



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

\* **Mon 22 Feb 4:30pm:**  
1 Orange parent meet  
and greet

\* **Tue 23 Feb - 16 Mar:**  
Heart links Program  
for 1/2P & 2Y

\* **Tue 23 Feb 4:30pm:**  
1/2 Purple parent  
meet and greet

\* **Wed 24 Feb 4:30pm:**  
K/1 Green &  
2 Yellow  
parent meet and greet

\* **Thu 25 Feb 4:30pm:**  
K Blue parent meet  
and greet

\* **Fri 5 Mar:**  
Clean Up Schools Day

# Sefton Infants School Newsletter

Wednesday 17 February 2021

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to the 2021 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 2021 school year. Our new Preschoolers and Kindergarten students are settling 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.

2021 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 'Parent Meet and Greet' afternoons during Week 5 as follows:

- Monday 22 February 4:30 - 5:30pm: 1 Orange - Miss Colley
- Tuesday 23 February 4:30 - 5:30pm: 1/2 Purple - Ms Lee & Mrs Ibrahimovic
- Wednesday 24 February 4:30 - 5:30pm: K/1 Green - Miss Tadros
- Wednesday 24 February 4:30 - 5:30pm: 2 Yellow - Mrs Maarbani
- Thursday 25 February 4:30 - 5:30pm: K Blue - Miss Kim

Our meet and greet afternoons offer an excellent opportunity for our Kindergarten to Year 2 parents/carers to meet their child's class teacher and find out about their learning programs for 2021. 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 with COVID safe check-ins and social distancing. Only parent/caregivers can attend these sessions. 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



## 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.

## School Website

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 sent electronically via Class Dojo. Please note that this edition of the newsletter will be the only hard copy presented to your child this year. Future editions can be found on the school website or on the Class Dojo App. You will be receiving information about access to your Class Dojo account soon. A limited number of 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](http://www.seftoninf-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## COVID-19 Term 1 update for Schools

Sefton Infants School is continuing to follow the NSW Department of Education COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines in line with advice from NSW Health. The current restrictions are important precautionary measures to help ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning. We thank our parents and school community for cooperating with these COVID guidelines:

- Students must not attend if they are unwell and/or present with mild symptoms. Students must return a negative COVID-19 test and be symptom free prior to returning to school.
- Parents and carers must continue to drop off and collect their children from the school gates, following social distancing practices.
- Parents and carers can only enter the school to attend a planned student welfare meeting with the class teachers/principal or for enrolment purposes.
- All parent/carers visiting the school site for a meeting need to follow COVID safe check-in procedures and maintain physical distancing.
- Parents and Friends (P&F) Association meetings need to take place after school hours with restrictions. Gatherings at school are limited to 30 people indoors.

## 2021 Classes and Staff

Our classes for 2021 have now been formed and I am hoping that many parents take the opportunity to attend our Parent Meet and Greet after school sessions during Week 5 to meet their child's class teacher and find out about the class programs that will be undertaken this year.

Here is a current list of 2021 Sefton Infants School staff members:

Principal	Ms Labbe
Assistant Principal (Mon & Tue)	Ms Dulaurens
Assistant Principal (Relieving Wed - Fri)	Miss Colley
School Administration Manager	Mrs Costello
School Administration Officers	Miss Kingman / Mrs Brown
Preschool Teacher	Mrs Talevska
Preschool Support Learning Officer	Ms Arancibia
Kindergarten Blue	Miss Kim
K/1 Green	Miss Tadros
1 Orange	Miss Colley
1/2 Purple	Ms Lee (Mon, Tue) Mrs Ibrahimovic (Wed, Thu, Fri)
2 Yellow	Mrs Maarbani (formerly Miss El-Asmar)
Learning and Support Teacher	Ms Dulaurens & Mrs Olm (Mon & Tue)
English as an Additional Language Teachers	Mrs Taranec (Tue - Thu) & Mrs Hbous (Wed - Fri)
Community Language - Arabic	Mrs El-Asmar (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)
Teacher Librarian & RFF Teacher	Mrs Nicholls (Tue & Thu)
School Learning Support Officers	Mrs Tyson / Mrs Byrne / Mrs Meesorn-iam / Mrs Yag
School Counsellor	Ms Skara (Mondays)
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 via telephone to speak to your child's class teacher before or after school. Thank you.

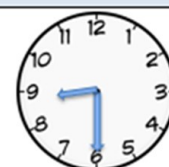


## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time your school starts.  
DON'T BE LATE!**



**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:

At Sefton Infants School **we are safe, respectful learners.**

**SAFE:** Be in the right place

Move safely

Keep hands and feet to yourself

**RESPECTFUL:** Follow teacher instructions

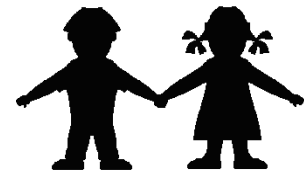
Be kind to others. Let others learn.

Care for our school.

**LEARNERS:** Try your best

Be responsible for your own behaviour.

Sefton Infants School



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](#).

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.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](#) 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.

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)