I am delighted with the number of parents that stop and talk with me as they come through the school. Your ideas and thoughts are taken on board and I trust that you can see your ideas being implemented around the school.

I would like to welcome Ms Karyn Gallagher to our year 2-4 class. Ms Gallagher will stay with us for the remainder of the year. Ms Heather Glavocich returns to us from term three. We are very glad to have her back working with our staff and students. Ms Karen Gull will be running our intervention classes and collating data on student progress across the school. Mrs Hayley Curtis will be the year 4-6 teacher for the remainder of 2016. Ricky Jetta joins us also for term 4; he will be working with students in the year 4-6 class as well as younger students at particular times.

Sadly, we farewell Ms Karinda Fragall. Ms Fragall has been at Southwell Primary for such a long time. She has taught most year levels and nearly every student in the school. She is greatly missed by her students and colleagues. In 2015 Ms Fragall coordinated and introduced Steppingstones maths program to our school. During 2016 she worked diligently to ensure all staff understood and could use the program effectively in their specific levels.

This term we have an artist, Chandy Pendergrast, through the Song room Project, working with students and family members on a wall piece at the front of the school. The design has been chosen and the work is starting to take shape on the front of the Administration building. Our resident artist, Chandy is here on Tuesdays to work on the mural and would be delighted to have community members join in. Please come and pick up a paint brush and have a go one afternoon as you pick up children from school.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Melville
**Pupil Free Day 28th October**

There is no school for students this Friday 28th October.

Staff will be hard at work though involved with decision making, personal development and planning for next year.

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**Booklists 2017**

Booklists for 2017 have been sent home with students this week. Please note that these are to be returned to Mrs Hart in the office by November 13th if you wish to take advantage of this service. Payment for orders placed is upon collection in 2017.

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**Swimming**

Swimming for 2016 will take place at Southlake Recreation Centre in week 9.

Lessons begin on Monday 5th December. and will conclude on Thursday 15th December. (Last day of school). There will be no lesson on Friday 9th Dec. due to the whole school excursion (Velveteen Rabbit).

The cost is $50 per child. and can be paid to Mrs Hart at the office. If you need to set up a payment plan please speak with Mrs Hart soon.
Re: Parents with children entering year 7 in 2018

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs provide challenging and highly motivating learning opportunities for children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent.

These Academic, Arts and Languages Programs are taught by teachers with expert skills and knowledge. Your child will learn with like-minded peers and will be continually challenged to achieve at the highest level.

Programs are available at 18 select public secondary schools, including a fully selective academic school, an arts college and a country school. Once accepted, your child will be guaranteed a place at the school.

All Parents/Guardians of students interested in 2018 entry (Years 7, 9, 10 and 11) are invited to attend an information session regarding the application, selection and placement processes for Gifted and Talented Programs in 2018.

This will be presented by the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit from the Department of Education across multiple schools and will be held at our school at the following time:

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If you believe Gifted and Talented Programs are suitable for your child, you can apply at [www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented](http://www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented).

Applications opened online Monday 10 October 2016 and close on Monday 6 February 2017.

Visit the Gifted and Talented Programs website to find out more information.

RSVP to this event is essential. Please register your attendance: [http://www.jc.wa.edu.au/community/tours/](http://www.jc.wa.edu.au/community/tours/) or email: johncurtin.col@education.wa.edu.au
Cockburn Early Years

A home visiting service supporting parents of children pre-birth to 8 years of age

Coolbellup Hub
90 Cordelia Ave, Coolbellup
T: 9411 3655

Cockburn Early Years is a free service supporting parents to be, and families with children aged 0-8 years who live in the City of Cockburn.

We can help you:
- With emotional support and information through pregnancy and early parenthood
- Manage the challenges of parenting
- Support your baby or child’s development
- Understand children’s emotional needs and behaviour
- Strengthen your relationship with your baby or child
- Identify local community supports

What we do:
- Home or centre-based visits
- Parenting groups
- Parent and child groups
- One to one parent consultations
- Short term parenting counselling
- Encourage early learning and development

You are very welcome to contact us for further information or enquiries about this service.

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Cockburn_Early_Years