

Keeping you in the loop...

26 June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

What an interesting term it has been! I am so incredibly proud of the manner in which our students, staff, parents and the wider community have worked together throughout this pandemic situation. Together we are kind, caring and brave!

Covid-19 Update

As Western Australia enters Phase 4 of the Roadmap the Department of Education has advised us of revised requirements based on advice from the Health Department. As of Monday 29 June the following changes will apply to our school setting;

- All school gates will open at 8:10am. We will continue our current morning drop off at the gates. Our students have become very independent in walking themselves to class and getting ready for the day. This has been a very positive outcome from the Covid-19 situation and is a process we would like to remain in place.
- Parents may come onto the school site in the afternoons, however physical distancing measures of one adult per two square metres must be applied.
- Our gates will open at 2:40pm and all students will be released from class at the normal time of 2:45pm. Families must leave the school grounds as soon as possible.
- Good hygiene practices will continue with the use of hand sanitizer and soap to be used regularly throughout the day.
- The cleaning regime will remain in place for Term 3. A cleaner will be onsite throughout the day to clean all high traffic areas and the play equipment.
- Students and siblings are not allowed to play on the playgrounds or with our resources after school. Our cleaners are required to clean the playground equipment and resources every afternoon. Please support them and keep your children off the playgrounds.
- Students must be kept at home if they are unwell.

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.

Café Reading

When our students arrive at school by 8:15am they are greeted by their teacher, they organise their belongings and then read their own box of café reading books for 15 minutes before the morning song plays. These café books are 'good fit' books meaning your child is able to read them independently reader for a sustained period of time to practice becoming a more fluent reader. This reading time helps to improve their fluency and comprehension and is an important part of their day.

Kindy and Pre-primary Enrolments 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 as soon as possible. With the building of the new Southern River Primary School (planning name only) it is important that we have a true indication of the number of students we will have at Southern Grove next year, in order to staff our school accurately. Pop into the admin office and see Melissa or Chelsea or visit our website at southerngrovesps.wa.edu.au and download the forms.

Busy Bee

We need your help! Are you good at building flat packs? Bunnings has donated a cubby house and some alfresco tables to our school and we need some handy people to build them for us. If you are available and happy to help out next week please email Mel at Melissa.devries@education.wa.edu.au or call the office on 9234 7700.

Shade Grant

We have been successful in accessing a grant for \$20 000 to put shade sails over our loose parts sandpit. This is a fabulous bonus for our school!

Outdoor Blinds

We have had outdoor blinds put around some of our year 1-6 verandahs to protect our students from the wind and rain during outdoor learning sessions. These will allow teachers to make the most of the outdoor learning environment and will help protect our resources. We will be working towards installing blinds in the ECE area in 2021.

Farewells

Our lovely MCS, Vanessa Pugh, is leaving Southern Grove at the end of the term to take up a position in a high school setting. Vanessa was our very first foundation staff member and she has been instrumental in the setting up of our school. We would like to thank her for the huge contribution she has made to Southern Grove and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Sarah Bell will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term. She is a valued staff member who has embraced the Southern Grove way and we wish her all the best as she prepares for the arrival of baby Bell!

Doug Green, our gardener, is moving on to new pastures next term. Doug has worked hard to maintain our gardens and we will miss him riding around Southern Grove. We thank him for his contributions and wish him all the best in his new venture.

We welcome Mrs Kelly Gray to our school next term in the role of MCS. Ms. Tracey Coleman will replace Sarah Bell in LE4 and Mr Brian Rose returns to the school as our gardener.

Semester 1 Reports

Reports will be emailed home on Wednesday 1 July. If you have any issues downloading your child's report please contact the office.

Southern River Primary School (planning name only)

We are very happy to be hosting Chris Burgess, foundation principal of the new school at Southern Grove. We are currently taking 'Applications for Enrolment' to Southern River Primary School through our front office.

Southern River Primary School (Planning Name)



My name is Chris Burgess and I am honoured to be named the foundation Principal of the new nearby school, Southern River Primary School (Planning Name). The school will be located on Yarralinka Road within Southern River's Riverbank estate and will open in 2021 for Kindergarten and Pre- Primary students. While the school is being built I will be based here at Southern Grove Primary School. If you have any questions about the new school, please do not hesitate to contact me on the below details:

- Ph: 9234 7703 or 0448 103 894
- E: southernriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au
- Facebook: "Southern River Primary School- Planning Name"

I am looking forward to working with families and the wider Southern River community to establish the school.

Our students and staff have worked incredibly hard this term and we are looking forward to a relaxing break. We look forward to returning refreshed and ready to learn in semester two.

Kind regards,

Bec Burns

Principal

