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### Dear parents and carers

Wow! What a semester it has been. In my 30 years of working in education I have never had a semester like this one.

We have worked our way through lockdowns, student and staff absences for periods of up to 3 weeks, collapsing of classes, daily Covid-19 updates, management of Covid case recording and managing return to school information for families, vaccination mandates and so much more all whilst trying to keep the teaching and learning environment as normal and calm as possible for our students.

It has been exhausting for all staff, however, has been made bearable by the support we have received from our parents and wider community.

Thank you for riding the ups and downs with us in such a positive way.

I look forward to a much calmer Semester Two and wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing break!

Warm regards

Bec Burns

### Compass

Thank you to all the families who are regularly checking Compass and using the app for absentee notes and payments. This has made our communication much more streamlined. We still have a small number of parents who are not accessing Compass. Please come into the office and see Chelsea if you need any support to use the app to ensure you do not miss important information.

### Reports

Your child's reports were emailed home on Wednesday. The exec team have read the students reports and we are very proud of their achievements this semester. Please make sure you celebrate your child's achievement with them. The link for the reports will only be available for 4 weeks so we ask you to download and save a copy to a folder for future reference.

### Farewells

Mrs Leanne Santaromita has relinquished her position as Deputy Principal at Southern Grove to take up a permanent position at SCSA. We cannot thank Leanne enough for the hard work, time and effort she put into opening Southern Grove Primary School. I could not have opened this school without her by my side. We wish her all the best in her new role!

Mrs Trish Evangelellis and Miss Leah Hardman are leaving us for the rest of the year as they head off on well earned long service leave. We hope they both have a relaxing break and look forward to their return in 2023.

Miss Sam Eather is also leaving us to go on maternity leave. We are very excited for Sam and wish her much love and joy as she welcomes her precious baby at the end of August. We will look forward to Miss Eather's return in 2023.

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### **NAIDOC Excursion**

This week all classes have attended the NAIDOC excursion at Kings Park. Our students, staff and parent helpers have absolutely loved this experience and have gained so much information about Aboriginal culture. Thank you to our parent helpers and a BIG thank you, Mr Willey, for organising a whole school excursion – it was worth every minute of planning.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

Thank you to the families who have already paid their voluntary contribution. This money is spent on resources and programs for your children such as Investigation resources, Educational Research Project materials, English and Maths resources etc. While contributions are voluntary, the quality of our learning programs will be maximised when all families contribute. At present 65% of our families have paid the voluntary contributions. We would love for our remaining families to do so if you are financially able.

### **ERP Expo**

This week we held our Term Two ERP Expo's, and it was fantastic to see so many parents and family members attending to support our students. The level of the students work has improved greatly each year and we are very proud of the work they have done.

Next term, due to swimming we will not be holding our Expo. This will be held in Week 6 of Term 4, allowing our students and teachers ample time for the ERP process to be completed well.

### **School Development Day**

On Monday 18 July students will not attend school as we have a staff development day. These days are an important part of our year as they allow us to come together as a school to analyse our data and plan for student improvement, to engage in professional learning and to create our indoor and outdoor learning environments for our students.

### **School Uniform**

As we are now in the midst of Winter it is important that all students are wearing full school uniform, including a school jacket and the school bucket hat. Students must wear black pants or leggings and black or white undershirts only. Coloured jumpers, jackets, leggings and pants are not permitted. If your child does not have the correct uniform items, please visit the uniform shop over the holiday break. They have all items available for sale.

### **Swimming Lessons**

Swimming lessons commence on Wednesday 20 July and end on Friday 29 July. Please make sure you have read all the information that has been sent home on Compass.

### **Second-hand Bookstore**

The P and C are running a second-hand bookstore next term and would love donations of any books you no longer want. There is a drop box in the front office.

### **School Board**

There is a drop box in the front office for parents to drop any questions or feedback into for the School Board. We welcome feedback, ideas and questions from our school community as this provides us with opportunity to grow and improve. We would love you to pop in and drop a note to the Board.



## Chit Chat and Coffee Mornings

This term we held our first Chit Chat morning, and it was lovely to see so many parents come along. This is an informal opportunity to ask our Exec team questions, share ideas and to meet other parents. Our next meeting will be on Friday 29 July from 8:30 – 9:15am in the staffroom. We would love you to drop in.

## 2023 Enrolments

Next term we will start planning for 2023. If your child will not be attending Southern Grove Primary next year, we would really appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible. It is important that we have correct student numbers when formulating the number of classes and when staffing the school.

**Please email [Chelsea.regan2@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Chelsea.regan2@education.wa.edu.au) if your children will not be returning in 2023.**

## Student Absences


It is important that students attend school every day of the term unless they are unwell. When a student's attendance drops below 90% it can have a detrimental effect on their learning. Holidays in term, birthdays, shopping etc. are not acceptable reasons for your child to stay at home. If your child has a medical appointment they should attend school before or after the appointment time when possible.

Due to Covid-19 many children have had a high number of absences this semester. As we head into Semester Two it is important that your child is at school every single day possible to maximise their learning potential.

If your child is not at school, you must provide an acceptable reason to the teacher. This process has been made very easy by using Compass. We have posted information on Facebook to help you with this and will be making videos to step you through the process next term. You are also welcome to visit the office and Chelsea will be very happy to teach you how to record an absence for your children.

## Reporting to Parents Day Term Three

Our last parent survey indicated parents would like a second parent meeting day to discuss their child's progress. We have scheduled this to occur on Tuesday 6 September. The school day will finish at 11:00am and interviews will be scheduled between 11:30am – 6:00pm. More information will come out closer to the date.

	
WEEK	EVENT DATE
ONE & TWO	19TH JULY: Students start back 20TH-29TH JULY: Swimming Lessons 29th JULY: Chit Chat Coffee Morning
THREE	5TH AUGUST: Assembly
FOUR	9TH AUGUST: PJ Day
FIVE	15TH-18TH AUGUST: STEM Week (STEM Day 17TH) 19TH AUGUST: Learning Support Q&A for Parents
SIX	22ND-24TH AUGUST: Second Hand Bookstore 24TH AUGUST: Book Week Parade

