



**Dear Parents and Care Givers,**

I would like to start this week by thanking all the parents who took time out of their very busy day to attend the **teacher – parent interviews** we held last Tuesday. These interviews are an integral component of our reporting to parents. They provide an opportunity, prior to receiving formal written reports at the end of Term Two, for our teachers to share with parents the progress individual children have made in their English and Mathematic learning this year, as well as the general attitude, behaviour and effort they are bringing to their learning so far in 2016. If you were unable to attend these interviews, I would strongly encourage you to arrange an alternative meeting time with your child's classroom teacher to have these discussions.

At our assembly last week, Mrs Rick took an informative and entertaining look at our first **focus value** for this term, **Excellence**. From understanding how the dendrites in our brain work, to having the 'eye of the tiger' to show focus and control during the 2 hours of learning in the morning, 1 hour between recess and lunch and the 2 hours of learning after lunch, and our new catch phrase, "2 – 1 – 2 it's up to you".

This week all our Year 3 and 5 students are sitting their **NAPLAN** tests. While important, these tests do not assess all of what makes each of your children exceptional and unique. The people who mark these tests don't have any way of knowing that they may love to sing, or are good at drawing or are often called upon to teach others how to use a particular computer program. They have not had the opportunity to see the way your child is able to dance with grace or speak confidently to a large audience. They don't know that they are the one all their friends count on to be there for them when they are sad. They don't know about the hours Gosnells children spend participating in sports, helping mum and dad look after younger brothers, sisters and cousins. There is no way they could possibly know that they are caring, thoughtful and that every day they try and do their very best. That is because these attributes cannot be tested. When you get your child's NAPLAN scores, they will tell you how they did on that test, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you how much your child has improved on something they once found difficult, they won't tell you how your child brightens their teacher's day and they definitely won't tell you how amazingly special your child is. We are extremely **proud** of the effort all our students put into their NAPLAN assessments, as well as the attitude and behaviour they bring to class each and every day – And we are not afraid to tell the world!

Next Friday 20 May is the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual **National Walk Safely to School Day**. In recognition, we are encouraging all Gosnells Primary School parents and children to walk safely to school on this day. On arrival at school, walkers are encouraged to join other participants and staff in Room 10 for a healthy breakfast rewarding those children who have taken up the challenge. Walking to and from school is not only great for your physical health and wellbeing, it provides an ideal opportunity to have conversations with your child about what is happening, or has happened, at school and helps to decrease traffic congestion around the school.

Finally, all parents should have received school photo information from our new service provider 3P Photography. The School Board investigated many alternate companies following a series of concerns raised over the declining quality of photo packages in recent years and are confident parents will be happy with the new, fresh approach to the traditional school photo. Classroom and Individual student photographs will be taken over two days, Tuesday 7 and Friday 10 June. Parents are reminded that the photo packages are purchased directly from 3P Photography and not the school, and as such, we have no control over the pricing of packages and fee structure in place.

Craig Anderson  
Principal

**Coming Events**

**FRIDAY 20 MAY**  
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY  
ASSEMBLY ROOM 2

**THURSDAY 2 JUNE**  
ASSEMBLY ROOM 1

**FRIDAY 3 JUNE**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**MONDAY 6 JUNE**  
**WA DAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)**

**TUESDAY 7 AND 10 JUNE**  
SCHOOL PHOTOS



## HONOUR CERTIFICATES

## A NOTICE TO ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

### \*\*\*\*\*DATES AMENDED\*\*\*\*\*

Years 5 and 6 are important years for parents and students in the decision of "What High School." Southern River College will be running a one day orientation introducing students to the opportunities and routines of being in High School on one Friday during the Term 3.

To assist Parents with their decision, the College will be running tours of the school on Wednesday mornings from 9.00 – 10.00am on the following dates:

Semester 1: **May 25<sup>th</sup>; June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Semester 2: **August 10<sup>th</sup>; September 14<sup>th</sup>;  
October 26<sup>th</sup>**



Matthew, Eamon, Samar, Jasmine, Joshua, Lily, Praise, Paige, Philip, Jayden, Phenyx, Ethan, Frances, Jayden, Michael, Parker, Ciarrn

## BRONZE AWARDS

Paige, Ali, Finn, Christelle, Georgia, Emilee, Disha, Louise, Samantha, Bobby, Bahkita, Dylen, Ashton, Aidan, Kaihla, Praise, Ngadang, Thomas, John Rean, Jung Hwa, Melanie, Laila, Fynn, Brendan, Tayza, Jessica, Matthew, Daniel, Norris, Ma-Shakhina

## SILVER AWARDS

Sheridan



## SCOUT SUPER STAR AWARDS

Philip, Bernard, Jayden, Andreas

**School Photo Orders** have been sent home. Please select the photo required. Return the envelope to the school with payment included. Please ensure the correct change is placed in the envelopes. The photographers, the school office or the canteen **CANNOT GIVE CHANGE**.



Booking for the School tours can be made by contacting the school directly on 9495 3200 to secure your place.

Enrolment packages will be sent out to all Year 6 students before the end of Term One, please complete and return them as soon as possible to your Primary School so that we can welcome you to the Southern River College community and start sending you our newsletters to inform you about our school.

Most importantly, if your child in Year 6 is wishing to be considered for one of our focus programs: Minerals and Energy Academy – Academic / Technology; Music, Netball or Soccer please return the application brochure to Southern River College. Testing will start in Week 3 Term 2 and a second round in Term 3, specific details are with the Year 6 teachers. ZEP the extension Arts program will be run at Southern River College in Terms 2 and 3.

Graphic Design will be on Tuesdays and Media Wednesdays. The cost is \$30 for the term. Details will be with the Year 6 teachers. Sign up early to reserve your place.

If you have any questions please contact Mike Erith on 9495 3200.

Mike Erith (Deputy Principal)  
Southern River College.



## Kindergarten /Pre-Primary



### Applications for 2017

Applications for enrolment of students who are turning four or five before

**30 June 2017 and are commencing Kindergarten or Pre Primary next year should be made by:**

**FRIDAY 22ND JULY 2016.**

**Please call at the office any time before this date to complete an application form. Please bring evidence of your child's date of birth with you**

**(birth certificate, birth extract or passport).**

# P&C NEWS

Gosnells Primary's 5c challenge has started off well, with an incredible \$281.65 raised during the first 9 days of the challenge. Mrs Pollard's class is in the lead followed closely by Mrs Robson's and Ms McNally's class. A full class tally list is located on the P&C pin board next to the uniform shop and totals will be updated every fortnight.



Last week, the P&C hosted our annual Mother's Day stall. It was great to see so many children thoughtfully choosing gifts for the special women in their lives. As well as being a great way for the kids to show their thanks, any profit made is returned to the school through P&C events and activities. The mothers day stall raised \$643.30 with the profits to go toward purchasing pin boards for room 17 and room 12. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Kerry Thiess

P&C Promotions Officer

## NEED ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORMS or SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS?

You may be eligible if you are on a Pension or hold a Health Care Card. If so please phone Greg at the Smith Family on 9459 6302 or Grace Munnee, our School Chaplain, on 9398 2205 (Tuesday or Friday).

## READ & BANK ALERT

Early Bird Reading Club

WHEN: Every Tuesday

WHERE: Room 10

TIME: 8am to 8.30am

Read 'n Eat 'n Bank

School banking also available



## UNIFORM SHOP

will be open

TUESDAY

8.10am-9.00am

THURSDAY

8.45am-9.15am

Hats can be purchased through the office.

Thanks, Natasha Coombes

(Uniform Co ordinator)



## CONGRATULATIONS

Rishika Ahuja and Andreas Schenk's families for winning the \$200 bike vouchers for paying their Voluntary Contributions by 29 April. The two vouchers were kindly donated by Chris Tallentire MLA, Member for Gosnells



THANK YOU!!!

NUMERO BREAKFAST CLUB

Every Thursday

8 am in Room 10

Find us on

facebook

[www.facebook.com/GosnellsPS](http://www.facebook.com/GosnellsPS)

**NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL REGISTRATION FORM**  
Please fill in below

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**HIDDEN WORD**  
**TERM 2 2016**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

N/L 1: \_\_\_\_\_

N/L 2: \_\_\_\_\_

N/L 3: \_\_\_\_\_

N/L 4: \_\_\_\_\_

N/L 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Please hand into the office at the end of Term 2.



**SOME OF THE BEAUTIFUL MOTHERS DAY GIFTS THAT WERE MADE BY OUR STUDENTS FOR THEIR MOTHERS**

