Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was an exciting week last week with our African Drumming group. It was great to see the enjoyment this gave the students, and to have provided them with the opportunity to have a taste of the music from this culture. Some classes were also visited by the people from Tales of Times Past who provided them with interesting information about days gone by.

School photographs were taken on Monday and Tuesday. These are always of very high quality and may be ordered on line using the school code. Y8K6GA

Every day counts! Give your child the best chance for success, and help us with our focus on improving student achievement by ensuring you send them every day. This is a very important term for students as it is a time for consolidating learning from First Semester and for working hard on new skills and concepts required in the curriculum. It is important that all students attend school every day unless they are sick. It’s not ok to stay away! It’s also not ok to be late! Vital literacy and numeracy skills are taught first thing in the morning and your child will miss these.

Access to the school during the day will be via the single front gate or the ECE lift up gate. Other gates providing direct access to the school will be closed. This is to prevent children from outside the school riding through, or others using the school as a thoroughfare from the shopping centre. There was an occasion last week when the safety of children’s school bags was compromised by young children riding in the school. It is also important in an emergency that we know who is on site. All visitors must come through the front office to sign in and state their business.

The Buddy Bench, which has been kindly donated by Bunnings, will be placed outside the library for use after this week’s assembly. If you would like to know how the buddy bench is used go to the following link: http://buddybench.org/what-is-the-buddy-bench/

Next Tuesday, students from Lakeland Senior High School specialist music program will be performing for the students. Mr Ray Foo, the specialist teacher is kindly providing this experience free of charge and has also asked us to invite any interested parents to come and watch. Sessions will run from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Two classes are trialling on-line interactive Chinese language lessons with an instructor based in China. We will watch this initiative with interest.

Progress meetings will be held on September 7th and school will close at 11:30am on that day. The on line booking facility will be available next week http://www.schoolinterview.com.au. You will be advised via the school app when it becomes available.

Cross Country and Athletic Carnivals are coming up and students are trying to improve their fitness and practising for these events. Interschool cross country is next week. Please take note of the dates.

Lynette Beard
Principal
BOOK WEEK (22 - 26 August)

It’s that time of year again - Book Week. To help us celebrate this special event at South Coogee, we will once again be having a dress-up day on Friday 26th August. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This year’s theme for Book Week is Australia: story country. There are some beautiful books on this year’s short list nominations, all of which will be available for students to loan from the Library. Looking forward to seeing some of the creations on dress-up day. Classroom doors will be decorated and we hope you come to look at them during Book Week, 22nd-26th August.

Sharon Puglia
Library Officer

Congratulations to students who have received an Honour Certificate!

B1    Jayden Black
      Zane Dunn
B2    Summer Young
      Talesha Pickersgill
B3    Emel Nahem
      Zach Harrison
B4    Jacob Robb
      Abbey Symons-Sneath
      C1    Kori Rainey
            Jaydee Boudville
B5    Shelley Jang
      Kiam Armodia
B6    Mia Harper
B7    Lime Jang
      Kiam Armodia
B8    Aiyisha Shaw
      C4    Joseph Dilay
            Kirah Kelly-Clarke
C5    Sreen Abfahr
      Noah Cooper
C6    Zac Wallace
      Amber Foggerdy
      W1    Tyla Chalmers
            Angel Sortijas
W2    Tiana Garbin
W3    Kalita Sutherland
      Macaulay Prosser
W4    Digg Hicks
      Jasmine Moura-Saiote

Phys Ed  Makaylah Larkin-Boys, Kayden Robinson
Hockey  Patience Merenda, Sakeenah Esau

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.

Make a staff member’s day!

Have you noticed a staff member who has done something good or who has been helpful?

Collect a ‘Catch me at my best’ card from the front office, write your comments and put it in the drop box in the office.

It will be delivered to that staff member that day or the next.

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 2.30pm.

Breakfast Club
Open every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Coastlands wet area.
BYOD (Bring your own Device)
South Coogee is going to be a BYOD (bring your own device) school in 2017 for Years 3-6.

A parent Information session is being held on Thursday 25th August at 6.30pm in the staffroom and there will be a question and answer session at the end. To assist us with this please email any questions prior to 19th August.

Please indicate if you are able to attend for catering purposes by either emailing school at southcoogee.ps@education.wa.edu.au or signing the meeting sheet in the office.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

The ICT committee

FROM THE ART ROOM

On Tuesday, 16th August (week 5) the Lakeland Senior High School Specialist Music Technology Group will be performing for all our students from Pre-primary to Year 6.

This is a free, 50 minute incursion, showcasing the talents of the students in this Specialist Programme.

The Specialist Music Technology Program is for selected year 7-12 students with a strong aptitude for music and/or technologies essential to the modern day music industry. This program has gained a reputation for excellence in contemporary music and in recording, production and performance. The students perform throughout the Perth area and we look forward to a stimulating and professional show by our local youth.

Mrs Yvonne Bux
Art Teacher

Chaplin Chat
Buddy Bench

I am very excited to announce the arrival of our Buddy Bench donated by Bunnings in Bibra Lake.

The purpose of the Buddy Bench is for students to have a place to go where they can receive support and help during recess and lunch. Although any student or teacher can reach out to help, we will be working with some of our Year 6 students to equip them with the skills to assist students who have gone to the bench for support.

The bench is currently in the office. It was delivered late last term. Thank you to Seth Black, Gemma Cappeluti, Briarna Marinovich and Macaulay Prosser who helped Samantha Bryce and Arron Haynes from Bunnings to construct the bench.

The bench will be unveiled on Friday 12 August 2016, after the School Assembly. The Buddy Bench will be located outside the library.

Over the next couple of weeks, teachers and students will be receiving more information to get ready and find out the best way to use the Buddy Bench. If you have any further questions, you are welcome to contact myself or Mrs Julie Pieyre.

Support available
Please contact Coral, the School Chaplain, if you need food or pastoral care. I am here to support all students, parents / caregivers and teachers in the school community. If, however, you would prefer not to have your child see me, please contact the school to let them know that you would like to opt out.

From Term 3, I will be working on Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternating Fridays (on the even weeks e.g. week 2, week 4, etc) between 8am and 2pm. I’ll be in the Coastlands block organising Breakfast Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 9am. You are welcome to drop in and make an appointment with me. Alternatively please contact the office and leave a message, or email me on Corala@youthcare.org.au.

Take care

Coral
South Fremantle SHS News

South Fremantle SHS would like to offer parents the opportunity to visit the school site on Thursday 8th September. There are two tour times available – 9.30am and 4pm. If you would like to attend the tour please ring 9337 0500 and leave your name, preferred time and contact number with the front office.

2017 Year 7 enrolment forms are required to be returned immediately to South Fremantle SHS. If you are intending for your child to attend SFSHS in 2017 and you have not already completed and returned an enrolment form please call the school on 9337 0500 to request the form be sent directly to your home. Your support in ensuring a smooth transition for your child from primary to secondary schooling is much appreciated. Only students who have enrolled at SFSHS for 2017 will be able to participate in the orientation day at the school on 1st November.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call South Fremantle SHS or email Rachel.Grainger@education.wa.edu.au.

We have also launched a short survey for parents, students and staff who may be interested in having a say from your schools https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3CYXY36. Our Facebook page is also accessible and regularly updated with our progress https://www.facebook.com/FremantleCollege.

Design and Technology Update

The junior classes have been learning about building, and who better to teach them than ‘The 3 Little Pigs’. Based on this fable, the students have been investigating what it is that makes a strong sturdy home. Students have created some beautiful model homes for their dough piggies.

The Year 3 and 4s have had fun building toys and games of their own design. The students have been very creative and the quality of the toys that they have produced is amazing.

The senior students have had the challenging task of designing and building their own kites. Using their knowledge of flight the Year 5 and 6s set to work researching suitable kite designs, drawing up plans and building kites. The first test flight has been completed and students are now making final modifications ready for the senior kite competition.

Design and Technology Teacher Assistants

I am pleased to announce the appointment of three Design and Technology (D&T) Teacher Assistants: Kasey Shaw, Madison Radovanovic and Shelby Brister. The Student Representative will help manage the D&T resources and assist in preparing for lessons. These three students have each proven that they are reliable and capable of taking on this extra responsibility. Congratulations girls!

Call for Shoe Boxes

Do you have any unwanted shoe boxes? A large number of boxes are needed for a Year 3/4 Design and Technology Project this semester. Please deposit any unwanted shoe boxes in the blue tub located outside the staffroom. Thank you.

Paper Plane Competition

Last term the Student Representatives held a paper plane competition to raise funds for the Year 6 graduation celebrations and the nature playground. A total of $160.00 was raised. Congratulations to our winners, Kaelan Bailey, Isagani Blanco and Gemma Boardman. A big thank you to Beeliar Newspower for donating the competition prizes.
**Enrol now for VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons**
It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit [www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming).

Enrolments close on Monday 29 August.

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**Nurse Update**

**Hand washing**

Washing hands is the easiest way to protect ourselves from contagious diseases, like colds, influenza and gastroenteritis. Hands should be washed before and after eating or preparing food, after going to the toilet and after nose blowing.

When teaching your child to wash their hands;

- Use clean water and soap, making sure they cover their hands and wrists.
- Use a brush to clean under nails if they’re dirty too
- Dry their hands with something clean (like a paper towel)

Alcohol based sanitisers are useful when soap and water is not available. Use a half a teaspoon of the product and encourage your child to rub their hands together until they’re dry. If you can see dirt on their hands, it is better to use soap and water.

Information taken from [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)

**Personal hygiene**

Having good hygiene helps to prevent illness and ensures that our bodies are acceptable to others. Here are some tips for maintaining good hygiene;

- Wash your hands before and after touching food, and after going to the toilet, touching animals or being around someone who is coughing or has a cold.
- Wash your body daily and keep your hair clean.
- To prevent body odors, change your clothes regularly and use deodorant if necessary.
- Change underwear and socks daily, and leave shoes outside to dry.
- To prevent bad breath, brush and floss teeth and visit the dentist regularly.
- If you are ill, try not to cough or sneeze on others, clean things that you touch, and throw away things with germs on them (like tissues).

Should you require further information about hygiene, contact your local Community Health Nurse, Margie MacFie on 93140100/0115, or go to [www.cyh.com](http://www.cyh.com).

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**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.

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**Uniform Shop**

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