Dear Families

As we move forward to report time we have been taking an overview of student progress and attendance. There is of course a close link between student progress and consistent and timely attendance. While I tend to nag on this point, it is because after decades of experience, I know the difference that sound attendance can make for a child.

**TEACHER / PARENT INTERVIEW DAY**

As is our tradition, we have a special afternoon / evening for interviews. Student Reports will be sent out on Friday 29 June and we will close school at 12.35pm on Wednesday 4 July for Parent / Teacher Interviews. We will send out some more reminders about this and also booking sheets so families can book suitable times to meet with your children’s teachers between 1.00pm and 5.30pm.

Please put in your diary the need to make arrangements for kids leaving at 12.35pm on 4 July.

**ATTENDANCES**

While I know there are a number of lurgies going around, we had a surprising number of students absent on Friday before the long weekend and on Tuesday, the day after the long weekend. We had up to nine students away in one class and it was not unusual to have four or five in the rest of the classes. The best chance to improve learning is to first come to school.

**KINDY PLAYGROUND**

A big change is coming for the Kindergarten playground with the extension of climbing gear and rubber matting soft fall, instead of the usual old white sand that gets stuck in shoes. This is another program made possible through the support of the P & C Association. We look forward to the additional play equipment for the children that follows new puzzles and games for indoor use at the Kindy.

**GROUNDS AND PARKING**

For those who go past the main gate, or walk into the school through that gate, you will notice that we are re-vamping the garden to brighten up the entrance. Please remember that the staff car parks are for use by Day Care buses and staff parking, not a drop off or pick up point for students.

Did you notice that the Ranger has been issuing tickets at the back of the school and that police have popped into the front of the school.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS AND UNIFORM**

We hope your child brought home the school photo schedule on Tuesday, preferably without vegemite or fruit juice on it, so you will be fully aware of their photo times. Thanks to the P & C Association yet again for their Uniform Shop that has had bumper sales in the past two weeks of white polo shirts and little dark green polo shirts. The Uniform Shop ladies are all volunteers and do such a great job which means they keep the prices down for families on school uniforms, while delivering a great service.

Edd Black, Principal

The electronic Newsletter should be back next week. Change of system by the Department has caused a bit of a glitch.
MESSAGES FOR SENIOR STUDENTS
Please keep in mind that our senior students are scattered around the oval and basketball courts last period on Friday for sport, between 2.05pm to 2.55pm. It is very difficult to pass on messages to students in that last period of Friday. To guarantee we can get a message to a student, it is best done before lunch or straight after.

UNIFORM SHOP MESSAGE:
WHITE POLO SHIRTS SIZES 6 & 8 ARE NOW BACK IN STOCK. IF YOU REQUIRE POLO SHIRTS, YOU CAN VISIT THE UNIFORM SHOP WITH YOUR SMILE!

SOUTHERN RIVER COLLEGE UNIFORMS
The Uniform Shop volunteers at Southern River will be coming to Huntingdale Primary School next term to show the Year Seven students and parents/caregivers the new uniform for Southern River College. More information will be going out at the end of this term.

TO BE CLAIMED – CUP CAKE STORAGE TRAY AND HOLDER
Thank you to the kind family who donated the cup cakes to the school for the Big Morning Tea for the children. Your fancy holder is waiting to be collected from the School Office.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Department for Communities – Seeking Parents to Support Families
Parenting WA Armadale provides a home visiting service to support families within the south-east metro zone. Volunteer Parent Visitors are sought, with knowledge and experience of child development and parenting issues. Through the home visiting service, Volunteer Parent Visitors provide valuable support to families, helping them build on their existing parenting skills and linking with community resources as part of the Parent Link Program. If you are interested, contact 9498 2620 or visit www.communities.wa.gov.au/parents

REPORTS HOME FRIDAY
29 JUNE
REPORTING TO PARENTS DAY
EARLY CLOSE 12.35PM
WEDNESDAY 4 JULY