

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*** Mon 22 March:**
KB Best Start Parent
Interviews

*** Wed 24 March:**
KG Best Start Parent
Interviews

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

Last day of Term 1

Sefton Infants School Newsletter

Wednesday 17 March 2021

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

All NSW Government schools undertake planning cycles to form a four year school plan based on student needs. Comprehensive evaluations were completed involving a range of external and internal data, as well as active participation from a variety of representatives across the Sefton Infants School community. This evaluation process enabled the identification of strengths, in addition to opportunities and areas for development across the school. As a result, a school vision and three strategic directions were determined collaboratively to form the basis of our new school plan.

School Vision Statement 2021 - 2024

Sefton Infants School's vision is to provide high quality, explicit teaching and learning programs that are inclusive, collaborative and responsive to the learning needs of every student. As a nurturing early childhood education setting, our school strives to build solid foundations for student wellbeing and learning, empowering our students to be active and confident learners with strong literacy and numeracy skills. We believe ongoing connection and engagement with our school community is vital for our students' wellbeing to thrive and to achieve their learning potential.

To achieve this vision, Sefton Infants School has identified the following three strategic directions as part of our 2021—2024 school plan:

1. ***Student growth and attainment***

Purpose: In order to improve student learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy, we will develop expert skills in using ongoing student data to plan, implement and evaluate explicit and differentiated instruction.

2. ***Quality assessment informs instruction***

Purpose: To ensure our teaching programs are responsive to the learning needs of the students and achieve their learning outcomes, we will develop high quality, ongoing summative and formative assessment practices that are consistent across the school.

3. ***Connection and engagement***

Purpose: In order to increase our students' and families' active roles in monitoring and contributing to learning progress, attendance and to maximise learning outcomes, we will develop processes and practices that facilitate ongoing feedback and exchange of information on learning.

Sefton Infants School welcomes feedback from our school community in regards to the vision and strategic directions for 2021-2024. We recognise and promote the important role that our parents and carers have in supporting our school vision and strategic directions.

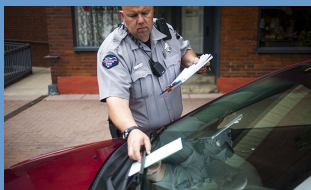
Kind regards,

Sharna Labbe

Enrolling now for
Preschool 2022



Visit the school
office for
application forms



Thank you for
making your
voluntary
contribution to the
school.



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.

Parking Safely and Respectfully

Please show respect to our school neighbours by **NOT PARKING** across residential driveways. It is both unsafe and illegal to park across any driveway. Students and adults cannot see traffic clearly when parked across driveways and our neighbours cannot leave or return to their homes when cars are parked across their driveways.

Bankstown/Canterbury Council and local police have been notified of the recent unsafe and illegal parking actions of some of our school community, including school community members disregarding the 10 minute marked parking zones. Random undercover traffic patrols have also been organised to take place in the near future to fine illegal parking and driving behaviour near our school zone.

For the safety of our students and school community, we are also reminding our school community that the Sefton Infants School car park is for the use of **STAFF PARKING ONLY**. Parents, students and community members are not allowed to enter the school driveway or carpark. Hefty traffic fines apply for drivers who stop across school driveways or 'No Stopping' zones. All pedestrian entry into the school must be via the student gate.

The safety of our students and their families are paramount. The unsafe parking and driving actions mentioned above jeopardise our students' safety. Please drive and park safely. Thank you.

Voluntary Contributions

Each year government schools request that their families make a voluntary contribution to the school. Our school relies on these contributions to purchase resource materials to support and enrich the learning experiences of each student. These resource materials include pencils, exercise books, paper, scissors, glue and other art materials.

The contribution amount for 2021 is \$50 per student (Kindergarten to Year 2) or \$90 for two siblings at the school. This equates to just over **\$1 per week** to help us provides the resources needed for your child's quality education. If you prefer, you can spread your contribution payment across the school terms to help with your family's budget.

Invoices for this voluntary contribution have been sent to each family. We offer cash and EFTPOS for payment, as well as a secure 'Online' payment system linked to our school's website (see school website under MAKE A PAYMENT and instruction brochure under NOTES).

Thank you for your support. Prompt payment of these contributions by all families is greatly appreciated.

Harmony Day and Easter Celebrations - Thursday 1 April

Harmony Day is a time to celebrate our diversity, as well as our similarities as we cooperate to live and work together in our communities. Sefton Infants School is proud to have a diverse school community where everyone belongs. During this special day, our students will be involved in a range of activities aimed at furthering our respect for our differences and our understanding of our common needs and wants. This year we have combined our Harmony Day and Easter Celebrations. It will be also be a lovely way to celebrate the last day of the school term. All parents, carers and friends are warmly invited to join us for the parade from 9:30 - 10:30am.

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.

WHEN: Thursday 1 April 2021- 9:30-10:30am : Harmony/Easter Hat Parade

WHO: All students: Preschool to Year 2 and their families and friends.



WHAT: Students wear orange mufti clothes as this is the official colour of Harmony Day or traditional cultural clothes. Students are also encouraged to make or decorate a hat at home to wear at our parade. The hat can be an Easter hat or a hat that promotes Harmony day or both celebrations in the one hat. We are looking forward to seeing some creative hats!

We will also be having a special cheese pizza lunch on the day for our students.

Please ensure your child still brings their recess and water bottle to school.

Cheese pizza lunch= \$2

Ice blocks = 50c each



SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to use sunscreen!

What does sunscreen do?

Sunscreen acts as a barrier, filtering UV radiation by absorbing and reflecting UV rays away from your skin.

Make sunscreen a habit!

In the morning, check if the UV will be 3 or above and apply sunscreen before heading out for the day.



Use SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen 20 mins before going outside. Make sure you reapply at least every 2 hours.

Sunscreen is just one part of sun protection! Remember to use sun-safe hats, clothing and sunglasses and seek out shade.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.

Pack at least one item from each of the following food groups for a healthy lunch!

Breads/ cereals: Wholemeal or wholegrain bread, wraps and pita. For a treat, pack pikelets, or homemade muffins and slices.

Fruit: Serve in fun ways; try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly, cut whole fruit into small pieces for younger kids.



Vegies: Pack carrot or celery sticks with hummus.

Dairy: A slice of cheese, yoghurt or custards are all great lunch box items.

Meat and alternatives: Cooked chicken, tuna, egg, roast meat and legumes like red kidney beans or chickpeas.

Water or milk: Water or milk are the best drink choices.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)



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.



Thank you for your support in helping us to encourage healthy eating and zero single-use plastics at Sefton Infants School

Super Sefton Awards

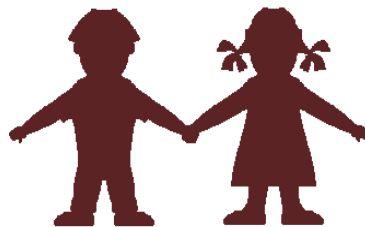
Commendations to the following students who have earned 10 Super Sefton Awards already this year for being safe, respectful learners in the classroom and playground. Photos of our award recipients are also posted on our school website.

Principal's Award - 10 Super Sefton Awards

Ziad Sidawi

1/2P

Sefton Infants School



Working Together



Zero Waste Lunch Challenge

We are encouraging our students and their families to make positive lunch and recess choices with healthy food for their brain and bodies, as well as sustainable choices that are better for the environment. Currently many children bring lots of packaged food items to school. These pre-packaged, convenience food items are usually very unhealthy for our children. Their high sugar, salt and fat contents do not provide good fuel for our children to grow and learn well. The single use plastics used with these packaged food items create issues for the environment. More often than not, food items that are not pre-packaged are also cheaper choices for lunch boxes.

Please support us in trying to educate our students about healthy eating and environmental sustainability by reducing (or eliminating) the use of packages and single-use plastics in their lunchbox. Here are some ideas to help create a zero waste lunch for school:

1. Audit school lunch boxes: Think about what goes in the lunchbox and any single-use plastics you could replace. Simple reusable lunch boxes are usually the best for holding different healthy food items and for the children to manage by themselves at school.
2. Use reusable containers and reusable water bottles.
3. Wrappings: If you need to wrap a food item, perhaps beeswax wraps could be used instead of plastic.
4. Use reusable cutlery if needed for lunch box items
5. Use of a thermos for things like yoghurt, rice, pasta or noodles.
6. Consider zero waste snacks such as vegetable sticks and dips in a reusable container or fruit pieces.

Now, more than ever, we need to work together to reduce the use of packages and single-use plastics so that the environment is a better place for our children's future. We are also looking at ways to reduce our single-plastic use with our weekly ice block and popcorn stall. Stay tuned...

Thank you for supporting our endeavours for zero waste lunches and recesses at our school.

