Dear Parents and Carers,

Southwell Primary has a number of events to celebrate so far this year. We have seen a significant improvement in the attendance of students at school. The biggest shift has been students with very low attendance coming more often. We all have our part to play in getting students to school, however I would like to especially acknowledge Mrs Nicole Jetta in her dedication to improving student attendance. Her work with families to overcome the obstacles of attending school each day has been paramount in the shift.

We had our first whole school excursion this week for the first time in some years. We all travelled by bus to the Riverside Theatre and the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. I am proud to tell you that while on the Circus-Quirkus Excursion, your children modelled perfect manners, were well behaved and a credit to you. Tickets were purchased for our school by the Police and Community Youth Centres and we are grateful for providing an opportunity for students to view a 90 minute show with a troupe of local and international performers steeped in the traditional circus disciplines of clowning, juggling, acrobatics and balancing as well as comedy routines. I believe that the literacy lessons following the circus have been most interesting for students.

This year we took a new whole school approach to the teaching of mathematics and numeracy in general. Through this process staff have been able to view students across the school to identify specific needs. I believe that we have started to improve student outcomes in numeracy especially for students falling behind or at risk of falling behind. Teachers are conscious of the need to lift the aspirations and achievements of Aboriginal students, and reduce the gap in numeracy achievement between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. I would like to thank Mrs Karinda Fragall for her dedication in coordinating the new numeracy program and credit all teachers with the successes.

A strong focus has been on the emotional and social wellbeing of students. Sarah Priest has been an active advocate of developing a whole school approach to helping teachers identify students who may require extra assistance in specific areas of development. This has taken a significant amount of research and time spent with the Mental Health network in our area to build a clear and informed basis to move forward over the next few years. I'm sure that Sarah would be delighted to speak with you if you would like to hear more about her project.

I would like to welcome Mrs Hayley Curtis and Miss Nicole Swift on to our staff until the end of the year. Ms. Hayley will be working with the year 4-6 class on Thursdays and Fridays. Ms Swift will be teaching the year 1-2 class till the end of the year while Mrs Forsythe enjoys her long service leave.

Kind regards,
Elizabeth Melville
Fremantle’s New Secondary School

Myles Draper has been appointed foundation Principal of Fremantle College (planning name) opening in 2018.

As an experienced education leader, with more than 20 years’ in public education in Western Australia, Myles has held leadership positions at Applecross Senior High School, Gilmore College and Woodvale Secondary College.

“It is a great privilege to take on this role. I will now work closely with parents, students, teachers and the local community so that together we can establish the new school as an innovative and highly aspirational secondary college for the greater Fremantle area,” Mr Draper said.

The college will operate as an Independent Public School and will provide a full selection of programs to help young people realise their full potential—whether that be university, further training or employment. The college will offer the highly regarded Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Academic Program for young people with exceptional academic abilities. It will also retain South Fremantle Senior High School’s state-of-the-art maritime Trade Training Centre and continue an established commitment to sustainability.

The college will open for the start of 2018 school year following the amalgamation of South Fremantle and Hamilton Senior High School at the end of 2017.

For more information on Fremantle College (planning name) visit education.wa.edu.au or https://www.facebook.com/Fremantle

Fremantle Family Support Network

The Family Support Network provides a one stop shop to guide families looking for support and information. We work alongside a number of agencies so you won’t have to shop around; we can do that for you.

The areas we cover include Fremantle, Cockburn and Melville. Some issues we can support families with include financial difficulties; mental health; family & domestic violence; drug & alcohol use; homelessness or risk of becoming homeless; family conflict and parenting difficulties.

Working together to support families.
Telephone: 1300 951 190
Email: ffsn@stpats.com.au
or visit First Floor, 11 Wentworth Parade, Success WA 6164

P&C Swap Meet

The P&C are holding a Swap Meet Fun Day on Sunday 28th August 8am to 2pm. There will be car boot stalls, sausage sizzle, cake stall, bouncy castle, face painting and many more. Charlie the Chipmunk will be handing out balloons from 10am. With kind donations from Woolworths, West Coast Eagles, Cleopatra Day Spa, AMF Bowling, Fremantle Prison, Ryan’s Quality Meats and Chipmunks it looks like a great day.

Raffle tickets are available for purchase with many prizes including a West Coast Eagles signed photo frame, entertainment book and a pamper package to name just a few. Tickets can be purchase from Mrs Hart in the office, with Kelly at the canteen or on the day. The winners will be drawn at the Swap Meet.

Please come along and support our school and enjoy a great day out with the family.

For further information please contact Kelly on 0426 276 724.
If you are able to volunteer a few hours to help on the day, please let Kelly know.