



# The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 4 Week 2

Wednesday 21st October, 2020

## Dates to Remember

23/10/2020	Bookfair begins
27/10/2020	Book Character Day
28/10/2020	Bookfair last day
06/11/2020	Kindergarten Orientation 2021
17/11/2020	Kindergarten Orientation 2021
18/11/2020	Surf and Water Awareness Program Year 3(3D, 3PT & 3S)
19/11/2020	Surf and Water Awareness Program (4M, 4S, 4CW, Years 3&4 of 1-4P and Yr4 of 4-6L
03/12/2020	Kindergarten Orientation 2021
11/12/2020	Year 6 Farewell
16/12/2020	Last day of Term 4
17/12/2020	Staff Development Day
18/12/2020	Staff Development Day
27/01/2021	Staff Development Day
28/01/2021	Staff Development Day
29/01/2021	Term 1 - 2021 – Students Years 1-6 first day back
03/02/2021	Kindergarten First Day

## 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

### Surf and Water Awareness Program

Please return permission slip and payment of \$50.00 to the Administration block and place in the secure money collection box by 9.10am Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. If paying online please complete by 6pm Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

### Graduation Bear/Owl/Ball Order - Year 6

Please return order slip and payment to the administration block and place in the secure money collection box by 9.10am Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. If making payment online please do so by 6pm Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

## Notes home this fortnight

Surf and Water Program

Stage 3 Parent Survey

Bookfair and Book Character Day

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

Please note the following activities are on hold at the moment.

Clothing Pool will be every Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm and every Tuesday morning from 8.40am during the School Terms.

ASSEMBLIES FOR 2020: Weeks 5 & 9 on a Wednesday each term YRS 3-6 11.30am & YRS K-2 2.10pm





## Welcome Back to Term 4

I hope everyone had a great holiday and an enjoyable break.

Well we have finally made it to the last term of the school year in which it has been an unprecedented year! Still restrictions are in place regarding community on school grounds and we are awaiting further instructions around end of year celebrations. I will keep you posted as I am informed.

## End of Year Celebrations

We will still be having some type of end-of-year celebration. What that will look like we are not sure but as I receive direction from the Department I will let you know. Students will still be receiving class awards, however there will be no sports awards except for a class sports award. We will still be awarding students with our special awards, as well as Safety, Citizenship and Dux.

## Stage Communications

Look out for this fortnight Stage communication newsletters.

## If you are leaving us in 2021

If your Child/Children will be leaving our school in 2021 and are not in Year 6 could you please let the office staff know as soon as possible.

## CLASSES FOR 2021

It is that time again! We are in the process of beginning to formulate classes for 2021. If you have a request for your child not to be placed with certain peers please put it in writing and send it in to your child's class teacher by Friday 30<sup>th</sup>, October. Please do not ask for particular teachers. Also these requests will be considered and not a given as there are times when we will not be able to accommodate your requests due to numbers and other factors.

## Playground update

Thanks to our wonderful P&C our Basketball Court has been resurfaced in bright purple and royal blue! It should be operational next week some time. We have also begun putting in our last playground space. The adventure playground will be situated in amongst the trees in the middle of the playground and will consist of boats, bridges, balance beams, up and over climbing equipment, rubber animals and stepping

stones. We are just awaiting the design back from our playground specialist.

## Kindergarten Orientation 2020 for 2021

Parents of students starting Kindergarten 2021 please look out for information being mailed home in regard to our Kindergarten Orientation Program. If you know of any other children who have not enrolled as yet and who are eligible to start in 2021 please let their parents know and come up and collect an enrolment package from the front office.

## YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The Year 6 Farewell will still go ahead at Leonay Golf Club. Mr Hyslop will get information out to parents and carers shortly. Numbers are restricted and there will be protocols in place for drop off, pick-ups and photos.

## NRL JERSEY DAY

In light of the NRL Grand Final this Sunday we will be having an NRL Colours Day this Friday with a gold coin donation. Please see note.



## Go the Mighty Panthers!

Even though they beat my beloved Rabbitohs last weekend, in what was a cracker of a game, I would like to wish our home team all the best this coming weekend and to bring the J.J.Giltinan Shield home to Penrith! Good luck boys, and I dare say that there will be some very excited Panthers fans here at Surveyors Creek PS, especially Mrs Clarke in our front office!!! I am sure we will all hear her yelling 'Go the Mighty Panthers' from ANZ Stadium come Sunday evening!!!!

## Yours in Education

Mrs Kathy Browne

Principal



# YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

SNOW MUCH TO SEE AND  
READ AT OUR BOOK FAIR



FIND THESE **BOOKS** AND  
**HUNDREDS MORE** AT THE FAIR!

Date

Place

Friday 23rd - Wednesday 28th  
School library

**EVERY** PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS **LEARNING** AND  
**LITERACY RESOURCES** FOR **OUR SCHOOL**



# School Travel for 2021



## 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

## **New Concession Entitlement Cards**

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:  
<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>