

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **TERM 1**

**April 01**

Last Day of Term 1

**April 02**

Good Friday - Holidays

#### **TERM 2**

**April 19**

Term 2 starts  
staff and students

**April 22**

Literacy Interaction Day

**April 26**

ANZAC Day - Holiday

**April 27**

P&amp;C Meeting

**May 21**

Assembly

**June 3 & 4**

School Development Days

**June 7**

WA Day - Holiday

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

#### **TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL SESSION**

Curtin and Notre Dame University students participated in a medical student immersion program.

Southern Cross DHS was very pleased to host the program with the medical students interacting with the Kindergarten to Year 3 cohorts and later in the morning the Year 7 – 10 students.

*Curtin and Notre Dame University medical students engaging with the Kindergarten to Year 3 students*



The medical students addressed a range of topics with the students through play as part of the Teddy Bear Clinics being manikins for each child.

The university students gained an understanding of a rural patient's life and healthcare experience. During their placement, the students visited local schools, health services such as the local general practice and hospital, and attended a farm safety demonstration.

#### **PBS – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SCHOOL**

There have been a number of 'stand outs' during my tenure for Term 1 that are very impressive about Southern Cross DHS and the one I would like to acknowledge is the culture of positive behaviour.

The staff strongly uphold this culture matched by a cycle of forgiveness so that all students have a fresh start which is integral to the process of personal growth. Factors such as culture, religion, race, gender, disability or looks are not part of the discussion – it is only about the behaviour.

As a Positive Behaviour School the values of taking responsibility, showing respect and supporting one another are foundation values of good citizenship in our community.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Yr. 7 – 10)



The Year 7-10 cohorts attended their interschool swimming carnival at the Narembeen Aquatic Centre with the following District High Schools: Bruce Rock; Corrigin; Kulin; and Narembeen.

Southern Cross DHS fielded 82 competitors over 80 events. Miss Jones has identified 13 students for their positive attitude, determination and motivation in representing our school.

Acknowledgements to Miss Jones for her tremendous efforts in

planning and implementation of the carnival and her team in Mr Keating, Mrs Childs, Ms Burton and Mrs Watts.

Miss Jones has provided the following additional commentary....

*'We had many students who stepped up and persisted all day. A few students who deserve special acknowledgements for their persistence, motivation, team work and ability to step in to places where other students would be: Roy, Stephanie, Flynn, Kira, Sienna, Casey, Toby, Harlem, Marcus H, Joeross, Benjamin, Brock, Marcus S and Alexa.'*

*Thank you to these students for making the most of the day. I would also like to thank our two parent helpers on the day Carly Burton and Kelly Watts, they timed the whole day for us and I appreciated your efforts. Thanks also to Mrs Childs for driving the bus and assisting with marshalling and Mr Keating for timing and assisting with marshalling. I would also like to thank the staff at school who assisted on the day. I appreciate all the staff, students and parents' efforts on the day. Thank you'.*

## NAPLAN – PRACTICE TEST

The Naplan Practice Test was conducted this week. The aim of the test was to refresh students in how the online Naplan Testing process is conducted.

Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 did a practice test in writing whilst the Year 3 students attempted an omnibus test which covered reading, numeracy and conventions of language.

The practice test is also tested our local connectivity so as to identify any weaknesses in our system.

In addition, we experienced no problems in downloading student details which is an integral part of the platform operation.





## P&C MEETING

The P&C had its first meeting on Tuesday, 23 March 2021.  
The meeting was procedural to confirm our Office bearers:

- President: Sian Simmons
- Vice President: Emma Warren
- Treasurer: Shona Glassford
- Secretary: Stephanie Smylie

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 27 April 2021 at the school commencing 6.00pm.

## DALP – DISTRIBUTED ASPIRANT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The quality of staff at Southern Cross DHS is of a very high standard.

In recognition of this, staff agreed to contribute their professional skills as part of a 'Growth Coaching' program during Term 1 to inform staff of key educational issues to strengthen support for teaching and learning excellence in every classroom.

Many thanks to the following staff and the topics they selected:

- Miss Robbins: Positive Behaviour School.
- Miss Jones: Act-Belong-Commit.
- Miss Pusey: Talk-for-Writing/ShowMe app.
- Mrs Dal Busco: NQS (National Quality Standard) – whole school perspective.
- Mr Keating: ICT – applications in the classroom.

*Miss Robbins, Mrs Dal Busco and Miss Pusey reviewing Early Childhood classroom strategies.*



## FUN DAY FRIDAY

In recognition to provide both primary and secondary students an opportunity to interact at recess and lunchtime in their own space. Staff have agreed to be flexible with their duty allocation so as to ensure our duty of care is met. The response from students has been great, in particular, the introduction of music has value added to the atmosphere with 'play' being more aligned to the 'Phases of Learning'.

## MISS MADELEINE PUSEY

Miss Pusey is a valued staff member and her professional contribution to the school has been very much appreciated.

Her recent trial of the 'CARS and STARS' reading comprehension online program has provided the school with a valued assessment.

Her 'leave' period commences from Term 2 and concludes at the end of Term 3.

We wish her all of the best during her absence.



## REWARD DAY

They say a 'picture is worth a thousand words'



## FAREWELL

Welcome back to Mrs Tabner at the commencement of Term 2.

A big thank you to all of the staff at Southern Cross DHS.

To the teachers you are truly amazing as your practice consistently puts the success and wellbeing of our students first. To the support staff, your care for the school is outstanding and on behalf of the community many thanks.

Kind regards

**Bill Stewart**  
**Principal**

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### SWIMMING LESSONS - PHYSICAL EDUCATION



This term, Miss Jones and myself approached Physical Education sessions a little differently to previous years. For the first time, the students participated in a water-based activities during their lessons, instead of doing traditional Physical Education games.

It was a fantastic opportunity to make the most of the new swimming pool and what an amazing facility it is! It was also a great way to 'beat the heat' so the students could remain active on those scorching summer days.



Whilst the younger students mostly focussed on water familiarisation activities, the older students participated in a range of water-based sports throughout the 6-week block of swimming. From all accounts, it was very successful and the students really enjoyed it. It was particularly useful in preparing for the YSSSA and Secondary swimming carnivals and hope to make it an annual occurrence going forward.

Miss Jones has provided the following additional commentary... *This Term in PE the K-10 students have been at the pool. The students have focused on a range of things including stroke technique, how to save yourself and others in a rescue and even some water sports like modified water polo and water volleyball. It has been great to use the town facilities.*



We would like to thank the Shire for allowing us to use the pool over the 7-week period, the students thoroughly enjoyed swimming and cooling down on those hot days!

We also purchased a brand new netball post, which has been a hit at recess and lunch times. This will allow our students to practice on a standardised size hoop, which will hopefully impact our results at country week for the netball girls!



## NURTURING THE FUTURE PROGRAM

The end to another great term within our Nurturing the Future Program as our secondary students enjoyed various activities related to sustainability and pool safety. In the past three weeks, the primary students have collected a whopping 1107 plastic bottle caps and 16,025 pull rings. The secondary students have collected 20 plastic bottle caps and 8587 pull rings. The students have also really enjoyed the pool sessions and we would once again like to thank Sandy for volunteering her time with the students.





## CUNDERDIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE - VISIT

Our Year 9/10 students travelled to WA College of Agriculture Cunderdin on Wednesday 24 March to visit the campus and participate in several tours and activities.

It was a worthwhile experience, providing the students with the opportunity to explore their future career prospects and possible pathway options at the Cunderdin.

Lunch was provided by the College in their dining hall. We also bumped into two of our ex-students, Josh and Dane.



## SIDE VISIT



Our secondary students have recently returned from their visit to SIDE. It was great for them to put faces to names and meet their 'virtual' teachers.

We travelled by train which was a fantastic experience in itself, exposing the students to the regional Trans WA and inner city Trans Perth public transport systems.

On Monday, each student had the opportunity to work 1:1 with their English classroom teacher and participated in intensive classes. We also arranged to have some spare time in the afternoon to visit the WA Museum and stroll down to the Leederville precinct in the evening for dinner.

A great trip was had by all.



**Jessica Stephen**  
**Deputy Principal**

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

## **CONGRATULATIONS to our HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS**

### **Pre Primary**

**Jackston** awarded for working hard to blend and segment consonant-vowel-constant words.

### **Year 1**

**Alexis** awarded for applying her knowledge of letter sounds to read and write words.

### **Year 2/3**

**Libby** awarded for the respect you show others when they are speaking. Libby, you always show genuine interest in what others have to say. Keep up the wonderful listening!

### **Year 4/5/6**

**Joann** awarded for her positive attitude towards learning activities and willingness to give everything a try

**Ruby** awarded for her hard work and determination in PE and technologies. Keep up the great work.

### **Year 7/8**

**Anthony** awarded for excellence in mathematics

**Stephanie** awarded for her hard work and determination in all classes. Well done Steph.

**Stephanie** awarded for her determination and positive attitude at the swimming carnival.

**Stephanie** awarded for consistent diligence and excellent time management in HASS and Media-Art's.

**Sienna** stepping up and filling in where needed without hesitation at the swimming carnival.

**Sienna** awarded for consistent diligence and enthusiasm in Media-Art's

**Casey** awarded for stepping up and filling in for division 1 with a positive attitude at the swimming carnival.

**Casey** awarded for an improved effort and striving to produce quality work in HASS and Media

**Toby** awarded for his determination and motivation towards all his races at the swimming carnival

**Joeross** awarded for stepping up and filling in for every race with determination at the swimming carnival.

**Benjamin** awarded for his determination and motivation towards his races at the swimming carnival.

**Marcus** awarded for his determination and courage to fill in for races at the swimming carnival.

**Marcus** awarded for consistent diligence in HASS

### **Year 9/10**

**Roy** awarded for going in every event and trying his hardest at the swimming carnival.

**Roy** awarded for a great effort in all classes: HASS, Maths and Media –project assignments.

**Dakota** awarded for her hard working and positive attitude in the classroom. Well done Dakota!

**Dakota** awarded for excellence in HASS and always completing her tasks to a high standard.

**Flynn** awarded for his positive attitude and determination at the swimming carnival.

**Kira** awarded for taking a leadership roll in a time of need and participation to the best of her ability at the swimming carnival.

**Kira** awarded for consistent diligence and effort throughout the term in HASS.

**Marcus** awarded for competing in all his races with no hesitation at the swimming carnival.

**Brock** awarded for stepping up and filling in for races with a smile at the swimming carnival.

**Alexa** awarded for the determination she showed towards races even when she was exhausted at the swimming carnival.

**Alexa** awarded for striving to complete all set tasks and assignments to a quality standard.





## 2021 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Kindergarten	\$60.00
Pre-Primary	\$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.



**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**

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