



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

7 December 2023 Edition #12

Kookaburra Chronicles

Big Ideas, Tiny Forest

The Year 6's have recently handed over their Tiny Forest quadrants to the Year 4's. We have enjoyed taking on new responsibilities and have taken quickly to our monitoring roles. To learn more about the Tiny Forest we have designed and built our own mini Tiny Forest Dioramas in Design and Technology.





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 reading and fluency programs next year with the addition of a reading comprehension focus and look forward to implementing a new Student Engagement and Behaviour Support Policy. Our second nature playground has been an exciting addition to the school this year, and our Tiny Forest has continued to flourish under the care and guidance of Dr Grey Coupland and the Year 5 and 6 students.

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, including the amazing fundraising efforts of our P and C who contributed \$50,000 to the new nature playground. 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 2024. So far we have 25 new families joining us next year and we look forward to welcoming them.

As you may be aware, Mrs Ward and Mrs Fleming have taken their maternity leave already. Miss Georgia Bird and Miss Gemma Pearson will be continuing their travels for another 12 months before returning to us in 2025. Replacing them will be Miss Shannon Radford and Mrs Racquel Sutton. 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. I have been impressed with their relationship building with staff, motivation, genuine care for each other. They have really tried to embody our core values. 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 31st January 2024.

Cass Disisto
Principal



SOUTH PADBURY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION

P&C WRAP UP

We achieved a lot together this year.

FUNDRAISING TARGET: EXCEEDED! \$50K+

#TEAMWORKMAKESTHEDREAMWORK

Our activities:

- art workshop
- quiz night
- disco
- sports carnival
- referendum BBQ
- colour run
- canteen
- raffles
- mums/dads day
- stalls

Paid for:

- EduDance
- leadership camp
- year 6 camp
- subsidy

- toilet mural
- new nature playground
- wellbeing session (2024)
- new sports equipment (2024)

Thank you for your support. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday - see you in 2024!

Dates to put in your diary....

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Friday 8 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 8 Dec	KB Messy Mud Inc
Wednesday 13 Dec	YR1-5 Awards Ceremony
Thursday 14 Dec	Students Last Day
Thursday 14 Dec	Student Reports via Connect
2024	
Thursday 24 Jan	School Office Re-opens
Tuesday 30 Jan	Uniform Shop Collection of Orders 2-3pm
Tuesday 30 Jan	Class Lists posted on Connect

2024 Back to School

Students Commence

Wednesday 31 January

Year 6 Councillors Fundraiser for The Smith Family

The school counsellors final fundraiser for 2023 was for The Smith Family to raise money to purchase books.

Thank you once again to the wonderful generosity of our whole school community, together we raised \$558.00



Term Dates 2024

School Terms 2024

Term 1: Wednesday 31 January – Thursday 28 March

Term 2: Monday 15 April – Friday 28 June

Term 3: Monday 15 July – Friday 20 September

Term 4: Monday 7 October - Thursday 12 December

School Development Days 2024 – Pupil Free

Term 1: Monday 29 January, Tuesday 30 January

Term 2: Monday 15 April

Term 3: Monday 15 July

Term 4: Monday 7 October and Friday 13 December

Public Holidays during School Term 2024

Monday 4 March (Labour Day)

Thursday 25 April (ANZAC Day)

Monday 3 June (WA Day)

School Hours

School Starts – 8.45am

Morning Recess 10.50 - 11.10am

Lunchtime 1.10pm – 1.45pm

School Finishes 3.00pm - Wednesday Early Finish at 2.30pm

OFFICE HOURS 8.30am - 3.30pm

SCHOOL SECURITY ON THE HOLIDAYS

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.

Ed Security
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