This year we have done many exciting things. Our photos show us enjoying some relaxation techniques, making pirate hats, looking for treasure and preparing for our wonderful assembly. We will finish the year with a movie night including popcorn and games.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

**AITSL 360 degree feedback**
Thank you to all who participated in this exercise. I was humbled to read the overwhelmingly positive feedback on my performance and appreciative of the many kind and generous comments that people made about me. I reiterate, as always, that a leader is only as good as his/her team and I’m blessed to be surrounded by a committed, skilled, hard-working team that bases all decisions around student welfare. My team consists of my students, staff, parents/caregivers and the wider community. As a group we have formed a formidable team and I thank and commend everyone for their unwavering support.

The only concern that I have is that two respondents mentioned that bullying is taking place at school. If there is only one case of bullying, that is one instance too many and I’m determined to stamp it out. The school does have an anti-bullying policy which is published on our web site. Please, if you are aware of any bullying, contact me directly and immediately for me to action as the safety, health and well-being of our students is always my number one priority.

**Communication**
The use of our school app has become an integral component of our overall communication strategy. Unfortunately technical issues have restricted the usefulness of this tool, and we have decided to change service providers. Tiqbiz will now provide us with our app service and will also be taking over the construction and management of our new website. I’m confident that these changes will improve our overall communication between the school, home and community.

**Ipads – Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**
We are forming a planning committee to guide our school community through a process to implement this initiative in 2017. A full year to prepare for this change will see South Padbury PS in a strong position to implement a successful BYOD program for the beginning of the 2017 academic year. Please contact me directly at David.Knox@education.wa.edu.au if you’d like to be on the planning committee which will be chaired by me. Our first meeting will be on Friday 29 January 2016 at 8.30am in the staffroom.
The school will have a BYOD regime in place for the beginning of the 2017 academic year in one way shape or form.

**Manager Corporate Services**
The Department of Education has deemed that the term ‘Registrar’ is now defunct and Elaine Hill is the school’s Manager Corporate Services. Whatever title they give Elaine doesn’t change the fact that she is an outstanding manager and a significant factor in the overall success of our school. Without Elaine supporting me in managing the school’s finances, facilities and non-teaching staff we’d not be in the position we are in at present.

**Board**
The School Board held it’s last meeting last week with an open forum where members of the school’s wider community attended. The Board has functioned well throughout the year and Wednesday’s meeting was a great way to end The Board’s year. I thank Luanne and all of The Board members for their valuable contributions to the school throughout the year. Leaving The Board are Karen McGrath and Melinda Whiteside. I acknowledge and thank both Karen and Melinda for their valuable contributions to The Board.

David Knox

PRINCIPAL
Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at our assembly on 13 November 2015

PP1: Kyron Scanlon  Morgan Evans  
PP2: Oscar Fricker  Lara Gabelich  Callum Arnatt  Poppi Ball  
TA1: George Smith  Rohann Godbeer  Joshua Walsh  Hamish Mackay  
TA2: Mia Dalla Rosa  Jenah Glew  
TA3: Chloe Pollard  Isabella McDermott  
TA4: Zack Wall  Hamish McDonald  
TA6: Callum Rose  Hayley Carr  Chelsea Thomas  
TA7: Mollie Sharman  
TA8: Austin Crofts  Ben James  Cody Tayler-Klymovich  
TA10: Lucy Maynes  Bayley Ponton  Eliza Rodgers  
TA11: Aleigha Wells  Kai Wilson  Austin Leggo  
Indonesian  Toby Samiotis

PRESENTED BY DOLLY BHARGAVA
Have you been told that your child needs an Individual Education Plan or a Documented Plan?
Are you wondering what you can do to ensure your child enjoys school and gets the best educational outcomes?
A Documented Plan that is developed through family-school partnership has a number of benefits for your child. Research shows the benefits include greater participation by your child in educational activities, more positive attitudes towards school and learning, more regular school attendance, higher achievement and test scores, better behaviour and increased social skills.
In this workshop you will receive the ‘Parent’s Guide to Documented Plans used in Education’ which provides you with an overview of this partnership process. With this understanding you will be able to navigate the Documented Plans development process with your child’s school as an empowered partner. Information on your rights and responsibilities, your child’s rights, and the school’s responsibilities to meet the needs of your child are also discussed.

Conference Rm, Statewide Services
33 Giles Street PADBURY
Friday 4 December  9:30am—2:30pm
FREE Registration includes morning tea & light lunch
Information: mary.butterworth@ddc.org.au or 9420 7230 (Exc Wed)
Presenter is a Disability Specialist Speech Pathologist

P&C Second Hand Book Sale
Our annual Second Hand Book Sale will be held in week 9 in the undercover area.
Monday 7 & Tuesday 8 December. Come and grab a bargain, all items will be $1.00
We appreciate your support, funds raised go to supporting our children and school via our P&C. Donations of good quality books, puzzles, G rated DVDs and CDs are very welcome.
Swimming Notes 2016

Swimming notes went home Tuesday 24 November to TA7/8/11 Year 4/5 classes.

Please note consent forms and payment must be returned by recess Friday 11 December. Please lodge them in the silver letterbox in the front office in an envelope with your child’s name and TA number.

Student Supervision Before School

Please be aware no students should be on school grounds before 8.00am. Students who arrive after 8.00am need to proceed to the oval area where they will be supervised until the first siren sounds at 8.30am.

P&C News

P&C Meeting - Our last P&C meeting for the year will be held in the staffroom, next Wednesday evening, 2 December at 7.00pm

Scholastic Book Club - Orders due Friday 27 November

First we had Move-it Mondays, and Walking Wednesdays and now ...Feet First Fridays. The Travelsmarties have come up with another name to encourage students to talk with their families about walking or riding, all or part of the way to school.

DISCO - The P&C disco was a great success and ran very smoothly, we really appreciate all the children being collected on time making our job easier. A very big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, especially those that stayed for both discos to help and cleaning up at the end! Teachers, thank you for coming along to join in the fun!

This disco raised $942.55.

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Fun Fact: Did you know a duck can't walk without bobbing its head and a crocodile can't move its tongue.