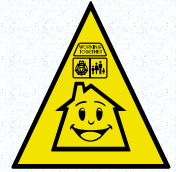


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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

School Assemblies

Our assemblies are held on Wednesday beginning approx. 8.50am. The dates below give parents an opportunity to plan ahead. There are our assembly dates for the year.

Class Assembly Roster	
Term 1	
15 th February	Behaviour Assembly
8 th March	Room 7
22 nd March	Rooms 8 & 9
5 th April	ANZAC Service 9am
Term 2	
3 rd May	Literacy Assembly
17 th May	Room 5
31 st May	Room 6
14 th June	Rooms 1 & 2
28 th June	Room 11
Term 3	
26 th July	History Assembly
2 nd August	Rooms 3 & 4
16 th August	Room 12
30 th August	Rooms 8 & 9
Term 4	
19 th October	Virtues Assembly
1 st November	PPA & PPB
29 th November	Rooms 3 & 4
13 th December	Graduation Ceremony
14 th December	Farewell Assembly

Parents are always welcome at our special assemblies and class assemblies.

Coolbellup Dental Therapy Unit

The centre is located at Coolbellup Community School, 15 Waverley Road, Coolbellup. Telephone Number: **9337 7256**.

If your child requires dental treatment – All school age students are entitled to enrol.

Dental checks are carried out by the staff at the Dental Clinic in the school later in the year. They come out and look at the students teeth and organise any work that is necessary. Usually the classes are all Pre Primary students and Year 3. The date and year levels for 2017 will be included in the newsletter.

Staff Car Park

The staff car park is not a place for parents to park. Staff at the school, when arriving and departing, do not expect to have to negotiate students being dropped off and picked up in the staff car park. Please, consider the safety of your children.

IT'S NOT OKAY TO STAY AWAY

Research tells us that in order to progress at school students need to attend 90% of the school year. This provides continuity for learning. Children stay home if they are sick.

SMS – Absence Messages



For the parents who would like to SMS to provide a reason for your child's absence, the phone number is **0418 948 875**.

Rhonda Spencer
Principal

School Events

Swimming Lesson Certificates

Years 5 & 6 students have received their swimming certificates from their beach swimming lessons at the beginning of term.



Harmony Day Friday 24 March

Harmony Day is held on March 21 in Australia. Harmony Day is intended to show cohesion and inclusion in Australia and promote a tolerant and culturally diverse society.

Harmony Day began in 1999, coinciding with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and each year, it is marked by people coming together and participating in local activities. The continuing message of harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. It is about community participation, inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Our students all wear orange to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The theme for Harmony Day 2017 is "**Strength in Harmony**".

Come along and enjoy lunch with your child. A special international menu will be provided very soon if you wish to order from the canteen. The P & C are looking for volunteers to help organise the lunches on the day. Parents, staff and students will be able to order.

More information soon on canteens on line.

After School Mathematics Workshops

MATHS – STUDENT WORKSHOPS

This is for students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Practical activities after school to help your child learn mathematical concepts, particularly mental calculations.

WHAT: **Years 5 & 6**

WHEN: **Monday & Wednesday each week, starting on Wednesday, 15th March**

WHERE: **Senior Wet Area**

TIME: **Immediately after school**

WHO: **Rhonda Spencer**

Everyone welcome

This will be a practical session with hands on activities for students to engage in. Parents are welcome however, it is not compulsory to attend. We'll work for about an hour on mathematical concepts as needed by the group.

Once this group is set up in a few weeks I will have sessions on Tuesday and Thursday for students in year 3 and 4 if there is the interest from students.

Mathematics Family Quiz

Next week each child will be given a quiz sheet with a mathematical problem to solve. There will be a different one for each year level. Please help your child with the activity and return your sheet to the box outside of the library at the end of week 8, Friday, 24th March. All students who return their sheet will receive a certificate.

Chaplain Chatter

From our Chaplain – Joel Candy

If any parents would like to contact Joel he can be found around the school or in his office in the middle block on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Otherwise you can ring the front office to set up an appointment time to chat.

Health Matters

From our School Nurse – Judy Sullivan

Head Lice

Head lice is an ongoing issue in schools. Here is some useful information: Head lice are transferred by head-to-head contact. Incubation period is 7 to 10 days. Infectious period is until lice and eggs (nits) are killed. Exclusion period is until after treatment has commenced and live lice removed. For more information click on the link below.

[http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/088E58959DDC091ACA2579B800202AFA/\\$FILE/headlice pam.pdf](http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/088E58959DDC091ACA2579B800202AFA/$FILE/headlice pam.pdf)

Smoke Free School



Samson Primary School is a smoke free school, as are all government schools. If you wish to 'light up' you must make sure that you are not on school grounds. This includes **verge areas, car parks and pathways**. The pathway behind the gardeners shed is still within school grounds.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS



Dogs are not permitted on school grounds as some students are scared of dogs and dogs can be unpredictable when around large groups of children.

We have many children who are frightened of dogs and become upset and anxious if dogs are in the school grounds before or after school.

We ask that parents leave their dogs at home or in the vehicle.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2017

New items will be entered in red

Term 1

13-16 Mar	First Aid Courses PP-Yr6
Fri 17 Mar	Newsletter
Wed 22 Mar	Assembly Rm 8 & 9
Thurs 23 Mar	Summer Lightning Carnival
Fri 24 Mar	Harmony Day
Fri 31 Mar	Newsletter
Wed 5 April	Anzac Ceremony at 9am
Fri 7 April	Last day of term

Term 2

Wed 26 April	Students first day at school for term 2
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P & C News

The AGM P & C Meeting is Monday, 20th March at 7pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

P & C Facebook Page

To stay updated with the happening of the P & C parents can find the Facebook page by searching the following:

samson primary school p&c

Community News

Welcome back to a new year!!! Give Sammy French a call on 0406491576 and mention this newsletter ad and save. Come and see what we are all about starting from 4 years old to adults. Self esteem through self defence.
5th Degree Master Instructor – Steele French.

FRENCH'S MARTIAL ARTS

Steele French (Head Instructor)

Little Nippers /Kids &

Adults Taekwondo

Beginners Classes

Teaching Self-esteem through Self

Defence after school at

Samson Primary School

0406 491 57



**Afterschool care program on
Samson school site.**

Caring, fun environment

Contact us for more information

Enquiries: 0431 778 432

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Dear families,

We have planned our very popular 'Little Munchers and Crunchers' Group Program for May and June. The program is based on the Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) Approach to feeding and is designed for children who are picky and fussy eaters. It focuses on creating a positive and comfortable learning environment for children to learn and explore about the different properties of food such as smell, texture and taste.

The group is hosted by an SOS trained Occupational Therapist and a Speech Pathologist.

Places are limited, so please register at groups@kidsarekids.org.au or call 9313 6566.

The detailed information is attached below.

'LITTLE MUNCHERS & CRUNCHERS' GROUP PROGRAM TERM 2 2017

The Little Munchers and Crunchers Group is designed for children who are picky and fussy eaters. Based on the Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) Approach to Feeding, it focuses on creating a positive and comfortable learning environment for children to explore and learn about the different properties of food, such as smell, texture, and taste.

The group will help your child to:

- Learn to have a positive experience with food
- Learn mealtime routine and cues to eating
- Discover and explore food through their senses
- Learn through social modelling by imitating others
- Develop oral motor skills

Children will benefit with personalised assistance; each session will be hosted by an SOS trained Occupational Therapist and a Speech Pathologist.

Who: Children who have a limited variety of tastes and textures in their diet, demonstrate food refusal, have challenging behaviours around eating and meal time, or experience difficulty participating at meal times.

A parent is required to attend the group with their child so that strategies can be practiced and further developed at home. Unfortunately supervision for siblings is not available.

When: Weeks 2 to 9 of Term 2, 2017
Tuesdays from 3:30pm - 4:30pm
8 weeks starting on May 2 ending on June 20.

Cost: \$962 for the 8 week program.

Kids Are Kids! is a registered provider of Helping Children with Autism (HCWA), Better Start for Children with Disability, and WA NDIS. You may be eligible for a rebate through your private health care provider or Medicare rebates can be discussed with your General Practitioner.

Where: Kids Are Kids!, 26 Parry Ave, Bateman 6150

Register your place: Places are limited, so please email your completed registration form to groups@kidsarekids.org.au. Registrations close 7 April 2017.

Please call us on 9313 6566 if you would like further information.

Speech Pathology | Occupational Therapy
Physiotherapy | Clinical Psychology
Parent Workshops & Support

www.kidsarekids.org.au

Kids Are Kids! is registered to provide supports for National Disability Insurance Scheme participants

REGISTER
NOW!