Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Next term, I will be on long service leave. Mr Brendan Hodge, from Winterfold Primary School has kindly offered to take my place for weeks 1-9. He will be at Southwell for all of this week. Please come along to the school assembly to meet him.

On Friday, 8th April, staff will be at school working through their second session of Classroom Management Strategies professional learning. The program aims to grow professional teaching practice of our experienced and new teachers in ways that improve the engagement, learning and wellbeing of all students. Delivery focuses on using evidence-based interactive instructional strategies that increase students’ active participation and classroom engagement, leading to improved social behaviour and outcomes for students and schools. Our teachers would be delighted to tell you about the program – just ask them.

I hope that your children have enjoyed all the activities offered at Southwell in term one. Staff use a considerable amount of their own time to prepare events such as the Easter hat parade and the Walk to school for community breakfast. Judging by the community attendance at these events, families enjoy and are keen to see these events continue. Thank you to the staff and families that pitch in and help to make these days so special for the children.

Nice to see new families have joined the P & C. I was very pleased to see that it is quite a social group this year. I believe the first meeting next term it to be held in a coffee shop – great idea and sorry I’m going to miss it! If you feel that you would like to join in with this terrific group of people then enquire at the canteen or call in at the front office and have a word with Janine.

Term one also saw the first School Council meeting being held independently of the school assembly. Families were personally contacted and invited to join in the presentation of our plans and join in on the discussions. Thank you to Logan Howlett, our Council Chair Person for altering his schedule to attend our meeting. Thank you to Kelly Kelly who brought in cupcakes, that was a nice touch that made us feel like we were part of something personal and special. The meeting only went for half an hour and was timed so that people could pick up their children as they came out of class. I hope others will be able to come next time to view the inner workings of the school system.

Kind regards
Elizabeth Melville
Pupil Free Day
Friday 8th April
The last day for students is Thursday the 7th of April. Teacher and other staff will be hard at work at school engaging in Professional Learning.

A bit of a sticky problem!
Please don’t bring chewing gum or bubble gum onto the school grounds. Besides it being against our school rules it is unsightly to see it making a mess on the ground and getting spread as people walk through it.

Winners! Winners!
Here are the lucky winners of the Easter Hat Parade.
Caden Patmore (Kindy)
Amber Sharpe (Pre Primary)
Estelle Kelly (Room 1)
Izayah Millward (Room 11)
Ryder Donegan (Room 8)

Amber Sharpe was also the winner of the P & C Easter Raffle.
Crazy Hair Day!
Thursday 7th April

Don’t forget this Thursday is “Crazy Hair Day”. Children are invited to come to school on Thursday 7th April with a wonderful, wacky hair style or a wig and be in the running for a class prize.

All styles need to be completed at home and remember, NO HAIR PRODUCTS are to be brought to school.
To participate in this fun event you will need a “Gold Coin Donation” to put in the tin in your class on the day.

Walk to School Day & P & C Meeting

The 27th of May we will celebrate Reconciliation Day with a “Walk to School Day” and another of our popular family breakfasts that will be ready when children arrive just after 8:30. These events have become a popular occasion. Reminders and details will follow.

The P & C have decided to meet on the day as well. Their meeting will take place at the Port Coogee Dome Café at 1:30. All are welcome so come and join them for a coffee and maybe some cake.

Voluntary Contributions

A very big thank you to all families that have paid their voluntary contributions so far this year.
It’s an important part of your child’s education that they have access to lots of wonderful resources and equipment.
These contributions are invaluable in helping to provide for your children a rich a varied learning experience.
Voluntary contributions are $30 per student and can be paid to Mrs Hart in the office at your earliest convenience.

Every Child  Every Chance  Every Day
GET WILD ABOUT WETLANDS

Wonderful Working Worms $5
- Gulp up some and travel with these wonder invertebrates
- Tuesday 12 April, 11am — 12noon
Australian Rock Art $5
- Get creative while creating your own Aboriginal rock art
- Wednesday 22 April, 11am — 12noon
Spinifex Wonders 2 x Sessions $5
- Discover the magical world of nature in microns
- Thursday 23 April, 10am — Thursday 30 April, 10am — 11.30am — 12.30pm
Dram Discoveries $5
- All events are held at the Cockburn Wetland Education Centre, 124 Hope Road, Bibra Lake
- Every Saturday, 10am — 11am
- Green Tuesday, 10am — 11am
- Saturday, 20 May, 10am — 11am

All events suitable for children aged 5-12 years

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL!
13441 3444, email wetlands@cockburn.wa.gov.au
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/environment

Most events are free but children must be accompanied by an adult.

April Family Holiday Program
Join us for an eco walk, talk or night walk!

Little Green Steps WA &
Australian Association for Environmental Education (WA Chapter)
presents:

Sustainability in Early Years Settings

Thursday 22 January, 9.00am — 1.30pm
Beeliar Community Centre — Main Hall

Wednesday 9 March, 9.00am — 1.30pm
Harvey Lakes Community Room

Workshop in Brief!
We introduce what sustainability means in an Early Learning service and how it fits in with the NQS and EYLF.

You will receive:
- Practical, real life examples on how to embed sustainability in your service
- Inspiration for involving children in hands-on sustainability activities and routines
- An opportunity to connect with other early years service educators and staff in your area

Light meal and refreshments provided.

Thursday 12 & 19 May, 9.00am — 12.30pm
Ashby Grove Community Room

Tuesday 21 June, 9.00am — 1.30pm
Harvey Lakes Community Room

Please register with Kylie Hocking one week prior to the workshop.

P: 0418 602 286
E: kph@aaeewe.org.au
www.littlegreenssteps.org.au

"Wonderful learning experiences"

Workshops are fully sponsored by the City of Cockburn so attendance is FREE!
However, spaces are limited and registration is essential.

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