

Keeping you in the loop...

22 May 2020

Dear parents and caregivers

We have had a joyful week with our students! It is fabulous to have everyone back at school and a sense of normality in our lives. The last 8 weeks has been like no other and I am so proud of our whole school community for the manner in which everybody remained calm and supportive to ensure everyone stayed well. Thank you.

Drop Off and Pick up

We will be continuing to have our students dropped off at the gates in the morning and picked up from the gates in the afternoon as directed by the Department of Education. It is really important to socially distance from other adults at these times. Please stand 1.5 metres apart at drop off and pick up times.

Kiss and Drive

From Monday we will be opening our Kiss and Drive area for parents to drop off students in years 1-6. If your child is in Kindy or Pre-primary you are required to drop them at the gate for duty of care.

When dropping your children off at the Kiss and Drive area you must;

- make sure your child is sitting on the passenger side of the car for a safe exit
- make sure your child has their school bag in the car with them
- drive into the first bay available, leaving space to pull out without reversing
- not get out of the car

When picking your children up from the Kiss and Drive area you must;

- pull into the first bay, leaving space to pull out without reversing
- do a lap around the block if your child is not at the Kiss and Drive in order to keep the traffic flowing
- stay in your car
- be patient
- not exit the kiss and drive bays until the car in front of you has left
- check for traffic before pulling out of the area

Drivers must not leave their vehicle. The Ranger will give fines to drivers who leave their cars unattended in Kiss and Drive zones.

We ask that you do not drop your children off in the staff carpark area. This is not safe, and we do not want to see any of our students, staff or families injured. If you are not using the Kiss and Drive zone you must park your car and make sure your children walk along the footpaths to their gate. Safety is our first priority.

School Uniform

The wearing of a school uniform instils a sense of pride and belonging in students. At Southern Grove Primary the School Board has set a dress code for students and it is an expectation that all students will come to school dressed in the school uniform every day.

As Winter is upon us and the weather is cool, students are asked to wear the school uniform jacket. Our uniform supplier is now open for you to be able to purchase items you need. If you do not have the school jacket, students are permitted to wear a plain black jacket until they have a school jacket. Black leggings are permitted and white or black undershirts only. Black school bucket hats are the only hats permitted.

Hoodies, coloured jumpers and jackets, coloured leggings, coloured undershirts and denim (blue, grey or black) are not allowed.

Please label your children's items clearly, including their surname. We have had several items, including jackets in the lost property over the last few weeks and they have had no names in them. We would like to be able to return them to their owners.

P and C

Today is P&C Day! We say a HUGE thank you to our amazing P&C!

On Wednesday evening we were able to have our first face to face P&C meeting in quite some time. This group of parents work tirelessly to fundraise for our school and have provided the funding for many projects that all of your children benefit from. They have provided sun shelters, robotics, soccer goals, interschool sport uniforms and choir shirts to name a few. They are currently fundraising for some much-needed shade for the loose parts play sand pit near the oval. Every dollar raised is spent on your children and we thank you for supporting them. We would love to see some new faces at our next meeting!

The Colour Run will hopefully go-ahead next term and we currently have 62 students who are actively fundraising for this event. We encourage all of our families to do their best to fundraise a small amount – every dollar counts and there are some fabulous prizes for the students.

School Development Day

On **Tuesday 2 June** students do not attend school. Helping Hands will be open on site to provide care for those families who need it. Please book online.

Reporting to Parents Semester 1 2020

As a result of COVID-19 and the disruption to the teaching and learning programs that occurred, schools have been offered flexibilities in relation to reporting requirements for Semester 1, 2020. Your child will get a Semester 1 Progress report which will describe your child's progress in their learning to date. There will be no A-E grades included in the report. Progress reports will be emailed to parents on Thursday 2 July.

Staff Changes for Term 3.

Our lovely Mrs Sarah Bell is expecting her first baby in August and will be taking leave from the start of term 3. We are very excited for Sarah and Wayne and wish them well on their new journey. We can't wait to meet baby Bell! Ms Tracey Coleman will replace Mrs Bell for the remainder of the year. Tracey currently teaches in our kindy and pre-primary classes and is looking forward to teaching our year one students in LE 4.

Help needed! Do you sew?

We are looking for people who would be interested in helping us out by sewing vests for our Focus students. We have the vests cut out – we just need some willing dressmakers to sew them for us. If you are able to help out, please email Chelsea at Chelsea.regan2@education.wa.edu.au

Enjoy the weekend!

*Bec Burns
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