



The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 1

Week 6

Wednesday 7th March 2018

Dates to Remember

13/03/18	Interrelate Years 3-6 Session 1 6pm
13/03/18	Interrelate Years 5-6 Session 2 7.15pm
15/03/18	Cake Stall Stage 3
21/03/18	Harmony Day
27/03/18	Pancake Day
27/03/18	P & C Meeting 6.30pm
27/03/18	GPLA Meeting
29/03/18	Easter Hat Parade Crazy Hair Day
30/03/18	Good Friday
02/04/18	Easter Monday
04/04/18	School Photo's
13/04/18	Anzac Assembly 11.30am to 12.30pm
13/04/18	Last Day of Term 1
01/05/18	Students Return Term 2
02/05/18	Narrabeen Stage 3 (Year 5) Depart
03/05/18	Narrabeen Stage 3 (year 5) Return
03/05/18	Narrabeen Stage 3 (Year 6) Depart
04/05/18	Narrabeen Stage 3 (Year 6) Return
08/05/18	ICAS – Digital Technologies
10/05/18	Mother's Day Stall
11/05/18	Zone Cross Country
18/05/18	Winter PSSA Begins
29/05/18	ICAS – Science
14/06/18	ICAS – Writing
13/06/18	ICAS – Spelling
31/07/18	ICAS – English
14/08/18	ICAS – Mathematics

PAYMENT/PERMISSION REMINDERS

All money should be placed in a clearly marked envelope in the secure box outside the Administration Block.

No late payments will be accepted

Spare notes in the rack in the admin office foyer or on the school's website

Stage 3 Camp for 2018

Stage 3 Camp Academy of Sport and Recreation
Narrabeen deposit of \$100 is due by 9.10am Friday 16th March, 2018. The balance is due by 9.10am Friday 13th April, 2018

Interrelate Payment of \$30 per family for session 1 or \$35 for session 1 & 2 sessions per family to be paid by 12th March 2018

International Competitions and Assessment for

Schools (ICAS) Digital Technologies \$9.00 Science \$9.00 Writing \$18.00 Spelling \$12.00 English \$9.00 Mathematics \$9.00 Closing date for payment is 9.10am, Friday 16th March 2018 or by 6pm, Thursday 15th March 2018 if paying online.

Extracurricular Literacy and Numeracy Programs

\$10.00 Literacy and \$12.00 Mathletics to be paid by 9.10am Friday 9th March 2018

Notes home this fortnight

School Plan 2018-2020
Year 6 Pancake Day Fundraiser
Year 6 Cake Stall Fundraiser

All notes are on the Website

We wish to advise that this page of the newsletter will be sent home with students every fortnight. The remaining pages will be available to view on our website!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS 8:40am to 3:25pm

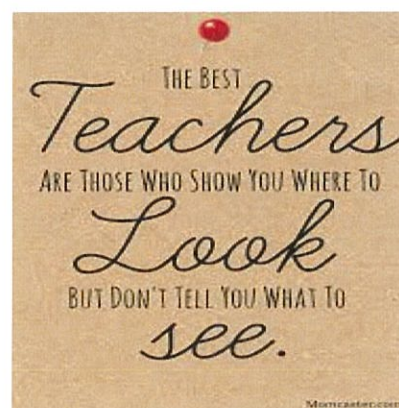
School Banking will be every Tuesday of school terms.

Clothing Pool will be every second Thursday afternoon (that's even weeks) and every Tuesday morning (odd weeks) of school terms.

ASSEMBLIES FOR 2018: Weeks 5 & 10



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Term 1 Week 6



From the Principal's desk



Teacher/ Parent Interviews Week 11

Teacher/ Parent interviews are scheduled in Week 11 from 1:30pm until 6pm. A note will go home in the next couple of weeks. We will let you know via Facebook, Skoolbag app and the school sign notice board.

Anti Bullying Day of Action

For those parents who didn't attend our Parent Forum on bullying please feel free to click on the link below that will take you to the Anti Bullying Website where there is a short film that explains what bullying is.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/resources/videos/pages/videoplayer.aspx?VideoID=183>

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/resources/videos/pages/videoplayer.aspx?VideoID=173>

FITBITS and Electronic devices

If your child wears a Fitbit, brings an electronic device or mobile phone to school, the school will take no responsibility if it gets lost, broken or stolen. Mobile phones will be stored securely in storerooms and given back at the conclusion of the day. Electronic devices should be left at home as there is no need for children to have them at school. There is an increasing trend for students to wear Fitbits instead of watches. That isn't a problem if they don't play with them and take the little computer part out of the band. Please speak to your child about the importance of not playing with them, lending them to others or taking the middle part out, especially as are costly.

Toilets for community

If you do need to use the toilet while on school grounds you will need to use the **Visitor Toilet** located near the bubblers at the end of our Library/Kindergarten Block and opposite are staffroom. The community is **not permitted** to use the student toilets located at the end the Year 1 and Year 2 Blocks. Those toilets are for students only.

SCHOOL PLAN 2018-2020

Have your say on our School Plan. Stay tuned as we are almost ready to put our new 3 Year school Plan up for consultation. Thank you to the parents who have taken a look at the Draft Plan on the School Website (as of last week 56 people had looked at it). Please feel free to send back the feedback note in the envelope provided no later than Monday the 12th.

Home/School Communication

Thank you to Ms Abela who has had the task of overhauling our school's website. When you have some time please take a look at it as we will be putting up information about what is happening at Surveyors along with photos and videos. We have also updated Skoolbag App. If you haven't got Skoolbag App yet go into the App Store type in Surveyors Creek and Skoolbag app should come up.

Late Arrivals

If your child arrives late to school you will need to sign them in at the front office. A staff member will then take your child down to their class. No parents will be permitted to go down to classrooms once all our school gates are closed. This is a child protection strategy that will come into effect immediately.

Parent and Office Protocols

I have included the protocols in this newsletter as a reminder to all our community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the supportive way in which you have supported us with the smooth transition to the new school year. It would be very much appreciated if you could please take your time to read the Protocols and familiarise yourself with the processes of our school.

Yours in Education
Mrs Kathy Browne
Principal

PBL Awards

Many children at our school have collected a PBL ribbon. Most children are aware they are to hand in 3 certificates and they will receive a ribbon. Once a child does receive 3 ribbons they must hand in their 3 ribbons to receive a banner.

In Short - 3 certificates = a ribbon 3 ribbons = a banner

Mrs Sue Burke
Teacher/Librarian

PBL Awards for Weeks 4 to 6 – Term 1

Leighton Dunn	Ribbon	1S
Maleah Potter-Eapen	Ribbon	1S
Ruby Hoegel	Ribbon	1S
Zoe Jones	Banner	2M
Beau Odgers	Ribbon	2/3U
Zach Carney	Ribbon	2/3U
Lily Shepherd	Ribbon	2S
Grace Fakalangi	Ribbon	1HM
Suhavi Kaur	Ribbon	6LF
Jasmine Jones	Ribbon x 2	5L
Cameron Fog	Ribbon	6LF
Luke Moon	Ribbon	3S
Jake Nuttall	Ribbon	3-5B
Zac Hanman-Reid	Ribbon	3-6P
Zac Hanman-Reid	Ribbon	3-6P
Cooper Ovington	Ribbo	5L
Sienna Necevski	Ribbon	1C
Leighton Dunn	Banner	1S
Marissa Tnokovski	Banner	6BM
Jarred Potts	Ribbon	6BM
Jayden Grace	Ribbon	5P
Isaac Necevski	Ribbon	4/5CW
Jackson Pinn	Ribbon	4/5CW
Jayke Osborne	Ribbon	3S
Addison carter	Ribbon	3S
Jade Armstrong	Ribbon	3S
Sienna Mancia	Ribbon	3/4B
Hannah-Kate Proud	Ribbon	4/5CW
Skylah Kendall	Ribbon x2	4/5CW
Neave Bottrill	Ribbon	6H



Surveyors Creek P.S. Library News



We are looking forward to another wonderful year in our school Library.

All students from Year 1 to Year 6 have now started their Library borrowing and Library lessons.

It is great to see so many students with Library bags to help protect the books.

Premiers Reading




Challenge

All students **K—2** will complete the challenge as part of the Classroom and Library Program.

Stage 2 and 3 students will be supported and encouraged to complete the challenge independently and record their books online through their DET portal

2018 Activities

Some of the activities planned for this year include -

-  Bookclub will be sent out twice a term
-  Bookweek (Term 3)
-  Scholastic Bookfair (Term 3 Education Week)
-  National Simultaneous Storytime

More information will follow as they each get closer. More information will

Penrith City Library is a valuable resource. I encourage all students to join the Library and take advantage of its services. There are some great shows coming to the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. Visit www.thejoan.com.au and look at the Kids and Families program for 2018.

Coming in April



Coming in July



Students in Stages 2 and 3 are being supported in

using the Oliver Library System through their Student Portal to access the Premiers Reading Challenge and to locate books in the Library.



Students also have access to World Book Online. This can be accessed both at school and for use at home. Please visit—www.worldbookonline.com

Username—SCPS1 Password—SCPS1



Literacy Pro will be promoted and used during Library lessons and includes ebooks this year which can be used at home.



If you have any queries or are able to help in the Library please visit Mrs Burke

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll

Dr Seuss





Office Protocols and Processes

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful school community (Staff, students, parents, caregivers and volunteers) who always support our school and uphold its values of being Safe, Respectful, Learners. However, there are times when issues arise that cooperation and respect are not necessarily always returned, leading to angst for all parties concerned. To ensure that everyone feels valued and respected I have outlined below our School's Office Protocols and Processes. The girls in our office are always here to help you and are the frontline faces of our school. Please remember that we now have 555 students at our school.

1. Complaints

I understand that from time to time things may happen at school, or be reported to you by your child, that may require an immediate explanation or response. As a parent myself, I know that it is easy to become irate and upset if you feel that there has been some injustice. Please remember that the girls in the office are only the conduit between you and your child's teacher, Supervisor, Deputy Principal or Principal. When phoning about an issue that might cause you to be agitated please be mindful of your tone of voice when contacting the office staff in the first instant. If you clearly state your unhappiness in a calm manner they will take down your concern and get it to the appropriate staff member may be able to help you resolve your issue promptly. Sometimes there may be a delay but someone will get back to you. Please be patient as they maybe on class, out of the school or in meetings at the time.

2. Messages to students

It would be appreciated if you could discuss any changes to the structure of your child's day prior to the commencement of the school day. I do understand that there are times when emergencies arise and messages will need to be passed on to students, and when this happens we are only too happy to get the message to them. We are trying to reduce the number of phone calls received to pass on messages to students throughout the school day. This also limits the disruptions to learning times.

3. Medical Triage

When a student presents at sick bay our first priority is to make sure their wellbeing is supported. Unless there is a serious injury or it is extremely obvious that the child is sick we will monitor the student to see if their illness subsides. We will phone you if it is an emergency or it is obvious that the child is sick e.g. temperatures, vomiting, coughing and ask you to come and take your child home and seek further medical treatment. The office staff are unable to take temperatures nor can we leave sick children in the sick bay until home time. At this time of year we can sometimes have 10 or more children in the sickbay at any given time. The office staff can only do their best when triaging ill or injured children and if they do call it is because the child needs to go home.

Antibiotics

As we have a large number of students on antibiotics each week. It would be appreciated if you could give the doses before school, when they get home and before bed. This alleviates the strain on the office staff of having to locate students and administer medicine. This also cannot be done unless appropriate paperwork to administer medicine is signed. Please do not send any medication to school without speaking to the girls in the office first to ensure correct procedures are adhered too.

Asthma Suffers

If your child suffers from Asthma could you please make sure they have their ventolin with them when they attend school.

4. Payments for Excursions, Activities and Events

I am happy to report that we are having less and less issues around the payment of the above. Thank you for your promptness and co-operation, however, we still have a number of parents/carers who miss deadlines and become upset when told that they cannot pay. Remember we try to communicate in a number of ways e.g. Facebook, Schoolbag App, newsletters, school website and notes home. Please do not take it out on the office staff as they are just following procedures. ***If you are having issues meeting deadlines please call and let us know.***

To ensure a harmonious, respectful and cohesive school community environment we would ask you when dealing with our wonderful supportive office staff if you could be mindful that they may not be able to answer all your concerns, queries or complaints at that moment and will need to seek the information required to enable an appropriate resolution or to pass the issue on to an appropriate staff member to deal with it.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Kathy Browne
Principal



Mrs Phillippa Poli
School Administrative Manger