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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year, and here we are already into week 3!

WELCOME

Welcome to our new students and their families, and our three new staff members – Deputy Principal Miss Jessica Cameron, Maths/Digital Technology/Home Ec teacher Mr Chris Nind and Mrs Jodie Cobden, Manager of Corporate Services for Semester 1. We look forward to getting to know and work with you all.

All students have settled back into the school routine and classes are well underway with their learning programs. Our Kindy students have settled in and look to be enjoying their time at big school, which is great!

Teachers are very busy getting all their assessments and programs organised, as well as preparing for our School Review later in the term.

ATTENDANCE

A new year means fresh beginnings and I would like to remind everyone of the importance of regular attendance. So far we have made a good start with few absences, so I'm hoping this trend continues. Thank you to those who respond to the sms messages sent when a child has been marked absent as it assists us in knowing where your child is.

If your child misses...	that equals...	or...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	40%

Finally, a reminder that if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child at school, the classroom teacher should always be your first port of call as they deal with your child every day.

Miss Cameron and I are available to assist further, if necessary, please make an appointment at the front office to ensure we are available.

Dates to Remember

February/March 2019

26-27	Camp Kulin
28 Feb	Constable Care
1 Mar	YSSSA PP-6 Carnival
4 Mar	Public Holiday
27 Mar	P&C Meeting

**Homework Club every
Wednesday for Years 7-9*

SCHOOL REVIEW

As mentioned at the end of last year, our school will be one of the early ones to participate in the new Public School Review process in Week 9. Every public school in Western Australia will be reviewed under this new process, every three years. All aspects of the school will be recognised, with areas of improvement identified to further growth into the future. The review will also give assurance to the Minister, Director General and our community about the performance of our school, to ensure we are operating effectively, and delivering high quality education to the students.

More information about this process will be outlined as the time comes closer.

CELEBRATIONS

I am very excited to be able to congratulate two of our staff members on their recent achievements.

On January 26 Mrs Anne Hanretty, our wonderful Head Cleaner, received the Shire of Yilgarn Active Citizenship Award for her long time volunteering for various sporting clubs in the Yilgarn. Congratulations Anne, a fine effort and the second year in a row one of our fantastic staff have been a recipient!

Miss Cameron is heading to Perth to be formally recognised at an awards ceremony on Friday March 1, 2019.

Her award recognises the teachers of classes who were identified as the 2018 ATAR Physical Education Studies **top 10 achieving schools state-wide** (Private and Public Schools). Jess's former Year 12 class at Woodvale Secondary College achieved this result and their achievement was publicly advertised in the West Australian in January. Congratulations on this well-deserved accolade Jess, and enjoy the ceremony!

Regards
Karen Tabner
Principal



Introducing our Deputy Principal

My name is Jess Cameron and I have recently relocated to the Yilgarn region with my partner to fulfil his endeavours on the family farm. I am very excited to join the team at Southern Cross District High School and I am particularly eager to get involved in the broader community. Having grown up in the country myself, I am enjoying the fresh change (and air) after relocating from Perth and I look forward to getting to know more community members throughout the year.

SCHOOL TIMES

Monday – Friday

8.40am	First Siren, time to go to class
8.45am	Lessons commence
11.00 – 11.25am	Recess
12.25 – 1.05pm	Lunch
3.10pm	School Ends

(Early Close every Tuesday 2.30pm)

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2019 school year! Our students have settled back into their classes and are working hard to ensure a successful academic year. We have started the year well by invigorating lots of new and existing school initiatives.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Our student leaders have been selected and announced for 2019. Our student council and sport captains are very eager to get involved and have been an active student voice so far. This year, we plan to increase the accountability of our student leaders with a more formalised approach to give them a greater opportunity to impact our school community.

In three very short weeks, our leaders have made contact with the shire to organise a meet and greet, have conducted their first assembly and coordinated the opening of the Library during lunch time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition to this, they are in the midst of planning a new 'Book Club' initiative and are putting forth many suggestions for fundraising opportunities and school events.

As a component of the leadership program, the student leadership team, along with myself, will attend Camp Kulin for two days during week four to develop and hone their leadership skills with other students from Eastern Wheatbelt schools.

YSSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday the 1st March 2019, students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will be participating in the annual YSSSA swimming carnival. Miss Robbins has been working hard to prepare for the carnival to ensure a successful day for all Southern Cross DHS, Moorine Rock Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School students.

As our focus continues to be on participation, students will participate in team events with students from a combination of other school teams. This will ensure the maximum number of children have the opportunity to engage in the activities on the day. Students will receive the respective place ribbon of the team they compete in for an event, however, no team points will be given. Please remind your child/children to try their best regardless of what team they are in for an event.

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

Please be reminded that, regardless of age, any student who has not passed or achieved swimming stage 2 will not be able to be in the 'big pool'. For this reason, it is important that our swimming records for your child are current so that they can be correctly placed in the marshalled events. If your child completed Vac Swim over the summer holidays and you are yet to provide a copy of the updated certificate, please ensure this is done as soon as possible. In addition, all permission forms were due for submission on Monday 18th February so if you are yet to bring in a signed permission note please do so as soon as possible.

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

CLASSROOM VISITS

Being new to the school, I have been making every effort to get into the classrooms this week to get to know the students, assist them with their class work and to appreciate the wonderful things that are happening at Southern Cross District High School on a daily basis.

I have joined the Kindy to Year 1 class during their morning song and helped them try and find the 'Green Sheep' in their Talk 4 Writing daily task. We also spent some time at recess skipping and 'cooking' in the sand pit where I observed some lovely manners as well as many friendships developing and firming.

When visiting the Year 2-4 class, I witnessed a polished Talk 4 Writing performance that included some very high level expressions for words and sentences. I was also able to help them with their morning writing tasks where students were creatively using scenic pictures to practice their adjectives to describe the images. When completing their stories, it was great to see them use these describing words to strengthen their plot. During this class, I also observed some excellent individualised teaching for a few students who were participating in a personalised literacy program with the support of an Education Assistant. The positive impact of this was obvious in strengthening their pronunciation and recognition of words.

In the Year 9 Home Economics class, I participated in a 'Master Chef' blind food tasting activity. Students competed in groups of 3 to sample a range of healthy foods whilst blindfolded. The challenge was to use their taste, touch and smell senses to determine the food type. It was great to see the competitiveness of the children emerge as points were awarded for correct guesses and spelling. The facial expressions of many students were priceless and they appeared to be having a great introductory lesson to the subject!

I am already looking forward to visiting the Year 5/6 class as well as more secondary classes in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards,
Miss Jessica Cameron

PERMISSION FORMS

The beginning of each school year requires us to seek and renew a range of parent/guardian permissions. These permission forms have been sent home this week. We ask that you read, update as necessary, sign and return to your child's teacher. It is vital that we have accurate information in the event we need to contact you in an emergency.

Thank you to those who have already returned their forms.

SUNSMART 'No Hat, No Play'

A reminder to all our parents that we have a "no hat, no play" policy. As per our school dress code, students from K-6 are required to wear a wide brimmed school hat with students in 7-10 able to wear a cap, although we encourage them to wear the wide brimmed hats. School hats can be purchased from the P&C.

ON ENTRY ASSESSMENT

Early in Term 1 we are conducting our "On Entry" state wide early learning screening program for our PP to Year 2 students in both literacy and numeracy. The results for this testing will be made available to parents and carers. We use this information to design our learning program and support. Letters will be sent shortly with further information.

NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter will be published every three weeks on a Thursday. We are encouraging parents/carers to send in their email addresses so we can email the newsletter rather than printing hard copies. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact Julie Della Bosca (Manager of Corporate Services) and she can add your contact details to the data base.

Year 5/6 News



In Art we started the term with a night scene of a lighthouse. We drew it in pencil and then we painted it with watercolours. We followed Kirsty's amazing art instructions. When our pictures had dried, we went over the lines with a black marker. The paintings look really good and they really stand out!

We also have done a piece of art called 'Colourful Australia'. We were given an A4 piece of paper with four copies of a geometric outline of Australia and then selected three crayons to work around the shape. We started colouring from the outside and worked into the inside of the map. We kept changing colours until there were no white bits and then we glued it onto black paper. They look really cool!

By the Year 5/6 students

CONGRATULATIONS to our merit certificate recipients

Kindy/Pre Primary/Year 1

Hunter Carlson

Using his imagination when designing his artwork. Very creative ideas.

Ruby White

Her ability to recall sight words and read cvc words. Well done!

Year 2/3/4

Indy Cook

Starting the term with a positive and hardworking attitude. Keep up the fantastic work Indy.

Kira Thirwell

Always completing work of a high standard and consistently putting in her best effort. Well done Kira.

Year 5/6

Max Della Bosca

Showing fantastic organisational skills in the classroom and playground.

Casey Furnell

Given 100% in all areas of school and for having a positive attitude. Great Work!

Year 7/8

Lily Marinkovich

Her fantastic effort in Art. Keep up the great work.

Lily Marinkovich

Her wonderful effort during Homework Club.

Marcus Hodson

Working cooperatively with all peers during PE and Health

Brock Sharp

His great summary of Feudalism in Medieval Europe.

Alexa Watts

Showing persistence and resilience in the completion of her English homework

Year 9/10

Bailey Furnell

His positive approach to all aspects of English work.

Jaric Evans

His creativity and effort in editing the PBS videos



Term 1 – 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
3	18	19 Assembly Year 5-6	20 <i>Homework Club</i> Year 7 – 9	21 Newsletter	22	23	24
4	25	26 Camp Kulin	27 Camp Kulin <i>Homework Club</i> Year 7 – 9	28 Constable Care	1 YSSSA PP-6 Swimming Carnival	2	3
5	4 Labour Day Holiday	5	6 <i>Homework Club</i> Year 7 - 9	7 Newsletter	8	9	10
6	11	12 Assembly Yr 2-4	13 <i>Homework Club</i> Year 7 – 9	14 Teddy Bear Event 9-11am	15	16	17
7	18	19	20 <i>Homework Club</i> Year 7 - 9	21 Parent Day 9-10am	22	23	24
8	25	26	27 Wise Woman Showcase P&C Meeting <i>Homework Club</i> Year 7 - 9	28 Newsletter	29	30	31
9	1	2 PTTR Relay Assembly Student Council	3 <i>Homework Club</i> Year 7 – 9	4 School Review	5	6	7
10	8	9	10 <i>Homework Club</i> Year 7 – 9	11	12	13	14

SOUTHERN CROSS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD



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 mornings from 8.50am – 9.15am to help you with your purchases.

Shona: 0412 458 646

Happy Birthday



April White	29 Dec
Indy Cook	2 Jan
Claudia Pucar	8 Jan
Flynn Chrisp	19 Jan
Jye Unkovich	20 Jan
Amberley Henderson	22 Jan
Lily Marinkovich	22 Jan
Molly Marinkovich	22 Jan
Anthony Brunalli	10 Feb
Marcus Smylie	10 Feb
Phoenix Shipard	11 Feb
Caitlyn Krauss	27 Feb

P&C NEWS

The P&C are holding an Easter raffle as our term 1 fundraiser.

It would be greatly appreciated if each family could please donate something to pop in our Easter baskets.

Please drop your donations into the office by Friday the 29th of *March*

Each family will receive some tickets to help sell so please keep your eyes out for those



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 12 April 2019

Ask School Reception for More Information