School Swimming Program
Congratulations to all students who participated in school swimming lessons. Tomorrow is our last day at the pools. Feedback from the staff at Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre, swimming instructors and the wider community has been extremely positive. Students can be congratulated for the way they have represented our school.

School Board Membership:
Board Membership for 2015 has been finalised. Thanks to those parents who nominated and/or voted for the 2015 Board. A Board meeting was held on Monday 9 March.

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Community Forum:
A reminder that the Community Forum is to be held **25 March at 7pm**. Please ensure you advise the office both if you are attending **and** if you intend to have your children supervised by Camp Australia during the evening.

SMS:
An SMS system directly linked to attendance has been provisioned for Sutherland Dianella PS. At this point there are a number of options for parents to notify the school a student is late or absent; phone the school and speak to the office staff, send a note to the class teacher or reply to the SMS which will be sent. The SMS system is not to be used for general communication by parents as it is monitored at specific times **for attendance only**.

New website and Newsletters
Once our new website is built and released it will be the main method of communication with the community. We encourage all parents to ensure their **email details are correct** so they receive the newsletter going forward. From this week the newsletter will be emailed to all addresses in our system. Hard copies will always be available in the office for those who wish to pick up a paper copy each week.

Accuracy of parent details:
Please ensure your details are current on our system. All families received a student update form recently and if it has not yet been returned with updated details we ask that this happens as soon as possible.
Staff Car Park:
All parents are reminded there is no access to the staff car park at any time. This is to minimise movement of cars close to where students are moving to and from classes. To this end, we are installing bollards next week at the entry and exit points of the staff carparks. Parents are reminded to park outside the staff area, with student safety in mind and to exercise common sense at all times.

Playgrounds before and after school:
There is no staff supervision of playgrounds before or after school. To this end students are not to play on equipment unless they are directly supervised by their parents. Direct supervision does not constitute allowing students to play while parents are chatting. Students who are not directly supervised will be asked to move on. The only playground available after school is the Kindy/PP area. No other play areas are available after school. No play is permitted before school; this is time for students to be getting ready to learn.

Autism Association:
For Information for Parents and Professionals regarding Autism and some upcoming sessions please view the following website:

www.swanautism.org.au
info@swanautism.org.au

Sutherland Dianella - Canberra Tour
There are 235 days until our Year 6 students travel to Canberra. Thank you to all parents who have paid their $100 deposit. Our travel agent is working hard to ensure all our venues are confirmed and an updated itinerary will be available shortly. Currently we have 21 confirmed attendees; if you have not paid your deposit or are still thinking about attending, please feel free to come and talk with me as soon as possible.

GRIP Student Leadership Conference
On Tuesday 10th March our newly elected Student Leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. Many schools across Western Australia attended and it was a great opportunity for our Student Leaders to network with other students in similar roles. Some of the key lessons students learnt were: making the most of leadership opportunities, developing a leadership plan and how our leaders can utilise their time and talents to benefit our students and school.
Harmony Day (21 March) celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. This year marks 15 amazing years of Harmony Day being celebrated in Australia! It is always a big occasion at Sutherland Dianella Primary School and this year is no exception. We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 20th March with a whole school kite flying experience!

All children will construct their own kite between 8:40 and 9:10am on Friday 20th March. Parents and caregivers are invited to join us at 2:15pm in the undercover area for a brief assembly to recognise Harmony Day, before heading to the art park to fly our kites!

In order to cover costs of the kites, we are asking each child to please bring $2 on Friday 20th March. We look forward to seeing a rainbow of colours and designs next Friday!

Health and Wellbeing Committee

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COMING SOON TO SUTHERLAND DIANELLA PRIMARY SCHOOL!

2015|2016 Entertainment Books & Digital Memberships are coming soon! Pre-orders will be taken from late March.

HEAPS of exciting new local contact – including 100 brand new businesses for the South West region!

When ordering you 2015 membership, $13 from every one sold will go back towards our School!

For further information, please contact Paula Clough on M: 0412 240 023 E: paulaclough@iinet.net.au

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Science Equipment

We need:
- Foam trays
- Plastic soda bottles with lids 1L/2L
- Tin cans any size, labels removed
- Ice-cream containers with lids – labels removed
- Take away containers round and rectangle with lids

Please send to the Science Room
A Rayner and F Mack
We’re getting ready for FUN these school holidays, are you?

With school holidays just around the corner, we are busy preparing for upcoming holiday program!

Some of the exciting activities we have planned include Heroes Through the Ages and Super sidekick, just as Batman has Robin.

We’d love for you to come along for a day, every day or anything in between!

Dates: 07/04/2015 – 20/04/2015
Times: 7.00am to 6.00pm

For more details on the program and to book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs or call our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

**Remember, you can save 50% or more on our Holiday program with the Child Care Benefit and Rebate.

Who wants to join School Banking and be eligible for the Disneyland competition???

We are making it super easy for you!!!!

Just come along to school banking in the Library on Wednesday the 25th March between 8:15 -8:45am.

Our Commonwealth Bank representative will be at our school to set up new accounts. You don’t even have to go to the branch!!! Just come along with

- Your driver licence
- And your child's Birth Certificate...
- That is it!!! She will do the rest. Simplessssss.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE ALREADY A MEMBER, SCHOOL BANKING HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A TERRIFIC START.....

WELCOME TO OUR 6 NEW SCHOOL BANKERS, ISABEL M, CHARLOTTE D, MITCHELL D, HAYDEN L, LINCOLN T AND NICHOLAS M...

IN THE LAST MONTH THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED THEIR REWARDS FOR MAKING 10 DEPOSITS:


CONGRATULATIONS AND KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK.
Chaplain’s Chat,

Greetings to parents and families.

Next term I am planning to run a series of three workshops called 1-2-3 Magic, which is a positive parenting program. The method is simple (if not always easy) and planned to make it easier to encourage the behaviour you are wanting from your children.

When:        Fridays May 8, 25 and 22
Time:        9am to 10.30 am
Where:       Music Room (behind the Parent Room)
Who:         This program is geared at parents of children between 2-12 years of age

Sandy Clifton

CANBERRA FUNDRAISER:

The Year 6's are running a 'Guess the number of lollies in the jar' competition. Each guess is $1 and the prize will be allocated to the correct guess.

Students can buy a guess outside A or B Block before school or at lunch time.

Thanks to Mrs Cross for organising this fundraiser and we hope to see it well supported.
2015 Voluntary Contributions are now due. The amount of $60 per student from Kindergarten to Year 6 for 2015 has been approved by the School Council which is in line with the School Education Regulations 2000. A $20 discount is available per family where a parent holds a current Health Care Card.

It is vital for the school to receive your family’s contribution. Your contribution will be used to supplement school funding for the purchase of resources needed in the provision of the learning program activities, eg English, Mathematics, Technology and Enterprise, Art/Craft Physical Education, Music.

Payment can be made in one of the following methods. Time Payment Plans can also be set up. Please contact Helen Anthony to arrange a payment method.

Payment can be made in one of the following ways:
- Cash/Cheque direct to the office
- EFTPOS through the school office (if over $10)
- Direct deposit to the school bank account

Bank Details:
BANKWEST - Dianella CSC
BSB: 306-080
Account Number: 418858-3
Sutherland Dianella Primary School

If using the direct deposit method please ensure that your child/children name and “VC” which stands for Voluntary Contributions are included in the description field.

thank you!
Welcome from the P&C

The P&C met on the 9th March and we were very pleased to have full attendance at the meeting.

At the AGM which was held prior to our meeting, we voted for this year's new P&C Committee and the results are as follows:

- President: Hayley Lethlean
- Vice President: Georgia Johnson
- Secretary: Madeleine Dickson-Ward
- Canteen Coordinator: Bronwyn Lucas
- Uniform Shop Coordinator: Leisa Steel
- Treasurer: Andrew Lucas

It was pleasing to read the financial report and see that the P&C has raised a profitable $12,031 for the 2014 Annual year. We thank all parents whose contributions assisted us to get to that point. We were all in agreement that this year we have a few more helpers around the table and together we are going to work extremely hard to focus on the following as our major fundraising items for 2015:

- A storage shed for sports equipment up on the oval.
- Books for the library and as education resources for use by all students and teachers.
- Contributions to upgrade and improve the Nature Playground
- Contribution to the various years Arts Programs

Our aim is to raise $15,000 this year and we are confident we can achieve this with everyone's support!

We have a great number of fundraising activities each Term and we really need everyone to dig deep and contribute.

In the meantime if you need anything, I try to be available most mornings at school or buzz my mobile.

CONTACT INFO

Email: hayley.lethlean@outlook.com
Mob: 0431 872 274
Thanks to Georgia Johnson and other parents for helping in the library. We have been very fortunate to have had numerous new reading resources purchased for the children and now it's about getting them commissioned and the library ready for the kids. Volunteers are being called for to remodel the layout of the library this will occur on the 19th March.

Parents and carers are always needed to help out in the library, especially with covering the new books and sorting them on the shelves.

Next P&C meeting Date:
Monday 11th May
7:30 pm
The School Staff Room
Easter Parade and Raffles and Sausage Sizzle

SAVE THE DATE
Join us on Friday 20th March 2015 for our Annual Family Movie Night.

With canteen open from 5:30pm, the quiz to start around 6:30pm and the movie at 7pm.

An awesome night out with the whole family and prizes to be won!!!

Canteen will be serving our usual delicious treats including Sausage Sizzle, Wedges, Popcorn, drinks and lollies.
Fundraising activities in Term 1 and 2

The traditional Easter Parade and Raffle will be run on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 2nd April. The very lovely Georgia Johnson will be the coordinator, ably assisted by a team of helpers. Donations forms were sent out last week so please start bringing in your donations. We welcome eggs, and other non-food Easter Treats. Donations are collected from the classes daily. And remember the sausage sizzle on the last day of term too!

Mother's Day FUNDRAISER

Forever looking for that special gift for Mum and Nanna?? Well look no further because this year our team of Maddie and Gina have some fantastic gifts on offer! Please don't forget there is only one week left, all orders MUST be in by 20th March, so get in quick!

$5 candle (you get 1)

$9 cooler bag

Although we will try to honour colour requests, this may not be able to be accommodated in all cases. Thank you (in anticipation) for your understanding.
Thursday 2nd of April is World Autism Awareness Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on what we know about Autism, to learn new information and to be able to embrace differences.

Approximately 1 in every 160 children is diagnosed with ASD Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It is very likely that you know someone in your school, family or community who has ASD.

**Autism Spectrum Disorder, the early signs**

ASD is a complex, life-long developmental disability which is neurobiological in origin. Approximately one in every 160 children in Australia is diagnosed with an ASD. The signs of ASD may be evident by the age 2 or may only become apparent when the child starts school.

One of the first signs, which can alert a parent to the fact that their child is not developing in a typical way, is the manner in which their young child responds to them. Their child may not learn to speak or have very limited speech. Their child may also have great difficulty in comprehending the speech of others.

Some children with ASD can develop good spoken language. However, their language is very concrete and literal; it lacks a social quality and is not used in a conversational manner. Parents may notice that their young toddler with ASD does not seem interested in playing with other children. They may also notice that their child is not playing with toys in an imaginative way. Instead, their child may spend time placing toys in neat lines; or engaging in the same sequence of play activity over and over again. **ASD presents differently for each child.**

**Common Features of ASD**

**Social Communication and Interaction**

The child may:

- Use few or no words, repeat patterns of words or may have well developed speech, but only talk about a limited range of interests
- Not respond to their name or simple instructions
- Not copy other’s actions
- Have very limited attention span, except for activities that include their interests e.g. trains
- Not engage with peers
- Not engage in pretend play
- Make limited eye contact

**Restricted and Repetitive Behaviours and Sensory Processing Differences**

The child may:

- Use repetitive speech
- Insist on routines staying the same
- Have a narrow range of interests
- Repeat and action over and over
- Get ‘stuck’ on an activity so that it is difficult to move them on
- Line up or stack objects and may become upset if the order changes
- Be over or under sensitive to touch, sounds, sights, tastes, textures, movement, smells

This list does not constitute a diagnosis of ASD. Many young children may show some of these signs at different ages. However, if the child’s development is affected, it may indicate the need to consult a paediatrician.

Continued...
Understanding Autism cont.

Strengths of ASD

Children with ASD enjoy routines and predictability. They have great attention to detail. Although social situations are difficult, children with ASD form strong bonds with people who they are close to. Children with Autism are like all children and have many strengths and areas that need further development and support.

Positive Outcomes

Children do not grow out of ASD. However, with appropriate intervention they can be assisted to gain many of the skills we take for granted—skills such as learning to play, communicating and responding to others in a social way.

Children with ASD benefit enormously from programs which provide them with a means to communicate and to develop the skills they need to participate in everyday life. With appropriate education, and the support of dedicated people, the child with ASD can go on to lead a fulfilled life, engaging in social activities and vocational pursuits in later life.

Outlined below are some ideas that all parents can do during Autism Week to EMBRACE DIFFERENCE!

Talk about Differences: We all have areas of strength and areas that we are not so good at. This is a great time to talk to your child about their strengths and areas that they are not so good at and need more support. This can then lead onto a conversation about children with ASD. For example, Children with ASD love learning but sometimes need help to make friends. Children with ASD are really good at numbers but may need more support writing stories etc.

Teach your child: Teach your child skills to be able to support children with ASD in the classroom. Simple strategies, such as asking the child to play, sharing their interest in an activity, following their lead, can really help the student with ASD to participate in social experiences.

Talk to Parents: If you are aware there is a student with ASD in your child's classroom, talk to the child's parents, don't be shy. Parents of children with ASD may feel isolated from the school community, so reach out and make them feel included.

Ask how you can help: Talk to your school about how you can help to better support children with ASD in your school community. Working together to increase awareness as a school community will lead to better outcomes for the student with ASD.

Read about ASD: Even if you don't know someone with ASD, spend some time reading about ASD. Positive Partnerships have fantastic, easy to read information on www.positivpartnerships.com.au.

Alternately, attend a free workshop on Explaining Autism, run at the Floreat Forum by the Autism Association on Wednesday 1st April. Register at www.autism.org.au or email paula.vealia@autism.org.au.

Contact an Autism Advisor: If you are concerned that your child may have an Autism Spectrum Disorder, talk to an Autism Advisor at the Autism Association on 9489 8900. Regional callers 1800 636 427.

CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION FORM

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION FORM

What is this form about?

In 1997 the Department of Education joined other Australian states to implement the National Strategy in Schools for the Prevention of Paedophilia and Other Forms of Child Abuse. The CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION form is designed to help with this strategy.

The CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION form is for persons who are not Department of Education employees, but who do require access to a school and who will be with or near the students e.g. Musical troupes, visiting artists, performers, trades-people carrying out repairs, parents and volunteers assisting with students at schools or on excursions (see Excursions Policy) etc.

By completing this form, you will help the Department of Education to ensure that Western Australian schools are safe places for our children.

Confidentiality

Please be assured that unless statutory obligations require otherwise, the information on the completed form will not be used without your consent for any purpose other than in relation to your entry onto the school premises or accompanying students on excursions.

Completed forms will be treated with the utmost confidentiality at all times.

For enquiries about the Department's visitor screening policy please contact the Screening Policy Officer on 08 9264 4391.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

Note for Troupes, artists, musicians, circus acts, etc who visit many schools.

If you visit many schools, for example if you are a visiting theatre act, then you may register a Confidential Declaration form directly with the Department of Education's Central Office by contacting the Screening Policy Officer on 08 9264 4391. Your details will be listed on the Department’s electronic Visitors Database. This will enable you to move from school to school without having to complete the CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION form each time.

Schools access the Visitors Database on the Admin Network at http://10.1.9.51/Visitors
CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION

For persons requiring access to schools who are not employees of the Department of Education.

Please read carefully and tick one of the boxes below.

(1) I declare that I do not have any convictions, circumstances or reasons that might preclude my working with or near children.

or

(2) I declare that I do have convictions, circumstances or reasons that might preclude my working with or near children. The nature of these convictions, circumstances or reasons is outlined below.

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(Please attach a separate sheet of paper if required)

I certify the accuracy of the above information. I am aware that I may be required to provide a criminal record clearance if it is considered necessary to verify the information provided.

Name: ________________________________

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Company: (if relevant) __________________________

Address: _______________________________

Phone/Email: ____________________________

School/s visiting: _________________________

Purpose of Visit: ________________________

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Excursions: Off School Site Activities
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