

Keeping you in the loop...

12 November 2020

Good morning parents and carers,

Wow! Time flies when you are having fun. We are halfway through the term and the next five weeks will be over before we know it. We have so much to celebrate this year and we look forward to reflecting on all we have achieved together at our Celebrate 2020 concert on Tuesday 15 December.

Book Fair

From Friday 20 November to Wednesday 25 November the Book Fair will be open in our school library. This is a fabulous opportunity for you to purchase good quality literature for your children. Please pop in before or after school on these days and support our school. Every book that sells benefits our students.

Swimming lessons

The Department of Education expects that all students from PP-Year 6 will attend swimming lessons. Information has been sent home this week and the permission forms and payment is to be received by Wednesday 25 November 2020. If your child will not be attending swimming you must provide a written reason to your child's teacher by Friday 20 November 2020.

Celebrate 2020 Concert

This is a great opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the year we have had. This year we will be holding the concert on the oval in order to meet the Phase 4 Covid-19 restrictions. Every year level will perform a song, along with the choir and the staff. We will acknowledge our Year 6 students who we farewell and thank the School Board and P&C for their contributions to our school throughout the year. We will also announce the annual Classroom Christmas Door winner! The concert will begin at 5:00pm to ensure we have enough light for the duration of the concert. Students are required to stay for the entire concert which will end at approximately 6:30pm.

Attendance

If your child is unwell and needs to stay at home, you must inform the classroom teacher with an acceptable reason for their absence. Family vacations, birthdays, haircuts, dancing or swimming lessons etc. are not considered acceptable reasons for absence from school.

From Monday 30 November we will be introducing a Short Messaging Service (SMS) mobile phone system to communicate student unexplained absences to parents/carers. This system will send text messages to parent/carer mobile phones when your child is absent from school (in the instance that an explanation has not already been provided). More information will be sent to parents closer to the date. In the meantime, please ensure we have your current mobile phone numbers. If your number has recently changed, please contact the office on 9234 7700 to update your details.

The Department of Education has an attendance policy that all schools must adhere to and if a child's attendance falls under 90% the school must inform the parents and work together to increase the student's attendance rate. It is important that your children attend school consistently.

The Giving Cycle

At Southern Grove we believe it is important to teach our students the importance of giving to others who are not as fortunate as we are. This year the staff and School Board have decided to support the **Perth Homeless Support Group** by collecting items to be distributed to the homeless.

We ask that every child brings one item to go into our collection box and we will deliver these to PHSG in the last week of the term. Children can bring their item to their class any time over the next 4 weeks. The PHSG have asked for donations of:

Non-perishable food items

bottled water
Up and Go breakfast drinks
Juice poppers
ring pull tuna
ring pull baked beans and spaghetti
snack packs of chips, cookies, Shapes etc.
muesli bars
long life milk
long life juice
cup of noodles
jelly cups
tinned fruit
sweet or savoury biscuits
tea
coffee
sugar

Other items

roll on deodorant
toothbrushes (single packs only)
razors
baby wipes
men's and ladies socks and underwear (must be new)
blankets
sleeping bags
backpacks

Traffic management

We continue to do our best to manage this situation and would like to thank all of the many parents who are supporting us with this. It is really important that our community follow the road rules, park in designated car bays only and treat others with respect.

Term 1 Planner

To keep our community well informed we have attached a Term 1 planner to this email. Please be aware that at times we do need to make changes to this calendar and we may also add events. To make sure you have the latest information we suggest you regularly check the calendar on our website as this is updated weekly. You can find our calendar by clicking on this link

<https://southerngroveps.wa.edu.au/calendar/month/202012>

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