

Keeping you in the loop...

31 August 2020

We have had a busy few weeks and it is not slowing down as we speed towards the end of the term!

Our students have all worked hard to achieve their personal best and we celebrated over 50 students receiving milestone awards last week. It is fabulous to see the intrinsic motivation our students have for their learning and the manner in which they set personal goals and work hard to reach them. These are lifelong skills they are mastering from the age of four!

COVID-19

Lisa Rodgers, our Director General, has given a timely and serious reminder that we continue to be in a state of emergency and must continue to follow Covid-19 guidelines. It is very easy to be complacent in WA, however the reality is that our situation could change overnight and we must be prepared.

In order to follow protocols, we are requesting the following:

- Only 1 parent per child is to enter the grounds to drop off or pick up students and must leave as soon as possible
- Parents are not to enter the classrooms (unless meeting with the teacher)
- Siblings must not play on or with any equipment or resources
- **Please remain 1.5 metres from other adults during this time, including as you walk through the ECE gates**
- Please follow good hygiene practices – please use hand sanitiser frequently
- Please do not enter the school grounds if you are unwell
- Keep your child home if they are unwell

Arriving at school

To start the day in a calm manner and ready to learn we ask that our students enter their classroom at 8:15am. Students should not arrive at school before 8:00am unless attending Running Club, Sustainability Club or Choir. If students arrive between 8:00-8:15am they must go to the library for supervision. Kindy and pre-primary students who arrive between 8:00 – 8:15am must be accompanied by an adult and must go to the library.

Traffic Management

Last week we had our first visit from the Rangers, who were relatively happy with the manner in which most parents were parking and driving around the school and using the carparks. Thank you for the improvement in this area. We continue to have some parents who are blocking traffic by staying idle in the carparks. Please do a lap around the school to allow other parents to leave the carpark. This will prevent a build-up of traffic on Lockway Street.

The Rangers will be out every few weeks and will issue fines to drivers who are not following the rules. Parking in the Kiss and Drive or in universal access bays will get you a hefty fine.

Colour Run

Hooray! The day is almost here and excitement is in the air! Parents are allowed to come and watch this event however the following guidelines must be adhered to;

- Parents and other family members must stand around the edge of the oval closest to Marnbu Road
- Physical distancing of 1.5 metres must be followed by all spectators
- Siblings are not allowed to participate in the event
- Photographs and video footage can only be taken of your own child. Please do not post photos of footage of other students on social media pages.

Kindy and Pre-primary students will start the Colour Run at 1:30pm and will return to their class at 1:55pm. Parents may sign their children out of class after the event if they wish to take them home. Teachers will have sign out sheets in their rooms. Students cannot be signed out to watch their older siblings run their event.

Year 1 -6 students will start the Colour Run at 1:55pm and will return to their classrooms at 2:30pm. Parents may sign their children out of class after the event if they wish to take them home. Teachers will have sign out sheets in their rooms.

Please send your child to school in a white t shirt for the event. If they do not have a white t-shirt you can send them in an old t-shirt of any colour.

All permission slips for the event were due last Friday. There are still a number of students who have not returned these slips. Please return them by Wednesday. If there is no permission slip your child **will not** be able to run in the event.

Wheelie Wednesday

Our students are really enjoying bringing their skates and scooters to school. With Spring upon us this is a great opportunity for your children to walk, ride or scoot to school. This will also help to reduce traffic around our school during drop off and pick up times. Find 30 and enjoy the fresh air!

Lost Property

Please make sure you clearly label your child's jackets, hats, drink bottles etc. We constantly have these items in our lost property basket and they have no names on them.

Weekend Media Reports

You may have seen media coverage over the weekend regarding a Western Australian Police investigation that has uncovered a series of online grooming offences against young people in the wider community.

Charges of this nature are unsettling and we want to make sure that all parents/carers remain aware of the importance of cyber safety. I also want to reassure you that there is **no indication** that any of these grooming offences have taken place at a school.

I know you are best placed to talk to your children about cyber safety and there are many resources to help guide you through this on the [Department of Education website](#). Other online resources are available on the [eSafety Commissioner website](#).

This weekend's story may lead to children being more aware of these types of offences and wanting to disclose information. The Department's parent helpline, 1800 882 345, is available for you to call if you have any questions or concerns, and is staffed by psychologists, child protection officers and principals. The phone line is available from 8.00am to 4.00pm this Monday to Friday.

If you have any general concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9234 7700.

Anti-social behaviour

We have received many reports about hoons using our carparks at night and on weekends, people having picnics on our grass and leaving rubbish behind, broken bottles in the carparks etc. Our School Board has written to our local member, Terry Healy, about these issues and he will be attending one of our meetings next term. We have also been in contact with our local police and the City of Gosnells to see what support we can get to reduce this anti-social behaviour. Please help us by contacting the police or Ed Security if you notice any suspicious or dangerous behaviour after school hours.

Kindy or Pre-Primary 2021

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 24 July 2020. We have very few spaces left in Kindy for 2021.

Will your child be leaving Southern Grove at the end of this year?

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.

Old Electrical Equipment

We are in need of tinkering items for our students to pull apart. If you have any old toasters, irons, kettles, blenders etc. please drop them into the admin office. We are unable to take microwaves or televisions and items.

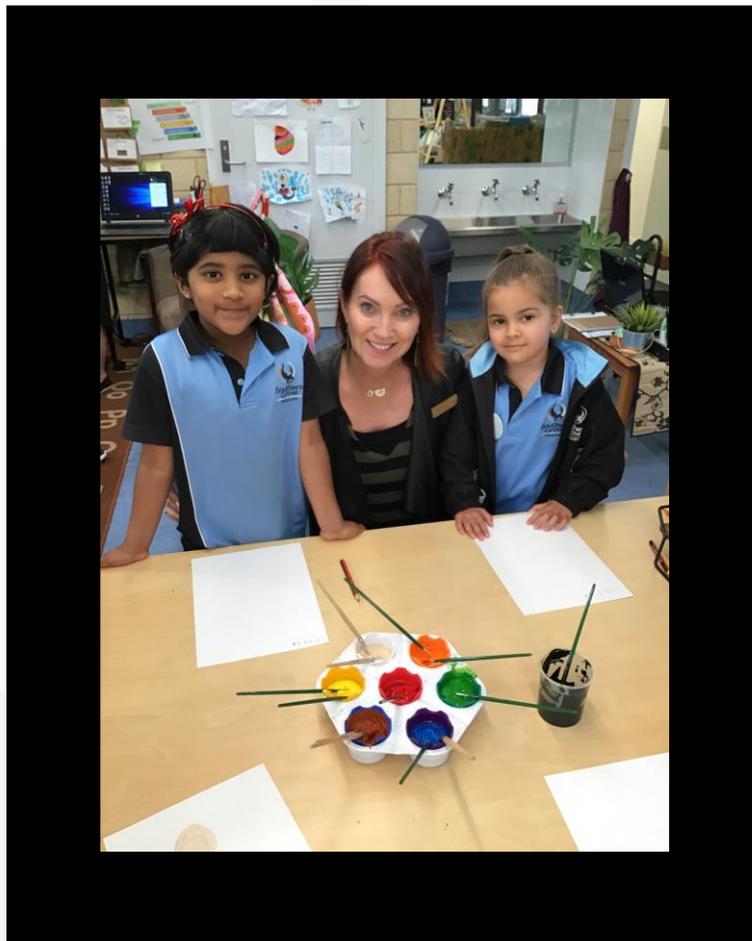
Walker Resources

We are always on the lookout for any baskets, wooden bowls, vases, wooden trays, clean jars (no labels), wool, material, artificial grass offcuts, poly pipe, air-con venting, nails, gum nuts, etc. for our Walker shed. If you have any of these items that you would like to get rid of, please drop them into our admin office.

Enjoy the first week of Spring!

Kind regards,

Bec Burns
Principal



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