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PRIMARY



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Welcome to 2024!

It has been an absolute joy to see our students with big smiles as they walk through the gates ready to take on a new year of learning. We are looking forward to partnering with you all in your children's learning this year!



Warm regards
Bec Burns

MEET OUR NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We would like to congratulate Ms Melissa Lionnet on winning the substantive deputy position at our school. Melissa has had many years of experience in school leadership and was a team leader at Southern Grove in 2023.

We are extremely happy to have her as a member of the executive team.



OUR STAFF

We have a very dedicated team at Southern Grove who are committed to ensuring every student reaches their personal best socially, emotionally, and academically.

EXECUTIVE TEAM	
Principal	Bec Burns
Deputy	Sue Garland
Deputy	Melissa Lionnet
Manager Corporate Services	Nadine Scott
ADMINISTRATION TEAM	
School Officers	Chelsea Regan
	Nadia Clarke
Marketing Officer	Nicole Spicer
Library Officer	Tracey Crossman
Literacy Impact Coach	Jen Forster
Numeracy Impact Coach	Krystal Coldham
Learning Support Coordinator	Billy Calvert

Walker Learning Impact Coaches	Sam Eather/ Leila Earl
School Psychologist	Lloyd Harwood
Chaplain	Tina Lowther
TEACHING STAFF	
Leila Earl	Patrizia McCormack
Sharon Mills	Kayla Cunnold
Morgan Goldsworthy	Kirtana Segaran
Tahlia Collins	Owen McGarr
Carol Armstrong	Shannon Avent
Jessica Williams	Jasmine Cookson
Natasha Ah Sue	Calum Ware
Jessica Phelps	Adrienne Gardiner
Leah Hardman	Mia Evangelellis
Emilee Smith	Sandra Morton
Tracey Coleman	Lynne Hall
SPECIALIST TEACHERS	
Science	Kerry Mazzotti
Music	Amy Jones
Phys Ed	Kade McNamara
Art	Natalie Bird
Auslan	Jarrad Hayward
ALLIED PROFESSIONALS	
Jodie Pettigrew	Trish Evangellelis
Lauren Keep	Jane Trowl
Kylee Praed	Zalife Murcan
Brooke Michael	Rebecca Denson
Janelle Stone	Asangi Kandamage
Alison Barry	Shayla Hunt
Sarah McIntyre	Maya Thomas
Naomi York	Sen Ooi
Michelle Rowe	Belle Domasz
Riema Aribé	Cinzia Montessi
Claire Needle	Jarrad Hayward
MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDS	
Gardener	Michael Black
Cleaning Team	Liza Hunt
	Yvette House
	Marie Barber
	Jackie McConville
	Ray Robins

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Western Australian law stipulates that all school-aged children must go to and attend school every day. The Department of Education has an expectation that every student will have an attendance rate of 90% or higher. During the pandemic our attendance rate dropped significantly. This year there will be close monitoring of every student's attendance rate to ensure they are meeting the Department expectation. Parents must provide a reasonable cause if their child is absent from school. To do this, parents log onto Compass and complete the attendance section with the reason for your child's absence. If your child is unwell please add some detail e.g., Billy is absent from school with a temperature and flu symptoms. Absences for in-term holidays, birthdays, feeling tired, hair appointments etc. are not considered reasonable causes for absence.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please speak to their teacher.

CLASSROOM DOORS OPEN

Our classroom doors open at 8:15am and this is the time we would like your children to be at school and in their classes ready to start the day. When your children arrive at 8:15am they greet their teacher at the door and enter the classroom to prepare for their learning. This gives them 15 minutes to become settled and they are ready to learn when the music starts at 8:30am. Please support your children to be calm and ready to do their personal best.

END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Our school day ends at 2:45pm. Students in Kindy and Pre-Primary must be picked up by an adult at the classroom door. Students in years 1-6 will be dismissed by the classroom teacher.

It is important that students who are collected by parents or carers are picked up at 2:45pm. Our staff have meetings and planning to do after school and cannot be expected to supervise your children after school pick up time.

In the case of an emergency and you are going to be late please contact the office by 2:30pm to allow our office staff time to get the message to your child's teacher.

If you are unable to pick your child up at 2:45pm every day we have Camp Australia on site to provide before and after school care. The rates are subsidised and Andy and his team provide an exceptional program. Call into the front office for more information.

OUR PLAYGROUNDS

For duty of care reasons, we do not allow students to play on our playgrounds or with our outdoor learning resources before or after school. Students must be with a parent if they arrive at school between 8:00 – 8:15am and we ask you do not allow them to run around the playground or play on the equipment during this time. This will ensure our students are settled and ready to enter the classroom calmly at 8:15am.

OUR OVAL

Unfortunately, our oval is under repair and will not be in use for term 1. We are working with the Department to rectify the issues and we hope that our oval will be healthy and ready to go in term 2. In the meantime, we have roped the oval off to prevent people from using it.

Students will be able to use the area at the back of the school where the yarning circle and bushtucker garden are located.



KISS AND DRIVE

Following the work from the Council we now have Kiss and Drive zones at the front and the back of the school. To ensure the safety of our students, staff, parents, and community we ask you follow the Kiss and Drive rules, be patient and demonstrate respect at all times when using these zones.

Please remember the following rules when using this area –

1. DRIVERS DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE

To assist with traffic flow in the Kiss and Drive zone, drivers are to remain in the car while the children get in and out. To facilitate this, children should travel with bags in the car and not in the boot. If a driver must get out, they **MUST NOT** move more than 3 metres from their vehicle.

2. BE TIMELY

If your child does not enter or exit the vehicle within 2 minutes you are required to travel around the block and re-enter the zone at the end of the queue.

3. KERB SIDE ENTRY/EXIT

Ensure your child enters/exits the vehicle on the kerb side. Ensure your child has their restraint securely fastened before moving off from the Kiss and Drive zone.

4. STAY IN SEQUENCE

Please queue in an orderly manner. Drop/pick-up your child as close as you can to the top of the zone allowing vehicles following you to enter the designated area. Wait patiently for the cars in front of you to leave, rather than pulling out behind them.

5. BE PATIENT – SAFETY MUST COME FIRST.

Please wait patiently for the cars in front of you to leave the area before you leave.

Coming up-

WEEK	EVENT DATE
ONE	31st JAN: Students Return 2nd FEB: P&C VIP Parking Winner Drawn
FOUR	21st FEB: P&C Meeting
FIVE	28th FEB: Free Dress Day
SIX	4th MAR: Labour Day Public Holiday

