

Kookaburra Chronicles

Growing Peas in PP2

As part of our Science program we have been learning about living and non-living things. We also looked into what living things need to survive so we decided to plant seeds and learn about what is required to make them grow.



After a week our seeds started to sprout.



Ryan watering his plant.



We have learnt that plants need good soil for food, water, sun and air to survive.



Eva, Mia, Charlie, Ry and Ocea holding their plants.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

ANZAC Day

I thank and commend Mrs Williams, Mr Jones and all of our students on what was an exemplary ANZAC Day service. The choir's singing was exceptional as was Mr Jeff Edwick's annual ANZAC Day speech. It was a wonderful way to end a highly successful term.



Term 2 preview

We're in for another busy term. However, it's always important for us to temper our enthusiasm for peripheral activities and remain wholly focused on our core business which is the provision of quality curriculum in Literacy and Numeracy in a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment.

Reading

This term I'm working with a small group of students implementing a Reading Recovery Program (RRP). The program will be a blend of Whole Language and Direct Instruction. I'm a believer in a varied pedagogical approach to teaching and in varying approaches according to student's needs and preferences. All RRP's need to be short, sharp and intensive interventions and in this will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.15 to 10.45. After one term we'll analyse the program and each student's reintegration back into the class reading program will be considered.

Edu-Dance

The Edu-Dance program is a component of the school's Physical Education program and as such, does not take away any time from the school's literacy and numeracy programs. It is a quality Human Movement program which is run biannually here and funded 50% by the School P&C and 50% by parents. The program culminates with a full concert on Tuesday 28 June 2016 starting at 2.10pm.

Staffing

We've a few minor changes to our staffing line-up this term. They are:

1. Mrs Smith has been employed to work in TA4 four days a week supporting Mrs Tye.
2. Mrs Wreglesworth will work in TA4 on Wednesday morning supporting Mrs Tye.
3. Mrs Vowles will move into Kindergarten supporting Mrs Gray and Mrs McCubbin.
4. Ms Rafty will teach in TA7 each Thursday with Mr Barnett taking Long Service Leave.

I know that the above changes will be successful in seeing us continuously improving our teaching and support structures.

Bike Education

Mrs Williams will once again teach Bike Education on the following dates; Monday 16 May, Tuesday 17 May, Monday 23 May, Tuesday 24 May, Monday 30 May and Tuesday 31 May.

Student Leadership

Mr Jones has taken a very pro-active role in providing our student leaders with real, authentic leadership roles that make a positive difference to our school. Our Councillors and Sports Captains all have clearly defined and valuable roles that they carry out at school on a daily basis and I look forward to their continued leadership growth throughout the year.

David Knox

PRINCIPAL



Save the Date

Don't forget there will be a concert, Tuesday 28 June at 2:10pm in the undercover area, showcasing the talents of our students in Edu-Dance.

NOTES HOME AND OR PDF WEBSITE

- * **Indigenous Performance Incursion**
- * **Sporting Kids**
- * **School Parking**
- * **Young Carer Photography Competition**

Money collection

For school events like incursions and excursions, payments need to go to your child's classroom teacher to be processed on money days which are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Events that the P&C are running like mothers/fathers day stall, bookclub or pizza days, please place your payment and form in an envelope marked with your child's name, TA and event and place it in the red letterbox in the front office. The exception to this being the Disco which is paid to the parent volunteers organising it so they can issue passes.

School and P&C Contributions

A huge thank you to all our families who have paid school and P&C Contributions which go towards enhancing your children's education. Statements will be sent home with each child today.

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, 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.

Messages to Students

Please take a moment to have a conversation with your child in the event that you may be held up in traffic or unable to collect them from school on time, so they are not distressed and have an alternate plan. They could either wait at the classroom and advise their teacher they have not been collected or come to the office. Whilst we always endeavour to pass on messages for students, we cannot always guarantee this, particularly in the afternoon.

School APP

Please be aware that when selecting alerts on our school APP, you need to select your child's TA, Indonesian, Physical Education, Music, P & C and the whole school, in order to receive alerts both relevant to your child and the broader school.

Student Council

Sometimes students forget to put the sports equipment away and leave it out. If anything is left out overnight or over the weekends, the equipment could get stolen or even balls popped by local dogs! So please show your responsibility and care for our equipment and make sure it goes away safely every day, otherwise our school has to spend extra money on equipment we already have. There's a lot of room in the sports shed to fit everything in it, or it may even go in your classroom for the day with your teacher's permission.

So remember, if you take sports equipment out please return it safely, or if you see equipment left out, pick it up and put it away. Thank you.

Zachary Griffiths – Head Boy



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Dates to put in your diary....

Tuesday 10 May	NAPLAN Testing Yr3/5 (Tu/W/Th)
Monday 16 May	Bike Ed (M/T - Week 4/5/6)
Tuesday 17 May	Aboriginal Incursion
Wednesday 18 May	School Board Meeting
Wednesday 18 May	Pizza Day—Yr6 fundraiser
Friday 20 May	Walk Safely to School Day

P&C News

We hope all our families had a wonderful break and are nice and refreshed for Term 2.

Our **5c fundraiser** is in full swing and we are amazed by the number of 5c pieces already collected! The fundraiser ends this Friday 6 May, so please remember to get all your 5c donations in by then.

All Class Reps have been sent a copy of the **Canteen Helper roster** for this Term. The response from each TA is fantastic and we appreciate the effort from all our helpers. We hope you enjoy your time in the canteen as much as the kids enjoy seeing you there!

The **P&C Facebook group** is growing! It is wonderful to see so many members already in the group, with new members joining every day. If you are not already a member, you can find us at '**South Padbury Primary School P&C**' and keep up to date with what is happening in the P&C.

Our **new faction shirts** have started to arrive. Boronia and Acacia are available for sale in the uniform shop. Tuart and Banksia won't be too far away! They look fantastic and it will be wonderful to see the whole school wearing their faction shirts on Fridays once all the shirts are in.

Save the Date!!! Our first disco for the year will be held on Friday 27 May.

The venue remains unchanged at Padbury Hall on Caley Rd, Padbury.

Junior disco (Kindy - Yr2) 4:30pm - 6pm

Senior disco (Yr3 - Yr6) 6:30pm - 8pm

Dinner provided.

Glowsticks will be on sale on the night for 20c each!!

We need helpers for both Junior and Senior discos. If you are interested please contact Michelle

Overton via email: jeffovertonbrickcleaning@bigpond.com

Notes will be sent home within the next couple of weeks.

Scholastic Bookclub - Last day for orders Issue 3 - Friday 13 May

Entertainment Book

Please continue to enjoy your current book up to 1 June. The 2016-17 Books are here and you can start using it straight away!!! Digital Book orders are now activated too. There are order forms at the front office if you want to pay cash or if you're not comfortable doing an online order. Otherwise click on the link to purchase your book/digital book.

The 2016-2017 Book also has over 30 discounts for Bali included in the book/app. Click on the link to buy online.

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