Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

One of the key responsibilities of teachers in first term is to establish learning priorities for the students in their class. Your child’s teacher will be organising personalised learning plan (PLP) meetings this term. These meetings provide the opportunity for class staff and families to address learning priorities for the year and will assist the teacher in programming for the whole class. It will also assist the teacher in updating health care plans and to discuss any therapy needs. You may wish to have therapists or other professionals attend this meeting.

Attendance Matters

Compulsory attendance

Parents or caregivers of children from Kindergarten through to Year 12 are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. This means all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 are legally required to attend school.

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence.

School staff help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. Class staff have to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for any absences. Principals are responsible for accepting or not accepting a parent’s explanations for their child’s absences. Principals may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences, even where they are explained by parents as being due to illness.

Marking the Rolls

This year we commenced a computerised marking system for attendance. Class staff have 7 days in which to note the reason for any absences from school. After 7 days the roll is locked and if a reason for absence has not been given within the 7 day period, the absence will be noted as unjustified. School staff will not be able to explain the absence after it is locked.
Eftpos Facility

We now have an EFTPOS machine at school. If families wish to pay by Eftpos or credit card, we will now be able to process this payment.

Electronic transfer of funds is still not possible, at this stage, with our new finance system which commenced at the end of last year. The facility will be available at the end of the term. For this term any payments to the school should be by cheque, money order, cash or use of the Eftpos machine.

St George School app for quick and easy access to information for families

We have established a St George app for quick information to families about school events.

The app is for smartphones. To download the app, the title is St George School.

To login, the username is community and password is stgeorge.

When you download, the app will ask you to select a group — you will need to select your child’s class name group. This way you will receive messages and notifications from your child’s class teacher.

If you do not have a smartphone, you may wish to access the information via the app website: http://stgeorge.myauschools.com. Username and password is the same.

Lions Club Kogarah

The Lions Club Kogarah, provide outstanding monetary support on an annual basis to St George School. Every year they hold a charity dinner fundraiser including a raffle for St George School and one other charity.

To support the fundraising raffle, they have sent the school 10 raffle books, one for each class. The tickets are $2 each. Each class has a book of 20 tickets. If each family bought 2 -3 tickets, each class will be able to sell their book of tickets.

The prizes are:
1st prize: $1000 cash
2nd prize: $100 cash
3rd prize: $120 restaurant gift certificate

If you would like to buy tickets, please complete the section at the end of the newsletter. The tickets will be sent home by the class staff.

For Sale

The modified vehicle that was advertised in our last newsletter has been sold.
Report from Secondary 4
Stephen McKinley takes his class to Pole Deport on Mondays. Stephen has included a report in this newsletter of their first outing for 2014.

Community Notices
- Physical Disability Council of NSW – Workshop: Sutherland 24-25 February 2014

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Lions Club Raffle
I would like to purchase _____ tickets at $2 each in the Lions Club raffle.
Please write the following name on the ticket butt: ___________________