



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

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Kookaburra Chronicles

Aussie Backyard bird Count

As part of our Biological Sciences program in Term 4, the students of Year 5, TA 13 took part in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count. On three separate days during Bird Count Week, we observed, recorded and submitted to Birdlife Australia, the numbers of a variety of bird species common to our school and the SPPS bushland including; Ring Necked Parrots, Kookaburras, Pink and Grey Galahs and even a Nankeen Kestrel. Our most common sightings were Red Wattlebirds, Rainbow Lorikeets and Australian Magpies. We also invited our Pre-Primary 2 buddies to join us to learn how to observe and identify the different bird species and tally and record their numbers.



Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through Term 4! Many of those end of year activities and 'must do' jobs will now start to creep up on us quickly, as we all become busier. With that in mind, please always read and then save, print out or bookmark the communication that is sent via Connect or from the class teacher, so you don't miss a thing.



There have been many recent occasions where I have been impressed with the maturity and resilience of the students at South Padbury PS. The inter-school athletics carnival, the Year 4 green machine incursion, Year 6 camp and the annual South Padbury's Got Talent, to name just a few. At each of these events I have been pleased to notice a healthy level of competition, risk taking and support for others, being shown by our students, not to mention much smiling and enthusiasm. Congratulations to our students for visibly demonstrating the school motto of knowledge and friendship on a regular basis.

Also congratulations to our hard working P and C, and all the parent volunteers, who helped organise and supervise a fun Halloween disco for the students last Friday night. This really is a school with a great community vibe that is reflected in the generosity of many that support the school, its students and community members. With Christmas fast approaching that generosity will be well placed, particularly when the Student Councillors ask for your help with their food donation drive for The Spiers Centre, which provides assistance to local families in need.

Finally, with the silly season fast approaching, it is always worthwhile talking with your children about giving back. Research tells us that there is significant benefit to our mental health and wellbeing when we help others. This could be as simple as donating to a Christmas Appeal, helping a charity, doing odd jobs for others, donating loose change or pocket money, or helping out around the house. The school is interested in what families are doing at this time of year to give back, so please let us know via email with a short paragraph written by your child and a picture if possible, so we can promote and publish the great giving spirit of our school.

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Happy Parenting!
Cass Disisto
Principal

Student Artwork



The Year 6 students amazing artwork has ben on display in Mrs Disisto's office, to brighten up her days.



Thanks to Megan, Tegan, Maddie, Poppy, Maggie, Eva and Jack



Merit Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at on Friday 6 November

PP1: Jai Brewster
Charlie Wilson

PP2: Rere Towler
Nina Towler
Kiri Towler

TA1: James Cates
Jack Clucas
Emma Sharp

TA2: Miller Corporaal
Arlo Miles
Jimmy Evitt
Alice Eade

TA3: Ffion Judd
Olivia Daclan
Cohen Edwards

TA4: Aerin Murphy
Adam McLay

TA6: Mason Conte
Noah Mesarek
Hayden James
Kyrah Godbeer

TA7: Kaiser Kretzmann
Tommy Cates

TA8: Charlie Duckworth
Charlie Monk
Harlee Groves

TA9: Noa Groves
Ava Bromley

TA12: Chloe Springer
Tayah Granland

TA13: Oscar Fricker
Arleena O'Regan
Scarlett Rae

TA10: Jack Halliday
Maddison McVee

TA11: George Smith
Isaiah Manning

Music: Alana Krause
Dexter Kenda

Indonesian: Tayah Granland
Karis Udy
Taylor Stanley

Health: Joseph Hoyt
Cody Kennedy

Pre-Primary



Merit Recipients



TA1 & TA2

TA3, TA4, TA9 TA12,
Indonesian & Music



TA6,TA7, TA8,TA9 Health,
Indonesian & Music



TA10, TA11, TA13 & Music



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Due to the ongoing restrictions of COVID
We will only be able to advise nearer the
date on any upcoming events and how they
can operate within the guidelines and
limitations as set out by the D.o.E.

NOTES HOME OR SENT VIA CONNECT

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REMINDER**PUPIL FREE DAY**

This Friday 13 November

Before and After School Student Supervision

A reminder to the school community that for safety and security reasons, students should be leaving the school grounds immediately after school. Staff are still working in classrooms and in the administration block, conducting meetings or having parent interviews, and this is difficult to do with children running around playing after school. Please leave the grounds once you have collected your children, or alternatively, feel free to bring some sports equipment and move up to the top oval if you wish to stay and chat while they play. Parents of students in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary must stay with their children before school and hand over their children to the class teacher at 8.30am. Students are asked to arrive at school no earlier than 8.15am. If parents need to be at work, the school is happy to supervise students in the under covered area from 8am. Please ensure your children understand they must go straight to the under covered area with their bag and be seated.

Library Borrowing

Next week is the last opportunity for students to borrow from the school library, after this we require all books to be returned so our librarian Mrs DeLuca can do a stocktake.

**YEAR 5/6 2021 - Advance Notice for Swimming**

In preparation for senior beach swimming lessons commencing Week 2 2021, individualised notes with your child's name are scheduled to be sent home via students in Week 7. Final costings are yet to be confirmed but are expected to be \$20 per student. Lessons will run 8-19 February. All forms and payments will need to be finalised before the end of the school year.



To Notify Student Absences - Please text 0438 259 071