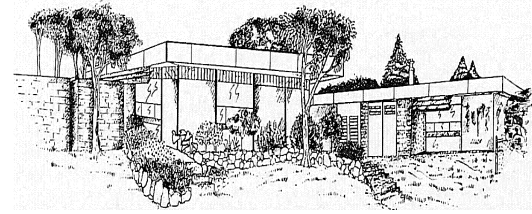




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Newsletter

Week: 1 Term 1 6th February 2019



DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 2

Welcome Back BBQ
February 14th 8:30am

Week 4

*School Council Meeting
February 26th 1:30pm
*School Assembly
February 27th 1:55pm
*School Development Day
(Pupil free) March 1st

Week 5

*Labour Day
March 4th (Public hol.)

Week 6

*Math Day
March 13th
*π Day
March 14th

Week 7

*Swimming lessons
March 18th

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

I am thrilled and honoured to welcome you back for the new School Year. Going back to school is a reason for celebration because it means a new step towards a wonderful future. It's a pleasure to watch children on their path to school again. Our school has been lonely without the giggles and whispers of children. I miss the energy and excitement that children bring to our school each day and am looking forward to hearing about their summer adventures.

The staff have been busily preparing for the arrival of our students. This year will continue to be shaped by our reform efforts. Our accomplishments have been monumental and we will continue our focus on teaching and learning for children. We also plan to enhance staff support and development in core content areas, and extend individual and small group student support.

Real learning means paying attention and staying curious. We aim to provide a school program with a STEM focus for students. Clearly, it is a year of great ambition and promise. Henry Ford once said, "If you think you can do a thing or you think you can't, you're right." We know that we have work to do, work that requires commitment, focus and collaboration and we know that we will succeed by working with the community.

Your role for children at Southwell is important to their academic learning. Children need your wisdom and your care. My plan is that through the Southwell Learning Community, you and your children will think of our school as the place where a community of learners come together to do essential work.

Kind regards
Elizabeth Melville.

Principal

We would like to acknowledge the Noongar people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders past and present of the Noongar nation and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians who are or may be present.



Welcome Back Breakfast



Please plan to join us on Valentine's Day for our Welcome Back Breakfast in the undercover area from 8:30 on 14th February.

If you would like to join our Walking School Bus please be at the meeting points below by 8:30 to walk together and enjoy a hearty breakfast before the start of the school day.

The Walking School Bus meeting locations are:

1. The corner of Phoenix Road and Grandpre Crescent
2. The corner of Grandpre Crescent and Packham/Morton Road
3. The intersection of walking paths at Goodchild Oval nearest the school.



Leaders will be wearing a bright orange jacket.

It's a great time to share a meal, catch up with other families, meet new friends and families too and we'd love to see you here at Southwell.



School Uniforms

Rarely at Southwell do children come to school without wearing a school shirt. Though we understand that occasionally this can occur, the Southwell Primary Community expects children to be in uniform. The community understands that when everyone is the same no one can be left out by the way they are dressed.

A school uniform teaches children to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance. Perhaps most importantly, a uniform means children don't have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like isn't so important. Uniforms give children a sense of belonging to a particular school and create an identity for the school in the community.

Uniforms have become essential in helping children feel more at ease rather than feeling uncomfortable going to school because others made fun of the way they looked and dressed. Uniforms add measures of safety in identical dress. Gang identification is obscured by a uniform. Group violence and theft are dissipated because children are in uniform. Children in uniform are more eager to attend school as they feel equal to everyone else.

Another reason why attendance improves is that if children are not in school when they are supposed to be, they are more easily identified by the community. This is not fool proof, not many things are. However, a case study has shown that uniform wearing does act as a deterrent to truancy.

Across the country there is support in favour of school uniforms. Because it is a solution that is effective, easily established, economically sound, School Uniforms really do work! We at Southwell are also parents and concerned community members who have explored this option for our school systems across the country and have come to one resounding conclusion.

IT'S WORKING - SO KEEP IT UP!

School shirts (\$21) and hats (\$8) are available for purchase in the office. Please see Ms Yvonne.

Every Child

Every Chance

Every Day