

# Kookaburra Chronicles

## TA11 Hits the Ground Running

2018 has kicked off to an amazing start in TA11. We started the year off with beach swimming lessons at Sorrento. What fantastic fun learning how to swim in the surf and to understand beach conditions so we can stay safe while enjoying the beach.

We have been working really hard to learn our text map words and actions in the Talk 4 Writing program. We have also been doing lots of fun activities to improve our writing skills.

We also jumped straight into our Maths program and we've been participating in fun activities to help us understand the key Maths concepts.

Wearing red to support Heartkids was a great opportunity to think about and discuss the struggles that some other children go through. It helped make us realise how lucky we are to be happy and healthy.

In TA11 we've all "hit the ground running".





Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Protective Behaviours:** As you are no doubt aware, Protective Behaviours is a huge priority here at South Padbury PS. This focus is based on the premise that it's no use producing scholars who do not possess the real life tools required to look after themselves in what is a dangerous world. Last Wednesday 14 February 2018, Mrs Gilchrist and Miss Bird hosted a talk at school on this subject by Protective Behaviours WA. I've received very positive feedback on the session and commend everyone on their attendance. Listed below are 10 Tips to Help Keep Kids Safe from Abuse from My Kids Time:

**1. Body Part Language:** From an early age ensure children know the correct language for body parts. You can continue to call them a nickname but if you are uncomfortable with the words penis, vagina, breasts, etc, so too will your child be. If anyone does subsequently touch your child or speak to them inappropriately, it will be more difficult for them to speak about it. **2. Talk about Feelings:** Talk to children, even as young as three, about feelings. What feels good, hugging, kissing, tickling. Encourage them to own these feelings, so that if they do not wish to be hugged, kissed or tickled, that is okay. No one should be allowed to do anything to them they do not wish or feel like, even parents, grandparents other family and friends. **3. Speak about Private Parts of Body:** Speak to your children about what parts of their body are private. Who should be able to see their private parts. Make sure you help them to understand that because parts are private does not mean they should be embarrassed or ashamed by those parts. Try to speak of their private parts in a normal voice, not dropping your tone or whispering! **4. Explain Secret Types:** Children need to understand the difference between a good and bad secret. If they are told by a person they trust "Do not tell," the chances are they will not. It is better to have a general rule that you do not tell your child a secret. Speak to them about having a secret and whether they think it would be a good or bad one. Use examples, birthday present, breaking something, witnessing bullying etc. What do they think is a bad secret? Could they tell you? How would they tell you? What could they do if you did not really listen to them? What if someone threatened them if they told or called them a snitch? **5. Stranger Danger:** Speak to your children about "stranger danger". But be mindful of the fact that this relates to the internet also. A stranger is anyone they have not met. Here are tips for parents on teaching "Stranger Danger" to kids. Revisit this chat when your child gets older and begins to use the computer or has internet on their phone. **6. Revisit Past Chats as Your Child Grows:** As your child gets older revisit past chats. Remind them that they own their own body. Speak with them about the possibility of pressure being put on them to do things they may not be comfortable with. This pressure may be from a boy or girlfriend, or by others in a group. Talk about the danger of drinking, and the link between intoxication and becoming less inhibited. **7. Who Your Child Spends Time With:** Be very mindful of who your child is spending time with. Older children are likely to be abused by other older children who are still under the age of 18. It is not only adults who abuse. **8. Explain How They Can Get Your Attention:** Have a plan in place for if ever they need to get your attention to talk with you. We all get busy and finding time to really listen gets harder and harder as our children grow up. Maybe it is a note on your pillow. Perhaps it is a key sentence agreed years before, "Mum I need to tell you something, please listen to me". **9. You Must Listen:** If your child tells you something you must listen. Maybe you find it hard to believe, or you feel your child is a drama queen. You still must listen and properly investigate whatever you were told before you decide to believe it or not. **10. Try to Stay Calm:** If your child discloses abuse try to stay calm. If they are talking about abuse happening to another child, listen and seek advice from the appropriate child protection agencies. If your child is telling you it has happened to them, sit and listen quietly. This is a huge moment for your child. It will change your lives forever, but at last your child will not be carrying their secret alone. Again go to the appropriate agencies but do not rush. Your child needs you to be there for them. Listen and in time you may get full disclosure, because what they tell you initially may only be the tip of the iceberg.

From our end we'll keep reinforcing the protective behaviours message throughout the year and if you do the same at home, we'll go a long way towards capacity building our children with the skills required to protect themselves.

David Knox  
PRINCIPAL

## CLASS ASSEMBLY— TA7/YR3

The next assembly will be held on Friday 29 March and will be conducted by our TA7 students. The assembly will commence at 8:45 am in the undercover area.

Parents of the children are invited to morning tea with Mr Barnett and the Principal in the Staff Room immediately after the assembly.

## Student Update Forms

Student Update Forms were sent home via students Tuesday 20 February, you should receive a copy for each child. Please check all information and particularly medical and emergency details, sign the back and return it to the front office, regardless of whether any changes were made or not. If 'Not up to Date' is indicated next to Immunisation on the second page this means our records do not show a completed immunisation record. Copies of your child's ACIR records can be downloaded via your MyGov account and brought in with your update forms.

Thank you to all the families that have already returned their forms, the response has been fantastic.

## Student Councillors



My name is Haley Carr and I am one of your student councillors for 2018. I've been here for 6 years and this is my 7<sup>th</sup> year. Some of my favourite things to do at South Padbury are Netball, Art, Maths and helping out in the 1's and 2's junior playground. Each day, I see students striving to meet our school code: Friendship and Pursuit of Knowledge. This year, my ambitions for 2018 are to help the student body and make everyone feel a part, and loved at South Padbury Primary School

Hello. My name is Nathan Chester and I am one of your student councillors for 2018. A while ago I did a speech that went brilliantly. I was elected student councillor. The following is an extract from my speech.

"I am kind at heart, I am a good listener"

I look forward to representing South Padbury Primary School this year!



## Year 6 Camp Payments

The Year 6 camp has been booked for Week 3 of Term 4. The final cost is still to be calculated, however, you may begin payments via our QKR by Mastercard App or by Direct Deposit. **Please do not pay more than \$400 until confirmation of the total cost is confirmed.**



If you choose to pay by Direct Deposit, you could set up a payment scheme - scheduling amounts and a plan up to \$400 that suits you via your Netbank.

The school account - Bankwest  
BSB 306-104 Account 4187254 .

Please reference your child's Surname and Camp. For Direct Deposit payments. Thank you.

## D.S.H.S. Parent Tours

Duncraig Senior High School conduct tours throughout the year for interested prospective parents. Please find the dates below to mark in your diary for 2018.

If you would like to attend a tour, there is no need for parents to book, just meet at Administration 5 min beforehand.

Term 1 Wednesday 21 March at 5.30pm

Term 2 Tuesday 8 May at 8.50am

Tuesday 5 June at 8.50am

Term 3 Tuesday 24 July at 8.50am

Tuesday 28 August at 8.50am

Term 4 Tuesday 23 October at 8.50am

Wednesday 5 December at 5.30pm



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Police Communications: 131 444

Education Security: 9264 4771 or 9264 4632

## Dates to put in your diary...

Friday 23 February	Student Council and Faction Captain Assembly
Friday 23 February	Swim Trials Y4-6 10:30-2:30
<b>Monday 5 March</b>	<b>Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 7 March	Swim carnival Y4-6 9:30am-2:30pm
Thursday 8 March	Newsletter
Friday 9 March	TA7/YR3 Assembly

## NOTES HOME

### AND OR SENT VIA FLEXIBUZZ

- \* Pyjama Drama
- \* Scholastic Bookclub
- \* Vincent's Martial Arts
- \* Student Update Form

Keyed Up Music will be teaching Guitar Lessons on Thursday after school as well as Keyboard Lessons on Wednesday after school. Lessons start from \$17.50 for a group lesson. If you are interested please ring Therese on 1300 366 243 or enrol at [www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form](http://www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form)



## P&C News

The P&C held it's AGM last night. We were delighted to welcome a number of new P&C members, as well as welcome back some returning P&C members. The new Office Bearers for 2018 are:

President: Chantelle Martin

Vice President: Tia Tutti

Treasurer: Sharon Lake

Secretary: Sarah Berry

Executive Committee: Nic Errington, Ciara Hamilton, Sally Satriani

Uniform Shop Coordinator: Darcie Fricker

Uniform Shop Committee: Sam Granland, Annette O'Regan, Erin Laurance

Canteen Coordinator: Sally Satriani

Canteen Committee: Liv Levinson

Book Club Coordinator: Kelly Fasala

Walk to School Wednesday: Tia Tutti

Mothers/Fathers Day Stall: Chantelle Martin, Ciara Hamilton, Liv Levinson, Sally Satriani, Tamara Kendall, Amanda Burgess

The P&C will be funding all of the school incursions again this year, as well as making a contribution towards the cost of Edudance. This will ensure that no child misses out on these fun and valuable programs and will keep costs to parents at a minimum.

Thank you to all the parents who have already paid their P&C Contributions this year. Payment of these contributions will help the P&C minimise fundraising activities while still fulfilling our commitment to fund our incursions.

We look forward to another successful year supporting our wonderful school and are always encouraging new members to join us. The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 March at 7pm in the Staff room.