



# Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

### March

|                |  |
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| <b>5 Mon</b>   | <b>Public Holiday</b>                  |
| <b>6 Tues</b>  | Assembly 2.00pm<br><b>OLNA Writing</b> |
| <b>7 Wed</b>   | <b>OLNA Numeracy</b>                   |
| <b>8 Thurs</b> | <b>OLNA Reading</b>                    |
| <b>14 Wed</b>  | P&C Meeting 5.30pm                     |

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## ***FROM THE PRINCIPAL***

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

We had a record number of student council nominations this year! A big thank you goes to Mr Everett for taking on the role of student council coordinator. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for Student Council in 2018:

#### **Student Council:**

Tara Hodson  
Chayce Pearce  
Brydee Karra  
Dane Laws  
Sophie Hilder  
Brock Sharp

#### **Sports Captain:**

Lara Brunalli  
Baily Furnell



### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES**

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already paid their child/children's Voluntary Contributions and Charges. Although the contributions are voluntary; the quality of our teaching and learning program will be enhanced when every family makes a contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources including the State and Federal Governments. I strongly encourage those of you who have not yet made the payment to please do so at your earliest convenience.

As an additional incentive, all families who pay their child/children's contributions and charges by Friday 13 April will go into the draw for a \$150 voucher to be spent at one of our local Southern Cross businesses.

## **YSSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

This Friday (23 February) students in Pre Primary to Year 6 will be participating in the annual YSSSA swimming carnival. Our thanks go to Miss Robbins and Mr Crabtree for all the hard work that goes into preparing for a carnival. If you are yet to bring in signed permission notes please do so ASAP.

As the schools decrease in size it has become necessary for us change the format in which the carnival runs. This year there will be no team points allocated, and as such there will be no champion or handicap champion teams. Students will participate in teams events mixed up with students from other teams. Students will receive the respective place ribbon of the team they compete in for an event, however no team points will be given. The focus is on participation and the more teams competing the more children who are able to participate. Please remind your child/children to try their best regardless of what team they are in for an event.

There will still be individual champions for each year group awarded, however please note that for events in which more than 5 people are eligible to compete there will be timing of each competitor to determine places from the heats. (No finals will take place, and placings will be based on times).

Please be reminded that any student in swimming stage 2 or below regardless of age will not be able to be in the big pool.

We encourage parents to come and watch during the day, and I'm sure your children would love you to be there if you can make it. Unfortunately I will miss the carnival due to attending training for NAPLAN Online in Perth, but I wish all our P-6 students an enjoyable day.

## **P&C AGM**

Thank you to the parents who attended and volunteered their services for our P&C at the AGM. The following positions have been filled:

**President-** Sara Loader

**Vice President-** Shona Glassford

**Treasurer-** Dianna Evans

**Secretary-** Kathy Loader

**Uniform Coordinator-** Shona Glassford

**Fundraising Coordinator-** Chauvonne Shipard

**Scholastics Coordinator-** Carly Burton

We particularly thank our outgoing President, Deanne Noone, and outgoing Treasurer, Laura Della Bosca, for their many years of service on the committee.

The P&C meet in Weeks 3 and 7 of each term on a Wednesday afternoon at 5.30. All parents are encouraged to attend.

## **INTRODUCING MR CRABTREE**

Hello, my name is Ben Crabtree and I am the new Health and Physical Education teacher at Southern Cross DHS. I am originally from Yorkshire in England and have been living in Australia for four and half years. I am a graduate teacher and feel very lucky to be teaching here in Southern Cross. I have really enjoyed my time so far in the town and look forward to the rest of the year. I enjoy participating in exercise and different sports whilst also watching movies, and spending time with family and friends. I am looking forward to the school year and getting to know all of the students, parents, staff and community of Southern Cross DHS.



## **ONLINE LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT (OLNA)**

Parent information letters have gone home this week for Year 10 students who will be sitting their OLNA tests on the 6, 7 and 8 of March. Please contact the school if you have not received yours.

## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Lily Marinkovich - showing respect for the environment by picking up other people's rubbish without being asked.



## OFFICE REFURBISHMENT

We are all pleased to announce the office refurbishment is well under way, with our new desk installed last Friday. This will make our front entrance look more professional and be a better work space for our office staff. I would like to thank our School Board for initiating this project as part of our aim in the business plan to raise the profile of our school.



## SCHOOL GATES

Just a reminder that our school gates, particularly at the entrance to the Early Childhood classrooms, need to be opened by an adult. If children climb them to access the latch, we end up with damaged hinges. Please remind your children so we can keep our students safe.

Regards,

*Sally Panizza*

## **FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP CAMP: CAMP KULIN**

Congratulations to our 2018 student leaders! Nominations came from across our year 7-10 group and office-bearers were announced at our assembly on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. Our Student Leaders have just returned from Camp Kulin, where they refined their leadership skills along with other schools from the Eastern Wheatbelt Education Network.

Students departed from Southern Cross at 7:00am, travelling by bus via Moorine Rock Primary School to collect four of their student councillors.

After arriving at Camp Kulin, students found their gender based dormitory and proceeded to make their beds from scratch. Following this, students began to mix with kids from other schools and began forging some new friendships.

We all walked together to the recreational centre where we completed a variety of team building activities which placed students outside of their comfort zones and challenged them to develop different leadership attributes.

In the afternoon, students visited the Kulin Aquatic Centre and enjoyed some unstructured relaxation including use of the waterslide and swimming pools; great fun was had by all!

As we transitioned into the evening, student leaders had hamburgers for dinner, followed by a quiz night 'Tanya style' (Tanya was the coordinator of Camp Kulin and arranged a non-traditional quiz night that included a lot of singing, dancing and costume creation). Baily took home the crown following selection as the best costume winner from all of the different schools.

In the morning, students participated in more team building games and all appeared to enjoy one particular game called 'Ninja Warrior'. Student leaders said farewell to Camp Kulin and began the journey back home, still full of energy! An enormous thank you must go to Chrissie Nicholl for driving both our students and the students from Moorine Rock Primary School.

Here are some quotes from some of our student leaders about the camp.

"Sick! I reckon it was great fun."- Baily

"It was a really run experience."- Sophie

"It was actually pretty cool! I did some new things and met some new people."- Dane

"It was fun and I left with a new friend who I will stay in contact with."- Brydee

Once again, I would like to congratulate the student leaders on their selection and look forward to see what exciting contributions they can make to our school.

Regards,

*Michael Everett*



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP CAMP – CAMP KULIN



# You Can Do It!

## Everybody Can Be Successful and Happy

Focus: Helping students to

- Identify examples of their own success
- Accomplish something they set out to do
- Recognise the pleasure and benefit of success
- Understand that success counts in all areas of their life, not just in the areas of literacy and numeracy.



*Our You Can Do It winners this week are:*

*Kelcie McInerney - Year 6 and Baily Furnell - Year 7*

## CONGRATULATIONS to our honour certificate recipients

|                    |  |             |
|--------------------|--|-------------|
| Hamish Warren      | His enthusiastic attitude and willingness to work well with others                     | Kindy       |
| Harlow Willcox     | Fantastic recognition of numbers to twenty and counting back from ten                  | Pre Primary |
| Ruby Tuck          | For her wonderful involvement during class discussions in science and HASS             | Year 1/2    |
| Isaac Dobson       | Being an organised and helpful class member. Keep up the fantastic work Isaac          | Year 1/2    |
| Mia Kelberg        | Always putting in her best effort. Mia works hard to achieve in all learning areas     | Year 1/2    |
| Amberley Henderson | Consistently being focused and hardworking during writing                              | Year 3/4    |
| Mitchell Noone     | Consistently completing tasks neatly   | Year 3/4    |
| Kira Della Bosca   | Using fantastic grammar and punctuation in her Holiday Recount                         | Year 5/6    |
| Jye Unkovich       | Being a fantastic contributor when creating our class rules                            | Year 5/6    |
| Casey Furnell      | Producing an interesting recount about his holidays                                    | Year 5/6    |
| Dustin Luke        | Creating well-structured and detailed sentences in spelling                            | Year 5/6    |
| Sophie Hilder      | Working diligently in Mathematics  | Year 7/8    |
| Felicity Watts     | Working independently and completing English tasks to a high standard                  | Year 7/8    |
| Cheree Navales     | Working independently and putting a lot of thought and effort into her written answers | Year 7/8    |
| Chantae White      | Working hard to create a colourful and attractive Art Book cover                       | Year 7/8    |
| Isabella Derham    | Working hard (in her own time) to complete an intricate and attractive Art Book cover  | Year 7/8    |
| Jaric Evans        | For putting a lot of effort and detail into his Art Book cover                         | Year 7/8    |
| Brydee Karra       | Putting 100% effort into PE lessons  | Year 7/8    |
| Shanae Brunalli    | Applying herself and working hard to complete all HASS tasks to a high standard        | Year 9/10   |
| Chayce Pearce      | Putting in a huge effort to complete his HASS tasks independently                      | Year 9/10   |
| Tara Hodson        | Contribution to discussions in health  | Year 9/10   |
| Taine Kings        | Putting 100% effort into P.E. lessons  | Year 9/10   |



# SOUTHERN CROSS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD



## SCDHS P&C Clearing Sale Fundraiser

The P&C will be selling drinks and rolls at the Unkovich clearing sale on Tuesday, 13 March 2018 from roughly 11.00am to 3.00pm. The sandwiches and rolls will be made in the Home Economics room from 9am and all help would be appreciated!! It would also be appreciated if parents/carers are available, to attend the sale on Unkovich farm to help set up the stall and run it.

## Happy Birthday

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Harry Sharp    | 23 Feb |
| Ethan Furnell  | 24 Feb |
| Caitlyn Krauss | 27 Feb |
| Ty Borland     | 1 Mar  |
| Dane Laws      | 4 Mar  |

## P&C Uniform Shop

**The Uniform Shop is run by the P&C.  
The volunteer coordinator is Shona  
Glassford.**

**Parents and carers are asked to contact Shona  
on her mobile or via the P&C Facebook page!**

*Orders can then be bundled for you to pick up  
from the office.*

*Correct payment is required for all uniforms.*

*Alternatively Shona is available Tuesday morning's  
from 8.50am – 9.15am to help you with your purchases.*

**Shona: 0412 458 646**

## 2018 Parent Information Booklet

The updated Parent Information Booklet was sent home with each family representative on 21/02/18.



# SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12  
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

# \$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: ● CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD  
(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD  
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close  
**Friday 13 April 2018**

**ASK SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION**