. Labbe

Principal

Happy
Holidays!

Sefton Fun Day Thu 16 Dec



**2022
School times
9am - 3pm**

Super Sefton Fun Day

To celebrate the end of an unusual and challenging school year, Sefton Infants School is having a 'fun day' filled with lots of great activities for our students on the last day of school (**Thursday 16 December**). The activities will be undertaken in a COVID safe manner with the staff and students staying in their class groups with outdoor games. The students are able to wear mufti clothes (no uniform) on Thursday. Please ensure your child wears casual clothes with a hat and covered shoes for safety reasons.

As part of this fun event, the children will be having a special lunch of cheese pizza and a slushie. Please ensure your child still brings crunch and sip, recess and a water bottle to school on the day. All students need to pay \$5 for our fun day. This covers lunch, all of the activities and a lucky dip prize. Payment envelopes have already been sent home for this event.

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.

2022 Back to School

Here are some dates to keep in your diary for the start of the 2022 school year.

Tuesday 1 February 2021:	Year 1 & 2 return to school for the new year Kindergarten Best Start Assessments commence (Please refer to Kindergarten individual student starting times on letters distributed.) Preschool commences (Please refer to individual student starting times on the letters distributed.)
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Happy and safe holidays! We look forward to seeing all of our new and returning students for another wonderful year of learning in 2022.

School Times 2022

Thank you to all of the families who took part in our recent school time survey. 93 families responded to the survey. 44 selected school times of 9am - 3pm while 49 families selected the school times of 9:15am - 3:15pm.

As noted in the previous correspondence on this matter of school times, there needs to be a clear majority of votes for the school times to change. As there was only 5 votes difference in the final count, the Sefton Infant School times will remain as **9am** start and **3pm** finish in 2022.

Many thanks to those families who made the choice to continue and complete their child's education at Sefton Infants School, even when their child's older siblings need to be at another primary school. We really appreciate your loyalty to our school and for enabling Sefton Infants School to provide the best start to your child's education.

Thank you to all of those families who participated in the survey.

2022 Presentation Day Awards

Due to current COVID restrictions we were not able to hold our usual annual presentation day assembly with our school parents or community members present this year. Our wonderful students were acknowledged in a small assembly with their year group. Videos and photos were shared with the families of the award recipients as well. Sefton Infants School would like to publicly acknowledge the students through this publication. Commendations to all of the award recipients for their hard work and fine achievements in 2021.

Kindergarten Blue	
Literacy Award	<i>Sukaina Kazmi</i>
Numeracy Award	<i>Mustafa Mahroof</i>
Most Improved	<i>Zayne Khushbakht</i>
Creative Arts	<i>Haiqa Imran</i>
Sport	<i>Hassan Ghneim</i>
Citizenship	<i>Aleena Haddad</i>
Behaviour Medals	<i>Maryam Alameddine & Makeen Al-Khateeb</i>

K / 1 Green	
Literacy Award	<i>Jenna Jammoul</i>
Numeracy Award	<i>Daniel Abdul Khalek</i>
Most Improved	<i>Serene Osman</i>
Creative Arts	<i>Bakkar Mohamed</i>
Sport	<i>Muathe El-Kheir</i>
Citizenship	<i>Noah Harris</i>
Behaviour Medals	<i>Muhammad Syed & Ayaana Mahfoud</i>

1 Orange	
Literacy Award	<i>Ahamd Jebara</i>
Numeracy Award	<i>Hayden Pham</i>
Most Improved	<i>Amir Merheb</i>
Creative Arts	<i>Liyana Masri</i>
Sport	<i>Muhammad Huzafah</i>
Citizenship	<i>Zurfah Zubair</i>
Behaviour Medals	<i>Aleena Zreika & Wilson Ha</i>

1/2 Purple	
Literacy Award	<i>Mohamed El-Lababidi</i>
Numeracy Award	<i>Ziad Sidawi</i>
Most Improved	<i>Houda Chami</i>
Creative Arts	<i>Nora Merheb</i>
Sport	<i>Layth Kanj</i>
Citizenship	<i>Jayda Zaki</i>
Behaviour Medals	<i>Selina Dib & Lamaar Mahfoud</i>

2 Yellow	
Literacy Award	<i>Lachlan Tran</i>
Numeracy Award	<i>L'Or Ma</i>
Most Improved	<i>Sara Cirikka</i>
Creative Arts	<i>Fatima Dirani</i>
Sport	<i>Musa Mahroof</i>
Citizenship	<i>Zahar Mostajaboldaveh</i>
Behaviour Medals	<i>Ayah Yagi & Amjad Dib</i>

Specialist Programs	
EALD	<i>Iman Yatim</i>
Learning & Support	<i>Mouna Bekdache</i>
Library	<i>Hakan Al-Qassab</i>
Vietnamese CL	<i>Rachel Luong</i>
Arabic CL	<i>Ayesha Kanj</i>
Community Service	<i>Hafsa Noor</i>

Outstanding Attendance	Muhammad Bekdache (KB), Rachel Luong (10), Hayden Pham (10), Mouna Bekdache (1/2P)
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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 our Super Sefton students who have earned awards in the last fortnight.

Principal's Award - 10 Super Sefton Awards

Aleena Haddad	KB	Yunus El-Khatib	KB
Zayne Khushbakht	KB	Makeen Al-Khateeb	KB
Haiqa Imran	KB	Issa Dehen	K/1G
Laurissa Zreika	1O	Muhammad Huzafah	1O
Zayd Zahab	1/2P	Madama Dulleh	2Y
Enanna Abdul-Khalek	2Y	Jawad Shahin	2Y
Issa Tobbie	1O	Kyle Yachouh	1O
Huzaifah Nadeem	2Y	Ismael Khan	2Y
Raneem Shahin	2Y		

Bronze Award - 20 Super Sefton Awards

Mustafa Mahroof	KB	Median Houda	K/1G
Muhammad Syed	K/1G	Alexander Sarkis	K/1G
Amara Hussein	1O	Serenne Kattar	1/2P
Sulay Rima	1/2P	Mouna Bekdache	1/2P
Hafsa Noor	2Y	Zahra Mostajaboldaveh	2Y
Sara Cirikka	2Y	Zara Syeda	K/1G
Aisha Yatim	K/1G	Ayaana Mahfoud	K/1G
Jenna Jammoul	K/1G	Tasnim El Kanj	K/1G
Ghaida Al Hamad	K/1G	Amelia Ghamrawi	K/1G
Zurfah Zubair	1O	Jacob Katieh	1O
Eminah Akkouche	1/2P	L'Or Ma	2Y
Lachlan Tran	2Y	Yusuf Gessey	2Y

Silver Award - 30 Super Sefton Awards

Liyana Masri	1O	Houda Chami	1/2P
Nora Merheb	1/2P	Ziad Sidawi	1/2P
Lamaar Mahfoud	1/2P	Layth Kanj	1/2P
Ayah Yaghi	2Y		

Gold Award - 40 Super Sefton Awards

Selina Dib	1/2P	Nora Merheb	1/2P
Jonah Ghamrawi	1/2P		



Some of our Year 2 Presentation Day award recipients. Please see your Class Dojo account and the school website for more award photos and videos.