

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parent Community



Welcome back to school for 2024.

We have had a fabulous, but scorching, start to the year! We have an extreme weather policy at the school, which means if it is wet and stormy or roasting hot, we keep the children in their classes during the breaks and use the heating and cooling systems to make it more comfortable. We also modify programs such as Physical Education, using water play activities and staying in the shade to reduce exposure to the heat. Whenever possible we will let the children out to play so that they can stretch their legs and have a break from the classroom environment.

We have had some new staff start the year. Mrs Gandossi our MCS (Manager of Corporate Services) retired at the end of 2023. The MCS is an important job. Mrs Gandossi, ably assisted by Mrs Schulz and Mrs McNally, look after the administrative side of the school. It is a very complex and busy role. Our new MCS is Miss Hope Evans. I am confident that Miss Evans will be able to fill the 'very big shoes' of Mrs Gandossi.

Our other new staff member is Mrs Lillian Robbshaw who will be taking one of our Year 4/5 classes. Mrs Robbshaw is a very experienced teacher. Early feedback from some of the children in her class is that she is a 'cool' teacher. I take that as rare praise from a ten-year-old!

There will also be a change of Principal this year. I am taking leave for Terms 2, 3 and 4 this year. The Coolbellup Principal position has been advertised and will be filled during the term. I will let you know when someone is appointed.

Our usual Term 1 Meet the Teacher meetings won't be happening at the moment as the State School Teachers Union has a ban on after hours meetings as they negotiate the next industrial agreement. If you have immediate concerns with your child, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher and make an appointment during the day, if possible, to meet with. If the ban ends sooner, rather than later, we can arrange for a whole school meet the teacher.

Kind regards

Ray Knight
PRINCIPAL

Number 1

16 February 2024

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ALEX ROBINS

Dates to
Remember:

Thursday 29 Feb:

Science Alive -
Whole School
Incursion

Monday 4 Mar:

Labour Day
Public Holiday

Friday 8 Mar:

Assembly - LA14

Wed 13 Mar -
Fri 22 Mar:

NAPLAN -
Years 3 & 5

Thurs 28 Mar:

Easter Bonnet
Parade

End of Term 1

Tues 14 April

Students commence
for Term 2, 2024

2024 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to parents/carers who have already paid their child's voluntary contribution for 2024. There's been a few earlybirds already!

The contributions component is set at \$60 per child.

Contributions are voluntary, however, the quality of our teaching and learning programs will be maximised when each family makes its contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Federal Governments.

These contributions assist with the purchase of items such as:

- Technology resources, Maths resources
- Library resources
- Sports equipment
- Reading books, Student workbooks

Payment can be made at the front office by cash or EFTPOS.

For your convenience, payment can also be made directly into the school bank account. Details are:

Name of Account: COOLBELLUP COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BSB Number: 016 454
Account Number: 4979 17497

Please state "student name/Voluntary Contribution" as your reference.

SunSmart Tips

There is no such thing as a safe tan. Tanning is a sign of skin damage. Don't cook for looks, remember to Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! and Slide!



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide



Seton Catholic College Term 1 Tour

We warmly welcome you to Seton Catholic College for a tour of our campus and an opportunity to meet our staff and students. Our Term 1 tour is on Wednesday 13 March at 9.30am. Please be aware that Year 7 placements for 2025 and 2026 are at capacity; however, we are still accepting Expressions of Interest, which will allow us to add children from these cohorts to our wait pool. We are currently inviting and processing students intending to enrol in Year 7 in 2027.

Please note Year 4 is the ideal year to start exploring secondary education options.

College Tour

MARCH 13, 2024 | 9.30AM

Please register your attendance via www.seton.wa.edu.au/college-tours

Our tour takes approximately 40 minutes and will be followed by an informal morning tea where you can ask questions in a relaxed setting. Children are most welcome to attend.



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every interaction matters

Mobiles in School's Policy

We would remind parents of the Department of Education's mobiles in school's policy.

Children are to leave their phones in the office before school and collect them at the end of the day.

Smart watches capable of communication are to be switched to flight mode whilst at school.



Administration

Contact Details and Student Mobile Phones



Please ensure you keep the school up to date with your current phone number and address.

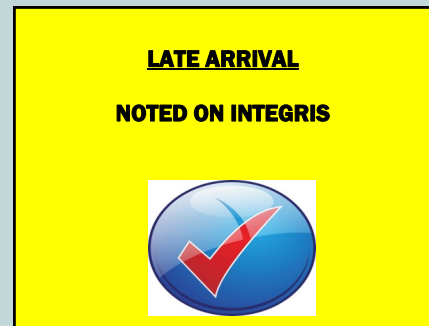
This information is vital should we need to contact you in an emergency.

It is also a requirement for children who come to school with a mobile phone, personal iPad or the like, to hand them into the office upon arrival at school for safe-keeping for the day.

Arriving Late to School

If your children arrive at school after the 8.45am siren, please direct them to collect a Late Note from the office **before** proceeding to class.

Thank you.



Coolbellup Community School - Bank Account Details

Please use the details below when paying direct to the school's bank account for payment of voluntary contributions, swimming, excursions, incursions, camp.

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We also have EFTPOS facilities available in the front office.

(Please be aware the P&C has it's own bank account for "Special Lunch Order days" and uniform orders, details of which are provided on correspondence distributed by the P&C.

The school's EFTPOS facilities cannot be utilised for payment of P&C events.)

SMS - Absence Messages

For the parents who would like to send an SMS in the morning to advise of your child's absence, the number is :

0438 947 795

This number is available for text messages only.