



Dates to Remember**TERM 1****March 09**

Incursion Beats & Pieces

March 18

Medical Students Visiting

April 01

Assembly Year 2/3

Reward Day

April 02

Good Friday - Holidays

TERM 2**April 19**

Term 2 starts

April 26

ANZAC Day - Holiday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year, it is hard to believe we are already half way through the term!

CONGRATULATIONS

Firstly, the staff and I would like to congratulate our new 2021 Student Councillors, who were elected at the end of last year.

They will be very busy this year organising events, running assemblies, greeting guests and a mixture of many other duties associated with their leadership role in the school.



2021 Student Councillors: April Martin, Marcus Hodson, Shellbee Laws (Absent), Max Della Bosca **2021 Sport Captains:** Kira Della Bosca, Toby Hilder

ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY MARCH 5

Congratulations to Miss Robbins and her year 4/5/6 class who performed beautifully at our assembly on Friday. The students sang loudly and clearly, and obviously enjoyed performing for their audience.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our next assembly on Thursday April 1.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Southern Cross DHS students demonstrated their capacity to achieve with twenty Honour Certificates having been presented at our first assembly for 2021.

All year groups were represented which is a clear indication of the breadth of achievement being demonstrated across the curriculum.

I would encourage parents to take the time to acknowledge and praise your children. Praise nurtures your child's confidence and sense of self. By using praise, you are showing your child how to think and talk positively about themselves.

2020 – 2022 BUSINESS PLAN

As you may know, over the past year the staff and Mrs. Tabner with the School Board, parents, community members, the students and other stake holders have worked together to formulate our new Plan. The Department of Education WA appreciates the time everyone gave up to assist in ensuring the document we produced was one by which we can improve the outcomes of our students while encompassing the values of the school and community.

The Business Plan has been downloaded onto our website for your viewing, or if you would like a copy, please call in to the office to pick one up.

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT

Southern Cross DHS has implemented a new initiative that will support the wellbeing of our school community.

I am pleased to announce that Miss. Jones has successfully navigated on our behalf a partnership with the Act-Belong-Commit program which is funded by the Stan Perron Foundation; Curtin University; Healthway; and Federal & State Governments.

We are now officially part of the mentally healthy school program which is composed of a chorus of other schools. The program focuses on the importance of staying active, being connected and participating in meaningful healthy activities



STRIVE

As a connected community, your local school is a reflection of what is best in all of us. The STRIVE motto is about achieving our personal best. I have been impressed by the school community in setting these high standards as they support all of us in navigating the challenges that both students and the wider community experience from time to time.

Safety; Take responsibility; Achieve; Respect; and Support are lifelong values that all staff at Southern Cross DHS model and the support of parents is very much appreciated.

GOOD STANDING - ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is an expectation of all students and is critical in order to maximise their academic, social and emotional development.

If a student is absent, an acceptable reason for their non-attendance must be provided. If an acceptable reason cannot be supplied or verified, this may impact your child's ability to participate in the reward blocks that are aligned with 'Good Standing'.



Good Standing acknowledgements will take place at the end of **each term**. Only students with 'Good Standing' and an **attendance percentage above 90%** for the term, will be eligible and acknowledged.

- Any student who has **between 80-90% attendance** must supply evidence for absent days, such as medical certificate or documentation, in order to be eligible.
- Any student who has **below 80% attendance** will automatically be ineligible, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Parents will be notified by an attendance letter if your child is at risk of not being eligible.

ON-ENTRY, OLNA & NAPLAN ASSESSMENT

As mandated by the Department of Education, there are many assessments that your child is required to participate in during their time at school.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish the students every success as they prepare for the upcoming testing periods outlined below.

Do not forget to 'Strive' to achieve YOUR personal best!

As present, the Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 students are in the middle of their On-Entry Assessment (OEA) with their classroom teachers. This information will be invaluable and will greatly assist their teachers in their planning and the monitoring of your child's progress.

During week 5, the OLNA assessment for Year 10 students commenced. Only a selection of our students are required to participate in this assessment, all identified students, and their caregivers have been notified of this.

To assist them, students have already commenced an OLNA support program where they receive instructional support and access to the SCSA (School Curriculum & Standards Authority) online practice tests.

Our Education Assistant, Leanne Childs, has also been working closely with the OLNA students over the past few weeks. Thank you to Leanne for sharing her expertise.

Next term, our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment. More details will be provided later in the term, and students will have the opportunity to participate in practice sessions, as we get closer to the testing window.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Yr. 7 – 10)

The Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 secondary cohorts will be given the opportunity to participate in an inter-school swimming carnival that will be hosted by the South Central District High School Sports Association. The carnival will be held at Narembeen and involves the following District High Schools: Bruce Rock; Corrigin; Kulin; Narembeen; and Southern Cross.

The carnival will take place on Friday, March 19, 2021.

Miss. Jones will be the teacher in charge, therefore, all documentation inclusive of notes to parents will be sent out this week.

I would request that parents encourage their son/daughter to participate as it provides them not only the opportunity to participate, but also to connect to their peers in our Region.

THANKYOU

Many thanks to the community for their warm welcome to Southern Cross.

Mrs. Tabner runs a fantastic school and I must say that both the school grounds and students are great. The staff are highly professional and their commitment to the students' education and welfare is obvious.

Kind regards

Bill Stewart
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL OF Isolated= AND DISTANCE EDUCATION (SIDE)

This year, our Year 7-10 and Year 2/3 students have been engaging with SIDE for some of their lessons. This has been a new initiative for the school and one that is proving to be very positive.

Our Year 2/3 students have been completing their Indonesian lessons by SIDE. These lessons have been delivered by WEBEX on the interactive white-board screen and students have been working with Mr Keating to complete the assigned activities.

The Year 7-10 students have been completing their English work by SIDE. It took a couple of lessons for the students to adjust to the new learning style, but since then it has been fantastic. Between the 22 students in the secondary area, there are 9 SIDE teachers who are working closely with our students. This means that there is a very individualised approach to their English classes and each student is therefore working at the appropriate levels. Each week, the students have one online class with their respective teacher where they learn new content and have the opportunity to discuss the schedule for the week. For the remainder of each week, I have been working diligently with the students to complete their weekly tasks and helping them through the activities.

This new and innovative way of learning has encouraged the students to be more organised and independent when completing their work. Students have already had the opportunity to further develop their computer expertise as well as their general communication skills. It has been great to see the students actively engaging and showing initiative to collaborate with their teachers by email and the Moodle platform.

In week 9 of this term, the Year 7-10 students will be travelling to the SIDE campus in Leederville to meet their teachers and to participate in an intensive face-to-face learning block. They will spend a couple of nights at SIDE and will also have the opportunity to visit the new Western Australian Museum.

NUTURING THE FUTURE PROGRAM

This term, the Year 7-10 students are focussing on two projects: Sustainability and Pool Safety.

During their class on Monday's, the secondary students have been divided into three sustainability groups. Over the course of the term, they will have the opportunity to rotate through each group to facilitate several sustainability projects outlined below:

- Project 1: Worm farm and paper recycling – the students will manage the worm farm and collect the scraps from the primary classes to then feed and maintain the worms. They are also in charge of recycling paper in each of the classrooms.
- Project 2: High School garden – students have been working with our lovely gardener, Rob Southall, to get the high school garden up-to-scratch. So far, this has involved weeding the area and preparing the soil. The students have also selected some produce they wish to grow and have completed a visual diagrammatic plan of the garden. Once the soil preparation is finalised, they will be able to begin planting their vegetables.
- Project 3: Plastic bottle caps and ring pulls - students are encouraging each class to collect plastic bottle caps and ring pulls. These will be collated and donated to the appropriate organisations to be used to benefit our broader society.

On Friday's they have been completing a 'Pool Safety' unit with Sandy Ciabbari. In the initial session, they were taught 3 types of rescues including throw, reach and wade. They also practiced some water entries. Last week, the students practiced a survival swim and rescues wearing full length clothing.



At Southern Cross District High School, our staff and students 'Strive' to achieve their personal best.

We would like to thank Sandy for volunteering her time with the students and we are looking forward to what's in store for the rest of the sessions this term!

TERM 1 REWARD DAY

Our Term 1 Reward Day is scheduled for Thursday 1 April. Students who have maintained their Good Standing AND achieved 90% attendance or above for Term 1, will be eligible to attend. We are looking forward to rewarding the students who attend school regularly and following our STARS values. If your child is at risk due to Good Standing, a formal letter will be sent home to caregivers. Likewise, attendance letters will be sent home this week to communicate any concerns regarding attendance. Students who currently have below 90% attendance will receive a courtesy letter.

Jessica Stephen
Deputy Principal

Term 1 Reward Day

Thursday 1 April, 2021



In order to participate in the inflatable reward day, students must have ...

1. Maintained their Good Standing for Term 1

2. Achieved a minimum of 90% Attendance for Term 1

- Any student who has between 80-90% attendance must supply evidence for absent days, such as a medical certificate or documentation, in order to be eligible.
- Any student who has below 80% attendance will automatically be ineligible, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Congratulations

to the following recipients of honour certificates for this week's assembly



Kindergarten

Violet Pasini for completing tasks with precision and contributing to shared play experiences.
Mrs Dal Busco

Year 1

Isaac Simmons for working independently to complete set tasks in English, especially spelling and reading.
Mrs Dal Busco

Year 2/3

Courtney Pucar for being a kind and caring class member as well as always trying her hardest in class.
Miss Jones

Imogen Anthony Your enthusiasm when presented with challenges in your learning especially in writing. Imogen you persevere and have a go at sounding out tricky words. Keep up the wonderful writing Immi!
Miss Pusey

Year 4/5/6

Jayden Furnell for being super helpful and always trying his best in PE and Technologies.
Miss Jones

Tzeitel Olanday for applying herself wholly to all class activities and always giving her best.
Miss Robbins

Jayden Furnell for fantastic persistence and hard work in reading and writing activities. Keep it up!
Miss Robbins

Year 7/8

Stephanie Burton for outstanding diligence in HASS.
Mr Keating

Max Della Bosca for always working hard in class and being affable towards his peers
Mr Keating

Sienna Evans for being so organized, diligent and meticulous when completing her SIDE English work. Well done!
Mrs Stephen

Toby Hilder for being supportive to others in class and always giving work his best effort.
Miss Jones

Year 9/10

Kira Della Bosca completing all of her SIDE English tasks in an efficient manner and with attention to detail!
Mrs Stephen

Lily Marinkovich for engaging so well with her SIDE English teacher and trying her best with her work.
Mrs Stephen

Alexa Watts for staying focused in class and always trying her hardest.
Miss Jones

Alex Watts for showing initiative and independence when completing her SIDE English tasks. Excellent effort !
Mrs Stephen

Roy Ash-Foster for showing persistence with his SIDE English work despite technical issues in the initial weeks.

Mrs Stephen

Dakota Berry for always striving to complete her work to a high standard in Maths

Mr Keating

Dakota Berry working productively and independently during her SIDE English classes at all times.

Well done !!

Mrs Stephen

Flynn Chrisp for having a positive attitude and displaying enthusiasm in Media Arts

Mr Keating

James Marinkovich for working hard to complete his SIDE English work on time and for asking for help if in need. Well Done!

Mrs Stephen

YSSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday the February 26 we attended the YSSSA Swimming carnival. Thank you to everyone that attended the day and helped out where they could. It was great to see so many parents there to support and cheer on Southern Cross DHS! A big thankyou also goes out to our two sports captains Kira Della Bosca and Toby Hilder for their fabulous work on the day. The results were as follows:

Year 1 Boy

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| Champion | Kolton Carlson | St Joseph's Primary |
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Year 2 Boy

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| Champion | Felix Lawrence | Moorine Rock Primary School |
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Year 3 Boy

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| Champion | Ive Jackson | Moorine Rock Primary School |
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Year 3 Girls

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| Champion | Libby Simmons | Southern Cross District High School |
| Runner Up | Imogen Anthony | Southern Cross District High School |
| | Courtney Pucar | Southern Cross District High School |

Year 4 Boy

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| Champion | Jake Weir | St Joseph's Primary School |
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Year 4 Girl

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| Champion | Gracie Lawrence | Moorine Rock Primary School |
| Runner Up | Alaska Shippard | Southern Cross District High School |
| | Alyssa Carlson | St Joseph's Primary School |

Year 5 Boy

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| Champion | Jayden Furnell | Southern Cross District High School |
| Runner Up | Jackson Kelly | Moorine Rock Primary School |

Year 5 Girl

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| Champion | Ruby Tuck | Southern Cross District High School |
| Runner Up | Indy Cook | Southern Cross District High School |

Year 6 Boy

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| Champion | Regan Auld | Moorine Rock Primary School |
| Runner Up | Brodie Eiffler | Moorine Rock Primary School |

Year 6 Girl

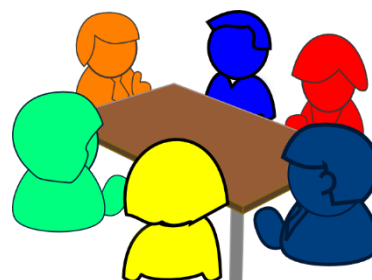
Champion
Runner Up

Mia Person
Tzitel Olanday

Southern Cross District High School
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SCHOOL BOARD

Nominations are now open for our School Board
We have an opportunity for 2 Parent Members to join our School Board, if you would like to nominate please send through your details to southerncross.dhs@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 12 March 2021.



2021 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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| Kindergarten | \$60.00 |
| PrePrimary | \$60.00 |
| Primary | \$60.00 |
| Secondary | \$235.00 |

Payment can be made from February 1, 2021.
Our office does not hold cash on the premises.
Contributions can be deposited directly to our school Westpac Bank Account.

Account Name: Southern Cross District High School
BSB: 036128
Account Number: 860047

Please make sure that you identify your deposit with your child's name to ensure that we credit it correctly.



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
Thursday 1 April 2021

Ask School Reception for More Information

HOW TO ORDER ON **Book Club**



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read
3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.



LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.



WE ALWAYS BAT AND BALL

The Narembeen Bat & Ball Club would like to invite you to be part of any of the following events:

Bat & Ball Super 6 Cricket Carnival Saturday February 20 @ Narembeen Oval beginning at 9am

'Super 6s is for kids between the ages of eight and fifteen. All entrants are split into even teams and play six a side cricket with plastic bats and tennis balls. There are great prizes on offer and it's loads of fun'

Bat & Ball Tennis Tournament Saturday March Saturday March 13 @Narembeen Tennis Courts beginning at 9am

'Bat & Ball Tennis is a doubles tournament for any keen tennis players from the ages of eight and fifteen. There will be primary school and high school sections and great prizes on offer. It's sure to be loads of fun'

Bat & Ball 3 on 3 Sunday March 21 @Narembeen Basketball Courts beginning at 3pm.

'Bat & Ball 3 on 3 is a basketball competition for keen Hoopstars between the ages of eight and fifteen. There will be a high school and primary school section and many wonderful prizes on offer.'

Bat & Ball Footy Camp Saturday March 27-28 @Narembeen Rec Centre beginning at 1:30pm on Saturday March 27.

'If you're a keen footballer between the ages of ten and thirteen then the footy camp is for you!'



Carnivals cost just \$2 while the Camp costs \$70 which is inclusive of food, accommodation and some great activities. For all and any questions please call Craig Gmeiner on 0429647651

**Wheatbelt Goldfields
School Holiday Clinics
WEDNESDAY APRIL 14**



UMPIRING

**Merredin Regional
Community & Leisure Centre**

**Practical Suncorp NetSetGo clinics
5-7yo 10:30AM - 11:30AM | 8-10yo 12:00PM - 1:30PM**

**Green Shirt Workshop
13 yo & above 9:30AM - 1:30PM**

**For further details contact
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