



UPCOMING EVENTS:

*** Thu 1 April:**
Harmony Day and
Easter celebrations

Last day of Term 1

*** Tue 20 April:**
All students return for
Term 2.

*** Wed 28 April:**
Gymnastics Program
commences

*** Fri 7 May:**
Mother's Day Stall

*** Mon 10 May
2 - 3pm:**
P&F Meeting

*** Tue 11 May:**
Heartlinks Program
for 1O and K/1G

*** Thu 20 May:**
K-2 excursion to Fire
Museum

Sefton Infants School Newsletter

Wednesday 31 March 2021

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Harmony/Easter Celebrations

This is the last week of Term 1. It has certainly been a busy start of the school year and a quick term. All of our students have settled into their school and class routines, demonstrating growth in their literacy and numeracy skills, as well as their very important social skills.

To celebrate the end of the term, along with the community celebrations of Harmony Day and Easter, Sefton Infants School is hosting a special event on **Thursday 1 April 2021** (last day of Term 1). There will be a wonderful student parade of Harmony Day/Easter hats and dances starting from **9:30am -10:30am**. We thank our families in advance for helping their children with creating a Harmony/Easter hat for the parade. On the day, the students do not need to wear their school uniform. They can wear mufti clothes, preferably orange, for Harmony Day or traditional cultural clothes.

We warmly invite our families and friends to join us for this special parade. Please note that in order for this school event to take place, a COVID safety plan must be followed. This includes all parents and family members using COVID safe check-in procedures and physical distancing guidelines.

After the parade, our students will be participating in a range of exciting activities related to Harmony Day to further our respect and compassion towards human diversity. Then at recess time we will be having a special treat of cheese pizza (\$2) and an ice block (50c).

Best wishes to Mrs Olm and Mrs Hbous

This last week of Term 1 is also the last week of teaching in 2021 for both Mrs Olm and Mrs Hbous as they prepare for their maternity leave. On behalf of the Sefton Infants School community, I would like to thank Mrs Olm and Mrs Hbous for their wonderful work as support teachers during the term and wish them all the very best for the arrival of their new babies.

Happy Holidays

Wishing all of our school community a safe and relaxing autumn school holiday break. All students return **Tuesday 20 April 2021**. We are looking forward to more great learning adventures in Term 2.

Kind regards,
Sharna Labbe



**Enrolling now for
Preschool 2022
Visit the school
office for
application forms**



**School Holidays
5 -19 April**



**Please 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**

**Students return
to school
Tuesday 20 April
2021**

Applications for Preschool 2022

Applications for Preschool 2022 at Sefton Infants School are now available from the school office.

To apply for **Preschool** enrolment, your child must be **4 years of age by 31st July 2022**. It is strongly advised that your child already be 4 years of age at the commencement of 2022 so that they are ready for a preschool setting. Sefton Infants Preschool is very popular. Student places for our preschool are limited to 40 children per year, therefore criteria for priority of enrolment are followed. This means priority is given to families who live within the school boundary, as well as to older children who must enrol in school the following year. Please refer to the Preschool Enrolment Policy on our school website for further information. It is also a government requirement that all children who attend all preschools must be up-to-date with their immunisation vaccinations.

Thank you for sharing this information with family and friends who may have children ready to start their Preschool education next year. The early childhood education programs that run at Sefton Infants School are highly regarded in the local community. Student places are limited, so we recommend completing application forms as soon as possible.

EASTER
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
AGE GROUP: 5-12 YRS OLD
TIME: 10AM - 3:30PM
COST: \$35 PER DAY
PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT TIME OF BOOKING

Activities

6TH APRIL - PARKOUR / BOXING FOR FUN / BASKETBALL

7TH APRIL - L.E.G.O / MULTI-SPORTS / OZ-TAG

8TH APRIL - ARTS & CRAFTS / TEE BALL / MARTIAL ARTS

9TH APRIL - PARKOUR / SOCCER / DODGEBALL

12TH APRIL - L.E.G.O / MARTIAL ARTS / OZ - TAG

13TH APRIL - ARTS & CRAFTS / BASKETBALL / TEE BALL

14TH APRIL - L.E.G.O / MULTI - SPORTS / BOXING FOR FUN

15TH APRIL - PARKOUR / OZ - TAG / BASKETBALL

16TH APRIL - L.E.G.O / DODGEBALL / MULTI - SPORTS

CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS (\$10 ANNUAL FEE)
FULL INFO - WHAT TO BRING AND FOR BOOKINGS VISIT OUR
WEBSITE**

[HTTPS://WWW.PCYNSW.ORG.AU/BANKSTOWN/SCHOOL-HOLIDAYS](https://www.pcy NSW.org.au/bankstown/school-holidays)

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Sefton Infants School - Homework Policy

Rationale

Homework is defined as any task assigned by school teachers intended for students to carry out during non-school hours to meet specific learning goals. Sefton Infants School acknowledges that students will also participate in a range of activities and have diverse experiences outside of school that will enhance their learning. The school also understands that students may have other important after school commitments such as sport, cultural activities, and tuition, as well as home responsibilities. The talking, listening, making, visiting and other activities that happen around the home also consolidate and expand children's learning.

There is little consensus in current research literature as to whether homework raises student achievement. Most researchers, however, conclude that for primary students, there is no evidence that homework lifts academic performance. However, homework during the primary stage of education may help students to develop effective study habits and broaden their understandings and skills across the curriculum.

This policy has been developed with community consultation and in line with the NSW Department of Education's Homework Policy.

Implementation

Homework is a partnership between teachers, parents/caregivers and students. Each partner has responsibilities.

Responsibilities of Principal:

- developing a Homework Policy in consultation with the school community
- communicating the Homework Policy to staff, students, parents/caregivers
- monitoring and supporting teachers in the implementation of the Homework Policy

Responsibilities of Teachers:

- implementation of Homework Policy
- communicating the purpose and expectations of class homework to parents/caregivers and students
- providing regular, manageable and relevant homework to their class of students
- providing timely feedback to students in regards to completion of their homework
- discuss any difficulties with homework with students and/or parents/caregivers

Responsibilities of the Parents/caregivers:

- reading and understanding the school's homework policy and class homework expectations
- supervising and monitoring their children's completion of homework
- discussing any homework concerns with their child's class teacher

Responsibilities of the students:

- completing homework to the best of their ability
- giving completed homework to the teacher on the due date
- asking the teacher for any assistance before the due date

Communication

Classroom teachers will outline their homework procedures and expectations at the beginning of each school year as part of the parent information meetings. Parents should contact their child's teacher to clarify homework expectations, if needed.

Quality

Homework should be appropriate for each student's age and ability. Consistent amounts and quality of homework will be assigned across each stage. Homework will be relevant to student needs and consolidate work undertaken in class, especially in literacy and numeracy.

Manageability

Homework needs to be manageable for both the students and the teachers. In accordance with the Department of Education homework policy and school community consultation, Sefton Infants School supports the following age appropriate homework expectations:

- **Kindergarten:** Approximately 10 - 15 minutes per day, including reading to someone at home with a book supplied by the school.
- **Year 1 and Year 2:** Approximately 15 -20 minutes per day, including reading to someone at home with a book supplied by the school.

Please see your child's class teacher if you have any further questions about your child's homework or the school's Homework Policy.

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

Commendations to the following students who have earned 10 Super Sefton Awards already this year for being safe, respectful learners in the classroom and playground. Photos of our award recipients are also posted on our school website.

Principal's Award - 10 Super Sefton Awards

Selina Dib	1/2P	Nora Merhab	1/2P
Serene Osman	K/1G		



GET ACTIVE each day

Physical activity is an important part of being healthy. Find as many ways as you can to be active everyday.

HOW MUCH ACTIVITY SHOULD KIDS DO EACH DAY?

Toddlers 1-3 years Preschoolers 3-5 years

3
hours
ACTIVE PLAY
ACROSS THE DAY



- Standing up
- Moving around
- Active toys

School age 5-12 years

1-3
hours
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
ACROSS THE DAY



- Try activities that make breathing quicker and your heart beat faster:
- Fast walking
 - Riding a bike or scooter
 - Organised sport



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