

# Southwell Primary School

## Newsletter Week: 9 Term 4 10 December 2020

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As I retire from being the principal at Southwell primary, I want to thank the Southwell community for giving me the opportunity to work, learn, and grow with the school. Working for the education department has contributed greatly to my personal and professional development, it's been quite a ride all the way to the end! After many productive years, I leave with memories to cherish for the rest of my life. Although my retirement is now official, I still struggle with mixed emotions. I will miss the camaraderie, the delight of hearing children read, the thrill of beating deadlines and the joy of new enrolments.

Southwell community support has been a rewarding experience that I valued across my six years as principal. I want to express my sincere gratitude for the support offered to me by so many families.

I have enjoyed the work relationship as well as friendships. I have really appreciated all the kind words and well wishes. While I look forward to a new life after my retirement, I will certainly miss the time I have spent with all of you.

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With great pleasure and honour I welcome the new principal of Southwell Primary, Julie Denholm. Mrs Denholm comes to Southwell from Jarrahdale Primary where she was Jarrahdale's principal. She plans to create connections across the Southwell community with clear ideology, determinism, and vision that she has developed over her fifteen years as a school administrator.

On behalf of the school I wholeheartedly welcome Julie to Southwell. I anticipate that with her energy, enthusiasm and focus on learning, Southwell will achieve greater excellence. Under her leadership and guidance, may Southwell reach the next levels of success in education.

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.

Many thanks to **Songroom** in delivering the **Deadly Arts** program for 2020. We found the students showed their engagement through participating in Noongar language songs as well as learning about aboriginal musical instruments. Through this they connected music, the instruments and voice to the history and cultural heritage of aboriginal Australians.

The program helped Southwell to foster participation, communication and interaction between staff, students, their parents and families.

Deadly Arts helped us to sustain an individual and school-wide focus on improving education outcomes for all students.

Southwell has high expectations for students and the Deadly Arts program assisted us to teach in ways that enable them to better reach their full education potential.

Southwell has built an environment that is welcoming for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students to reflect community aspirations for their children. Deadly Arts program supported that outcome as well as assisted us to target resourcing to optimise the education outcomes for all students.

We hope you come back next year!



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## Dates to remember:

**17 December**

Last day of school for 2020

**25 Jan 2021**

Office opens for uniform sales and  
Voluntary contribution payments

**27 Jan 2021**

School Booklist orders available for  
payment and collection

**First day of school for 2021**

**1 February 2021**

Pre Primary—Year 6 students

**2 February 2021**

Kindergarten students



## Sun safety

With the hot weather approaching, it is important to talk to your children about sun safety and teach them good sun protection habits.

**Slip** on some sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible.

**Slop** on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF 50 sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.

**Slap** on a hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears.

**Seek** shade.

**Slide** on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Extra care should be taken between 10am and 3pm when UV levels reach their peak. For more information see the Cancer Council website: [www.cancer.org.au](http://www.cancer.org.au).



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