



South Coogee
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Independent Public School

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Issue 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to all our families. We certainly have a wonderful school community and I'd like to give a special welcome to those of you who are new to our school. Please take every opportunity to be part of this great school.

We have had a very smooth start to our year. Classes are **always temporary** till we have completed our Departmental census and staff numbers have been confirmed. This census takes place on the second full week of term when all children should have returned to our school. **Some changes to classes may need to be made.** In the past we have had to make some changes to classes and all parents are informed should their child be affected. Teachers will be sending introductory letters and having class meetings for parents in the first few weeks, with many teachers combining their meetings if they are teaching the same grade. South Coogee Primary School is following the Australian Curriculum and teachers and classes are working collaboratively.

Current structure (Teachers new to school in italics)

- 3 x K Miss Chapman-Hill, Mrs Warren, *Mrs Epis, Mrs Calcei*
- 2 x P Ms Cook, Mrs Christie
- 4 x 1 Mrs Mulholland, Ms Cook, *Misss Zabel, Miss Mayho*
- 3 x 2 Mrs Mulholland, Ms Tyrie, Ms Christie, Mrs O'Brien
- 3 x 3 Ms Byrne, Mrs Newman, Miss Simon, Ms Woodliff, *Mrs Webber*
- 3 x 4 Mrs Duce, Ms Barnes, Miss Young
- 3 x 5 Mrs Duce, Ms Anderson, Mr Wheatley
- 2 x 6 Mrs Bickley, Mr McNamara

Parent/student interviews: South Coogee Primary School staff are following a clearly defined strategic plan for improving student results. This has resulted in very pleasing rise in NAPLAN results in 2016. Part of this plan last year was that **parent/student interviews** were held to raise the level of parent involvement in their child's education. There will be **two of these days** this year and the first is on the 22nd March. You will be invited to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss the year's goals. **School will close at 11:45 this day.**

Before school: All children from Pre-primary to Year 6 (including those who are with parents) **must** bring their bags and wait in the boat area till the bell rings at 8:30 when teachers have all agreed that our school will open doors unless they have a parent meeting. I would like to thank teachers for doing this as a courtesy to our community. No formal work is provided as teachers are preparing for the day. **On Wednesday 15th February teachers will open doors at 8:50am so they can have essential cluster conferences prior to school. These meetings will take place every fortnight on the odd weeks (3, 5, 7, 9).** It would be helpful if parents keep students home till 8:45 on these days. After school it is expected that parents and children should leave the grounds promptly or go to OSH Club. **Playgrounds are out of bounds after school.**

The school follows the **five TRIBES agreements** – Mutual Respect, Appreciations, Attentive Listening, Right to Pass, Personal Excellence. (See Tribes.com for more information about the program and its aims) We use these to provide a safe and happy environment with a sense of community where children can achieve their potential.

School Uniform: School uniform or plain maroon polo shirts, plain navy shorts or tracksuits must be worn. Uniform requirements and information is listed on our website.
<http://southcoogeeeps.wa.edu.au/information/uniform/>

Important Dates

- 7th February
WACA Roadshow
9.10 – 10.20am
- 10th February
Assembly C5
- 21st February
Board meeting
- 24th February
Assembly W4
- 27th February
P&C AGM
- 22nd March
Progress Meeting –
Early close 11.45am
- 24th March
Assembly W1
- 7th April
Assembly C3

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Our school has a **zero tolerance to bullying**. Please ask for our brochure about this or access it at our website. I encourage you to discuss any matters which are concerning you by making an appointment with your class teacher/s in the first instance and then with administration if the matter is ongoing. Please remember that bullying is:

- A **repeated and unjustifiable** behaviour
- **Intended** to cause fear, distress and /or harm to another
- May be **physical, verbal or indirect/relational**
- Conducted by a **more powerful** individual or group
- Against a **less powerful** individual who is unable to effectively resist

Chaplaincy

Mrs Coral Atkins will continue to support our school community (students, parents and staff) on Tuesday, Thursday and every second Friday.

It is not ok to be away or to be late for school. Your child will miss out if they are late to this important first session!

All children who are late to school **must come to the front office before going into class**. A note about the time and reason for lateness will be posted on the Department's attendance system. **This is to reduce the disruption in class for other students in this critical learning time.**

Applications for Secondary Gifted and Talented Programs for 2018 are closing on Monday 6 February 2017. (Next Monday!)

An online application must be completed and submitted by then. If your child is in Year 6 access information at: <http://det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/giftedandtalented/detcms/portal/>

Road safety reminder

Take note of 40km an hour in school zones and consider others at pick up and drop off. **Dropping children off:** For their safety, please do not drop your children off in the **entry to the staff carpark or in the bus bay** at the front of the school. Say good morning to Bruce and cross safely at the crossing.

The P&C AGM will be held on the 27th February at 7:00pm. I would urge you all to be active in the P&C as research clearly shows that parent involvement in a child's education is a measurable benefit to that child's achievement.

Lyn Beard
Principal

Keep Up to

Date

Keep up to date by downloading our School App



Uniform Shop

Open every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm to 2.55pm.

Breakfast Club

Open every Tuesday and Thursday's in the Coastlands wet area.



School Voluntary Contributions

We are now taking School Voluntary Contributions of \$60.00 per child. Payment can be made by direct deposit or at the front office. We accept cash and have EFTPOS facilities available. We are happy to accept Pre paid activity amounts for your child. Amount of \$30.00 would be acceptable for the beginning of the year. Each time your child attends an incursion of excursion we would automatically deduct the amount incurred from your child's account.

A payment plan can be arranged. Please contact Sue Parr on 9494 8000.

Banking information for Direct Deposit

BSB : 016 454

Account No: 3408 68105

Account Name: South Coogee Primary School

Reference: Family Name

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BYOD 2017 - Office 365 and Windows Professional

When purchasing a device please keep in mind that it needs to be WINDOWS PROFESSIONAL. If you are purchasing a device through the BYOD portal they already have WINDOWS PROFESSIONAL. If you purchase elsewhere there may be an additional cost to upgrade.

Office 365 must be downloaded onto your child's device at home as the school network will block us from downloading it. Please see instructions attached. You will need your child's username and password from their class teacher to download this through CONNECT.

Choir

Choir commences Tuesday 7th February 8.00am to 8.45am in the music room.

Ukulele Club

Ukulele will commence in week 3. Notes will go home with children who are interested.

Ms Simon and Mr Wheatley

From the Art Room

I would like to thank our school community for collecting plastic bottle tops throughout 2016 and the school holidays. Any collections that you still have at home will be gratefully received; however the collection drive is now officially CLOSED. Work will begin on the Up-cycling art project in Term 2.

Thank you all for your continued support!
Mrs Yvonne Bux
Art Teacher

Scholastic Book Club News

Welcome to 2017! I hope that everyone was able to find some reading time over the summer holidays.

Book Club Issue 1 will be sent home with each child. If you would like extra copies they are kept in the library, next to the order box or check it out online.

Book Club is due: Tuesday 14th Feb

We are a Loop School offering linked online ordering payments. This means you can order online & pay via credit card & you don't need to bring in the paper order to school!

You still have the option to pay by cash. These orders need to be placed into the scholastic mail box in the library in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on it by the Due date.

Scholastic Australia has a website and an App. See below for info



Thank you for ordering books from scholastic. Each order earns rewards which is spent renewing teacher resources and new books for the library.

Mrs Miller
Scholastic Book Club Coordinator

A note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Margie MacFie and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counseling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on **9314 0100**

School Entry Health Assessment

All children in Western Australia are offered a health assessment during their first year of primary school. This usually occurs in kindergarten and is provided by the local Community Health Nurse. The program is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of each child at the beginning of school life.

The assessments are simple, standard tests which are non-invasive, quick and easy. The tests screen for problems which can be addressed, if picked up and treated early. The tests include:

- vision checks
- developmental evaluation according to parent responses on the form
- teacher and nurse observations
- any other health, development and wellbeing concerns raised by parents.

Please note, the screening tests indicate if there may be a problem – they do not diagnose a condition. If the test results for your child suggest there may be a problem, the Community Health Nurse will ring you to talk about further assessment and possible referral.

This year, hearing, ear health, weight and height measurements will not be completed routinely, however if you have any concerns regarding your child's hearing or growth, please indicate your concern on the form and the Community Health Nurse will contact you to discuss.

Your child's results will be sent home after their health check has been completed. Results are always treated confidentially.

School Entry Health Assessment forms will be distributed for parents to complete. **Please complete and sign the front page of the form before you return it. Please return the form to the school office or class teacher, as soon as possible following distribution.**

I look forward to working with you and your family. Please phone if you wish to discuss anything to do with the School Entry Health Assessment.

Margie MacFie
Community Health Nurse

Get involved in the School Banking program

South Coogee Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you need to place your Dollarmites deposit wallet into the grey banking bag in your child's classroom. These will be returned to your child's teacher by the end of the day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

" Dalmatinac Netball Club are seeking new players for the 2017 season. Registration day is [Sunday 5th February 2017](#) at the Dalmatinac Sport and Community Club, Azelia Rd, Spearwood, between [10 am - 1 pm](#). All ages are welcome. Training days are likely to be a Tuesday or Wednesday depending on coach availability.

A FREE Sausage Sizzle will be held just outside the hall for all registering members and their families. For further information please contact Michael Liddelow on [0438933134](tel:0438933134) or Sonia Pesich on [0407044855](tel:0407044855).'



Curtin University



Are you a parent of a child with a disability?

Does your child need to learn how to follow instructions?

Would you like to learn how to improve your child's behaviour?

Researchers at the Curtin University School of Psychology and Speech Pathology are seeking families to participate in a

FREE - 2 HOUR

Stepping Stones Triple P Parent Discussion Group

focused on teaching parents how to prevent and manage disobedience in children.

Stepping Stones Triple P:

- Stepping Stones Triple P is specifically tailored for parents who have a child with disability.
- It has been shown that parents who use Stepping Stones Triple P see improvements in their children's behaviour and experience less parenting stress.

What you will receive:

- Free attendance at a 2 hour Stepping Stones Triple P Parent Discussion Group.
- Free Stepping Stones Triple P "A guide to Disruptive Behaviour" booklet.

Criteria for participation:

- Be a parent of a child with a disability aged between 3 and 8 years of age.
- Eligible disabilities include autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, fragile X and intellectual disability.
- Be willing to attend a 2-hour parent discussion group at Curtin University in Bentley.
- Be willing to complete questionnaires about your parenting style, parenting confidence and your child's behaviours, at two points in time. These questionnaires may take you 90 minutes to complete and can be completed at home in your own time.

Interested? Would you like more information?

Contact Claire Watson - @0479131358 claire.e.watson@postgrad.curtin.edu.au

Please note that this research has not been endorsed by the school or the Department of Education. If you are interested in participating in this research you must deal directly with the researcher. Before deciding to participate in this research you should inform yourself of its appropriateness and suitability for you.

This study has been approved by the Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (Approval Number HR129/2014). The Committee comprises members of the public, academics, lawyers, doctors and pastoral carers. Its main role is to protect participants. If needed, verification of approval can be obtained either by writing to the Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee, c/- Office of Research and Development, Curtin University, GPO Box U1987, Perth, 6845 or by telephoning 9266 2784 or by emailing hrec@curtin.edu.au.



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