

General Assistant Position

As most of you are aware, Oscar Regan has resigned from his position as the school's general assistant. At this point in time, no decision has been made regarding a permanent replacement. The Department will check to see if anyone has an active transfer in the system. If so, the position will be automatically offered to that person. If not, the position will be advertised. In the meantime, Mr Adam Stair will fill the casual position. Thank you to all parents and community members who have offered their services over the last few weeks. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Drumming workshop

Our first drumming workshop was held last week. The students (and staff) very enthusiastically participated in the classes. They learnt a number of basic techniques which were applied to the first piece of music they were learning. We eagerly await Issabelle's return in a few weeks time for our next class.

In the meantime, students are encouraged to practice the drumming sequences they learnt. They do not need a drum for this as they can practise on a table, chair, box, their lap, in fact just about anything that can be hit could be used to practise on. Ask your children to demonstrate the patterns they learnt.

NAPLAN Results

All students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results on Monday. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, our overall results have been quite pleasing, with some excellent growth in writing. If any parents wish to discuss their child's results, please make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher at a time convenient to you.



School Zone Flashing Lights

We have been advised by Roads and Maritime Services that Sandy Hollow School has been included as one of the next batch of 100 school zone sites to receive flashing lights. The lights should be functioning by the beginning of January 2014.



UH Beef Bonanza

Hugh, Angus, Jake, Kristy and Olivia attended a Beef Education Day at Scone last Monday. Kristy gained a 6th place in the parading. Thank you to the parents who attended on the day and helped with supervision.

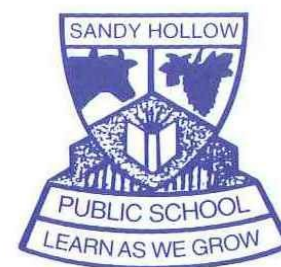
Christina Darlington
Principal

From the P&C

There is a P&C meeting tomorrow at 2pm in the Music room. All welcome.

Additions and Attachments

- Visitors in the School.
- Conducting interviews.
- Term Calendar.
- Some receipts.



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School Photos

School Photos will be taken next Tuesday. All students have been given an envelope in which the place their order. All envelopes must be returned to school on or before Tuesday, even if you are not going to order any photos. The envelopes will be used on the day for identification purpose. Please place the exact payment in the envelope as we do not handle the money at all. The envelopes will be taken by the photographers on the day.

If you require a family photo, please call into the office and collect an order form. Family photos will only be taken of school aged children.

Students will need to wear their summer uniform – school shirt, navy shorts for boys, navy skirt for girls, blue socks and black shoes.

Staff Training

This week, Mrs Parker and Mrs Darlington will be taking part in training using the connected classroom. They will be working with the new national curriculum for English.

Next week, Mrs Darlington will be travelling to Kurri Kurri to participate in training on using the new syllabus in Accelerated Literacy.

Updated Policies

As part of our ongoing in school evaluation process, the staff have been reviewing some of the school's policies. They have specifically focused on Visitors in the School and Conducting Interviews. Both policies have been updated in line with Department of Education and Communities policy and guidelines. Both of these policies have been included in the newsletter. **We ask that all parents read through them then sign the return slip.** If parents have any questions regarding the policy updates, please see Mrs Darlington. She is very keen to hear your feedback.

State Athletics

Olivia McLean travels to Sydney on Thursday to compete in the discus event at the State School Athletics competition.

We wish her the best of luck!

Drumming
workshop



DATES TO REMEMBER

P&C Meeting **Thurs 17th Oct**
 2pm in the Music Room

School Photos **Tues 22nd Oct**

Student Music Concert **Tues 5th Nov**
 All Welcome

Canteen Monday 21st Oct

Nicola Field

Monday 28th Oct - Katie Thompson

Next Toybox

Monday 21st October

Claim the Date

* **2nd Drumming workshop** **Thurs 31st Oct**