



Principal's Report

March 2023 P&C Meeting

Recent Activities

- K-2 Syllabus
 - The Parent Information Session was very well attended (76 parents). We welcome suggestions/requests for further sessions.
 - Teachers have been provided with additional release from face-to face time to support implementation of the new syllabuses. Our staff is taking this time as a whole day of collaborative time.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews - Bookings are open and can be made through the Compass Parent Portal.
- COVID-smart measures remain the same. There have been cases at our school and in the local community.
- Evacuation Drill – All students were taught procedures for evacuating and locking down the site and an evacuation drill conducted. Do you have a procedure in place at home? If you live in a unit complex, do your children know where the emergency exits and stairs are?
- Extracurricular – Recorder and Rainbow Street TV have both commenced.
- Sport – ESPSSA Zone Swimming and trials for the Zone teams in soccer, rugby league, touch football, tennis, basketball and AFL have occurred. PSSA games have commenced.
- SRE and SEE – Programs have commenced. Ethics teachers are still urgently needed as currently there are not teachers to run a number of classes.
- NAPLAN – This year all assessments bar the Year 3 Writing assessment will be conducted online. The Year 3 and 5 Writing assessments will be undertaken on Wednesday 15 March 2023 and the remainder of the tests after that.
- Hospital visits – During 2023, students in Kindergarten will visit Sydney Children's Hospital as part of a program to make students feel comfortable in the hospital environment. KM will be visiting in Term 1.
- Staff Professional Learning Focus:
 - K-2 Syllabus (all teaching staff)
 - Recorder (one staff member)
 - Strings (one staff member)
 - Online Year 6 to 7 Transition Process for Primary Schools via the OES (Principal and Administrative staff)
 - Control And Management Of Asbestos In Schools (Executive staff)
 - Metropolitan South Principal Conference (one staff member)
 - 2023 External Validation Peer Principal (Principal)



Upcoming Events

Please always check the Rambler for upcoming events. Main events on the school calendar will be added to the school website once dates are confirmed.

- Thursday 9 March – Meet & Greet
- Wednesday 15 March – NAPLAN commences
- Tuesday 21 March – Harmony Day
- Week 11 (from Monday 3 April) – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Other Information

Traffic Update

Sadly, there has been no further development regarding the traffic and Kiss and Drop zones around the school. The next meeting with Newmarket and Council is scheduled for Thursday 16 March 2023.

Email recently received from Transport for NSW...

As you may be aware on 9 February 2023, Transport for NSW announced the installation of two new pedestrian signs in Avoca Street, near Bundock St and Sturt St. We wanted to let you know that these signs are planned to be installed in the next few days.

You may also be interested to know that Transport for NSW (Transport) is supporting Randwick City Council on a walking and cycling streetscape improvement project between South Coogee and Kingsford. This project proposes the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Avoca Street, Bundock Street and Sturt Street. Transport has provided Council with funding to finalise the design and the construction funding application is under consideration.

High School 2024

Information about High School Open Nights has been disseminated to the school community, this included information about high potential and gifted programs that the schools offer. Parents of students in any grade are welcome to attend the Open Nights. Online 2024 High School enrolment processes have opened.

Outdoor Classroom

An additional Federal Government grant has been applied for. The design has had to be modified and we are seeking input from a civil engineer.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled for Week 11 of this term. Teachers have indicated times that they are available in Week 11 to meet with parents. Bookings can be made through the Compass Parent Portal. It's easy, parents just click on the 'Book Parent Teacher Interviews' button available next to their child's photo on their Compass Parent Portal homepage. If assistance is needed, please let us know.

Scholastic Bookclub

Seeking a parent representative to coordinate the Scholastic Bookclub. No cash or money processing occurs as all orders are placed online. Task involves distribution of order forms and then the books once they are delivered.

Joann Sayers
Principal