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Harmony Day

On Thursday this week we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Sadleir Public School has a great mix of students from all over the world and we practise respect and inclusiveness every day of the year. On Friday, our Harmony Day Assembly will showcase our students’ own perspectives as well as the class displays that the students have been working on this week.

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past few weeks the school executive planning team, Miss Collas, Mrs Pitt, Miss James and myself, have been working to complete the Sadleir Public School Plan 2015-2017. We have used extensive feedback given in 2014 by parents, the P&C, staff and students to establish specific improvement measures for the next three years. Our school vision is to create pathways to success for every student and we plan to do this through student learning initiatives, quality teaching and productive community partnerships. The plan will be on the school website next term. Thank you again to everyone who has contributed.

Matthew Ralph

Parent Workshop

A BIG thank you to those parents who attended our first parent workshop for 2015. We had a great group of interested parents who contributed positively to the group learning session. This workshop primarily focused on literacy, reading and comprehension strategies. We hope this has provided our parents with more confidence to assist their children at home in various aspects of learning. Our next workshop will be on Thursday 26th March. This workshop will be on NAPLAN writing. We look forward to working with you in the coming weeks.

Mrs Tamer & Mrs Ma
What’s Happening in 2B?

I spent some time last year visiting schools which had set up classrooms to reflect 21st Century teaching and learning environments. Simply, this means creating environments that promote happy and productive spaces for discovery and learning.

A few weeks ago, all of the standard desks in 2B were replaced with a variety of new furniture - twist desks, kneel desks, a learning booth, a tote lounge and ottomans - as a trial classroom for the introduction of a 21st Century teaching and learning environment at Sadleir.

No longer are there assigned desks in 2B - students sit where they feel comfortable to complete work. The room can be configured and reconfigured quickly depending on the needs of lessons being taught or the learners. When students need to collaborate in groups, there are defined learning areas for that. If they need a quiet place, there are areas for that too.

Bump it up walls and individual learning goals are in place to improve students’ learning and achievement and build students’ capacity to learn. I am hoping students will become more active participants and independent learners, and they are motivated to achieve to their full potential.
The new learning environment will be conducive to the development and application of 21st Century skills such as communication, collaboration, problem-solving, critical thinking and creativity which will be vital to the future success of students in 2B.

So far the response has been very positive from all students. They understand that their new furniture is fun and different, but they also understand the way they are learning is also different - and they are liking that too!

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