Congratulations to all the children in TA6 for coming in second place at the 2015 IGA Perth Royal Show, in the Pigeon and Poultry Schools Artwork Competition. Their ducks, made out of hundreds of buttons, were fantastic and looked terrific in the Pigeon and Poultry Pavilion. Thousands of people admired their work. Mr Dillon was very impressed with their efforts as were the judges.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Athletics

Our athletics program wrapped up on Friday 23 October at the interschool athletics carnival. On Wednesday 21 October we had the jumps and throws carnival and on Friday we had the running events and team games. It was an amazing 2 days of events and I was privileged to be involved in both. We entered the last phase of the carnival, the team games and relays, well back in the pack and surged home strongly to almost snatch the title for the second year running. We were eventually edged out by Hillarys and finished the carnival in second position.

After the event I spoke with the team and made the point that I’d rather we came 7th and demonstrated good sportsmanship than won and were brats. Fortunately we not only performed well but demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, manners and behaviour throughout the day. As always, I was extremely proud of ALL of our students and feel privileged to be the school’s leader.

I thank and commend all of our students for their participation and all of our parents and supporters who came along to cheer us on throughout the day.

Cross Country

On Monday we hosted the annual interschool cross country event at Macdonald Reserve in Padbury. The day was superbly organised and run by Mrs Williams and our children performed extremely well coming in at third place overall.

Helicopter parents

We hear so much in the press about helicopter parents, and as parents it’s something to be mindful of and not become! I have many difficult conversations with parents throughout the year in this regard, and only raise the issue if I believe it’s in the child’s best interests. If acting in the child’s best interests, I’ll tackle any parent/carer on any issue and this is an issue that is growing exponentially.

Children need to make mistakes, children suffer upset and disappointment – it’s a fact of life and serves a purpose. Children are supposed to fall over, to fight their own small battles – to win some and to lose some. Disappointment is a fact of life and we need to experience some failure and hurt as children, in order to develop and learn techniques to build intrinsic resilience.

Helicopter parents aim to shield their children from all of the above. They fight their children’s battles and protect them from failure, hurt and disappointment. If our children don’t learn to fight their own battles, they’ll be ill equipped to take on the battles of adulthood that lie ahead. In short, helicopter parents are robbing their children of valuable childhood experiences and contributing towards the development of very brittle human beings unable to cope with the rigours of adult life.

Camp

I am presently in Busselton on camp and have left the school in Mr Jones’ capable hands. While I’m away Mrs Tye is the school’s 2IC with Mrs Hill, as always, managing the non-teaching components of the school. I acknowledge the fact that I’m very fortunate to be surrounded by such a competent and skilled leadership team who support me in carrying out my functions as Principal and cover for me while I’m away on weeks like this. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 2 November, and will keep enjoying my special camp time with the Year 6 students.

David Knox
PRINCIPAL

CLASS ASSEMBLY—PP2 Miss Hayes

The next assembly will be held on Friday 13 November and will be conducted by our students in PP2. The assembly will commence at 8:45 am in the undercover area.

Parents of the children are invited to morning tea with Miss Hayes and the Principal in the Staff Room immediately after the assembly.
Our Sun Protection Policy has been adopted to ensure that all staff and children attending South Padbury Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful UV rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year, but with particular emphasis during the months September through to May. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all school activities, including sports carnivals, excursions and camps. The policy has been developed in consultation with the whole school community.

**Behaviour**

The school will encourage students to wear broad-brimmed hats whenever they are outside. Staff are requested and encouraged to wear broad-brimmed hats when outside. Ensure that children without a broad-brimmed hat are directed to play in an area that is protected from the sun. Encourage positive role modelling of sun protective behaviour by all school staff, parents and guests visiting the school. Encourage the daily application of sunscreen before school, and prior to the lunch break or any outdoor activity. Encourage children to use available shade for outdoor activities and play. Students will be encouraged to wear clothing that is sun protective, eg. shirts with collars and longer sleeves, rash vests for swimming etc.

**Curriculum**

Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs into the school curriculum at all year levels. Promote sun protection throughout the year via the school newsletter, assemblies, daily messages, parent and staff meetings and whole school activities. Staff and parents will be provided with educational material on sun protection.

**Environment**

Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff, by planting trees and building shade structures. Timetable as many outdoor activities as possible, including assemblies, sport and physical education before 10 am. When this is not possible activities should be scheduled as far away from 12 noon as is possible i.e. not between 11:30am and 1 pm. Ensure that adequate shade for all children and staff is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.

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**VACSWIM 2015-16**

Enrolment for December/January programs are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. This year there has been a small price increase from $10.00 per enrolment to $12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now $34.50). For further information and online enrolment, visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming).

**Instructors**— Vacswim is also looking for swimming instructors and provides part-time employment opportunities for school staff during the holidays. For further information please telephone 9402 6385.

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**School & P&C Voluntary Contributions**

Reminder to parents that School Voluntary Contributions are $40 per child and P&C Voluntary Contributions are $30 per family.

For ease of payment we have the option of Direct Deposit for Contributions

SOUTH PADBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL - BANKWEST BSB 306-104 ACCOUNT 4187254

PAYMENT REFERENCE—Please state your child’s name and what the payment is for. You can also pay at the office. THANK YOU to all families who have paid their Contributions.
Kookaburra Chronicles

Kallaroo Community Threes

We are now taking enrolments for 2016. If your child is 2 1/2 years – 4 years, we invite them to join a fabulous and fun environment in which they can engage in educational activities that will help them learn, evolve and discover themselves and the world around them.

Our morning sessions run from 9:15 to 11:45am and our afternoon sessions 12:15 to 2:30pm. We are also introducing an extension program for our 3 1/2 years which will operate on a Monday from 9:15am to 2:15pm.

It is an exciting and wonderful journey for the children and you will be amazed how pleased they are with themselves when they show you the things they can do and have learnt.

We aim to inspire and engage your children in an educational program which will encourage, give confidence and allow them to create in a vibrant and colourful space.

At KC3’s we ensure that your child will be safe and secure in the care of our qualified staff. We are guided by the National Quality Framework and Early Years Learning Framework to develop our inspiring programmes for the children in our care.

For further information please visit our website www.kc3s.net.au

Parenting—One Moment at a Time

Do you find yourself frazzled at the end of the day or even exhausted on waking?
Do you sometimes daydream about your single, child free days again?

This two session workshop will assist you to find peace in parenting and help you let go of expectations. Through discussion with other parents and short practical activities you will go away with some user friendly ways to bring yourself calm and awareness, so that you can make conscious choices about the way you parent, break unhelpful habits (often those learnt from our own parents) and find more joy in parenting.

JOONDALUP $27.50 / $18.50 concession
DATE 16th & 23rd November
Time 6.15 – 8.30pm
Venue Sanori House, 126 Grand Boulevard,

Register today Ann 9263 2121 or Email education@anglicarewa.org.au
 entertaintment Books— A huge thank you to everyone who purchased a 2015-2016 book. We have raised $559 to go towards the School's electronic information sign for the front of the school. Enjoy all your discounts throughout the year, Jo Pethrick

Bookclub Orders— Due this Friday, 30 October. Don't miss your chance to grab some bargain books for Christmas presents and stocking fillers!

P&C Lapathon— The P&C would like to extend a huge thank you to our school community for their fantastic support once again for our lapathon. You raised just over $1,500 towards our resurfaced courts.

Book Sale— We are still taking donations of good quality books, jigsaws, CDs and G rated DVDs for our second hand book sale in week 9. Thank you to all the families who have already generously donated. We will also need some volunteers to help out with the sale, if you can help please contact Vanessa on 0428 362 286

Next P&C Meeting— Wednesday 2 December in the staffroom

Sunscreen Fundraiser— Order forms, one per family went home Tuesday 27 October. Please place correct money with your order and put it in the Red P&C letterbox in the front office. Cheques should be made payable to Padbury Pharmacy. Please complete and return your orders by Friday 13 November. Any queries please contact Michelle Overton on 0414 229 893 or jeffovertonbrickcleaning@bigpond.com.

Fun Fact: Did you know rabbits like liquorice and most lipsticks contain fish scales.

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Free parent and carer Cyber Safe, Cyber Smart seminars

The Department for Child Protection and Family Support, Western Australia Police and Edith Cowan University are providing free parent and carer Cyber Safe - Cyber Smart seminars on 16, 17 and 18 November. Information on the seminars is at www.childrenwa.org.au.

Phone Messages For Students

Please make arrangements with your children before school for pickups. It is a good idea to advise your child that if ever they are not collected on time to wait at the front office. Whilst we will endeavour to get messages to students during the day, we cannot always guarantee this, particularly in the afternoon.
Due to Year 5/6 swimming lessons commencing on the 2nd day of term next year, consent forms and payment will be required by the end of year. Please look out for notes which will be coming home soon.

Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons—Commence Tuesday 2 February for 9 days

Years PP-4 Swimming Lessons—Commence Monday 29 February for 9 days

To assist us in planning for 2016 it is important we have accurate enrolment numbers. If your child will not be returning in 2016, please advise the front office directly or by phone on 9307 5833 or email southpadbury.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Our library conducts an annual stocktake, which is completed at the end of the school year. In order for this to be a smooth and efficient process we would greatly appreciate ALL loaned items to be returned to the library NO LATER than Friday 27 November. We thank you for your understanding and assistance in this matter.

A reminder to parents and carers that Monday 9 November will be a Staff Development day for training, as such students do not come to school on that day.