





## **STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2024**

My congratulations to the following students who will be our student leaders for Semester 1, 2024:

Lennix Eades
Angelo Guerini
Isabhella Carino
Shayla Cook
Daniella Berry
Imogen Anthony
Courtney Pucar
Arapeta Loader



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# Dates to Remember 2023

Wednesday 13 December Students Fun day at Aquatic Centre

Thursday 14 December Students last day of school

2024

Monday 29 January Office open

Wednesday 31 January students return to school

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

First of all, congratulations to us. Southern Cross District High School received a 3 (three) year Public School Review return. This means, the Department of Education is extremely happy with our:

- 1. Relationships and Partnerships
- 2. Learning Environment
- 3. Leadership
- 4. Resources
- 5. Teacher Quality
- 6. Student Achievement and Progress.

This is a fantastic result for our school community. Thank you to all the staff, students and community members who assisted with helping us pass our Public-School Review.

Thank you to Viette Pedersen for her year at Southern Cross District High School, we wish you all the very best for your new position at Byford.

At the moment, we have the following class set up for 2024. This is still proposed and in draft form, but we are hoping that our staffing will allow us to set up our classes to best support our students:

Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year 1	Mrs Dal Busco
Year 2-3	Miss Kinson
Year 4	Ms Long
Year 5-6	Mr Rosher
English and HaSS	Mr Hoosen
Physical Education and Health	Mrs Field
Science and Mathematics	Miss Tisdell
Literacy Support	Mrs Stephen
Technologies	Mr Smith

We welcome Mrs Stephen back from her parental leave and we welcome two new teachers, Mr Hoosen and Ms Long.

Wasn't our Presentation Evening a fantastic success? I loved it and congratulations to all our winners.

We are very excited for 2024 and for what this year brings to our students.

Have a safe and wonderful break, a fantastic seasonal holiday and thank you for all your amazing support, not just to myself, but to the staff and students.

### Louise Davidson, Principal speech from Presentation Night

Good evening everyone,

I would also like to acknowledge and say a special welcome to our invited guests, families and friends, I would like to give a warm welcome to the P and C, the School Board, our parents and carers, the staff and most of all our wonderful students of 2023 – please put your hands together for all our wonderful students.

It is my pleasure to be able to speak to you all, on this night of happiness and celebration. We are here to acknowledge the many successes which our learners have achieved this year. 2023 has proved to be another different year and once again the Southern Cross District High School community stood strong. I am proud and honoured to be working with fantastic staff who are dedicated and hardworking. I appreciate your expertise and encouragement with the support of our learners. Can I please ask you to put your hands together and acknowledge the Southern Cross District High School staff.

I would like to acknowledge Rob Southall, who passed this year, Rob was our amazing school gardener, and we miss him very much.

This calendar year, the staff presented your children with many awards from the Southern Cross Way. Well done students, you are on your way to becoming 21st century learners. Your parents, carers and staff are proud of you.

It has been my pleasure to be part of the leadership team of Julie Della Bosca, Amanda Eiffler, Lisa Thompson and Nicole Teague, and I thank them for helping me to lead the school with setting clear directions and having high expectations, all revolving around Quality Teaching and Learning.

I would like to thank our volunteers at the school, especially Bianca Bradford, Eliza Bain and Di Della Bosca for turning up twice a week to cook our student's breakfast. Please come up and receive this certificate thanking you for your ongoing dedication.

I would also like to acknowledge Viette Pedersen who took on the challenge of teaching in a new role this year, we wish you all the very best for your new position and would like to invite you to accept this letter of commendation.

Each year I look back at what our learners have achieved and how far they have all come. I want to congratulate all you wonderful young people in achieving great milestones at school for 2023. I have been incredibly impressed with our learners this year.

Whilst, not all are recognized formally at this prize giving, I know that they have all progressed so very much, both educationally and socially. I am proud of each and every one of you. It is important to remember, that no matter what, we celebrate all the achievements of our precious children, and support them to be the best that they can be. As teachers, it means the world to us to be part of your educational journey, we see you.

This night is a time of badges, certificates, medals, trophies, recognition, awards, prizes and 'seeing' of high achievement. I love seeing the kids that shine at this time of year – a big high heartfelt round of applause to you. You so deserve it for the effort you have put in. But this message is for the kids that didn't get called up for any of the above I SEE YOU

To the child that conquered their fear of heights, or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels or sleeping out for the night for the first time this year, I SEE YOU

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they start this year, to the child that learnt to say the impossible, "I'm sorry," and to the child that walked about from the fighting instead of getting involved, I SEE YOU.

To the child for whom school is a huge struggle, you get up every day and you go, I SEE YOU

To the child that battled all year with the maths, or reading, or concentration, or speaking out in class, or learning their words, but persevered anyway, I SEE YOU

To the child that found the kindness in their hearts reach out in any way to another person or to an animal in need or pain, I SEE YOU

To the child that learnt to give and to share for the first time this year and even found joy in these, I SEE YOU

To the child that battles to make friends, and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that I SEE YOU

To the child who wanted to much to please, but was just out of sight of an adult who perhaps was too busy or too distracted, I SEE YOU

To the child who lost a friend or a loved one this year, but carried on everyday bravely even though their heart ached, I SEE YOU

To the brave parents that try every day to do the best for their kids, I SEE YOU

May you and your children revel in small but significant victories that you have both experienced this year, as AI will with my beautiful children. For every year there is progress and growth, we don't need a podium or handshake or a hall of applause to be seen.

Finally, I wish all our wonderful school community and our fantastic students, who have been brilliant this year, a safe and special holiday.

You are brilliant and it is **you** that makes us want to come to school every day.

Thank you and all the best for 2024.

## LOUISE DAVIDSON PRINCIPAL

## **Graduating Student for 2023**





#### Violet Pasini

Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year 1 EC Award Donated by Ray & Anne Hanretty

#### **Lincoln Eades**

Year 2/3 Endeavour Award
Donated by Hon Darren West MLC

#### Lynton Comeagain

Year 4/5/6 Endeavour Award Donated by Hon Mia Davies

#### **Holly Linton**

Upper Primary Science Award Donated by Ms Hope Tisdell

#### **Courtney Pucar**

Upper Primary Sports Award Donated by Mrs Kathy Coward

#### Shayla Cook

Secondary Science Award Donated by Ms Hope Tisdell

#### Daniella Berry

Secondary Maths Award Donated by Ms Hope Tisdell

#### Daniella Berry

Secondary HaSS Donated by Ms Viette Pedersen

#### Max Della Bosca

Secondary Technologies Award Donated by AusIMM-Kalgoorlie Branch

#### **Maddison Berry**

PBS 'STARS' Award Secondary Donated by SCDHS P & C Association

#### Shayla Cook

Secondary Strive Award Donated by ILS Farms Pty Ltd

#### Claudia Pucar

Year 2/3 Highest Achiever Donated by Hon Steve Martin

#### **Holly Linton**

Year 4/5/6 Highest Achiever Donated by Hon Steve Martin

#### **Alexis Smylie**

Primary Science Award Donated by Hope Tisdell

#### Ryder Tuck

Lower Primary Sport Award Donated by Mrs Kathy Coward

#### **Holly Linton**

Upper Primary Technologies Award Donated by AuslMM

#### **Maddison Berry**

Secondary Sports Award Donated by Mrs K Coward

#### Shayla Cook

Secondary English Award Donated by Ms Viette Pedersen

#### **Indy Cook**

Secondary Arts Award Donated by Hon. Rick Wilson MP

#### Violet Pasini

PBS 'STARS' Award Primary Donated by AusIMM-Kalgoorlie Branch

#### **Holly Linton**

Primary Strive Award YR 1-6 Donated by ILS Farms Pty Ltd





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