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Good afternoon parents and carers,
Welcome to term 4 of 2022. In the blink of an eye
the year is almost over!

We kicked off the term with another fabulous
Sports Day. Mr McNamara did an outstanding job
of organising this day with the support of staff.

Once again, our students excelled at
demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and
doing their personal best. Thank you to everyone
who attended on the day. There was a great vibe
about the school.

Congratulations to the parents who won the
parents, staff and student race again! We would
like to thank the parents and family members
who helped to pack away the tents, chairs etc.

This is so helpful and truly appreciated by the
staff. We are so lucky to be part of such a
wonderful community!

Term 4 is always extremely busy, and the weeks
go by quickly. Please make sure you have put
important dates into your calendar so that you
do not miss out on important events. Some of
our exciting events this term include the Colour
Run, Gallery in the Grove, Year 6 Farewell and our
Celebration Concert.

Have a fabulous weekend!

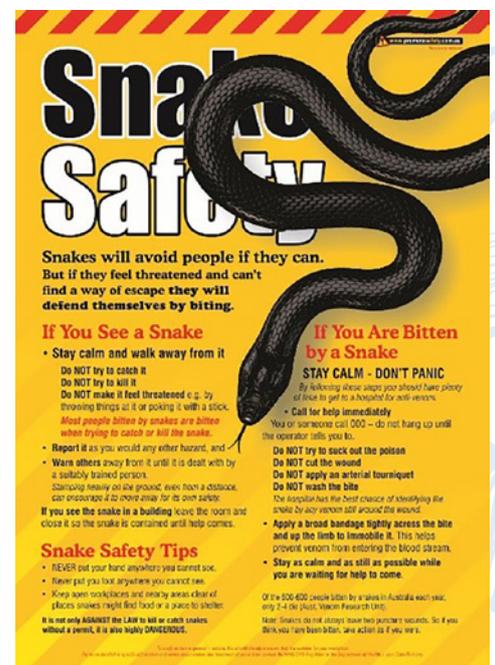
Warm regards
Bec Burns

Snake Season

As the weather is warming up these beautiful creatures start to
come out from hiding. We encourage you to walk along footpaths
and not through the garden beds when coming into school and
please talk to your children about staying safe if they see a snake.

Attendance

This year our attendance rate is sitting at 89.1% which is just under
the 90% or above regular attendance rate that all students are
required to meet throughout the year. Given the challenges this
year including mandatory isolation and Covid contact tracing this
is a pleasing percentage.



The biggest impact on our school attendance data is students going on holidays during the school term. This year we have been very understanding of this considering that borders have reopened and families who have had long separations have wanted to reconnect. In some instances, these holidays have been up to a term in duration which has a profound effect on student progress.

Moving forward we are asking parents to:

- Where possible, limit family holidays to school holiday times
- If families need to visit their home country these vacations are booked with minimal disruption to your child's learning e.g., at the end of the term extending into the school holidays
- Complete an 'Application for Leave' form including all dates prior to the vacation
- Understand that teachers will not provide any school work to be completed during the vacation

If you are going away over the Christmas holidays and will not be back before Wednesday 1 February, we need you to complete an Application for Leave form with the date your child will return to school. If we do not receive this information, it can result in the school losing funding.

Absences

Thank you to the parents who are providing a reason through Compass when your child is not at school. It is a legal requirement that parents provide an acceptable reason for their child being absent from school. To make it easy for you this can be done on Compass. When providing a reason please include what illness they have e.g., a cold, gastro etc. If you are not sure how to do this, please contact the office.

Classroom Placements 2023

Towards the end of this term teachers will be allocating students into classes for 2023. Our teachers put a great amount of consideration into the placement of every student to ensure they experience success in their classroom. We encourage you to click on this link [Classroom Placement Guidelines.pdf \(southerngropeps.wa.edu.au\)](https://southerngropeps.wa.edu.au) and read the Class Placement Policy.

If you have any specific information or a request that may help us to place your child, we ask that you email Chelsea.regan2@education.wa.edu.au with this request by Friday 11 November.

Parents are advised that these requests are considered but not automatically accommodated.

Requests for specific teachers will not be considered.

Students leaving Southern Grove

We are always sad to see families leave, however we understand that some of our students may leave our school to go to another school for various reasons.

If your child will be leaving Southern Grove Primary at the end of the year, please let the office know as soon as possible. This helps us to determine our class structures for 2023 and ensures we get our staffing correct.



Chit Chat Coffee Parent Morning

We have loved chatting with parents during these sessions and would love to see more parents come along for a catch up. This is a great way to meet other parents, to ask questions about our school and to contribute ideas.

This term our Chit Chat dates are –

- Friday 4 November – 8:30am in the staffroom
- Friday 18 November – 8:30am in the staffroom

We hope you can join us!

School Photos

Next week we have school photos on Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform for their class photo.

Day for Daniel

Next Friday, 28 October is 'Day for Daniel' and we are encouraging all students and staff to wear red on this day. Day for Daniel is a perfect opportunity to speak with our children about ways to stay safe. At our assembly on the 28th October, we have a senior police constable coming to speak to our students to talk about ways they can stay safe. All parents are welcome to attend this assembly. Assemblies are held in the undercover area and start at 2:00pm.

Be Caring

Be caring is the value we are focusing on in term 4. We are discussing what being caring looks like, sounds like and feels like at school, at home and in the community. We have discussed how important it is to be caring towards other people and also to our environment. We encourage you to have these discussions at home too!

Kiss and Drive

We have finally had some progress in the development of our Kiss and Drive area. The Kiss and Drive zone on Lockway Street will remain as it is, however, we will have an additional Kiss and Drive zone at the back of the school for our senior students to use. Hopefully this will relieve some of the traffic management issues on Lockway Street. We are hoping this will be completed over the Christmas holidays.

SunSmart School

We are an accredited SunSmart school which means we:

- have a written sun protection policy meeting minimum standards relating to sun protective behaviours, environment and curriculum



- reschedule/minimise outdoor activities in direct sun during peak UV periods of the year
- teach, model and reinforce positive sun protection behaviour
- agree to complete regular policy reviews with the relevant state or territory Cancer Council to ensure our policy meets current guidelines and recommendations.

Students are required to wear their school bucket hat when they are outside and there are sunscreen stations in every block. Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before they come to school and to reapply during break times. Students who do not have a school bucket hat are only allowed to play under verandahs during break times.

Before School Clubs

Please remember when your child is attending a before school club the arrival time is 7.40am for a 7.45am start. The school cannot provide supervision prior to this time. Younger siblings cannot be supervised at this time, therefore must come to school no earlier than 8:00am. Access to the school is through the Camp Australia gate (the single gate in the ECE area).

Arrival at School

Students can be dropped at school from 8:00am in the morning. When they arrive at 8:00am they must go to the library for supervision. Students must not arrive at school before this time (unless attending a before school club) as supervision of them is not possible. Before school care is provided by Camp Australia if you need to drop your child to school before 8:00am. Call the office for more information.

Enrolments for 2023

We have processed the applications for enrolment for 2023 and our numbers are continuing to increase. If you have not enrolled your child in Kindy or Pre-primary for 2023, we suggest you do so as soon as possible. We have very few spaces left in our 2023 Kindy program for local area intake students.






WEEK	EVENT DATE
THREE	24th - 25th OCT: School Photos 28th OCT: Day for Daniel 28th OCT: Assembly
FOUR	2nd NOV: P&C Meeting
FIVE	8th NOV: Interschool Jumps and Throws 11th NOV: Interschool Carnival 11th NOV: Remembrance Day
SIX	14th NOV: World Kindness Day (13th Nov) 18th-23rd NOV: Book Fair