Our 2015 Year 6 Class at the unveiling of their Graduation gift to South Padbury Primary School. This unique sculpture was a collaborative work between the students and sculptor Kim Perrier. The Sculpture titled “Helping Hand” was inspired by one of the students and represented the assisted journey through the primary school years.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

2016

Welcome back to school for the 2016 academic year. Before beginning a new year it has been an important process to review the year past – 2015. In this I have produced the 2015 Annual report which I will present to the board for ratification, after-which I will publish on www.schoolsonline.wa.edu.au and the school’s website at www.southpadburyps.wa.edu.au.

Embedded in the report are our prescribed success indicators (PSI) being student engagement, behaviour, NAPLAN with a focus on value added data, attendance, parent and teacher satisfaction, facilities and finance. In summary, I’m pleased to report that all PSI’s were not only met, but exceeded.

I’m also pleased to report that on the whole, we’ve started 2016 as we finished 2015, with energy, enthusiasm and positivity.

Staffing

We continue to grow, evolve and change to meet the constantly changing needs of our students within each developmental domain. Joining our formidable teaching team is Mrs Fiona Gray, Mrs Sumaya Race, Miss Julia Bishop, Mrs Cathy Knox, and Mr Mark Barnett.

Mrs Jill Ridout’s role has been expanded to encompass both Indonesian and Year 5 Literacy and Numeracy support. All new teachers underwent a rigorous selection process involving 300 applicants and the process identified these teachers as possessing the required skills and competencies to be successful teachers at South Padbury PS.

I look forward to our school community reaping the rewards that these teachers will bring to our school. Quality teaching is the sole focus in our merit select processes and as time goes by, the rationale for these staffing decisions will become apparent to all.

Communication

We’ve invested in a new APP and website, both provided through TIQBIZ. The website is presented in a professional, commercial manner and ease of use and accessibility was our main criteria to the web designers and developers. I’m determined that our quest to become a paperless office continues, as the app and the website provide us with a targeted, immediate and efficient communication protocol. Hard copy notes are notoriously unreliable with children delivering them home, and I am determined to phase these out as much as is practicable.

Swimming

The first two weeks has been a busy time for me with Year 5 and 6 beach swimming lessons underway. Given that Mr Jones is on Defence Force Leave and Mr Smith is on Sick Leave, I’ve been attending each and every lesson, as providing a male teacher is a legal requirement. I’m pleased to report that the lessons have been an outstanding success, with our students demonstrating impeccable behaviour and engagement in the lessons at all times.

Bring Your Own Device

Next year our school will have a BYOD program in place in one way, shape or form. We are forming a working party to steer us through the process with parents and staff both represented. The first meeting will be held on Thursday 18 February 2016 in the staffroom at 3.15.

David Knox
PRINCIPAL
Scholastic Bookclub - Orders for Issue 1 are Due Monday 15 February

Swimming notes went home today PP—Yr 4 Please return consent forms and payment via the class teacher on Money days—Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lessons will commence Monday 29 February.

School Banking

Congratulations to all those who participated in school banking in 2015, we were able to raise $1005.64 for our school in banking commissions. If you are not already banking with the school and would like to, you will need to attend a Commonwealth Bank and open a Youth Saver account for your child. Remember to take identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate). Students who already have a Youth Saver account are ready to begin banking. Banking is available in the old music room every Tuesday from 8.15am – 8.40am.

Information can be found at www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking or by contacting the School Banking Coordinator Sam Verrall on 0408250403.

Student Update/Medical Forms

Student Update Forms will be sent home shortly. We would appreciate you checking all the details, in particular phone numbers, emergency contacts and medical conditions, including asthma. Please sign and return the form even if no amendments are required.

Junior Football

"Want to play AFL? Sorrento Duncraig Junior Football Club registration is now open for boys & girls from PP to Year 3 (Auskick) and Year 4 to Year 7 (Modified). This year we hope to put together our first all-girls teams, so come along and be part of the fun. To register, visit sorrentoduncraigjfc.com.au and follow the prompts or come down to Percy Doyle Club Rooms, Duncraig, February 21st 11am – 1pm to speak to our committee members.

The AFL and WA Football Commission are hoping to attract more girls to play at both Auskick and Modified level. Our club is the largest in Western Australia and is among the highest Auskick participation club in Australia. We currently have a large number of girls from schools in the area who play for our club. The girls and boys play together in teams and we encourage more girls to join our club with a long term view of having our own all-girl team to play against other all girl teams in the future.

Andie FAGAN Auskick Co-Ordinator Sorrento Duncraig Junior Football Club

Kung Fu Kids
(7 - 12 yrs)

Classes starting
February 5 2016

Classes every Friday during the School Term
5:30pm - 6:15pm @ South Padbury Primary School

First 2 classes free, then $5 per class or $50 for the whole school term

Vincent’s Chinese Martial Arts is run by Sifu Vincent Cordeiro, who has over 40 years of experience in martial arts, and offers classes in Buk Sing Choy Lay Fut Kung Fu and Wu Style Tai Chi. Sifu Vincent has created an open and caring atmosphere within his school and believes in empowering each individual to achieve their own potential.

For more information www.martialartsperth.com or call Vince on 0408 941 940
The P&C held the first meeting of the year and its AGM on Wednesday night. There were a number of positions up for nomination and new office bearers for 2016 were elected. The 2016 P&C office bearers are:

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Unfortunately, the role of Treasurer is yet to be filled. The P&C cannot operate (according to WACSSO - WA P&C governing body) without a Treasurer, so it is extremely important to fill this role. Therefore nominations for Treasurer are invited and will be voted on at the next P&C meeting. In the interim, Michelle Overton has kindly offered to continue as caretaker Treasurer. If anyone is interested and would like more information about what the role involves, please contact Chantelle Martin (0434 919 700) or Michelle Overton (0414 229 893). The 2016 Treasurer will also have the support of the Co-Treasurer.

The SPPS P&C would like to thank Melinda Whiteside for all her hard work and dedication to the school throughout the years. She has left some very big shoes to fill! Melinda would like to wish the students, parents and staff of SPPS all the very best for a fantastic year ahead.

Each class is required to have a Class Representative again this year. This role involves being a point of contact to relay information between the P&C and the class. Once a Class Rep has been appointed, their details are to be emailed to the P&C at southpadburypc@gmail.com

We do require parent helpers in the canteen on Monday's and Friday's again this year. Each class is responsible to cover one week a term, with the roster available from class teachers. Please remember that we are all volunteers, and it would be lovely to share the load amongst us all. Any questions, please contact Mischa Taylor (0415 073 821).

A reminder to parents that Kiss n Ride is a No Parking zone. This is to be used as a pick-up / drop off area only. If you would like to walk your children to or from class, please park in a designated parking spot in the top carpark (Warburton Ave) or along Farrell Way (at the school oval). Due to safety concerns, the staff carpark is also off limits to parents at all times.

We look forward to another exciting year and hope to encourage more parent and community involvement in our wonderful P&C. The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 March at 7pm in the Staffroom. Chantelle Martin—P&C President