Parent Forum

Last Friday 20 people attended our first parent forum. Topics discussed focused on how we can all work together to provide all children at Sadleir with a great education. Some excellent points were raised and we were able to collect some useful data as well as some good ideas for future school improvement. A big thanks to all who attended. A number of parents indicated that Friday is not convenient so next term we will hold our forum on another day.

Feedback included:

- Parents value the school and are proud of the school
- Parents believe that the school provides a safe and caring environment for students
- Parents believe that the school and the community could work more closely together for the benefit of students
- Most students love coming to school
- Parents believe that most students are engaged in meaningful learning.
- The school attempts to cater for the learning needs of all students
- There is a need to upgrade sections of the playground and gardens

New technology

This week we have taken delivery of a new piece of technology. The Commbox LED screen, interactive board will be located in the library and will provide all students with greater opportunities to use technology to engage in meaningful real life learning.

activities. We hope that the board will assist the school to develop the library as a hub of learning in the school.

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)

Regards

Matthew Ralph
UPCOMING EVENTS:
23rd May – PSSA District Cross Country
28th May – Museum of Fire -
    1B, 1/2C, 1/2W & 2S
5th June – Sydney Harbour -
    3/4Y, 3/4D & 3/4M

Uniform Shop
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.
Don’t forget long sleeve polo shirts are
available for Winter.

UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES
23rd May    KC
30th May    1/2C

Stage 1 Excursion
A reminder that classes 1B, 1/2C, 1/2W and 2S
will be attending the Museum of Fire
excursion on Wednesday 28th May.
To attend this excursion, a payment of $20
must be made to the office by Monday 26th
May.
This has been a very popular excursion in the
past, and supplements the unit of work we
have been studying in HSIE – Workers In The
Community.
Mrs Brown

Stage 2 Sydney Harbour Excursion
Classes 3/4Y, 3/4D and 3/4M will be
participating in an excursion to Sydney
Harbour on Thursday 5th June.
This excursion has been planned to
supplement the HSIE and literacy programs
being taught in the classroom.
The cost is $30.
To accept your child’s spot in the excursion
please return the permission note and full
payment to the office by Friday 30th May.
Musicans in 1B

1B have just started learning about skin, metal and wooden instruments and the sounds they can make.

We are having lots of fun in class playing instruments like the drums, clappers, triangles, castanets, cymbals and tambourines to the beat of the music.

We have certainly mastered the art of playing loudly, but we also play softly, quickly and slowly, and try to produce long and short sounds on our instruments.

The best part of our lesson is when we get to march around the room pretending we are in a big band!
3-6M, 5T, 5/6J AND 6L participated in a Cyber Safety workshop with Constable Watson from Green Valley Police.

Some things we learnt were:

- To never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone we meet online.
- To never give out identifying information such as our name, home address, school name, or telephone number.
- To never download pictures from an unknown source.
- To never respond to messages or chats that are suggestive or harassing.
- That whatever we are told online may or may not be true.
Kindergarten Excursion to Sydney Aquarium

On Tuesday 13th May 2014 KC & KP went on an excursion to Sydney Aquarium.

KC had the best day and learnt lots of new facts about animals that live under the sea.

An octopus has blue blood and 2 hearts.

Sharks have a really good sense of smell.

Fish use their gills to get oxygen from the water.

Jellyfish don’t have a brain or a heart.
KP had so much fun at the Aquarium!

I think we’re going to be eaten by a shark!