



Dates to Remember**May 24**

Board Meeting – 5.30pm

May 26

National Sorry Day

May 28

Speech & Drama Fest in
Bruce Rock – Yr 7- 10

June 2

YSSSA Cross Country –
Moorine Rock

June 3 & 4

School Development Days

June 7

WA Day – Holiday

June 18

Inter School Cross Country
– Bruce Rock

June 23

YSSSA Winter Carnival

June 24

West Coast Fever Netball
Cup – 7 to 10 Girls

FROM THE PRINCIPAL**WELCOME BACK!**

Welcome back to Term 2! We are off to a flying start already and we have really hit the ground running! Lots of exciting things ahead this term and I am looking forward to this new challenge!

STAFFING

As many of you know, Karen is on leave for Term 2 as she is pursuing another leadership position in the South West region. She plans to return in Term 3, and in the mean time I have been appointed the Acting Principal for the term. At the end of last term, we also said farewell to our Year 2/3 teacher, Miss Madeline Pusey, who sadly has returned to Perth for Term 2 and 3.

During Term 1, one of our long-term School Officers, Yvonne Bopp, was also promoted to a position at Cunderdin Agriculture College. She has since accepted a permanent position and will not be returning to Southern Cross District High School. On behalf of all the staff, students and our families, I would like to thank Yvonne for all her efforts over the many years at our school. I would also like to congratulate her on her new position and wish her every success in her new venture.

In response to some of these changes and farewells, you may have noticed a few new faces in the school. I wish to extend a warm welcome to Miss Lisa Malatesta from Toodyay District High School to backfill the Deputy Principal position, as well as Ms. Deborah Hill as our Year 2/3 teacher for Terms 2 and 3. Ms. Onida Truran has been assisting in our front office area on Thursdays and Fridays, however, her last day will be next Friday. We would

like to thank her very much for all her efforts. Ms. Carly Burton and Ms Ashleigh Smith will also be assisting in the working with our students in the capacity of Education Assistants on various days throughout the week.

OUR FOCUS FOR TERM 2!

Given the many change's we have already had this term, earlier in the term we spent some time as a staff to discuss, identify and reiterate three important directions for Term 2 and I would like to share some of these thoughts with our families and the broader school community.

1. Positivity

Already, there have been many highlights for the 2021 school year so far, including lots of 'firsts' for SCDHS. In fact, when I took the time to look at previous calendar years, we have participated in more excursions, events and incursions during Term 1, 2021 than we did in the entire of 2020. This term, I have encouraged the staff to look at our 'school glass' as 'half-full'. Southern Cross District High School is doing wonderful things in many areas and I feel that the perception in the broader community doesn't always truly and accurately reflect just what a great school we have. It is easy to focus on the negatives or areas we need to improve, but I have challenged our staff to spend more time celebrating our successes and show casing the great things that are happening across the school. I made a point of reminding our staff that 'we' are the biggest ambassadors for our school and every conversation, both in and out of school, has an impact on our reputation and the perception of our school community. Our students and their families are also key ambassadors and are encouraged to spread positive comments about our school. So, let's work with what we have, and 'Strive' to make it even better!



2. Team Work

Lisa and I are working hard to make sure all areas of our school are working in collaboration and towards like-minded goals. The staff have really 'pulled together' and we are looking at lots of whole-school strategies to bring the staff, students and our families together to work as a collective team. It was fantastic to see so many new and



familiar faces at our P&C meeting earlier this term as well as many parent nominations for the School Board. It is exciting to see our families and the broader community actively engaged in the school and its direction. Together, we are already achieving great things and we are making a real difference where it matters most! Get involved and become part of our team!

3. Open Communication

At Southern Cross District High School, we have an 'open door' policy, both within the classrooms and administration. As a small school, we are very lucky to be able to operate this way and have regular face-to-face contact with our families. As a staff, we operate with this same policy in mind and tackle any challenges or concerns we have front-on. I am strongly encouraging parents to also adopt this 'open door' policy and communicate openly with the teachers and administration staff, whether it be good, bad or ugly! If you have any concerns, questions or simply just want a chat, Lisa and myself are approachable and will make ourselves available to work through anything that comes our way. We are here to help, so take the time to phone or drop in whenever you can!



LUNCH ORDERS

In conjunction with our P&C, the school has been working hard to re-instate lunch order day. I am pleased to announce that we have forged a relationship with our local 'Stallion Fuels' and they have kindly offered to resume lunch orders each Friday, with our first lunch orders commencing TODAY! Pop into the front office if you need more information!

ATTENDANCE

On Tuesday 11 May we had our first day this term with EVERY STUDENT at school! This is a fantastic achievement. We have made significant improvements in the area of attendance this year so far and students and their families should be commended. Lets keep up the great work!

CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 2 June, our Year 1-10 students will be participating in a YSSSA Cross Country event, held at Moorine Rock. Students will compete in their age groups against Moorine Rock and St Joseph's Primary Schools and selected students across the three schools will then be invited to attend an Interschool Cross Country event at Bruce Rock on Friday 18 June. For this event our top students from Southern Cross,



Moorine Rock and St Joseph's will combine forces and represent the Yilgarn as a combined Interschool team.

*Kind Regards,
Mrs Jessica Stephen*

FROM THE DEPUTY

Wow! What a whirlwind of a term, it is going super quickly.... However, I am so glad to be at Southern Cross District High School for Term 2. Thank you for having me and thank you for being so welcoming. I am really enjoying getting to know all of our wonderful students and staff at the school and learning about the different things that occur at our school. What a lovely school it is !!!

DANCE (K/PP/1)

This term our Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year 1's have completed a unit of Dance as part of our Sport program. Students have been focusing on working in their own space and learning some new movements and stretches to warm-up their bodies. Every Monday and Thursday our dance classes take part in the library after lunch and WHAT FUN IT IS!!! Students have also learnt a dance routine to 'Walk the Dinosaur', which they can now complete without teacher assistance. We have also had some fun with some clown costumes and circus movements while practicing locomotor movements such as skipping, jumping and galloping.



NUTURING THE FUTURE

As part of our Secondary Nurture the Future Program this term, students have been working on aspects of Speech and Drama in order to participate in this year's Speech and Drama Festival at Bruce Rock District High School on Friday 28 May 2021. We have entered 3 items in the festival this year. These include:

A Circus Performance—All Secondary students showcasing their individual talents & strengths.

An Interview with an Alien—by Harlem, Flynn & Brock.

A Persuasive Speech 'Landcruisers are the Best' —By Toby.

I am super impressed at the acting talent at Southern Cross District High School !!!

NAPLAN

Weeks 4 & 5 this term have included NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3,5,7 & 9. All of our NAPLAN sessions have run smoothly and students have approached the sessions with their best efforts. Thank you to the students for their efforts with NAPLAN.

SECONDARY ENGLISH THROUGH SIDE

Wow!!! I haven't had much to do with the SIDE programs before now, but I am SUPER IMPRESSED by how these lessons run! I am recommending them to everyone after seeing how well these lessons work here at Southern Cross. The secondary students are working fabulously on their own individualized English work. It's fabulous to watch the students taking part in WebEx meetings with their teachers and communicating with other students who are not at the same school. Such a great experience and the English work provided to students is exceptional.



WEEKLY STARS

The staff at Southern Cross DHS this term are spending time at our weekly staff meetings to identify Weekly Wins, Weekly Saviours and Weekly Stars. This is part of our initiative to keep positivity within our school and remind each other of all of the good things that are happening within the school! All of our students are stars, but we identify 'Weekly Stars' as students that have done something spectacular or stand out during the week. Our stars are displayed on the front door of the school and parents of our 'stars' will receive a phone call home to find out why their child/ren were identified for the week.

THE GREAT DEBATE

I WAS super lucky this week to be invited to watch the Year 9/10 debate in Health. The students were debating over Netball vs Football being the most exhausting sport! The debate definitely got heated but the girl's team won with their facts, points and arguments for Netball.



Ms Lisa Malatesta
Deputy Principal

2021 Voluntary Contributions & Charges

Kindergarten	\$60.00
Pre Primary	\$60.00
Primary	\$60.00
Secondary	\$235.00

Payment can be made from 1 February 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

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Will be held this Sunday, May 24 2021 at the Senior Citizen Centre, Archenar Street, Southern Cross. Starting at 9.30am. All welcome.

Congratulations

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



Pre Primary

Leonardo Borona - Awarded for reading a variety of books to his teachers and independently.

Abbey Warren – Awarded for using, blending and segmenting skills when spelling and reading words.

Year 2/3

Lennix Eades – Awarded for always accepting challenges to stretch your understanding of math's concepts

Tia Hodson – Awarded for being affable, helpful and always striving to do her best in Indonesian class

Courtney Pucar – Awarded for being enthusiastic, polite and always doing her best in Indonesian class

Year 4/5/6

Jayden Furnell – Awarded for his outstanding team work and sportsmanship in PE.

Holly Linton – Awarded for her focused approach to learning activities and competing tasks in a timely manner.

Tzeital Olanday – Awarded for excellence and contagious enthusiasm in all media classes

Tzeital Olanday – Awarded for applying herself fully to every task in technologies and PE

Daniel Simmons – Awarded for his great co-operation and support to group members while completing activities about space.

Ruby Tuck – Awarded for her willingness to seek feedback and use it to improve.

Year 7/8

Anthony Brunalli – Awarded for his hard work and dedication towards his work in technologies.

Joeross Lendio – Awarded for outstanding leadership in the media filming unit.

Year 9/10

Kira Della Bosca - Awarded for her amazing sportsmanship and ability to captain a team in volleyball.

Kira Della Bosca – Awarded for showing outstanding leadership qualities and creativity in Media.

James Marinkovich – Awarded for consistent effort in both HASS and mathematics.

April Martin – Awarded for her positive attitude and motivation towards all her schoolwork this term.

Alexa Watts – Awarded for consistently displaying a strong work ethic in HASS and math's

SOCCER CLINIC

On Wednesday the 19th of May, the Pre Primary to year 10 students participated in a Soccer clinic run by Football west from Kalgoorlie. The day was a fun experience and the kids loved to try a sport that isn't widely played in the community.



TERM 2 ACTIVITIES



Our primary students visited our war memorial and placed rosemary on the monument as a mark of respect.





Our student leaders Max, Kira, Shellbee and April represented the school with pride at the community ANZAC service.



**On Tuesday May 18 our Primary school students listened to “Give Me Some Space” by Phillip Bunting.
This was read from the International Space station for ALIA National Simultaneous Story Time 2021**

Our high school students are assisting our community with the Read program.

Ellie Echidna had a wonderful time at the Puggle sing and Dance hour.

