



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**\* Tue 18 May- 8 Jun:**  
Heartlinks Program  
for K/1G and KB

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

**\* Mon 24 - Fri 28  
May:**  
Swim school program  
for Year 2 students

**\* Mon 7 June  
2 - 3pm:**  
P&F Meeting

# Sefton Infants School Newsletter

Wednesday 12 May 2021

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to inform you of some staff changes that have taken place at Sefton Infants School this term.

Mrs Olm and Mrs Hbous have now commenced their maternity leave. We congratulate and send our best wishes to both of these fabulous teachers with their exciting new arrivals. Mrs Olm recently gave birth to a girl and Mrs Hbous welcomed a baby boy to her growing family. Mrs Olm and Mrs Hbous were in shared support teaching roles in Term 1, working with our Kindergarten students. A replacement teacher will be appointed soon for this learning support role.

There have also been some changes to Miss Colley's teaching role at Sefton Infants School for the remainder of this year. Miss Colley has had to undertake part-time leave in order to attend to an unexpected family situation. Miss Colley is very disappointed that she is not able to continue teaching 1 Orange for the rest of the school year. She sends her sincere apologies to our school community for the sudden change in circumstances. Miss Colley will be undertaking a support teaching role for the remainder of the year at Sefton Infants School. To maintain consistency of the class teacher for 1 Orange, Miss El-Bikai will be taking on the full-time class teacher role for 1 Orange for the remainder of 2021. We welcome Miss El-Bikai as a new teacher at our school. Miss Colley and Miss El-Bikai, along with the support teachers at Sefton Infants School, have been working together to ensure a smooth transition for the students of 1 Orange and a consistent teaching and learning program as they change class teachers.

I know that the Sefton Infants School community join me in wishing Miss Colley all the very best during her leave. We also extend a warm welcome to Sefton Infants School for Miss El-Bikai. A parent meeting will be organised in the near future for the parents of 1 Orange to formally meet Miss El-Bikai.

Sefton Infants School held a special ANZAC Day Service during Week 2 of the term. Our Year 2 students (Ayesha and Hakan) did a great job in leading the solemn service. A small group of Year 2 students also joined me in representing Sefton Infants School to pay our respects by laying wreaths at the Chester Hill War Memorial.

Kind regards,  
Sharna Labbe



## Before and After School Care

- Parent Survey

Due 24 May 2021

## Year 2 Swimming Lessons

24 - 28 May

Birrong Leisure Centre



### Have your say on Before and After School Care

Does your child need before and after school care? We want to hear from you – please complete a short survey to help us understand your family’s needs for out of school hours care. Your responses will shape what we do to expand before and after School Care across NSW.

Please complete the survey via the following website link:

<https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentsSurvey>.

The survey will be open until 24 May 2021.

The survey has been designed to be easy to use and should take no more than two minutes to complete, with a few extra minutes for those who would like to supply additional information.

If you need a paper or over-the-phone version of the survey, or require survey translation, please contact the Department of Education Before and After School Care Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: [BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au).

### Year 2 Swim School

Our Year 2 students will be participating in the NSW Department of Education water safety program every day in Week 6 (Mon 24 May - Fri 28 May) at Birrong Leisure Centre. This very important program helps children to build confidence and strategies for water safety, as well as beginning swimming skills.

Some of the key water safety messages we will be learning include:

- Never swim alone! (Children must have a responsible adult with them at all times)
- Enter water safely!
- Think, don't sink! (Roll onto your back and float)
- Reach, throw, go! (Rescuing others)
- Slip, slop, slap (sun safety)

We encourage our students to talk about their water safety learning with their families and to continue their swimming with a confident adult swimmer so that they keep up their beginning swimming skills.



### Mother's Day Stall

A big thank you to our school community for their generous support of our recent Mother's Day fundraising stall. Just over \$660 profit was raised with the gift stall. This is a fantastic outcome for a small school. These funds will go directly to purchasing classroom resources for our students from Preschool to Year 2. A special thank you to Mrs Ly and family for their wonderful donations of lovely gifts and many thanks to Mrs Samina Khan and Mrs Yag for helping with the operation of the stall. We hope all of our mums and carers had a lovely Mother's Day and enjoyed their gifts from our stall.

Thank you to our families for their wonderful support of the recent Mother's Day Stall.

## Preschool and Kindergarten 2021 Applications

Applications for Preschool and Kindergarten 2021 at Sefton Infants School are now available from the school office or the Sefton Infants School website.

Enrolment criteria apply and places are limited so we advise that you submit your application as soon as possible. Please refer to our school website for more information about the school's enrolment policies for Preschool and Kindergarten..

# Enrolling Now



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SCHOOL






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in early  
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# TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!


Screens can be great for learning, recreation and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to find a balance between inactive time and active play.

### HOW MUCH SCREEN TIME EVERYDAY?


0-2 years		NO screen time	Increase active play and limit sedentary activities to less than 1 hour at a time
2-5 years		Less than 1 HOUR per day	A reduction in screen time can improve sleep patterns and physical development
5-12 years		Less than 2 HOURS per day	Excluding homework time

\*\* Based on Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines 2014


### WHAT IS A SCREEN?




TV/DVD/BLURAY




Computer



Game Console





Tablet/Portable Games



Phone

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## Parents and Friends Association Meeting (P&F)

Our next Parents and Friends Association Meeting (P&F) is scheduled for **Monday 7 June from 2-3pm** in the school library. There is an open invitation for all parents Preschool to Year 2 to join us at this informal meeting to discuss school programs and plan for future school events. The staff and students of Sefton Infants School value the input and contributions of our school community. Strong partnerships between home and school truly benefit student learning outcomes. We hope to see you at our next meeting.



## Super Sefton Awards

Congratulations to our award recipients for this fortnight.

### Principal's Award - 10 Super Sefton Awards

Jonah Ghamrawi	1/2P	Abdullah Muhammad	1/2P
Houda Chami	1/2P	Junayd Gebara	1/2P
Lamaar Mahfood	1/2P	Ahmad Jebara	10
Jayda Zaki	1/2P	Medina Houda	K/1G
Lachlan Tran	2Y	Zahra Mostajaboldaveh	2Y
Ayesha Kanj	2Y	Rimsha Syeda	10
Wilson Ha	10	Hayden Pham	10

**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.

