



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

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Kookaburra Chronicles

Music

2022 has been a busy year for the Music program at South Padbury Primary School. We have had many community assemblies where the Junior and Senior Choir have performed and sung an incredible repertoire of songs. I have also loved joining the school together through voice during our community singing. 'One Kind Word', 'Aussie Outback' and 'Old Man Platypus' are a few examples that come to mind, along with the powerful and mesmerising 'Raining Song' where we use body percussion to mimic the sound of rain and thunder.



Throughout the year the students of South Padbury have also had the opportunity to join the Ukulele Club and the Year 5/6 Chorale. The students who volunteer their playtime to pursue their love of ukulele and singing/performing should be commended on their focus and dedication to improve their music talents and skills.



I eagerly look forward to continuing to provide a strong and enviable Music Program at South Padbury for 2023.





Dear Families,

As the end of another year approaches there are many people to thank for another amazing year at South Padbury PS.

Thanks firstly to the school staff. They continue to grow as professionals, making their students and the improvement of their own practice priorities. We are excited to further develop our 'Find 15' Initiative next year with the addition of a reading comprehension focus, and look forward to implementing our new Oxford maths program. Our nature playground has been an exciting addition to the school this year, and we hope to add another nature play space to the main school in 2023. Our Tiny Forest has flourished under the care and guidance of Dr Grey Coupland and the Year 5 and 6 students. Our Forest is now featured as part of the United Nations Development Programme in relation to climate resilience, health and education.

A huge thankyou to our School Board members for their support, tireless contributions and new initiatives this year. Thank you also to those parents who continue to work hard in so many ways to make a huge contribution to our school's ongoing success, particularly our parent reading support program mums, Mike Maxted and 'Dadbury', and Leona Liddelow, on behalf of the Parents and Citizens Association. Finally, the school community for continuing to support the school's direction and our students learning journey. You are your child's first teacher, and the school could not be at its best without your involvement and positive intentions.

I would like to take this opportunity to also say thank you to those families who are leaving us at the end of the year, for their contributions to South Padbury PS. We wish you all the best in new suburbs, new schools and new states in 2023. So far we have 33 new families joining us next year and we look forward to welcoming them.

We do have some staff embarking on new beginnings of their own in 2023. Leaving us for 12 months of travel, work and adventure are Miss Georgia Bird and Miss Gemma Pearson. They will be returning to us in 2024. Replacing them will be Ms Lauren Chambers and Mrs Leonie Forrest. Both will bring a wealth of new experiences and skills to South Padbury and I hope the school community warmly embraces them.

Our Year 6 students have been busy undertaking their many final activities here at South Padbury PS, including madly rehearsing for their graduation assembly. The Year 6's have thrown themselves into this year with enthusiasm and action, taking on the many roles and challenges that have been placed upon them. They are a happy and friendly bunch, who love to chat and share their experiences. I have been impressed with their motivation, genuine care for each other and excitement when new opportunities present themselves. They have listened to wise words and made every effort to develop themselves and be better. The student councillors and faction captains/vice captains have led the way in their respective roles admirably. I wish our Year 6 students and their families' happy memories in their last few weeks at South Padbury PS.

Over the holidays I ask that families remember the old saying 'use it or lose it', and continue encouraging reading habits with students. Also take advantage of time together as a family and our amazing weather to get outdoors and experience nature. Playing in, and exposing the senses to a natural environment is great for both the mind and soul.

Wishing all our South Padbury families a wonderful holiday break, and a New Year full of hope and opportunity. Please stay safe if you are travelling and we look forward to seeing you all back next year, with the students first day being Wednesday 1st February.

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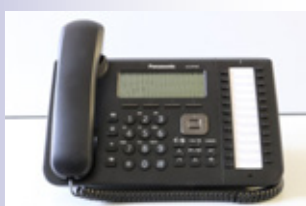
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Dates to put in your diary....

Friday 9 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Wednesday 14 Dec	Year 1-5 Awards
Thursday 15 Dec	Student Reports via Connect
Thursday 15 Dec	Last Day for Students
Wednesday 25 Jan	School Office Reopens
Friday 27 Jan	Classes posted on Connect
Friday 27 Jan	Uniform Shop Open 2:30-3:30pm
Wednesday 1 Feb	Students Commence

2023 Commencement for Students Wednesday 1 February

Advance Notice for 2023 Swim Trials

Please be advised that the 2023 Swim Trials for Years 4-6 are scheduled for Week 3 of Term 1 next year with the Swimming Carnival to follow in Week 5, Tuesday 28 February. The cost is yet to be finalised but is estimated to be approximately \$20. Notice will be posted on Connect early next year.



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