

Keeping you in the loop...

24 July 2020

Welcome to term 3!!

This term has started off with lots of sunshine, refreshed staff and enthusiastic and engaged students. We are so lucky to live in WA and to be able to resume a fairly normal way of life during this pandemic situation. Our thoughts go out to all those in Victoria at this time.

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed their new investigation areas from Kindergarten to Year 2 and our senior students are very eager to start on their new Educational Research Projects. The creations they are making in the outdoor learning environment are amazing.

Reading is a big focus at Southern Grove and it was great to see so many parents accessing 'Southern Grove Reads' during the holidays. Our students are building up their reading stamina during Café reading time before school each day and we are working on improving their fluency across the school.

We welcome the following new staff to Southern Grove this term;

Pre-primary	Billy Calvert
	Kylie Somers
Year 4/5	Emma Shorto
MCS	Kelly Gray
Cleaner	Natalie Bradshaw

We hope our new staff enjoy being a part of the Southern Grove team. We also welcome back our gardener, Brian Rose, who has returned to our school this semester.

Today we held our Cross Country event. The students had an amazing time and it was fabulous to see each and every one of them give their personal best. Our focus is not on winning but on achieving your own personal best and every student certainly did that today. Mr Willey has once again done a fabulous job of organising the event and our staff were here bright and early to set up for the day. I would like to thank them all for going the extra mile again for our students.

Unfortunately, we did run ahead of schedule and some parents missed seeing their children run. We apologise for this and will do our best to ensure this does not happen again. Each time we run an event we always reflect on what we can change in order to improve.

Due to Covid-19 we are going to continue the drop off arrangements at the gates in the morning. Gates will open at 8:10am daily. Unfortunately, if we allow parents and siblings into the playground or classrooms before school we need to clean the areas prior to 10:30am and we do not have the resources to do this. Hopefully, restrictions will ease in the near future and we can welcome everyone back on to the site each morning.

Our teachers are continuing the new normal of hand sanitising/ washing of hands for students and staff at all transitions. We ask you to keep your child at home if they are unwell. Students should not return to school with a fever and if they have been vomiting it is recommended they not attend school for at least 24 hours. Thank you for working together to help keep our community healthy.

Parents will continue to be able to come on site in the afternoons to pick up your children from their classrooms. We ask that you implement physical distancing at all times and exit the school as soon as possible to allow our cleaners to complete the additional cleaning required each day.

It is very easy for us to become a little complacent in the school setting as we adapt to our new normal, however it is important that we maintain our high levels of hygiene practices and physical distancing measures in order to keep our community safe and well.

At Southern Grove Primary the dress code requires students to wear long hair tied back. Our students are engaged in many hands on activities using tools and to ensure our students are safe we make sure they wear safety goggles, use the equipment correctly and are supervised. Having long hair hanging around the face is a safety issue. Please make sure your child's hair is tied back for school.

We have a School Development Day on Monday 17 August and students do not attend school on this day. Our staff will be offsite engaging in professional learning based around the social and emotional development of children and best practice in literacy.

Is your child starting Kindy or Pre-primary next year? If you have not yet completed an 'Application for Enrolment' form for Kindy or Pre-primary 2021 we ask that you do so immediately as the last day for applications was today, 24 July 2020. Parents will receive notification about their application by Monday 10 August.

As we begin to look at staffing and class structures for 2021 it is important that we know how many students we will have in each year level. If your child(ren) will be leaving Southern Grove next year please let Melissa know via email Melissa.devries@education.wa.edu.au as soon as possible.

Have you changed address, phone number or email address? If so, please advise our school officers and provide the updated information. It is important that we are able to contact you in case of emergency.

It has been noticed by members of our community that there is some anti-social behaviour occurring in our carpark and around the streets of our school during the evenings and on weekends. If you notice any anti-social behaviour, we ask that you contact the police or Ed Security and ask them to follow up. The number for Ed Security is 1800 177 777.

Have a lovely weekend. Stay healthy and happy!

Kind regards,

Bec Burns
Principal

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