



Hello Parents and Carers,

We hope all our families enjoyed a restful break—it's been wonderful to welcome our students back to school this week. It always amazes us how much our students grow in two weeks!

CONNECT COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

A reminder to all our parents and carers that **Connect** is our school's **official and primary communication platform**. It is essential that parents and carers know their **P-code and password** so they can stay informed about what is happening at their child's school.

Our **Facebook and Instagram** pages are used to celebrate student achievements and share infographic-style announcements for special events and updates, but they do not replace Connect.

Much time and care go into sharing important information through Connect. For this reason, families may be **directed back to Connect** if the information they are seeking has already been shared there.

Thank you for your understanding and for supporting clear, consistent communication across our school community.

ANZAC SERVICE 24 APRIL 2026

Our **ANZAC Ceremony** yesterday was a truly respectful and moving occasion, with all students demonstrating outstanding respect throughout. Our **student leaders and senior choir** led the ceremony with confidence and pride, taking on this important responsibility with maturity beyond their years. I am incredibly proud of each of them. A special thank you to **Mr Winning** for taking the reins this year, and to **Ms Gaunt and Ms Monaghan** for their dedication in preparing our senior choir—it was evident that students had rehearsed diligently at home as well. Their performance was exceptional and a fitting tribute to such an important event.

P&C RAINBOW RUN AND NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

A huge thank you to our incredible P&C for organising today's Rainbow Run. Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without the time, effort and commitment of our dedicated volunteers. It is so important that more parents consider getting involved and supporting the P&C, whether through volunteering at events or joining the committee. As communicated earlier this week, without increased support, the P&C will unfortunately be unable to continue running the amazing stalls we have all come to value each term such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Book Week etc. **Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 4 May at 6:00pm in the Science Room**, and we warmly encourage all interested parents to come along and be part of supporting our school community.

MONDAY APRIL 20 - SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY (SDD) UPDATE

Our Education Support (ES) teachers engaged in targeted professional learning during our recent SDD, led by our ES English Curriculum Leader, Hannah Crute. The teachers focused on strengthening their practice in **explicit phonics instruction through Letters and Sounds**. The session reinforced the importance of building strong **oral language foundations**, as this underpins students' ability to read and write effectively. Staff explored the structure of effective lessons, including opportunities to **review, teach, practise and apply** new learning, ensuring students develop skills in **blending and segmenting** to support reading and spelling.

Key takeaways included the importance of a **"less is more" approach** to reduce cognitive overload, the use of **multisensory strategies** (see it, say it, hear it, write it), and the value of **consistent, structured lesson routines**. Staff also explored the **10 Tenets of an Excellent Classroom**, highlighting the importance of **evidence-based practice**,





positive reinforcement, and **purposeful learning**, as well as what makes a **high-performing team**, including **trust**, **clear communication**, and **shared accountability**.

Our mainstream classroom teachers attended a full day workshop on **Aussie Optimism**, led by our Health and Wellbeing Leader, Heather Bennett. **Aussie Optimism** is a program designed to support **student wellbeing** through building **resilience**, **positive thinking** and **emotional regulation**. Through **explicit teaching**, students develop the skills to **manage challenges**, build **healthy relationships** and **communicate effectively** with others. In **2026**, Aussie Optimism will be implemented as a **whole-school program from Semester 2**.

Our **education assistants** play a vital role each day, working in small and larger teams, in both mainstream and ES. On Monday, **Growth Coaching International** facilitated a **3-hour workshop** focused on **managing challenging conversations**, strengthening their understanding of **DiSC workplace styles**, and building their skills in giving **effective feedback**. We look forward to welcoming **Growth Coaching International** back in **Term 3** to continue this work with our teaching staff.

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Our **Annual Report** is attached and available on our **school website**. It provides a comprehensive overview of our school's performance, including our **progress against our [current business plan](#)**, **student achievement data**, **funding accountability**, and **parent, student and teacher satisfaction**.

OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our **Open School Board Meeting in Week 6 on Monday 25 May at 4:15pm**. Each year, we offer this opportunity for our school community to gain insight into the work of the Board and how we support the strategic direction and ongoing improvement of our school. As a school, we are committed to being **open and transparent** in our communication with the Board.

At this meeting, we will discuss the findings from our **National Schools Opinion Survey**, compare data from previous years, and identify areas of **strength and improvement**. We will also provide a demonstration of the **Elastik platform**, outlining how teachers will use data to improve **student achievement and reporting**, as well as share reflections from our first **Shaping Minds workshop**. An **agenda** will be provided closer to the meeting.

TEACHING CHANGES

We are pleased to share several teaching updates for Term 2.

We warmly welcome **Mrs Madeleine Wijayanto**, who will be teaching in **LC3.5 on Thursday and Friday**. We also welcome back **Mrs Sharon Brown**, who will be teaching **Monday to Wednesday**.

Ms Lillie Darby will be working across **LC5.1 and LC5.2**, releasing **Ella Greenwood (Tuesday)** and **Hannah Crute (Wednesday)**. In addition, **Mrs Sarah Sharpe** will be teaching in **LC2.2 and LC2.4**, releasing **Mrs Nicole Fitzgerald (Wednesday)** and **Ms Megan Thornbury (Friday)** as they undertake their Curriculum Leader roles.

Please note that **Mr Guy Bird will be on leave for Term 2**, with **Mr Mick Popovic** taking over the swimming program during his absence.

NATIONAL SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

SPS will be inviting families to participate in the National School Opinion Survey. This short survey plays an important role in helping us understand the strength of our school culture and how effectively we are supporting our students, staff and community.





Your feedback will help us identify what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve. The survey consists of simple multiple-choice questions and is completely confidential, with no identifying information collected.

The survey link will be sent next week to families **via SMS** and parents will have the option to translate the survey into their first language. We strongly encourage all families to take a few minutes to share their perspectives and support our ongoing school improvement.

RECYCLING HUB – DONATED BY CITY OF COCKBURN

A reminder that our Recycling Hub is located inside our administration building. The Recycling Hub has been generously donated by the City of Cockburn and provides a convenient way for our school community to responsibly dispose of common household items. Designed and built by the Cockburn City Council, the hub accepts items such as:

1. household batteries
2. light bulbs
3. printer cartridges
4. and mobile phones.



All collected items are regularly picked up and processed by the City of Cockburn, supporting our shared commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility.

PARENT INFORMATION SEMINAR

SPS invites all parents and caregivers to register for the **Helping Children Develop Healthy Screen Time Habits seminar**, scheduled for Friday 1 May. This valuable session will be facilitated by our School Psychologist and is designed to support families in managing children's screen use in a positive and practical way.

You can register by clicking the link provided. This session is free of charge and is part of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program. For more information about Triple P programs, please visit: www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa

STAY CONNECTED AND INFORMED

Please remember to stay informed by downloading the **Connect Now app** on your smartphone and following Success Primary School on **Facebook and Instagram**. You will begin to see regular posts on our social media platforms again next week.

I also strongly encourage families to take the time to familiarise themselves with the [SPS Parent Information Booklet](#) (attached) and the information available on our school website. Our **policies and guidelines** are easily accessible and provide important guidance to support clear communication and shared expectations across our school community. Attached also are our **SPS Proactive Health and Wellbeing Strategies**.

<https://www.successprimary.wa.edu.au/>

Have a great long weekend and have an opportunity to acknowledge our ANZACS.

Kind regards,

Natalie McRobb

