

SYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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TERM 1 WEEK 4

TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2020

School Photos

The School Photographer will be taking our school photos **tomorrow, Wednesday, 19 February 2020**. Students will need to wear their **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM**. To ensure smooth running on the day, please note that all photographs will be supplied on a pre-paid basis only. **Payment envelopes must be returned by Photography Day – No Exceptions.** Family Photos are also available and payment envelopes are available at the school office.

Swimming Carnival – Congratulations

Thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers who made our school swimming carnival such a great success. It was wonderful to see our students supporting each other to have a go and try their hardest. Special thanks to all of the teachers and Mrs Ellison for her organisation and preparations behind the scenes.



Happy faces at our annual Swimming Carnival

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches At School

Parents and students are reminded that to prevent loss, damage, theft, inappropriate use and cyber-bullying, it is department policy that all mobile phones and smart watches capable of being used as communication devices and/or cameras **must** be handed in at the office for safekeeping during the day. Parents are also encouraged and reminded to ring the school office if there are changes to their usual collection routines and arrangements.

Absence Notes - Please be sure to notify us if your child is absent from school. The school must be advised within 7 days of any school absence, or it is recorded as "unexplained and unjustified." Some handy, blank absence notes are available from the office for your convenience.

~ Catherine Leslie, Principal

~ Dates to Remember 2020 ~

TERM 1

Tue 18 Feb	Challenge Club Lunchtime Hall
Wed 19 Feb	School Photo Day
Wed 26 Feb	SRE/SEE (Scripture/Ethics Starts)
Fri 28 Feb	P & C Meeting 9:30 am Library
Thu 9 April	Easter/Holiday Hat Parade
	Last day of Term 1

Sports Uniform – Thursdays & Fridays

Our PD/H/PE Fitness program is on Thursdays. All students are reminded to wear Sports Uniforms on Thursdays and Fridays in Term 1.

Check out our School Website!

The Department of Ed has created the platform for public school websites. Our old website has been migrated so update your bookmarks and visit the website at

<https://sylvania-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>.

Last week there were **222** hits to our school website. It is updated weekly and has credit card authorisations, permission notes, news, photos and newsletters!

"It always seems impossible until it is done."

~ Nelson Mandela

We need Volunteers to get our Award Winning Canteen up and Running for our Kids!



Sign Up to Volunteer at the Sylvania Public School Canteen!

Providing nutritious food in our canteen is a vital step in helping kids set up healthy routines and habits for life. We can bring the canteen back if we create a strong network of volunteers from our school community. If you can spare any time to join our network and help prepare and serve food at our canteen, we would very much appreciate a hand.

As a thank you for your time, we would like to offer a FREE* lunch for your children each day you volunteer.

If you are interested, kindly provide us with your contact information and the time that you would be available to help at the canteen.

[CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM LINK](#)

Thank you very much!

*terms & conditions apply

You can also cut and paste the entire URL address below into your browser to complete the form, or return the paper form to the office!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmeqsvlveyboBKwgg5Xyle3caVJGLacx4F4CrjoaUMhARmLw/viewform>

Special Religious Education (SRE) & Special Education in Ethics (SEE)

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide class time for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents. Parents of new students are asked to provide preference information on enrolment. Our SRE/SEE sessions are held on Wednesday mornings and are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, 26th February 2020.

A parent/carer may at any time **notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision**. Students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing. The school website provides information on these options to support parent/carer choice. **Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox SRE will be available. Ethics (SEE) for Stage 1 students will be available.** Students not attending SRE or SEE have supervised alternative meaningful activities.

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE), including the list of approved providers, please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>

If your preferred SRE or SEE option is not available here at SPS, please contact the approved provider.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS
TERM 1 WEEK 3
NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO
SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Optional Dance Groups – Reminder!
Dance Group notes have gone home and commitment slips are due by this Fri 21st Feb.

Check out our **Facebook** page:
**Sylvania Public School –
At the Bridge**

JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET AT THE REC CLUB MIRANDA

- LEARN TO PLAY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGED 5-10 YEARS
- WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS
- JUNIOR COMPETITIONS U8's TO U18's DIVISIONS



R | C THE REC CLUB

www.recclub.com.au
Ph: (02) 9525 5499
8/2-4 Kumulla Rd, Miranda

CLAIM YOUR \$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER WITH US!

MindQuest

ST GEORGE GIRLS HS
VICTORIA ST KOGARAH

On Saturday 4 & 5 April 2020 the 94th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend *MindQuest* will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$210 (including GST).

Contact your school for a brochure or Shelagh Poray 02 4959 7148
Closing Date: Friday 13 March 2020

BEE A SUPER SAVER

School Banking is back for Term 1.
deposits on school banking day.

**Every
WEDNESDAY**

Remember, every 10 deposits earns a free gift*. Like this eye-catching slinky.



For Buzzy's savings tips, worksheets and other fun activities, visit the beehive imb.com.au/beehive. Don't have an account for school banking? Visit IMB Bank Sylvania, Shop 47, Southgate Shopping Centre. Ph 9522 4555.

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*Limit of one per member for each 10 school banking deposits made. Gift will be the current IMB Bank School Banking Gift being distributed at the time that the member becomes eligible to receive the gift. This information is general advice only and does not take into account your individual situation, objectives or needs. Please consider the FDIS available from IMB before making a decision about this product. IMB Ltd trading as IMB Bank ABN 92 007 621 574. AFSL Australian Credit Licence 231 391.



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A BETTER START PROGRAM INITIATIVE



CARING FOR A CHILD WITH DISABILITY?



You are invited to a free workshop for parents run by the Better Start team at Carers NSW

Come to a free event for all parents and guardians of children with disability aged up to 12 years old.
Gather information and strategies to support you and your child.
All NDIS questions answered. It does not matter if you have a plan or not. Everyone welcome.
Meet other parents and chat about your experiences.

Local speakers include:

- ECEI partners (0-6 age group NDIS)
- Local Area Coordinators (7+ age group NDIS)
- Local Disability Advocacy Agency
- NSW Dept of Education

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know.

EVENT INFORMATION:

WHEN: Tuesday 17 March 2020
9:30am - 2:00pm
(Registration 9:15am)

WHERE:
Gymea Tradies
57 Manchester Road
Gymea NSW 2227

RSVP: The Better Start Team
CALL US: 02 9280 4744
EMAIL:
betterstart@carersnsw.org.au

COST: Free

Morning tea and light lunch will be provided, tell us if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.

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Keep Our Children Safe – Bikes, Drop Off Zone & Car Park

Thank you for using the Clare Street drop off zone. The turning zone is now located further up Clare Street, and we would ask parents not to turn into Margaret Lane to turn around and travel back down Clare Street.

Please keep in mind that the car park area outside the school office is **not to be used for dropping off children at the start of the school day or collecting children at the end of the day, and the car park area near the Hall is only for use by the Kiddyland Preschool.** Concerns continue about the safety of our students due to the speed and visibility of vehicles entering and leaving these restricted areas. Students are reminded that all **bikes, scooters and skateboards must be walked** into the grounds from the school gate. **Please use the Clare Street gate** for dropping off and collecting your children, or if necessary please park down Ellis Street towards the Belgrave Esp. end and walk back up to the school gate. Please be patient – and put the safety of our children first.

Our fabulous Kindergarten learners are composing sentences independently!



Some happy images from our 2020 swimming carnival! Our wonderful students encouraged each other to have a go!

