Attendance:
Thank you to those parents who have emailed the school with their intentions to take students out of school for a variety of reasons. It is important an email is sent to the school with details of the absence.

- Important research into the relationship between student attendance and educational outcomes was undertaken by the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research (TICHR), now Telethon Kids Institute.
- The report is called Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes: Every Day Counts and it was released in May 2013.
- WA public school data from 2008-2012 was used.
- A major finding was that there is a direct, measurable relationship between student absence and outcomes.
- That is, the more a student misses school, the worse their outcomes – every day really does count.

Some interesting facts:
- If a student attends 90% of the time they will miss:
  - 1 day a fortnight
  - 1 week a term
  - 4 weeks a year
  - 1 year by the end of Year 9
  - ...
- If a student attends 80% of the time they will miss:
  - 1 day a week
  - 2 weeks a term
  - 8 weeks a year
  - 1 year by the end of Year 4
  - 2 years by the end of Year 8
  - 3 years by the end of Year 12

There is no ‘safe’ level of non-attendance. Every day counts and we encourage all parents to ensure students attend on time and regularly.

Voluntary Contributions:
Update on contributions received thus far this year:

Kindy - 40%
PrePrimary - 40%
Primary - 41%

Thank you to those parents that have already paid their contribution for the year. If you have not already paid please see the office staff as soon as possible.
Thank you
Thank you to all parents who came and revamped our Library for the students. You did a wonderful job and we appreciate your efforts.

Car Parking around the school:
Car park bollards have now been installed in the staff car parks and we are hoping they keep our students safe. Although the car parks are blocked off to vehicles, students and parents should not be walking through car parks at any time, as this is not a safe practice. We aim to reinforce good practice in order to transfer the understanding to all contexts.

Please note there is no parent access on the lawn area outside the Music room. The City of Stirling will soon be installing management devices to ensure no vehicles are on the lawn.

I have met with the City of Stirling to discuss options regarding parking. A bus bay and a kiss and drive on Howes Crescent are currently being negotiated along with a range of other ideas. In the meantime I urge parents to park lawfully, safely; and with our student safety in mind. A school is where we should all be the most considerate, but unfortunately it’s often where the least consideration is afforded to safety.

Cyber Safety:
Enclosed with today’s newsletter is the flyer regarding our Cyber Safety session for early Term 2. Students from Years 3 to 6 will attend sessions during the day and we are offering a session for parents and carers in the evening. This event is heavily subsidised by the school. The presenter is a leading expert in the field of Cyber Safety and we encourage as many people as possible to attend.
**Girl Power and Good Guys:**
Some information was sent through to all parents last week regarding some sessions for this wonderful initiative.

https://urstrong.com/

Parents who wish to book in please see the website for details on where sessions are being held. All bookings are made online through TryBookings.
We hope to bring the language of **URStrong** to Sutherland Dianella in times to come, so this is a worthwhile venture for consideration.

**Police Pipe Band:**
We would like to thank the Police Pipe Band for coming out to perform at our school on Thursday 26 March.

**Email Addresses:**
The Department of Education has blocked Hotmail accounts. If parents have a Hotmail account we request that a new account is created in another platform to accept school emails. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**Harmony Day:**
Thanks to those parents coming in to help the children make their kites. We had a wonderful day demonstrating inclusivity of all cultures. Thanks to Ms Russell for coordinating the event.
Community Forum:
Thanks to the staff and parents who attended last night’s forum. We have a great platform for our Business Plan development. For those who were unable to attend last night, there will be an opportunity to feedback your thoughts prior to the end of the term, via a survey. We request that all surveys are returned by the end of the term. If you would like a survey please call into the front office or call and request one be emailed to you.

Easter Hat Parade:
Thursday 2 April is the Easter Hat Parade, there is a change of time this year and the Easter Hat Parade will be run first thing in the morning starting at 8:45am. We would love to see as many parents as possible on the morning to watch the parade and to see who the lucky winners of the P & C Easter Raffle are.

Easter Raffle:
P & C would like to send a reminder out that donations of easter eggs closes Monday the 30th of March and Ticket sales close on the 1st of April.
Little teaser: currently 3 classes are in the running for the buffet lunch (highest ticket sales).

Sausage sizzle:
P & C are running a sausage sizzle meal deal for the last day of school Thursday 2 April. Order forms will be going home with students 27 March. Order forms and money need to be delivered to classroom teachers by Wednesday 1 April, we thank the P & C for continuing with this wonderful initiative.
ANZAC DAY Wreaths
Our school Anzac Day service will be held in week 1 of next term – 9am on Friday 24th April. We are once again looking for flowers to be dropped off to B Block wet area Thursday morning and early Friday morning to be made into wreaths.

We are also asking for parent volunteers to once again help put together the wreaths. The service will commence at 9am on Friday. We are therefore hoping the greenery could be done on Thursday afternoon (following the whole school excursion to Kings Park) in preparation for the flowers to be added Friday morning.

If you are able to help on Thursday, Friday or both days, please see Ms Zorzut in B3.

The A4 Guide to Swimming Safely at the Beach and Pools
Swimming at the beach and pools is fun! However it is important to stay safe. The year 3/4s in A4 have been learning about the rules you need to know and follow when swimming at the beach and pool in order to stay safe. Please read and remember them. Happy swimming!

At the beach
Never swim when the beach is closed – Mohith and Jessica
When the warning alarm sounds leave the water – Ethan
Always swim with someone/buddy – Jerrah and Maria
Always swim between the red and yellow flags – Anton and Yana
Wait until the all clear is given before going back in the water – Jonty and Lina
Don’t go out of your depth – Ryan
Put on sun-cream before going in the water – Kristian
Don’t dive into shallow water – Mitanshu
Be sun safe – Summer

At the pool
If you dive into the shallow end you will bump your head – Zain
Never swim alone – Klint and Miriam
If you cannot swim in deep water, don’t go out of your depth – Asha
Use the toilet not the pool when you need to go – Abdul
You might slip and fall if you run around the edges – Akeisha
Look before you jump into the water – Hamna
Always have an older person near you – Mia and Hiruni
Science- Needs your help!

We would like to know if anyone is willing to make a plant grower out of pallets.

Ideally we would like four so the students can use them for experiments in different locations around the school.

We would like them ready for experiments during the middle of Term 3 and into 4.

If there are any handy parents who are willing to give it ago please contact the school office or alternatively email science staff directly.

Alison.Rayner@education.wa.edu.au

Alison Rayner and Felice Mack
Science Specialist Teachers

Kamnab Primary School (Sister School in Cambodia)

Thank you for your contribution this year towards our Sister School in Cambodia. A total of $36.65 has been collected so far this year. Please continue your donations via the loose change boxes that are available in each classroom.
Basketball:

Plenty of exciting things happening in sport to finish Term 1. I would like to first congratulate all players from Storm, Stingers Diamonds and Dreams for their involvement in East Perth Domestic Basketball competition, all students should be extremely proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to Dianella Dreams for making it through to this week’s grand final which will be played at Morley Recreation Centre on Saturday at 12:45pm. If you have a spare moment please pop down and make as much noise for the girls as possible. Further congratulations need to be extended to our Year 6 boys and girls who competed in the Stirling cup Basketball competition on Wednesday. Our boys finished third in their pool and the girls won the entire competition and will now be invited to a champion’s cup in Term 4.

Following on with the basketball theme, next Wednesday Lunchtime we will be having our Staff vs students basketball game. This year has seen a twist to the games structure with Mr Matheson selecting his student All Stars to compete against Miss Allsop’s teacher all stars. All members of the community are welcome to attend, please get down and show your support for your fellow students and more importantly teachers running up and down the court (as they will need all the help they can get).

Faction Results

This term students have been receiving faction tokens when displaying the value of ‘Respect’ in the classroom and the playground. Congratulations to Kirby for receiving the most faction tokens this term. The winning faction will be rewarded with a ‘Special Event’ at the end of the year.

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Community update:
AFL and Auskick Football
Our local club the Coolbinia Bombers Junior Football Club are looking for new AFL players. The Club caters for both Boys and Girls from PP – through to Year 11 and are one of the few clubs in the metropolitan area that provide girls only teams for all ages. Registrations are open online at www.bombersjfc.asn.au or if your child is in PP – Yr3 you can bring them along to their “Have-a-Go” day being held on Sunday the 19th of April from 8.30am at Yokine #1 Oval Bradford St, Coolbinia. It’s a great opportunity for your son or daughter try Auskick obligation free.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SWIM CLINIC

All backgrounds and abilities welcome!

Fun Activities! BBQ Lunch on Thursday

Date: Tuesday 14th April - Thursday 16th April
Ages: 7 - 12 years
Time: 10:30am - 11:30am
Beatty Park, North Perth; Outdoor 10 lane pool
Price: $47.50

For more information or to register visit:
www.wa.swimming.org.au/holidayclinic or call (08) 6143 4513

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THE CYBER PLAYGROUND
A SEMINAR FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
Hosted by
Sutherland Dianella Primary School

The cyber playground is the online world in which your children interact, and its hold on your children is ever increasing. Are you a parent who wants to ensure your child “knows the road rules before getting into the car”? Are your children using all the latest technology but failing short in understanding the ramifications of their online actions? Do you worry about the increasing time they spend playing games, chatting or texting? Are you falling short in your understanding of the cyber playground and how your kids engage in it? Most children have no concept of how their online actions affect their offline world. As parents you might worry that your child will be victim to cyber bullying or a sexting scandal.

What YOU need to know is what your children are doing on the internet via phone, iPad’s, laptops, apps! Your children need guidance from you on how to conduct themselves safely and ethically online.

Topics Covered:
• The Cyber Playground vs. the Physical playground – be a digital parent with what you already know!
• Online identities, predators, pornography & protecting your child.
• What exactly do kids get up to online & setting boundaries
• Cyber Bullying and building resilience.

DEAR PARENTS,
I am very pleased to invite you to attend this presentation by Robyn Rishani who is one of Australia’s leading Cyber Safety Experts. She has spoken to thousands of students and parents on the topic of cyber awareness, bullying, sexting, online predators, digital footprint and video game addiction and more. She is the Creator and Founder of Your Kids Online, educating kids and adults about the online world – The Cyber Playground. Robyn’s extensive experience and knowledge in teaching Information Technology, along with being a video game enthusiast and having an education background in Social Work has enabled her to understand the online world in which kids exist.

Please visit her website for more information.
I am looking forward to seeing you there.
Warm Regards,
Jenn Allsop - Principal

"Wow what a wonderful workshop - more people and parents need to become informed. THANK YOU! Your message is very positive. OUTSTANDING!"
Margaret Latham WA - Teacher

"This seminar should be compulsory for all parents! We have much more to learn"
Peter Abetz - MP
Southern River WA

Sutherland Dianella Primary

DATE: Wednesday 29th April 2015
WHERE: SDPS A1 and A2 classrooms
TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
RSVP by Wednesday 22nd April 2015 to
SutherlandDianella.PS@education.wa.edu.au

www.yourkidsonline.com.au
Facebook.com/cybersafetexpertRobynRishani
HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMP
EAST PERTH EAGLES

WHO: 4 to 14 year old Girls & Boys (NO BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED)

- It is One Camp separated into 3 mini camps based on age & skill level.
- We have 2 indoor courts & 3 Outdoor Courts
- Special appearances from East Perth SBL Players & Wildcat Players.

WHERE: Chisholm Catholic College
1104 Beaufort Street, Bedford WA 6052

WHEN: April 2015 Monday 13th – Friday 17th
9am – 3pm

WHAT: The camp will include a variety of games, competitions such as 1 on 1, 3 on 3, 5 on 5, lay ups, free throws, 3 point shoot out, rapid fire shooting, as well as drills to improve the fundamentals of dribbling and passing. We will also have team building activities, surprise guest speakers & dodgeball! We have experienced coaches who are ready to have lots of FUN!

COST: $200 for all 5 Days OR $45 a Day
Payment Methods: Cash on the Day, EFTPOS Available on site or Direct Debit

BRING: Lunch & snacks for day, Water Bottle, Hat & Your Own Basketball If You Have One

CONTACT: Steph Jones 0405.141.027 eastperthbasketballcamp@gmail.com

We have changed to an online registration process. To register please send a confirmation email to Steph Jones at eastperthbasketballcamp@gmail.com & a link where you can register will be emailed back to you.

COME JOIN THE FUN!