2nd April 2014

Goodbye Sadleir

I would like to let you know that due to a decrease in student enrolments, Friday, 11 April will be my last day as principal of Sadleir Public School. My new school is in the Fairfield area and I will start my principalship there on the first day of Term 2.

During my 8 years and 1 term at Sadleir my mantra has always been that every student should receive engaging educational experiences and opportunities and have access to 21st century resources so that they can achieve their personal best. Hopefully the students’ have been enriched by this approach.

Sadleir is lucky to have a vibrant and dedicated team of teachers and support staff and I thank them all very much for their professionalism and commitment to improving the learning outcomes for your child. A better team you will never meet.

An enormous thank you is extended to the parents I have met and worked with during my time here. I have always valued your support and the relationships we have established and I know that you understand, I have always had the best interests of your children in my heart.

I will particularly miss the students of Sadleir as they have provided so many priceless moments of joy and happiness and to see them grow and flourish each year has been a wonderful experience.

The new principal of Sadleir will be appointed through the merit selection system and this process has already begun. Although it is unlikely that the successful candidate will be known before the end of term, it is anticipated that he/she will commence immediately after the holidays.

I wish you all the very best for the future.

School Development Day

The Department of Education and Communities has set down the first day of Term 2 as a School Development Day for government schools within New South Wales. Therefore, the first day for all students will be Tuesday, 29 April.

School Photos

A reminder that MSP Photography will be taking school photos on Thursday 8 May. Students should wear their full winter uniform on this day. Further information will be sent home on the first day of Term 2 but if parents wish to collect the payment envelope before
the school holidays they should contact the office.

**Late Pick Ups**

The end of day bell goes at 3:00pm and staff often must attend to after school commitments. Therefore it is important that all students are collected on time. Of late there have been too many instances where this has not occurred. If you know you are going to be late please contact the school and leave a message. Students who are not collected on time will be asked to wait at the school office.

**Labelling Of Clothing**

Is your child’s name clearly written on all items of their school uniform? If not, the holidays are a suitable time to check that all clothing worn to school is clearly labelled. Hats and jumpers are especially important as during autumn these are often removed and subsequently misplaced. If clothing is not appropriately marked, then it is very difficult to ensure that it is returned to the rightful owner.

**School Visitors**

Schools by their nature are very busy places and from a child safety point of view it is very important that we know who is on the premises during school hours. Therefore I remind all visitors to our school that between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm it is a requirement that they report to the school office immediately upon arrival. This includes parents going directly to their child’s classroom to drop off any items inadvertently left at home. Parents dropping off or collecting their preschool child or those attending the Friday morning assembly are exceptions to this requirement.

Stephen Gray
Principal

**UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES**

- **4th April** 1B
- **11th April** House Captains

Uniform Shop is open on:
**Tuesday and Thursday mornings only**
8:30am – 9:00am.

Please report to the school office first. If you are not able to come at this time you may phone through an order and pick it up later.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **10th April** – Easter Fun Day
- **11th April** – Last day for Term 1
- **29th April** – Students return for Term 2
- **1st May** – School Cross Country
- **8th May** – School Photos
- **13th May** – Sydney Aquarium - KC & KP
In **ESL** this term with Mrs Ma we have been learning about the different seasons. We jointly constructed these acrostic poems describing Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer.

**Autumn**
- All the leaves are beginning to fall
- Umbrellas in the rain
- The trees are covered in red, orange and yellow
- Using rakes to clean up all the leaves
- March, April and May
- Nice and cool

**Winter**
- Wild, windy weather
- Icy and snowy
- Noses are freezing cold
- Tea to warm us up
- Eating yummy hot food
- Rainclouds

**Spring**
- Season of new life
- People playing outside
- Rabbits running around
- In the garden
- Grass growing

**Summer**
- Splashing in pools
- Under the hot sun
- Making icy cold drinks
- Must drink lots of water!
- Eating ice-blocks all day long
- Running and playing outdoors

Written by Wotan 1-2W, Yaseen 1-2W, Sally 1-2C, Uyen 1-2C and Aisha 1-2C
Kindergarten Easter Bilby Video Conference

On Tuesday 1st April KC & KP participated in a video conference with the Royal National Park. There were 3 other schools: Frederickton P.S, Shortland P.S and Sturt P.S in the video conference too. The other schools were from all over NSW, nowhere near Sadleir!

In the video conference we learnt all about the bilby. We now know where they live and what they eat. We also learnt that they are nocturnal, which means they sleep all day and come out at night. We made bush Easter baskets, cards, read the book ‘The smallest Easter bilby’ and sang a song. We had a great time!
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