

Kookaburra Chronicles

Did you know that South Padbury has an elusive Golden Snail?

Imagine TA 6 and TA 7's surprise when they returned to class with a note outside their classroom alerting them to a Golden Snail in their midst. The golden evidence left outside their classrooms led to a trail around the school. There was great fun and excitement for us all as we followed the trail collecting evidence. Year 3 parents may have noticed that your Year 3 student came home speckled in gold this day?

Sadly, the elusive snail was nowhere to be seen but a certain drainpipe had a significant amount of golden evidence, leading TA 6 and TA 7 to conclude that the Golden Snail must have disappeared down it. TA 6 and TA 7 returned to class and were read the narrative of The Golden Snail. This 'hook' adventure proved to be a captivating start to our narrative writing programme.

The Year 3 focus in writing this term has been the components of a narrative story and the story of The Golden Snail has been a wonderful template to learn about these. We're sure if you ask your Year 3 student, they'll be able to recite the story in detail, along with the 5 components that make up a narrative.

The whole school focus on writing follows the Talk 4 Write program. This contains the 3 I's; **Instruction**, **Innovation** and **Independence**. It is an explicit instruction writing program that leads to the students being able to write their own independent piece of work. It has been a pleasure to witness the Year 3s master the narrative writing framework, concluding in their own fabulous stories being constructed. These stories are now published and we're sure they can't wait to share them with their families.

The Talk 4 Writing program includes other writing frameworks. So, stay tuned for our next 'hook' activity which we believe will be just as captivating but hopefully not as messy!

Miss Ward, Mrs Race, Mrs Jolly and Mrs McKay

Year 3 Teachers





Dear Families,

As the term winds up I want to say a big thank you to the staff at South Padbury PS. It feels like the terms are getting busier and busier and that our core business of teaching foundational skills for lifelong learning, needs to fit in between every other expectation that is placed on a school. The students always remain our priority and I have been proud of how passionate and committed staff are to the learning program and improving their practice to impact student achievement.

We have been excited by the many new faces at our P and C meetings so far this year and encourage anyone interested in helping out in any small way to come along and be part of the P and C. 'Be involved' is an integral part of our community charter and research tells us that children whose parents are involved in their school, or show an interest in school, have higher school achievement. The next P and C fundraiser is the Easter Egg raffle, which will be announced after the Easter Hat Parade next Thursday 6th April. The Easter parade begins at 8.50am, and parents are welcome to come along. There are more details on Connect.

A very big thank you to our community for your amazing support of our Student Councillor fundraiser this term, Wheelchairs for Kids. The goal was \$500 for two wheelchairs, and \$1086 was raised! Thank you for embracing QKR as a means of making donations. It was very successful.

Congratulations to Mrs Tye for her work in organising our Harmony Day activities and picnic this year. It was lovely to have so many families on the school grounds enjoying lunch with their children.

Mrs Pollard and the student councillors are busy preparing for our school ANZAC ceremony which will be held on Thursday 27th April at 9am. All families are welcome to attend, and we look forward to also welcoming our special guest from the North Beach RSL. Each class will also be making a wreath for laying during the ceremony.

Next term staff will be focusing on reading comprehension in classes and will be attending professional learning in this area with a noted WA specialist. You will hear a lot about the Science of Reading (SoR) from the school next term, and we will be providing parents with some information on what this is and what it looks like at South Padbury PS. How children learn to read and how to teach reading are areas that are currently the subject of much new research which will impact what schools do. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Finally, we wish all our families a safe and fun holiday break, and wonderful Easter. Make movement, nature and sunshine priorities over the holidays with your children. First day back for students next term is Wednesday 26th April.

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Principal



News from your P&C....

With the first meeting of 2023 behind us, we're getting settled into our new P&C roles and looking forward to a great year. Thanks to everyone who attended last week or zoomed in from home, it was fantastic to have you all there.

Following a lot of behind-the-scenes planning, and a successful vote at the meeting, we're excited to announce the fundraising events we'll be hosting this year. Grab your calendar and circle these dates so you don't miss out on all the fun things we've got planned:

Easter Raffle – tickets are on sale now on QKR! Don't miss out on some great prizes, which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade next Thursday, 6 April.

We'll hold one pizza day each term to fund a \$100 per-child subsidy for the Year 6 camp.

Mothers Day—Friday 12 May, Kindy B will have a chance to purchase Mother's Day gifts.

Wednesday 10 May, the rest of the school will attend the Mother's Day stall. If you'd like to volunteer to help on the stall, please contact Tracey O'Connell. A big thank you to the good fellows of Dadbury, who declared that mums shouldn't be wrapping their own gifts and will be picking up that task this year.

On 21 May, the Little Innpot's Hayley Cranstoun will host an art workshop in the undercover area at school. If you're interested in helping to organize this event, please contact Tracey O'Connell or Tamzen Horsburgh.

On 29 July, there'll be a quiz night at Padbury Hall. Start recruiting your smart friends now! If you're interested in helping to organize this event, please contact Tracey O'Connell or Tamzen Horsburgh.

On 25 August, the kids will get down and boogie for this year's disco, also at Padbury Hall. If you're interested in helping to organize this event, please contact Tracey O'Connell or Tamzen Horsburgh.

And on 10 November, in response to overwhelming demand, there'll be a lapathon/colour run on the school oval. Please contact Tony Monk if you'd like to help organize this event.

Keep an eye on the P&C Facebook group for all the news, and a date for the April P&C meeting.



Edu Dance—Kindy to Year 6 Term 2

Edu-dance lessons will be returning to South Padbury in Week 1 of Term 2! Information went out to all families on Connect last week.

The cost of the program is \$35.00 per student. Thanks to the continued generosity of the South Padbury Primary School P&C in supporting this program; students will only need to pay \$18. Costing for this program is based on all students attending. Please note no refunds can be given if a student is absent for a lesson.

All payments and permission will need to be completed before the end of this term please. Preferred method of payment is the Qkr app. If you are unable to pay via Qkr, please complete a permission slip and pay with the correct cash at the front office or via direct deposit to the school bank account.

All payments and permissions are due by Tuesday 4 April please.

Duncraig Senior High School - Triathlon Academy 2024

Duncraig SHS is excited to announce that they are now accepting applications for the **Year 7, 2024 Duncraig Triathlon Academy**. The applications for the Triathlon program always opens slightly earlier than the general Year 7 enrolments process, (which opens 8 May) because the Triathlon applicants are required to participate in a swimming and running trial which will take place in Term 2.

Year 7, 2024 Duncraig Triathlon Academy

Applications:	NOW OPEN
Application closing date:	Friday 26 th May
Triathlon Trial date:	Friday 02 nd June

Parents can visit the TRIATHLON page of the DSHS website for more information regarding the program – link [here](#). The program is open to students who reside in our catchment area, however we do accept a small number of students who reside outside of our catchment area based on their results in the team trials.

If you require any further information about the Triathlon Academy, please contact DSHS.

SPPS raised \$1,086.00 for Wheelchairs for Kids!

The South Padbury Community raised an impressive \$1086.00 for Wheelchairs for Kids in Week 6. Thank you to all the families who donated. Your contribution will go towards giving the gift of mobility to children both in Australia and around the globe.



Wheelchairs For Kids
Giving freedom & mobility worldwide



Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students
who received merit awards at our assembly
on Thursday 23rd March.

PP1: Hazel G
Blake M
Leo M
PP2: Seren W
Grace C
TA1: Finn S
Isla T
Imogen F
TA2: Jack W
Cody S
Jarrah B
TA3: Adam K
Tovey S
Jake H
Alina C
TA4: Bodhi L
Hudson W
Judie F
Rosie G
TA6: Emery M
Olive P
Dylan F
TA7: Bethany B
Ruby S
Matilda S
Cody B

TA8: Daisy V
Chloe B
Ryder U
TA9: Lachlan W
Kaley D
Ella W
TA12: Esme E
Scarlett P
Finlay C
Alfie G
TA13: Harrison R
Alexander M
Lucy D
TA10: Max C
Bei-Bei Z
Mia H
Hayden W
TA11: Violet G
Freddy M
Daisy G
Clyde P
Scott L
Thomas K
Indonesian: Dylan F
Emma S
Sport: Marley Z
Chloe G
Anaiya M
Ava K



School Photo Day is coming - Term 2, Week 2

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

Dear Parents,

Your school photo day is coming! Students will be coming home next week with a personalised flyer from Kapture Photography containing your child's unique codes for ordering school photos online.

KEEP YOUR FLYER SECURE!

The unique codes contained on the flyer will be issued only once.

Order **EARLY** for sibling photography

Sibling photos can ONLY be ordered online. Once you receive the personalised flyers for your children, it is imperative that you order your sibling photo early to avoid missing out! There is a physical limit in the school schedule to how many sibling photos can be taken. Once the maximum capacity of sibling orders has been reached, no more sibling orders can be placed.

If maximum capacity is not reached, sibling orders **close 12pm midday sharp, one business day prior** to the first photo day.

The school or the photographers cannot accept late orders for sibling photography. Please do not ask as your request simply cannot be accommodated.

Order **EARLY** for discount photo day prices

Order your photos within 10 calendar days of photo day to receive discount photo day prices. Late orders are handled separately to the school delivery and incur a \$30 custom service charge.

Other information

Your school will notify you in a few weeks when **team and special group photos** are available to view and purchase on the Kapture website. Please note; class, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online prior to purchase.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please check the FAQ's on the Kapture website.

*All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group presentation available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should **NOT** be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.*

Student Update Forms

We thank families for the very high return of student update forms. If you did not receive an update for your child/ren or it has been misplaced, please contact the office to obtain a replacement. It is very important that we have all your current information, especially contact details and additional contacts for your child. Please carefully check that all information and medical is up to date and accurate.

If immunisation is marked 'not up to date', it means the school does not have your child's completed record which can be downloaded via your 'My Gov' account.

Even if you do not have any changes to make on the form, you will still need to sign the form and return it the front office as soon as possible. If any information changes during the year please contact the front office by app, email or in person to update student information.

Contact Information:

56 Warburton Avenue
PADBURY WA 6025

Phone: 08 6206 2250

Email: southpadbury.ps@education.wa.edu.au

www.southpadburyprimaryschool.wa.edu.au

Police Communications: 131 444

Education Security: 9264 4771 or

9264 4632

South Padbury Primary School

6206 2250

Student Absence TXT

0438 259 071

School Security

If at any time you see or hear of inappropriate activities around our school, please do not approach the offenders or put yourself at risk in any way but call Education Security to attend. 9264 4774 or 9264 4632.



Learn music at South Padbury Primary School!

- Keyboard/guitar starting from \$19.80 for a group lesson.
- Held after school.

Enrol now for lessons!

www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form

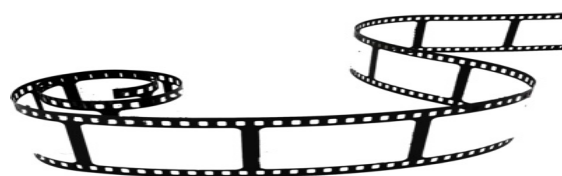
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Dates to put in your diary....

Thursday 6 April	Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 6 April	P&C Easter Raffle Draw
Thursday 6 April	Last day of Term 1
TERM 2 DATES	1st Day Back Wed 26 April
ANZAC Day Parade	Thursday 27 April
Edu Dance	Commences Friday 28 April
Kapture Photo's	Personalised flyers coming home in week 10. Photo's will be taken 1st May and 4th May.
Mothers Day	Mothers Day Stalls Kindy B—Friday 12 May Whole School—Wed 10 May



KAPTURE PHOTO'S

Forms will be coming home in Week 10. Photos will be taken on

Monday 1st May - Kindy A, PP to Year 3

Thursday 4th May—Kindy B, Year 4 to Year 6

Term 2 Planner

You can find our most up to date planner for Term 2 on our Website and also posted on Connect this week and in the Connect Library.

Please remember that as always it is subject to change.