



The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 4 Week 2

Wednesday 19th October, 2022

Dates to Remember

17/10/2022	Kindergarten 2023 Interviews and continue till 28/10/2022
20/10/2022	Group Photo Day
24/10/2022	Public Speaking Cluster Final 2
26/10/2022	P & C meeting 6.30pm -
26/10/2022	K-2 Public Speaking Expo 2-3pm
31/10/2022	Book Fair – Grandparents Day
01/11/2022	Debating Grand Final 9.30am
02/11/2022	Public Speaking Grand Final
02/11/2022	Kindy Parent Expo 6.30-7.30pm
03/11/2022	Bandanna Day
03/11/2022	Kindy Orientation 2.15-3.05pm
03/11/2022	Support Class Open Afternoon 2.10 -3.00pm New Families only
04/11/2022	Penrith Cup Cricket
05/11/2022	Surveyors Creek 20th Year Celebration
07/11/2022	Learn to Swim Program Begins
11/11/2022	PBL Assembly 2.10pm
18/11/2022	Learn to Swim Program Last Day
21/11/2022	Surf and Water Awareness Program Beach Visit - Year 5
22/11/2022	Surf and Water Awareness Program Beach Visit – Year 6
23/11/2022	Surf and Water Awareness Program Beach Visit – Year 3
24/11/2022	Surf and Water Awareness Program Beach Visit – Year 4
07/12/2022	Last day for Canteen Lunch Orders
09/12/2022	Special Treat Day – No lunch orders
16/12/2022	Last day for Students Term 4

Notes home this fortnight

Surf and Water Awareness Yrs 3-6 (Limited Numbers- 1st in)
SCPS 20th Year Celebrations Dance Group
Support Special Christmas Party
Intention to Apply for Year 7 in a Selective High School (Yr 5 only)
National Bandanna Day Fundraiser

We wish to advise that the newsletter will be uploaded to our School website and also the new parent app every fortnight. We also have a hardcopy of the newsletter available in the office foyer of the administration block.

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

Learn to Swim Program 2022 (years 2 & 3)

Please return permission note and payment of \$96.00 to the secure box outside the administration office no later than 9.10am Wednesday, 26th October 2022. Please note **cash only** payments accepted for this program due to limited places available.

Surf and Water Awareness Program

Years 3-6 – Please note there are limited places available cash payments only accepted for this excursion.

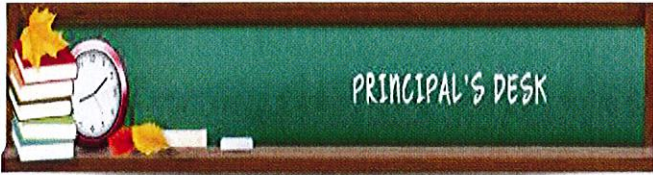
Please return permission slip and cash payment of \$52.00 to the secure box outside the administration office no later than 9.10am Friday 11th November, 2022.

Receipts for school payments are issued by teachers to students each Friday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS 8:40am to 3:25pm

Canteen will be open on Wednesday's and Friday's – strictly for lunch orders only and over the counter purchase at lunch time only. Uniform Clothing Pool will be open Tuesday 8.40am to 9.10am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.00pm.



Week 2 Term 4

This Week @ Surveyors

Welcome Back Everyone

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and were able to make most of the days when they were sunny!

Well, we made it to term 4. Exciting times are ahead for Surveyors Creek Public School. Don't forget that we have our 20th Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday the 5th Nov. We would like to see as many of you there as possible, especially our past students, parents, carers, and staff. Please pass this on. The formal part of our celebration will commence at 11am. Please come and celebrate with us a lot of organisation has gone in to making this day a very special one. Don't forget to bring a picnic rug to sit out on our grass and enjoy the performances.

Well Done to our Debaters

Congratulations to our wonderful debating team! We have made it into the grand final this year. A fabulous effort from the team and Mrs Maiden. The topic for the final is 'Do celebrities make good role models?' We are on the negative side of the debate. We wish them all the best of luck!

Public Speaking Final

Congratulations to all the amazing students who made it to the final of the Penrith Valley Speaking competition.

The Grand Final which will be held on the 2nd Nov, in the new Learning Centre at Glenmore Park high School. It will commence at 9:30am.

Grandparents Day

We will open our school to all our wonderful Grandparents on Monday 31st October. Please come up and join us from 11:30-1:30pm. There will also be a Book Fair in the Library.

Classes for 2023

If you have any requests for classes in 2023, could you please put it in writing and send it to your child's class teacher by 4th November. Please do not request teachers for your children in 2023. These requests are only for friendship or peer issues. Your requests will be considered but may not be able to be accommodated.

Leaving us in 2023!!!!!!

If you are definitely leaving our school in 2023 you need to let us know. If you have already spoken to our wonderful office staff, you won't need to do so again. If you haven't done so, could you do so asap.

Your decision or circumstance could mean the difference between us gaining a teacher or losing a teacher in 2023.

Last Day of Term 4

The last day for students this year is Friday the 16th of December. There are now two pupil free days for staff those being the 19th and 20th.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR 2024

A note went home to all Year 5 students on Monday regarding the Selective High School process for 2024.

A booklet will be placed on our school website for more information.

Please remember it is the parents and carers responsibility to adhere to the timelines for applying.

This process does not involve our school we are only the conduit to provide information to families.

Parent Request for External Providers

The Department of Education is implementing processes for schools to follow if parents/carers wish for an external provider to support their child/children at school.

From this term parents/carers will be required to complete a form to request for an external service provider to assist their child at school.

External services are providers such as speech pathologists, occupational and physio therapists, psychologist/psychiatrist, and behavioural support therapist.

This request will then be tabled on your behalf by your child's class teacher at our Well Being Action Team Meeting held on Wednesday mornings.

You will then be notified of the decision. This will all depend on times and if a suitable learning space is available.

If it has been approved by me, we will notify you and the External Service Provider will then fill out all the necessary paperwork required before the service can start.

This process will be followed up for every new student and will not be a given if the service provider is already seeing other students on site.

If we cannot accommodate your request the request will be placed 'on hold' and reviewed at the end of each semester. During that time, you will need to make alternate arrangements with the External Service Provider.

CAR PARK & Parking around the school!

Once again, we have seen parents parking in our school staff carpark in the afternoons waiting for their children to come out of school. Our staff carpark is not to be parked in for pick up of students unless they have permission from me! I will be monitoring the carpark and if you are there parking you will be asked to move.

Please remember if you are parking at the back gate to pick up your child/children do not call them across the road. I had a very distraught community member call me because she nearly hit a child who had darted out between the cars. She was just thankful that she was going slow.

Yours in Education
Mrs Kathy Browne
Principal

Canteen News

The last day for canteen lunch orders this year will **Wednesday 7th December** – This will be our last day for lunch orders.

Friday 9th December - will be our special treat day. Over the counter sales at Lunch Time ONLY and NO lunch orders can be ordered on this day.

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th October at 6:30pm in the school library.

We are seeking expressions of interest for our Treasury position. Our current treasurer's youngest child will be moving on to commence high school next year, leaving the position vacant.

As Treasurer you will be required to perform the following tasks:

- Liaise with the Canteen Manager, Fundraising Officer, Secretary and School Administration to assist in the electronic payments of purchases/invoices and donations of funds to the school.
- Reconcile 2 P&C accounts through the use of MYOB. This requires inputting all accounts payable invoices and receipting all deposits and reconciling accounts on a monthly basis.
- Attend and present Reconciliation reports to the P&C at meetings which are held twice a term. Our outgoing treasurer will be there to assist in the transition/training and also willing to continue to assist with her knowledge next year. If you are interested in joining the P&C or if this role interests you feel free to come along to our next meeting Wednesday 26th October at 6:30pm in the school library. Alternatively please email scpspc.committee@gmail.com

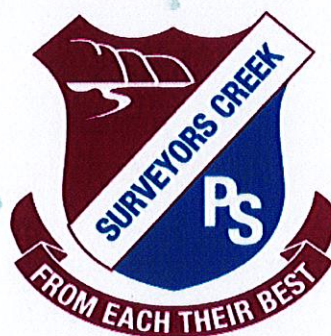
Regards,
Nicole Hancock.



Surveyors Creek Public School is turning
20 Years Old!

Come and join us celebrate on Saturday,
5 November 2022 10am – 2pm,
formalities begin at 11am!

Balloon
twisting
11am – 1:30pm



Dance Groups
& Choir Performing

Food Trucks –
Gozleme,
coffee & sweets

All past and present
families and P&C
members welcome!

Book Fair
In Library

Bring a
picnic lunch

**Special morning tea for past staff and P&C at 10am!*

School Travel

Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

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

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

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **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.

Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

TAP on & TAP off

CAMPAIGN SUPPORT

Communications toolkit
for schools



Hello,

In Term 4, across the western Sydney bus region we'll be running a campaign to increase the correct use of Opal Cards on the bus network. If students don't tap on and tap off every time, then school bus services will appear underutilised with low passenger numbers, which can affect planning of services for your school.

Our campaign message is simple - tap on and tap off your Opal card, every time you travel by bus.

During Term 4, we encourage your school to share resources and information within the communications toolkit to students, parents and carers.