

The Gecko News

Principal's Word



This past fortnight has been relatively quiet in terms of extra-curricular events. This has enabled staff to focus on classroom instruction and complete assessments, before finalising semester reports. These will go home on Wednesday, 14 December.

There is a great deal to look forward to over coming weeks, for students right across the school, and indeed, the entire school community. As these exciting times draw upon us, we ask that parents and carers support school staff in maintaining a high standard of dress and behaviour. Upholding expectations helps to provide students with a predictable, safe environment, within the busy and hectic Christmas schedule.

Kylie Loney
Acting Principal

2023 Planning

We are commencing our processes for creating our class structures for 2023. To assist us in making informed decisions regarding classes, we ask all parents to **please let us know as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning to South Halls Head Primary School in 2023.** Please contact the school office on 9584 6200. Thank you.

Updated Mobile Phone Policy

Attached to this newsletter, you will find the school's updated 'Mobile Phones and Connected Devices Policy'. This policy has been updated and approved by the School Board, in line with concerns over new technologies such as smart watches, which are capable of taking photographs and making phone calls.



Assembly

Rooms 14 and 22 will be hosting a senior assembly tomorrow, commencing at approximately 8:30am in the school under-covered area. We hope that you can join us.

2023 Personal Items Lists

Paper copies of student 'booklists' were sent home this week. All details on how to order through Campion were provided on these forms. Personal Items Lists are also available to be downloaded on the school website. <https://www.southhallsheadps.wa.edu.au/personal-items-list>



Term Dates

| Week | Day | Event |
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| 6 | Fri 18/11 | Senior Assembly, Rm 14 & 22 |
| 7 | Mon 21/11 | P&C Meeting 6:00pm |
| 8 | Tue 29/11 | Year 6 HHC Transition Day |
| | Wed 30/11 | Kindy 2023 Parent Mtg 6:00pm |
| | 30/11-2/12 | Year 6 Camp |

P&C News

Backpacks and Library Bags

The P&C are pleased to announce that new stock of school backpacks and library bags have arrived and are now ready for purchase. Order forms went home this week with Personal Items lists.

Pricing

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| Backpack with school logo: | \$50 |
| Library Bag with school logo: | \$15 |
| Combo (backpack <i>and</i> library bag): | \$60 |

Please contact the P&C via their Facebook page (South Halls Head Primary School P&C) or drop your order form into the front office. Orders will be processed by P&C volunteers as soon as possible.



SOUTH HALLS HEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Student Mobile Phones and Connected Devices Policy

Effective 1 February 2023

Review Date 31 January 2024

Student Mobile Phones and Connected Devices Policy

Policy Statement

The Department of Education (Refer *Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy*, 3 February 2020) does not permit student use of connected devices such as mobile phones and smart watches in public schools, unless for medical or teacher-directed educational purposes.

- Connected devices can be a distraction to student learning, a tool for bullying, and disruptive to the good management of the school; devices capable of recording images are potentially invasive of others' privacy. Therefore, it is recommended that connected devices (including, but not limited to mobile phones and smart watches) are not brought onto school premises by students.
- The school accepts that students may bring a connected device onto school premises to be used to make contact with parents after school.
- Any contact between a student and parent during school hours must be made through the school's administration.
- Parents who wish their child to bring a connected device such as a mobile phone or smart watch, to school, must complete the "Student Mobile Phones and Connected Devices Policy and Agreement", which acknowledges acceptance of this Policy and Conditions. Without a signed agreement, connected devices will be confiscated.
- Fitness tracking watches which do not have cameras, Wi-Fi or network connection capability are exempt from this policy.

Policy Rules

- All student mobile phones, smart watches and other connected devices must be switched off and handed in to the **FRONT OFFICE** during school hours (from the time the student arrives to the conclusion of the school day).
- A student will only be granted an exemption to this rule for the following reasons –
 - to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan
 - for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher
 - with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose
- Any device that is brought to school and used for taking photographs/video, either before or after school, will be confiscated and any audio or visual recordings made will need to be erased.
- While at school, students are the responsibility of the school and any contact with parents must be through the appropriate staff member or a member of administration, and not via a student's device.
- A student's device which is in the possession of, or being used by, another student is subject to the same conditions and consequences.
- The school does not accept responsibility for any loss, theft, or damage to connected devices.
- Once a device is confiscated it can only be collected by a parent/guardian.
- Repeated breaches of these conditions will void this agreement and result in disciplinary measures, which may include the requirement to renegotiate permission to have a connected device at school.