Kindy A—Playing with Learning

In Kindy we are constantly learning and exploring our world through play and hands on learning experiences. All of our activities are layered with learning objectives from learning to share and cooperate with our friends to recognising, ordering and making numbers. Here are a few of the things we have been doing in Kindy so far this year...

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning., but for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.” – Fred Rogers

Sensory spaghetti. For this task Amelia searched through the coloured spaghetti looking for hidden numbers. She then identified them and tried to put them in order from 1-9. There were also some little beads hiding in the tray, the students all loved trying to thread them onto the spaghetti!

Using our mini claws Billy and Eliza read their number and then placed the correct number of Pom Pom apples onto the tree.

Katherine was able to find and order all of the letters in her name. Knowing the order of the letters is an important step before writing our name.

This term we have been focusing on families. Freddy, Sam and Sarah loved washing the clothes and baby at kindy. Squeezing the water out of the clothes was hard work for our hands, but it will help strengthen them for holding a pencil.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Swimming

Tomorrow marks the end of our school swimming season. The season consisted of 2 weeks beach swimming at Sorrento Beach for Years 5 & 6, a swimming trial and carnival for Years 4, 5 & 6 and swimming lessons in the Craigie Pool for Years Pre-Primary to Year 4. I was in the fortunate position of attending every lesson, every session every day with every year group. The program for me is the most stressful yet enjoyable component of my job. Taking well over 300 children on this learning journey is a daunting task with unparalleled levels of responsibility for the staff involved. I thank and commend all of the school’s staff for taking on this responsibility with such diligence and care in ensuring the safety, health and well-being of all of our students at all times.

Dogs on School Premises

Dogs are not allowed on the school site under any circumstances. Please ensure that you don’t breach this firm and fast rule and remind anyone who does, to remove their dog at once. Managing a school site is all about managing risk, and having dogs on-site is a risk that we don’t need to manage. No one who brings their dogs near children actually thinks that their dog is capable of biting a child, yet children are bitten by dogs every day. Hence, the response “My dog is friendly” won’t cut it here, as it’s a risk we are not prepared to take.

Nut Aware School

We are a nut aware school and ask all parents/carers to NOT pack nuts or nut based products for morning tea or lunch. The school has many children with nut allergies that if exposed, could prove fatal. The staff at South Padbury are aware of the students with allergies and trained in the actions to take, should a student suffer Anaphylaxis. We fall short of calling this a ‘Nut Free School’ as we can never be 100% sure of this and it can lead to complacency.

Ride to School Day

It was great last Friday to see so many children riding to school. Riding is such a healthy and enjoyable activity and I love sharing my enthusiasm for riding with the children. I thank Harrison Adams for organising this day and I look forward to ‘Bike Ed’ for Years 1 to 6 over the next 3 weeks. As a rider, I understand that falling off is a matter of when rather than if. In this I urge parents to ensure that their children are wearing a safety bike helmet at all times as it may be a matter of life and death in the event of an accident.

School Board

A Board meeting was held on Wednesday March 9. The 2016 board consists of Ms Luanne Bernhardt-Chair, Ms Chantelle Martin, Ms Michelle Overton, Mr Jason How, Mr Andrew Beer, Ms Harrison Adams, Mr David Knox, Mr Verne Jones – Executive Officer, Ms Susanne Gilchrist, Mr Shane Dillon and Ms Rulan Whitefoot. The minutes from the meeting can be located on the school’s website, app and are available from the front office upon request.

David Knox

PRINCIPAL

CLASS ASSEMBLY— TA11/Yr4

The next assembly will be held on Friday 18 March and will be conducted by our students in TA11 The assembly will commence at 8:45 am in the undercover area.

Parents of the children are invited to morning tea with Mr Godfrey and the Principal in the Staff Room immediately after the assembly.
We are very pleased to announce and welcome our 2016 Student Councillors. Over the coming editions of the school newsletter, each Councillor will introduce themselves to our community.

Hello my name is Zachary Griffiths and I’m the Head Boy for 2016. My hobbies are playing sport, especially basketball and I also love to draw. My favourite colour is purple and I also can’t begin to say how much I like this school. There are heaps of things like all of the amazing teachers and students and much more. I love being with animals and have one dog and foster so many unloved animals. My favourite animal is a meerkat and a tiger. I love the movie ‘The White House Down’ and I also really like the TV series of NCIS LA. I have one brother whose name is Mitchell who non-stops loves all sports but is also very caring. My mum is one of the BEST mums I could have and her name is Carla. I also have an awesome dad named Steve, they are both from New Zealand.

Hi, I’m Mollie Sharman and I’m honoured to be Head Girl for 2016. I’m 11 years old and enjoy dancing, reading, drawing, spending time with family and friends, singing and listening to music. I have a great sense of humour and love laughing with my friends! My favourite foods are Mum’s sweet potato nachos and Dad’s soft taco roll-ups. When I finish school I hope to become an author and an artist. I look forward to working with you all to make 2016 at South Padbury the best of all.
Student Update Forms

Thank you to all for the wonderful response to our student update forms. It is vital that we have current information for our students, in particular contact details. It is not too late to return your form, please sign the back whether any changes have been made or not. If you have misplaced your form, we are happy to provide a replacement, please contact the office.

School and P&C contributions

Many thanks to all those who have paid their school voluntary contributions. This is greatly appreciated.

School Voluntary Contributions are $40 per child and P&C Voluntary Contributions are $30 per family.

Payments may be made at the front office by cash or cheque, sorry we do not have Eftpos available.

Alternatively payments can be made by Direct Deposit - South Padbury Primary School Bankwest BSB 306-104 Account 4187254. Please reference your child’s surname and state what you are paying for e.g vol contributions.

Readathon 14-20 March

Encourage reading for fun and raise money for our school library.

This year we are aiming to raise enough for a colourful reading tent and cushions to decorate the library. Collect your sponsors and read for at least 10 minutes per day for the whole week to enter a class raffle draw. Awesome book prizes to win.

Scholastic Bookclub—Issue 2

Scholastic bookclub orders due next Friday 18 March.

Unfortunately books will not arrive before Easter.

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www.southpadburyprimaryschool.wa.edu.au
Police Communications: 131 444
Education Security: 9264 4771 or 9264 4632

Dates to put in your diary....

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NOTES HOME AND PDF ON WEBSITE
* Bike Ed Year1-6  * Readathon
The P&C held our monthly meeting in the staffroom last night and it was wonderful to have so many people in attendance.

We would like to warmly welcome our Treasurer for 2016, Nicki Bannister, who very kindly nominated herself for the position.

This year, the majority of our fundraising efforts will be going towards purchasing an electronic noticeboard for the front of our school. The noticeboard costs $15,000 and will be a valuable communication tool for our school and the wider community.

Our Readathon is due to be held next week (14th - 20th March). All proceeds will go towards buying resources for our school library.

We will be holding a 5c drive in the first 2 weeks of Term 2. We'd like to ask you to collect all your 5c pieces and bring them in to school. Each class will collect as many 5c pieces as possible, with prizes up for grabs. The money raised will go towards the new noticeboard. Details to follow.

Our Mother's Day Stall will be held on the 4th May. There will be a fabulous selection of gifts for the children to buy for only $5 each. Forms will be sent out towards the end of Term.

Edu Dance is returning to South Padbury Primary in Term 2! This was run a couple of years ago and was a fantastic program, thoroughly enjoyed by the children. The P&C have very kindly agreed to contribute $3,500 to the cost of the program, thereby reducing the cost by $10 per student.

We have had a fantastic response to our request for canteen helpers already this term. Thank you to the following volunteers:

Natalie Batt (TA10)
Nadia Maxted, Luanne Bernhardt, Mel Frost and Kirstie Blyth (TA9)
Ciara Hamilton and Rochelle Rhodes (TA8)

We appreciate you giving up your time on Mondays and Fridays to help us distribute lunch orders and sell ice creams. The kids love seeing their mummies in the canteen!

We'd like to remind all parents that we are a nut aware school. A number of our class mates have a very serious allergy to nuts and just the smallest trace could be life threatening. Please consider keeping nut based products away from school and help keep our little friends safe.

We also have a very exciting new development coming, so watch this space!

The P&C hope that you all have a very happy and safe Easter break. If you are travelling on our roads over this period, please be careful and return to school safely and refreshed.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th May at 7pm in the staffroom. Everybody is welcome!

Thank you

Chantelle Martin—P&C President
## Term 1 Planner

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