



**SOUTH PADBURY
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Pursuit of Knowledge and Friendship

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Kookaburra Chronicles

The Very Industrious Students of TA10 & TA11



It has been a busy year for the Year 6 students in TA10 and TA11. We have not only been learning heaps in class but also helping out around the school every Friday. We all have jobs that we are responsible for: Worm Farmers, Recyclers, Sport Set up and Maintenance, School Leadership Group and Mrs Knox's Band of Merry Helpers/Odd job specialists. We are excited to see what lies ahead for the rest of our final year at primary school.



Dear parents and caregivers,

My Departure

I know I sound pedantic about me leaving quietly and with no fuss or present, however there are reasons. Firstly; I truly believe that my contribution to the school has been highly exaggerated and this will become apparent after my departure. I've had no more impact on this school than anyone else and would find any suggestion otherwise awkward in that I know it's untruthful. Secondly; I need to be mindful of the person who follows me. Making a big deal of my departure would make it sound/feel like a negative move and whoever takes my place would have to push through this negativity. I want my replacement to start on a positive footing, not a negative one. I'm looking forward to spending the majority of the last weeks of term in classrooms providing teachers with written feedback in regards to their effectiveness in addressing the complex and diverse needs of all of our students. I'll continue to work hard and commit fully to South Padbury right up until 3.00pm July 3 2020.



My departure will bring an end to boot camp and before school duty. These are my initiatives and the new principal may not be in the position to manage them or believe they are appropriate or worthwhile. I'll leave it up to the new principal to let you know of the new arrangements before the start of Term 3 on Monday 20 July 2020.

I know that the school community will embrace and support the new principal in the way that you have me and is the luckiest principal there is to lead this wonderful community. The process to find my replacement is being chosen at the moment and as soon as I know who the person is I'll let you know immediately via the app and Facebook.

Boys

How boys play with each other in a healthy and developmentally appropriate way is a message that I've been trying to get through to parents/caregivers for the last eight years, and I don't feel that my message has really gotten through as effectively as I'd hoped. I often feel that our society wants our little boys to play like little girls. I really do worry for this generation of boys as I feel that we, as a society, are stifling their innate need to wrestle, rough house, explore and just be boys. The urge to wrestle and play fight is just so strong and natural and yet every time we see it we stop it as if it's a crime. Sure, sometimes someone gets hurt, but that's a great way to learn boundaries and who or who not to wrestle with. So often I watch little fellas having a wrestle and then have the story of the play go home twisted and distorted, with the word bullying used. I know it's correct to be politically correct and god knows I've tried, but I do urge you to remember that we want to bring them up emotionally tough, resilient and independent and by not allowing them to experience the tough knocks of life that we're robbing them of the opportunity to learn and grow into resilient young men.

Before School Protocols

It's great to see our before school protocols working so well. Classes certainly begin in a calmer and with little fuss in a parent free environment. Parents are more than welcome to come in for a visit after school, when the pressure is off. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and respectful way in which you've managed this change. I love how involved our community is and would never want to change/stifle this, and hope that the new arrangements are meeting everyone's needs.

Cross Country

This year's interschool cross country carnival has been cancelled. However, we're still running the school cross country carnival as we can operate within the parameters of the current COVID-19 restrictions. This year the course will be run within the school's boundaries. This will ensure that the event is free of dogs and their mess. It will take place on Thursday 25 June with a start time of 9.15 am sharp. I'll forward a schedule once it's complete to give everyone an idea when each year group will be running. Parents/caregivers are welcome as there'll be enough space for you to maintain the appropriate social distance. A reminder that bootcamp is up and running from 7.30am to 8.00am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

David Knox

PRINCIPAL

Kindy Applications for 2021

Kindergarten applications for 2021 will close Friday 24 July. If you are yet to submit your application, or if you know of someone in the community who would like to enrol their child in kindergarten for 2021, please let them know. We require your child's birth certificate, AIR Immunisation record, which is obtainable through your My Gov account and proof of address, such as an amenities account. Passport and Visa details are required if the child or both parents were born overseas. You may now submit your applications at the office. For any further information please contact us by email southpadbury.ps@education.wa.edu.au or phone 9307 5833. You can download an application via our website www.southpadburyprimaryschool.wa.edu.au

Year 6 Camp

Whilst we are still awaiting advice on whether our Year 6 camp will be permitted to proceed, it is currently booked for week 3 of Term 4, 26 to 30 October. If camp does go ahead the cost is calculated between \$500- \$600 per student pending final calculations. Whilst we are unable to take payments until such time we encourage parents & carers to consider this cost in their budgeting.



Mrs Pollard's Outdoor Drumming Lesson

Mr Knox had the pleasure of sitting in on one of Mrs Pollard's drumming lessons with TA13 which was the highlight of his day.



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NOTES HOME OR SENT VIA FLEXIBUZZ

* Edu-Dance Notes

Dates to put in your diary....

Monday 22 June	Constable Care Inc. PP-YR6
Thursday 25 June	X country YR3-6
Tuesday 30 June	P&C Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
Friday 3 July	Semester1 Reports home via students
Friday 3 July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 20 July	Term 2 Commences

P&C Report

P&C CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EDUDANCE & PP - YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS—As some of our S.P.P.S. Families may currently be experiencing financial hardship, I am pleased to announce on behalf of our P&C, we are in a position to contribute towards our EduDance & PP - Year 4 Swimming Lessons this year, as follows:

\$16 per child to EduDance, parents to pay the remaining balance.

\$10 per child to PP - Year 4 Swimming Lessons, parents to pay the remaining balance.

This is additional to our ongoing commitment of paying for all incursions in 2020 and has only been achieved by our successful past fundraising efforts. We thank you for your continued support and for us being able to provide this contribution for our families.

TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER -To commemorate South Padbury Primary School's 30th Anniversary this year and as part of our ongoing fundraising efforts, the P&C will be doing a Tea Towel Fundraiser. This Term, all children will complete a drawing of themselves in Class, which will then be printed on to tea towels by 'Expressions – the Tea Towel Company'. There will be two designs available, one for lower and one for upper school, with a choice of two colour options, Skye Blue & Black, for each design.

The price of each Tea Towel is \$15.00 each. Full details on how to place your order, can be found on the Order Form, which will be coming home next week.

CANTEEN NEWS- Our Canteen has now re-opened for lunch orders and icy pole sales, Monday & Friday. We once again need parental volunteers to help with the Canteen Roster. Kristel Wilson, our Canteen Co-Ordinator, will email our Class Reps with their rostered on days. Thank you to all our volunteers, who have already helped out in our Canteen.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS- Our Uniform Shop has now re-opened for walk up sales, Thursday mornings from 8:20 – 9:00am, located in our Canteen. We except cash and Eftpos. We also have online uniform sales via our Qkr Store, so you can purchase at your convenience. All orders placed before midnight on Tuesday, are processed Thursday, by Hollie Cates, our Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator, of the same week. Orders are then distributed to children by their Class Teacher. Look out for our updated Price List on South Padbury Primary School's website and on FlexiBuzz.

OUR NEXT P&C MEETING - Our next P&C Meeting will be on Tuesday 30 June at 7pm, located in the Staff Room. Everyone from the school community is welcome to attend. By paying \$1 to become a Financial Member you will have voting rights, so you can have your say on what you'd like to see happen with your P&C.

P&C ENQUIRES - Please direct all P&C enquiries to southpadburypc@gmail.com & we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible with a response.
Leona Liddelow - P&C President.