Welcome back to all our Sutherland Dianella families for the 2015 year. A special welcome to all our new families. We look forward to getting to know you. As the school starts it’s journey as an Independent Public School, there will be many opportunities considered for the future. I will be surveying the school community through the course of Term 1. On Wednesday 25 March at 7pm we will be holding a community forum to consider all the feedback which has been received and prioritise our aspirations for the future. I encourage as many members of our community as possible to attend this forum for the future.

Changes to recess and lunch times:

Starting next week we will be adjusting our recess and lunch breaks. From Monday, recess will be pushed back to 10:55am and lunch will be brought forward to 12:15pm. The adjusted times allow for greater opportunities in our Teaching and Learning program, as the day will now operate in one hour blocks.

School Board:

The School Board is looking to extend its membership. If you are interested in being on the school Board, can commit to twice a term Monday evening meetings; and are able to network with parents in the community, I encourage you to nominate yourself for a Board position. The tenure will be either one or two years. The nomination form will come home with this newsletter. There is currently one community position on the Board for 2015; more positions will be available in 2016 as the tenure of some Board members expires. Should we receive more than one nomination, the process will then require a community vote. Nominations for Board will close in one week on Thursday 19 November 2015. Nomination forms are to be marked private and confidential, Attention Jenn Allsop; and submitted at the office.

Library:

Yesterday we had a number of parent helpers covering books in the Library, helping with shelving books and creating displays. We are keen to expand our helpers to include assistance with Library displays, book covering, special days etc. If you are interested in helping please add your name to the parent whiteboard in the Library. Thank you to everyone who gave some of their precious time to our Library this week.

Community Forum:

Wednesday 25 March at 7:00pm is our Community Forum. We encourage as many people as possible to attend the forum in order to capture the collective thoughts of the community as we prepare our Business Plan. Please RSVP at the office if you intend to attend the forum.
**Medications:**
All medications for students must come through the office. This is all encompassing. At no point should students have medications in their bags for self-administering.

**Parking:**
Parking is at a premium and we encourage all parents to park safely and within the law at all times. The staff car park is only for staff access, parents are asked to park outside the staff areas when dropping or collecting students. Please read the parking information included with this newsletter.

**Morning arrangements:**
Please be advised that for duty of care all students who arrive prior to 8:25 are asked to move to the covered assembly area. We are keen for all students to be in class by 8:30am in order to be ready for the day. All late students must come through the office for a late note. If parents are with their child the note can be signed on the day; if not it must be signed at home and returned the next day.

**Teaching and Learning:**
In 2015 we have committed to a range of initiatives such as targeted intervention programs, and gifted and talented programs within the school. We are currently organising the purchase of some laptops and robots in order to run a Robotics program. We hope to have some teams ready to participate in ‘Robocup’ later this year.

**Cyber Safety:**
More details will follow but we ask parents to set aside the evening of the 29th of April for a Cyber Safety presentation to be held at the school. During the day students from Years 3 to 6 will attend a session with the well respected Robyn Rishani. Parents are welcome to attend the evening session, which will be adults only. The website below has some further information related to the presentation.
http://yourkidsonline.com.au

**SDPS Website:**
We have currently suspended the existing school website and a new website with a wealth of information and functionality will be launched soon. Alongside the website will sit a SDPS ‘APP’ which will push notifications out to parents and will also allow for absences to be pushed to the school via the app. We anticipate the website will be a one stop shop for all relevant information about the school and the app will improve communication with the school community.

**Year 6 2015:**
Our Year 6 Graduates in 2015 will soon bring home order forms for Graduation shirts and we hope to have the shirts by the end of this term or the beginning of Term 2, to maximise the opportunity to get wear out of them. Our intention is to ensure our 2015 Year 5’s will be able to order their shirts in Term 4, for delivery by the end of the year, ready for 2016.

Next week the Year 6 students will nominate themselves for student leadership positions. The successful leadership group including Head Boy and Head Girl will be announced at the next assembly in Week 4. Our 2015 leaders will be attending the GRIP leaders conference on 10 March 2015.

http://gripleadership.com.au/content/primary/qifdm0

Thank you to the many parents who have been welcoming of Mr Ingersole and myself to Sutherland Dianella PS. We look forward to a long association with the school and its community.

**Jenn Allsop**
Principal
Outside School Hours Care Program
Provided by Camp Australia
For more details: logon to www.campaustralia.com.au
Or call 1300 105 343

We make kids smile

**Merit Awards**

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**Specialist awards:**

- Lucy (Music)
- Paige (Music)

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Term One is set to be a busy term with many exciting events ahead. School Swimming Lessons commence in Week 5 - Tuesday 3rd March. Students from Years 1 – 6 will participate in a 9-day program held at Terry Tyzack Leisure Centre. Classes will be run over 3 sessions held in the mornings. Students will be informed of their session soon after payment closes. All students are encouraged to participate in swimming lessons as it is a major component of our Physical Education Program and an essential life skill.

**Cost:** $42.00

**Payment can be made via:**

- Direct deposit to the school bank account
  - BSB: 306-080
  - Account: 4188583
- Please include your surname as the reference
- Cheque made out to Sutherland Dianella Primary School
- Credit/Debit card payment
- Cash payment

All payments are due to the office by 20th February. No late payments or enrolments can be accepted.

**Blake Ingersole**

Deputy Principal

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**BOOKCLUB**

Is back in full swing with the forms to be dropped into the black dotted box in the admin block.
Reminder that for every dollar spent the school earns an equal dollar for resources for the library or educational resources. Also each term there is a prize draw for students that ordered that term.
Greetings to parents and families,

Welcome to Sutherland Dianella Primary School if you are new to our community, or welcome back if you were here last year. As School Chaplain I am here for all students, their families and school staff too.

I am so thrilled to be back at SDPS this year. After being told that funding had stopped and we would not have a chaplain in the future, I finished the year very disappointed. All that changed a week later when I heard that the State Government would pay for Chaplains in schools who missed out on funding.

Are your children ever worried, stressed or anxious? Do you wonder how to help them? I have recently found a great on-line program that I think you will find very helpful. It is called BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood (and adolescent) anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8-17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.

I am looking forward to meeting all new families during this term. Please come and introduce yourself to me if we haven’t already met. I am here on Wednesdays and Fridays. I am free for the first part of both days and would love to offer you a cup of tea or coffee in the Parent Room.

Sandy Clifton
Back to School?

Parents are reminded to park safely around schools.

Please:
- Be mindful of children and parents walking or cycling to school, those catching buses or waiting to be picked up
- Exercise caution, courtesy and patience
- Allow time to pick up and drop your child off.

The City’s officers will be patrolling schools during peak times.
Understand the parking signs to avoid a fine.

Penalties will apply
www.stirling.wa.gov.au

School Parking
Areas in and around schools present potential parking problems as there may be speeding motorists, busy roads and limited parking bays.

Offences include:
- Parking over footpaths
- Blocking driveways
- Parking in a No Stopping or No Parking area
- Double parking
- Parking on a verge without the owner’s consent
- Parking facing the wrong way.

Remember
It is also an offence to stop or park a vehicle:
- Within three metres of a continuous dividing line or median strip
- Within ten metres of an intersection/corner (without traffic control signals)
- On a median strip or traffic island
- So that any portion is within a bus zone.

How can parents help?
- Walk or cycle to school when dropping off or collecting children
- Park nearby and walk a short distance to the school
- Plan your trip so you arrive on the school side of the road
- Avoid leaving your vehicle for long periods
- Adhere to signage at all times
- Form a School Road Safety committee (contact your principal and P&C)
- Use public transport
- Slow down around schools and be aware.

How can schools help?
- Educate students about parking procedures around the school
- Encourage children to educate their parents and carers on safe school parking
- Establish a supervised Kiss-n-Ride facility or traffic policy, which can be published for the reference of all parents and carers
- Notify parents of any problems via school newsletters and at assemblies.

We can help!
The City of Stirling officers conduct regular school parking patrols during school times and are happy to help with any parking concerns your school may have. We can attend your school to remind parents about safe parking and follow up by issuing infringements if needed.

No stopping areas
No Stopping areas can be defined by signage or a continuous yellow line painted along the edge of a road. A driver is not permitted to stop on a length of road or in an area to where no stopping restrictions apply. Vehicles may only stop in these zones to comply with other regulations (for example at traffic lights or to avoid an accident). Drivers are not permitted to drop off passengers or goods in “No Stopping” areas.

Double parking
A driver must not stop a vehicle so that any portion of the vehicle is between any other stopped vehicle and the centre of the road.

Parking DOs and DON’Ts

DOs
- Be aware
- Be courteous
- Be responsible
- Use the Kiss and Drive facility (if provided)
- Observe and adhere to all regulatory signage
- Drive Safely.

DON’Ts
- Block driveways
- Park on footpaths
- Park in Bus Zones
- Obstruct children’s crossings
- Park on a verge without consent
- Double park.
Electronic Newsletter

If you would like to receive this newsletter in an electronic format in future, please fill in your information below and in so doing saving on printing costs which enables us to use the funds to attain other resources for the school.

Thanking you

Student name/s: ______________________________________________________________

Class number/s: _______________________

Email address: ________________________________

Please hand in to the front office