

Southwell Primary School



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Week: 4 Term 4

31st October 2018



DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 4 Thursday 1st November P&C Halloween Disco. 4PM - 6PM Gold coin donation admittance.

Week 5 Monday 5th November Zoo Excursion details in this Newsletter.

Week 6 Tuesday 13th November P&C Meeting 2 PM in the library.

Week 8 Monday 26th November Kindergarten Orientation Morning. 9 AM—11AM.

Thursday 29th November Completed booklists need to be returned.

Friday 30th November School Development Day. No students. Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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 have travelled by bus to several excursions this year and will be out to the Zoo next Monday. Please keep in mind that morning tea and lunch is provided for this event. I am proud to tell you that while on the Excursion, your children model perfect manners, have been well behaved and a credit to you.

This year we continued our 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 our teachers for their dedication in coordinating our numeracy program and I credit all teachers with the successes.

A strong focus has been on the emotional and social wellbeing of students. Our chaplain 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 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 how Southwell primary focuses on assisting every child.

Thank you to Mrs Jones, Ms Saunders, Mrs Stapleton and Miss Hannah Foley for preparing the morning tea and lunches for our trip to the Zoo.

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.

Zoo Excursíon Monday 5th November.

Students at Southwell, Pre Primary to Year 6 will be visiting Perth Zoo on Monday 5th November at no cost to parents and caregivers. Permission slips were sent home yesterday.

Reason for the excursion: The Perth Zoo visit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of important science concepts and processes, the practices used to develop scientific knowledge, of biological science's contribution to our culture and society, and its applications in our lives. The visit supports students to develop the knowledge, understandings and skills to make informed decisions about local, national and global issues and to participate, if they so wish, in biological science related careers.

To enable your child to participate, please sign the permission slip and return it to school. Activities to be conducted: The visit includes free exploration time and the Zoorasic Park activity.

A sandwich for lunch and a recess snack of fruit will be provided along with bottled water. All students will be required to be dressed in a school uniform, closed in shoes or runners and must be wearing a school hat.

Children need to be at school promptly on this day, ready as the bus will leave at 9:30AM sharp. Any student arriving after 9:30AM will remain at school until 3PM. Students will return to school at 2:45PM.

Halloween Disco

Thursday 1st November 2018 4:00pm - 6:00pm "Dress to Impress" Come as your favourite scary character. Entry - Gold coin donation Prizes to be won! Sausage sizzle \$2.50 Drinks \$1.00



Every Child Every Chance



Book Lists-Stationery orders

We have sent home stationery order forms for 2019. Please have the completed forms returned to school by Thursday 29th November if you wish to take advantage of this service. Booklists can be paid for either at the time of lodgement or on collection. Books can be collected from Mrs Hart in the office after Wednesday 30th January 2019.



Important!

Kíndergarten Enrolments for 2019

If you have a child turning four before June 30 2019 they are eligible to attend kindergarten next year. Be sure to come and see Mrs Hart in the office to secure a place for your child in the coming year. Please pass this message to other family members or friends that are in the area. There will be a Kindergarten Orientation Morning held on 26th November at 9AM—11AM 2018 for all Kindergarten students enrolled for 2019. Make sure your child is invited and able to attend this fun and informative morning.

Only by having enrolments completed and returned to school will your child receive an invitation to the Orientation Morning.

Don't miss out!







FAMILY FUN DAY Coogee beach surf club

Sunday 18th November 12 to 6pm

Activities Include: Bouncy Castle Face Painting Petting Zoo

Giveaways and so much more!



Bar & Restaurant open with amazing Beach & Sunset Views! Call 9494 1433





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