

# The Gecko News

## Principal's Word



The activities for this term are increasing by the week! Over the last fortnight, students have enjoyed having the chickens in the library, watching them hatch and grow into cute fluffy chicks, and giving them a cuddle during their class library session.

School photos have been and gone, however the online ordering system remains open for all parents/carers until August 18. A separate notice also went out to families of Year 6 leaders regarding access to purchase their special group photos (e.g. Faction Captains).

Over the next two weeks things get even busier with the commencement of our junior swimming lessons (PP-2) and **Book Week**. With swimming confirmed to only eight days, we are very pleased to announce that we will be able to hold our annual Book Week Dress Up Day and parade on **Friday, 26 August**.

We understand the notice for the dress up day is much shorter than in previous years, so to make things easier and fit in with this year's theme 'Dreaming with Eyes Open', students have the option of either dressing up as their favourite book character or wearing their pyjamas for the day.



The Book Week assembly and parade will commence at approximately 8:30am, in the undercover area. All parents and community members are invited to join in the fun and attend our parade - dress up optional!

To help keep you up to date with everything happening across the school, a revised version of the Term 3 Planner has been attached to this newsletter for your reference.

Melanie Buller  
Principal

## School Jumpers and Uniforms

Our lost property is overflowing with school jumpers and jackets, all without names. These uniform items are expensive, and we would love to be able to return them to their rightful owners. To save your child losing their jumper and other uniform items, please write their name on them so that they can be returned.

The School Dress Code (attached) was only recently updated by the School Board to enable a little more flexibility, particularly regarding school shoes. In recent months, there has been an increase in non-uniform items being worn by students, including brightly coloured socks and accessories. Please note that all accessories (e.g. socks, hair ribbons and headbands) are required to be blue, black, white or grey only. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Year 6 Graduation Photo

Due to the horrendous weather on our School Photos days, the photographers were unable to take the Year 6 Graduation photo. This will now be taken on Friday, 19 August during the first session. We ask that all Year 6 students please wear their regular uniform shirt on this day.

## Assembly

Our first senior assembly (Year 3 – Year 6) is on tomorrow, hosted by Room 12 (Year 4/5). The assembly will commence at approximately 8:30am.

As we have missed so many assemblies, the staff have put in place 'School Awards.' These will be awarded to students who have shone across the school. Teachers can nominate for any student, not just those within their class, to receive an award. Nominations can be for things such as displaying kindness, excellence, compassion or care for others and the environment.

All parents/carers and loved ones (e.g. grandparents) are welcome and encouraged to come along and share our assembly celebrations.

## P&C Meeting

The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the Staffroom on Monday, 15 August at 6:30pm. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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### Attendance

2022 has been a challenging year in terms of student attendance, with many families plagued with illness on and off. We understand that when family members are unwell, remembering to notify the school of the reason for a child's absence can easily be forgotten. However, this has left us with a huge percentage of absences 'unexplained' in 2022.

As such, I will be sending home printed 'Unexplained Absence' letters in the coming days. Students receiving these letters will be asked to have a parent or guardian provide explanation for their absences, sign and return them to school **by next Friday, 19 August**. *All those whose letters are returned will be entered into an Attendance Raffle. All students with no 'Unexplained Absences' will also be entered into the raffle, automatically.*

This Attendance Raffle will provide **40 canteen vouchers to the value of \$2.50 each**, meaning a large number of students will win. The draw will take place in the morning on Friday, 19 August and prizes will be distributed before recess.

Thank you to those families who make every effort to maintain good attendance habits, and to those who, despite illness, consistently keep the school informed of the reasons for their children's absences. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Loney

### Junior Swimming Lessons

Students from Pre-primary to Year 2 will be participating in swimming lessons from Monday, 15 August through to Wednesday, 24 August (weeks 5 & 6). All the information regarding the lessons, including session times and enrolment forms, were sent home via Compass. If you have any queries, or are experiencing any difficulties completing the documentation, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### Covid-19 Update

Thank you to all our families for continuing to keep us informed of positive COVID tests. A second delivery of RATs arrived today to assist families with COVID management. This delivery provides an additional 20 RATs to each student.

Information on the collection of these RATs will be sent out very soon.

### Socks for Cooper

South Halls Head PS is a proud supporter of Socks for Cooper, an initiative founded and run by one of our parents, Mrs Deb Maybury. The charity collects socks for the aged and homeless in Western Australia. If you would like to contribute to this wonderful initiative, a donation box is in the front office.



### Community News

#### Seascapes Community Association

The Seascapes Community Association are collaborating with Squared Away to chat about mental health. All welcome to drop by if you have concerns for a loved one or need advice yourself.



#### Halls Head College

Enrolments for Year 7, 2023 are now overdue. If you are yet to enrol, please return your enrolment forms to the College as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact Halls Head College on 9581 0600.

The Transition Expo for families of all Year 4, 5 and 6 students has been rescheduled for Monday, 5 September between 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Full details of the event are attached.

## Parent Planner - Term Three 2022

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	July 18 School Development Day	19 Students Commence Kindy Blue Kindy Purple	20 Kindy Green	21 Green	22 Purple
	25 Green Blue	26 Blue Purple	27 Purple	28 Green Blue	29 Purple
2	25 Green Blue	26 Blue Purple	27 Purple	28 Green Blue	29 Purple
	25 Green Blue	26 Blue Purple	27 Purple	28 Green Blue	29 Purple
3	August 1 School Photos Green Blue	2 School Photos Blue Purple	3 Y4 PEAC Testing Green	4 Green	5 Purple
	8 Green Blue	9 Blue Purple	10 Purple	11 Green Blue	12 Purple
4	8 Green Blue	9 Blue Purple	10 Purple	11 Green Blue	12 Purple
	15 PP-2 Swimming Green Blue	16 PP-2 Swimming Interschool Basketball Blue Purple	17 PP-2 Swimming Green	18 PP-2 Swimming Green	19 PP-2 Swimming Purple
5	15 PP-2 Swimming Green Blue	16 PP-2 Swimming Interschool Basketball Blue Purple	17 PP-2 Swimming Green	18 PP-2 Swimming Green	19 PP-2 Swimming Purple
	22 PP-2 Swimming Green Blue	23 PP-2 Swimming Blue Purple	24 PP-2 Swimming Purple	25 Green Blue	26 Purple
6	22 PP-2 Swimming Green Blue	23 PP-2 Swimming Blue Purple	24 PP-2 Swimming Purple	25 Green Blue	26 Purple
	22 PP-2 Swimming Green Blue	23 PP-2 Swimming Blue Purple	24 PP-2 Swimming Purple	25 Green Blue	26 Purple
7	29 Kindy Green Tabloid Sports Green Blue	30 Kindy Blue+Purple Tabloid Sports Blue Purple	31 Green	September 1 Green	2 SHHPS Athletics Carnival Purple
	5 Green Blue	6 Blue Purple	7 Purple	8 Green Blue	9 Purple
8	5 Green Blue	6 Blue Purple	7 Purple	8 Green Blue	9 Purple
	5 Green Blue	6 Blue Purple	7 Purple	8 Green Blue	9 Purple
9	12 Green Blue	13 Blue Purple	14 Purple	15 Green	16 Purple
	12 Green Blue	13 Blue Purple	14 Purple	15 Green	16 Purple
10	19 Green Blue	20 Student Council Parliament Luncheon Blue Purple	21 Purple	22 Green Blue	23 Purple
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## Dress Code

There is strong support from parents and staff at South Halls Head Primary School for the wearing of a school uniform.

We believe the uniform helps to promote school pride and encourages students to feel part of a cohesive and supportive community. It promotes unity.

A school uniform helps to develop an understanding of the importance of personal neatness, appearance, presentation and self-discipline. It allows our students to be easily identified and thus promotes a safe environment.

It is an important learning experience for all students who will one day enter the workplace where the attributes mentioned above are highly valued.

The School Board has endorsed the dress code. All students must adhere to the code.

The following items form our school uniform (dress code) –

- School polo shirt (long or short sleeve)
- School dress
- Navy blue shorts/skorts/long trousers/track pants/school micro fibre pants
- School micro fibre jacket/ navy jacket
- School broad brimmed/bucket hat
- School faction polo shirt (worn Fridays and faction carnival days only)
- Footwear – sneakers/joggers (blue, black, white preferred) or sandals with back straps (navy, black or brown) or black school shoes.
- Accessories to be blue, white, black or grey in colour (e.g. socks, hair ties/ribbons)

It is not permitted to wear the following items to school

- Jewellery (except ear studs/sleepers, watch). Cultural or religious symbols can be worn (at discretion of the Principal)
- Denim
- No thongs or croc/reef type sandals
- No fluorescent shoes or shoelaces
- Makeup, nail polish, fake nails, excessive hair gel, coloured sun cream/zinc
- Logos on clothing (except school logo)
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back
- Natural hair colours only

Exemptions to the above can be provided at the discretion of the Principal.

# Transition Expo

5<sup>th</sup> Sep - 3:00pm - 5:00pm



We are excited to invite families and Carers of Year 4, 5 and 6 students to A Transition Expo at Halls Head College.

- Open classrooms & facilities
- Interactive activities
- In-Class demonstrations
- Teachers available to answer questions

Parent Info session 4:00 – 4:30pm at Student Services

Principal Tour 4:30 – 5:00pm from Student Services

