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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our last newsletter for term 2. It has been a very busy term for staff and students, with many incursions and excursions, student council fundraisers, and an illness that impacted on the whole town not long ago. However, we carried on and have almost reached the end of the term – but there a few events still to go.

REPORTS AND 3 WAY MEETINGS

Reports will be sent home with all students tomorrow, so please check your child/rens bag for theirs.

Based on the responses from the survey we sent out recently, our follow up 3 Way Meetings are scheduled for next Wednesday, July 3, starting at 1:20pm. School will still be in operation and the students supervised during the meetings, so you will be able to collect your child from a central point prior to meeting with their teacher/s.

It is very important that you ring or call in at the front office to schedule an appointment time to meet with teachers, particularly if you are meeting with more than one. Teachers are expecting that they will be meeting with all parents of students in their class, so meeting times will be kept at 15 minutes each.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE, SEMESTER 2

After much discussion regarding the timetable we have been trialling this semester, the staff have decided that it is not as conducive to the morning teaching blocks as we had hoped, particularly in the primary area. As a result, we will be making a change to our lunch time.

BUSINESS PLAN 2020 – 2022

Early next term I will be calling for expressions of interest from anyone who would like to participate in formulating our next Business Plan for the school. Our Business Plan sets out our goals, strategies, beliefs and processes regarding the direction of our school for the next 3 years. Please keep an eye out for this invitation to participate in guiding our school into the future.

TERM 3

The first day of term 3 is a professional learning day for teachers.

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, July 23**. I hope everyone has a safe break and is able to enjoy some quality family time. If travelling, please travel safely and I look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, July 23.

Karen Tabner
Principal

Dates to Remember

June

- 28th** School Disco
- 28th** Reports Sent Home
- 29th** Young Entertainers

July

- 3rd** Three Way Conferences
- 5th** Last Day of Term 2
- 22nd** School Development Day – No Students at school
- 23rd** First Day of Term 3 for Students
- 31st** NAIDOC Day

August

- 3rd** Star Gazing Night
- 15th** School Photos
- 19th** Book week commences
- 20th** Assembly

September

- 6th** YSSSA Athletics Carnival
- 17th** Interschool Athletics Carnival

Student Services Update

At Southern Cross District High School, we pride ourselves on the care and support that we are able to provide our students. Small class sizes allow all teachers and staff to get to know their students at a level that many larger schools aren't capable of. Our remote location also produces challenges when accessing support services that are designed to strengthen the health and wellbeing of our community, particularly in relation to staff turnover and the frequency of their visits. Coupled with the nation-wide alarming increases in mental health concerns amongst our youth, managing our students' social and emotional well-being is becoming a significant focus at Southern Cross District High School. This year, we have been very proactive and diligent in networking with multiple health promotion organisations to enable students to access the support services required in order to maximise their overall health and development. Below you will find a brief summary of some of the external health providers that we are currently engaging with.

➤ **School Chaplain**

Our Chaplain, Heather Van Oyen, visits approximately 4 times throughout the term. Teachers and/or parents are able to request students to feature on the Chaplain list on a rotating basis. Heather has a fantastic relationship with our students and provides a very valuable, confidential, external and unbiased support service to our students. She will often keep in contact with her students in between her visits and send communication letters to connect and develop relationships with her clients.

➤ **School Psychologist**

Our Psychologist, Vanessa Bye, has been working with several children this semester, visiting approximately each fortnight. Unfortunately, Vanessa has recently retired from this position and we will be expecting a new Psychologist, Chloe Willcocks, to be commencing as soon as possible which is fantastic. In order for students to be referred to the Psychologist, the classroom teacher or an administration staff member must gain parental permission and complete a referral form. The Psychologist can provide assistance at a mental, emotional and social level, including academic testing, learning support as well as work to improve students' overall well-being as required.

➤ **WA Country Health Service (WACHS) – Child Development Services**

Our Community Health Nurse, Jessica Della Bosca, works with all students ranging from Kindergarten to Year 10. She has recently completed the Kindergarten health checks, and can work with students across all year levels as required. Jessica works with both our teachers, students, and parents to promote health as well as to advise and educate the community around positive health practices. She is capable of doing a range of health testing and, with guardian consent, can be referred to base on a parental or teacher request. Jessica also provides a valuable connection between other health networks and professionals within the WA Country Health Service that we heavily rely on.

Within the Child Development Service, we also access Allied Health Services, including Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Dietitian and Health Promotion. The visiting Speech Pathologist, Georgia Otto, and Occupational Therapist, Ashleigh Cornish, work with several of our students and their guardians to maximise the development of their language, motor and cognitive skills across a diverse range of areas. Visiting approximately each fortnight, they work closely with their clients and their respective teachers in the form of case conferences, providing valuable insights and suggestions that can be implemented both at home and in the classroom.

Other allied health services can visit on request. Any student can be referred to the child development service and can be referred by teachers, parents or any other persons. To find out more about Child Development Services you can contact the Eastern Wheatbelt Child Development Team on 90813222, or by visiting the Child Development Services Information page at <http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=childdevelopment>.

➤ **Police**

Southern Cross District High School and the local Police station have a very positive, professional relationship that ultimately works to increase the health and wellbeing of both our students and the broader community. We work together closely to provide a holistic support approach as well as to provide many engaging and educational learning opportunities. The school and the Police are in the process of planning our annual NAIDOC Day celebration scheduled for Wednesday 31st July, intending to maximise cultural awareness and understanding. The Wheatbelt Youth Council is an additional shared initiative that provides valuable leadership opportunities, allowing students to directly engage with the officers and local council members.

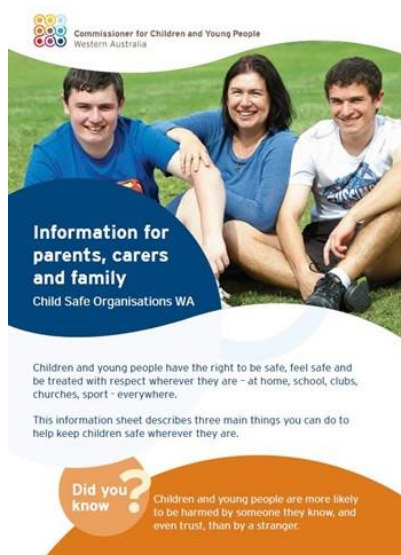
➤ **SSEN Disability**

In Term 1, an Autism specialist from the School of Special Educational Needs Disability (SSEND) has been working closely with our teachers to enhance how our school can best support all students and in particular, those with Autism. The specialist provided professional learning for our whole teaching staff and continues to shape the way our teachers accommodate for students and their varying needs.

In Term 3, an alternative consultant will also be visiting the school to complete various whole-school observations and assessments of our students, particularly those that appear to be having difficulties and delays with their literacy development. They will be working with staff to deliver some targeted professional learning and to provide recommendations regarding workable strategies and intervention programs that may benefit our students.

➤ **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service**

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service provides mental health programs to infants, children and young people up to the age of 17. This includes services in the community and in a hospital setting. Children and families are referred to these services by their treating therapist, specialist, General Practitioner, school or other community organisation. Within this external service, students have access to our current Clinical Psychologist, Leesa Murray.



The Student Leadership Team Update

Our Student Councillors have had a very busy term fundraising for Nulla Nulla Farm Retreat. As a result of their Cheesy Bun Stall, Pyjama Free Dress Day and Donut Stall they raised \$71, \$105 and \$223 respectively. We would like to express a big thank you to all students, parents and the P&C who provided their support. A special thank you to Sara Loader who volunteered her time to assist with the Donut Stall. We are already looking forward to planning events for Semester Two, hoping to gain some input from some of the students across the school regarding the fundraising activities they would like featured.



*Kind Regards,
Miss Jessica Cameron*

YEAR 5/6 RESILIENCE AND WELL BEING EXPO MERREDIN 2019



Our vision is to provide a supportive and engaging environment enabling students to become successful individuals in a changing society

2019 YSSSA Winter Carnival

On Friday 21st June at the Southern Cross Sporting Complex, Southern Cross District High School, Moorine Rock Primary School and St Joseph's Catholic School students participated in the YSSSA Lightning Carnival. This included students having the option to participate in two sports, Netball or Football.

The Netball was great! Everyone showed sportsmanship and everyone tried their best. We had six games in total being played throughout the day. The 4 teams were Doves, Smurfs, Mighty Turtles and Yellow and they rotated playing indoors and outdoors against each other. For the last of the games, students were split into two groups for the afternoon games. At the end of the day we had some presentations to congratulate the helpers on the day. I would like to thank Tammy Collins and Miss Robbins for umpiring and a big thank you to the coaches and teachers. We also awarded a Fairest and Best to each team. Congratulations to Ekam, Claire, Keira and Crystal for being the Fairest and Best for their teams.

There were also four teams for Football who were coached by Mr Nind, Mrs Beaton, Mrs Kent and Mrs Auld. Round 1 saw Team 4 beat Team 1 by 7 points and Team 2 beat Team 3 by 2 points. After our first game, we all sat down to have 'crunch and sip'. Round 2 saw Team 1 beat Team 2 and Team 4 beat Team 3. After round 2, we then had the chance to have recess before going into round 3 which saw Team 1 beat Team 3 and Team 4 beat Team 2. After having lunch, the students were split into older and younger fields to play a fun round with students that were closer to their age. At the end of the day, we all sat down to award the Best and Fairest players from the Football games. Congratulations to Marcus, Ben, Jayden and Harlem who were all awarded this for their teams. I would also like to give a big thank you to the people who participated on the day and also a bigger thank you to the people who coached the teams and Chris and Corey who umpired the games. You should all be proud of yourselves.

**Written by Sophie Hilder and Myles Anthony
SCDHS 2019 Sport Captains**



BRUCE ROCK SPEECH & DRAMA FESTIVAL 2019

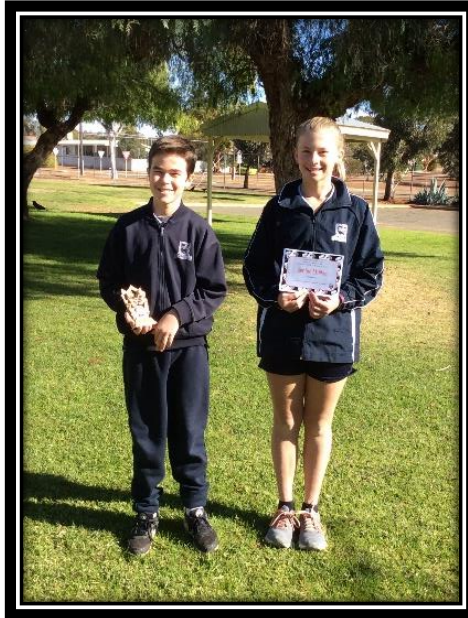
YEAR 7/8 CLASS

On Thursday, 6th June, it was time again for a secondary English class to make the trek to Bruce Rock for the annual Speech & Drama Festival. This time it was the Yr 7/8 class who were performing another Roald Dahl Poem, *The Anteater*. With practice time severely hampered by flu-ridden students, we had basically one week to prepare, and even then the personnel changed on an almost daily basis!

We boarded the bus and made good time to Merredin, a good spot to stretch legs, and then continued on to Bruce Rock where we were able to have a quick bite to eat before getting ready to watch and perform. It was incredibly cold outside, so we were very grateful for the enclosed performance area!

Our students were able to watch one item from Quairading DHS before making their way to the stage and giving it their best. Our students spoke clearly and apart from a couple of times where students had to pause to remember their lines, it was a flawless performance. Well done to Flynn who had to take on extra lines to cover an absent class member and did this very well.

While the entire class should be very proud of their efforts, extra congratulations must go to Sophie and Marcus who received Certificates of Commendation for their performances, with Marcus also winning the trophy for Best Male Performer. Well done to these two!



The trip home, as is traditional, was punctuated with a stop in Merredin for a Subway lunch and some time on the playground at Apex Park. Pretty sure all students were able to eat their subs and cookies without assistance from the crows this time (April! 😊).



In Western Australia, children can start their education in Kindergarten, however compulsory schooling starts the following year in Pre-primary.

Who needs to enrol?

You need to apply to enrol your children in school for 2020 if they are:

- starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2020
- starting Pre-primary, the first year of compulsory school – 5 years old by 30 June 2020
- starting Year 7, the first year of secondary school
- changing schools.

Enrolments are now open. Please contact your local school for an enrolment pack by Friday 26 July 2019.

All children of compulsory school age must be enrolled in school and attend every day – this is the law. All children must attend school up until they are 16 years old. Sixteen and 17 year olds must be enrolled in school or a training organisation, be employed or be in a combination of school/training/employment.

Congratulations to our Honour Certificate Winners

Kindy/Pre Primary/Year 1

- Saxon** Working consistently throughout the term to achieve wonderful results in all subject areas
- April** Applying thinking strategies when engaged in play situations that involve problem solving
- Gurcharig** Being confident and contributing his ideas clearly during play and group discussions

Year 2/3/4

- Alaska** Creating a beautiful painted bird collage in art. You gave your best effort and persisted. Well done Alaska!
- Keira** Writing a great discussion about children having more playtime at recess and lunch.

Year 5/6

- Marcus** Being an excellent role model at the Resilience & Well Being Expo

Year 7/8

- James** Working hard to complete his spelling activity to a high standard.
- April** Her positive attitude and consistent effort she puts into all classwork.
- Shelbee** Her persistence in completing her HASS work to her best ability.
- Shelbee** Stepping up and delivering her lines clearly and fluently at the Bruce Rock Speech and Drama Festival.
- Aribela** Achieving consistently high results in the chapter quizzes and homework tasks throughout Semester 1.
- Alexa** Her positive attitude and fantastic persistence while creating her mask in Art.

Year 9/10

- Jaric** Consistently taking responsibility for the recycling and work containers.



Term 2 Planner

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
9	24	25 Assembly - Student Council	26	27	28 Young Entertainers	29	30
10	1 Reports Sent Home	2	3 Parent Interviews	4	5 End of Term 2	6	7

School Disco

On Friday the 28 June, The P&C have scheduled the first disco for 2019. This will be held at the Yilgarn Sporting Complex with two separate times for the various age groups. Students up to Year 4 will join us from 6 – 7:30pm whilst students from Year 5 to Year 10 will be rostered for the second time slot of 7:30 – 9pm. Student Councillors will assist in the coordination of this event and have been busy creating some posters to advertise the evening. On the night, students will be charged \$1 for entry and can look forward to sausage sizzles, lolly bags, drinks and glow sticks for sale.



Term 3 – 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	22 Start Term 3 School Development Day No Students at School	23	24	25	26	27	28
2	29	30	31 NAIDOC Day	1 AUGUST	2 Star Gazing	3	4
3	5	6	7	8 Science Week Afternoon	9	10	11
4	12	13	14	15 School Photos	16	17	18
5	19 Book Week	20 Assembly	21	22	23	24	25
6	26	27	28	29	30	31 Yilgar n Ag Show	1 SEPT
7	2	3	4	5	6 YSSSA Athletics Carnival	7	8
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9	16	17 Interschool Athletics Carnival	18	19	20	21	22
10	23	24 Assembly	25	26	27 End Term 3	28	29
	30 Queen's Birthday Holiday	1 OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	2	3	4	5	6

Stargazing Night

Please join us on the 2nd August with experts from the Perth Observatory to learn about the different stars in our galaxy! Afterwards, participate in a workshop on astrophotography.

When: 2nd August

Stargazing: 6:30-8 pm

All ages welcome!
No Equipment necessary

Astrophotography: 8:00-9:30 pm

This workshop is more suitable for older children and adults.

If you have any equipment feel free to bring it along.

Where: SCDHS Oval

Supervision: As this is an after hours, family friendly event, supervision of attending students is the responsibility of parents/caregivers.

The Yilgarn Young Entertainers Presents

Between the Lines

By Erica Glenn

Produced by special arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts

Come along to the Southern Cross Community Centre on Saturday 29th June, and see what happens when our Young Entertainers go between the lines ...



Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Tickets are \$5.00 each with children under 5yo free.

Water, soft drinks and chips will be on sale.

Tea, coffee and Milo will be available.

The show will conclude at roughly 8.30pm.