Dear Parents and Caregivers

NAPLAN scores this year indicate that our whole school focus on achieving excellence and our whole school approach to Numeracy and Literacy strategies are progressing to achieving the desired results. Teachers will be undertaking detailed analysis of the data in their next meeting. They will use this information to forward plan for 2017. We are determined that our students will achieve to their potential.

Progress meetings were very successful. Information is now being gathered from parents and teachers and we are planning to ask children to give feedback after the excitement of the Athletics Carnival is over. If you would like to contribute your opinion please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7HLPH8F.

Children need to either be picked up promptly after school or to go to OSH Club. We have several students who wait for pick up after school. These students are expected to wait quietly on the grass area in front of the school administration office. It is not a time for them to have extra play with their friends. School staff have important regular staff meetings after school to ensure a good education for your children. OSH Club provides afternoon tea and supervised activities so your children are safe.

We wish all students good luck for the Athletics Carnival. The jumps and throws yesterday showed that we have some outstanding athletes, but more importantly to me, some outstanding sportsmanship in our great students. Thank you to those wonderful parents who help with setting up and judging on both days.
Please note that younger children will only be released to parents in the afternoon if parents are taking them home. They will not be released to watch the carnival as this caused many problems last year. Teachers may bring classes down themselves to watch the ball games in the afternoon.

Our crosswalk was ‘officially’ opened with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday. It is much safer to come across the crossing than to come via the gate near the bus stop.

We have been advised there has been a case of Chicken pox at our school. Please see your doctor if you have any concerns or search on the Health Department website for more information.

We had a good response to our survey on BYOD (Bring your own device as specified by the school) and have organised the information session for Wednesday 21st September at 6.30pm in the staffroom based on the responses provided. This is an exciting time for the students at SCPS. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

As this is the last newsletter before the holidays, I wish you all a safe and happy one. We have had a lot of illness with students and teachers this term, so may it also be healthy!

Happy holidays
Lyn
PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to students who have received an Honour Certificate!

B1  Maria Krstajic  Brianna Abreu
B2  David Kilrain
B3  Emel Nahem  Lilly Carroll
B4  Siba Alzoughbi  Tara Mrzic
B6  Blake Rainey  Jai Dickie

C1  Chloe Rayment  Max Orzanski
C4  Gracie Fleay  Jamie Smith
C6  Kai Cummings  Tahlia Knibbs

W1  Anthony Gileno  Leya Marriott
W4  Briarna Marinovich  Santina Hall

Golden Broom  B4

Keep Up to Date
Keep up to date by downloading our School App

Canteen
Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday’s

Uniform Shop
Open every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30 pm.

Breakfast Club
Open every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Coastlands wet area.

School Voluntary Contributions
$60.00 per child
Banking Information for Direct Deposit

BSB: 016454
Account No.: 3408 68105
Account Name: South Coogee Primary School
Reference: Please use your family name as the reference.

Happy holidays from SCPS Staff

CONGRATULATIONS Blake Rainey!
Blake, a pre-primary student from B6, is a winner in the 2016 Therapy Focus Art Competition.

Our school has been entering the Therapy Focus Art Competitions since they began 15 years ago. In the last 9 years, Storybooks have been created and many of our students have been successful in having their art work published in these books, which are available on loan from the Library.

This year close to 4,000 entries were received from 59 schools across the state, including a number of unique and imaginative entries from our students. Of the thousands of entries received, 20 artworks were selected as winners and feature as the illustrations in the published storybook, *Outback Jack's Great Race*, which was unveiled at a Book Launch event held during National Children's Book Week.

Thanks to generous support from Art Competition Principal sponsor, The Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, a complimentary copy of *Outback Jack's Great Race* is provided for our school library as well as every other school library in the state.

Therapy Focus <TherapyFocus@therapyfocus.org.au>

Sports Carnival Friday 16th
Our Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us. The forecast is showing a shower early morning and then will become sunny so we will be going ahead with the carnival. Please ensure that your children do bring wet weather gear. We suggest they bring an extra jumper just in case they do get wet.

Pre Primary and Year 3 students will attend first thing and will stay until they have completed their events. Please note that Pre Primary students will break off to a separate area to complete their tabloid events. Parents please feel free to go and watch your child when this occurs. They will then be taken back to their classrooms and will resume normal day learning.

Please note that younger children will only be released to parents in the afternoon if parents are taking them home. They will not be released to watch the carnival as this caused many problems last year. Teachers may bring classes down themselves to watch the ball games in the afternoon. If you wish to take your child early please see your class teacher to sign out.

Bushfire Zone Register
The Department of Education (the Department) is committed to maximising the safety of its students and staff. SCPS has been added to the Bushfire Zone Register. Inclusion on this register means that the school may be required to invoke a pre-emptive closure on a day for which a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) has been declared for the City of Cockburn in which your school is located. A Catastrophic FDR means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving.

What does this mean for our school?
When given advance warning by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) that a Catastrophic FDR has been forecast for a given day, the Deputy Director General, Schools may direct the pre-emptive closure of South Coogee Primary School. If the school receives such a direction, you will be informed of the possible planned closure by a letter sent home with your child. Parents of students absent on the day this letter is sent home will be contacted by telephone, so please ensure the school has up to date contact details for you.

In the intervening period between the declaration of the pre-emptive closure and the day of planned closure, DFES will keep the Department informed of any change to the FDR forecast for the declared day. The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4.30pm on the day before the planned closure. If the forecast changes after that deadline, the closure will stand, regardless of improvements to the weather conditions later in the afternoon of the day before the planned closure or overnight. The intention is to limit confusion or uncertainty for parents and to allow you ample time to make alternative child care arrangements.

Parents will be advised of the confirmation of closure, or its reversal, by a note sent home with your child on the day before the planned closure. Again, parents of students absent on this day will be contacted by telephone.
How will I know when the school is reopening?
It is anticipated that the school will typically only be required to close for a single day at a time, but this will depend on the weather. The school website will contain a notice to advise you of the current status of the school closure and when it is expected to reopen. I ask that you monitor local media for current information about fire danger ratings and notification of schools reopening. Staying tuned to ABC Local Radio in your locality is advisable. You can also check with DFES on 13 DFES (13 33 37) or www.dfes.wa.gov.au. If either of the options listed above for finding out when to send your child back to school will prove problematic, please contact the school to arrange for us to phone you to advise you when the school will reopen.

Questions?
Please contact the school on if you have any questions about planned closures during the bushfire season.

Canteen
Just a reminder that the canteen is now open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. The menu can be found on our website alternatively please visit the lovely ladies in the canteen who will be happy to assist.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will now open on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30pm.

Cockburn Junior Cricket Club
Registration is open now for girls and boys of all ages 5-16 years. Registration can be done via http://cockburnjcc.wa.cricket.com.au/

For more details contact: Stan Koios (President) (M) 0407 1968 82 or Peter Brookes (Registrar) (M) 0404 800 123 OR register via the website below

Kids can join the fun and learn to play cricket
playcricket.com.au