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**Dates to Remember****May**

29 School  
Development Day  
– no students at  
school.

**June**

01 WA DAY  
Public Holiday

**July**

05 – 12 NAIDOC Week

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

I am happy to report that our school is pretty much back to normal now, in most ways, although parents are still required to drop off and pick up students at the school gate, and not enter the school grounds unless for a pre-arranged appointment or reason.

We are continuing to provide extra cleaners throughout the day around the school, and ample sanitising and cleaning products are available to make our school environment safe for our students and staff.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to you all for complying with the government requirement not to enter the school grounds. I'm sure it has been difficult for parents (especially in Kindy and PP) not to be able to come on-site, but our children have managed this very well, and I am sure many of the younger ones are feeling very proud of themselves and "grown up" for getting themselves to class and preparing themselves for the day.

Encouraging independence is a hugely important skill for children to learn to cope with life in general. Developing autonomy also gives the child a sense of self-efficacy ('I can do it on my own') which promotes self-esteem and confidence, and encourages motivation

and perseverance in school. We are looking forward to having parents back on-site soon, and that you will continue to encourage this independence in your child when this occurs.

Currently all school excursions, incursions and events are suspended, however, Miss Jones has organised for our high school students to compete in a 'virtual' cross country on June 12 which will be something to look forward to. I hope parents will be able to come along and support the students by spectating from a car or standing at a vantage point from across the road around the school fence, remembering to maintain the required 1.5m distance from each other.

**ATTENDANCE**

Thank you to Parents and Caregivers who continue to keep the communication lines open between home and school. It is imperative that the school understands and records why your child is not attending school. Our whole school attendance rate since school again become mandatory on Monday, May 18 is at **88%**.

The 'Regular' category is 90% or greater attendance and the 'At-risk Indicated' category falls between 80% - 90% attendance, so I'm hoping that now we are back into the regular timetable, the overall figure will improve.

Recently it has been noted that a few children have been arriving at school prior to 8.30am, and while it is pleasing that they are looking forward to coming to school, we would appreciate it if they could arrive from 8:30 onwards. This will ensure that teachers are in the room, having completed their preparations for the day, and that the cleaners have had time to finish all the required cleaning processes in each classroom, ready for the start of the day.



## GOOD STANDING

Beginning next week, we will be reinstating our Good Standing Policy for the students. This means that punctuality, good behaviour and dress code will be focussed on in each class.



## STUDENT REPORTS

Student reports will be sent home in week 10 this term. The reports for this semester will be slightly different, the main change being that they will not contain A to E grades. They will show an Attitude and Effort rating for each subject, and contain comments for English, Mathematics and 'General'. This is due to our regular assessment schedules being interrupted this semester and students having been at school for varying periods, so it would not be fair or valid to allocate grades at this stage. Reports should be back to normal by the end of the year.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the weather turns colder it would be appreciated if students could wear their school jumpers to school rather than their 'home' ones. Black or navy coloured long sleeved windcheaters are acceptable to wear beneath the school shirt in this chilly weather, but not 'fluoro' colours.

If your child requires any uniform items, please contact our uniform co-ordinator, Shona Glassford, on 0412 458 646 and let her know what you need. Shona will come into school on Tuesday mornings between 8:30 – 9:00am, collect your items and leave them in the front office to be delivered to your child in class, to take home.

*Mrs Karen Tabner*  
*Principal*



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week occurs from 27 May to 3 June and is a chance for all Australians to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. The theme for 2020 is *'In this Together'* and it reminds us whether in a crisis or in reconciliation, we are all *'in this together'*.

As part of our acknowledgement of National Reconciliation Week at Southern Cross District High School, many of our classes have been participating in a number of activities already this week to recognise and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Specifically, our Year 9 and 10 students have viewed the documentary *'In My Blood It Runs'* and are in the process of participating in several virtual excursions related to the film. Throughout the week, they will be taking part in daily live-streamed Question & Answer sessions. There are five 20 minute discussions that are relevant to English and Media Studies, Science, Legal Studies, History and Civics and Aboriginal Studies via video webinar sessions.



### Virtual Cross-Country

As part of their Physical Education sessions this term, our high school students have been running laps of our grassed area. They have been logging their times using their personal QR code in order to increase their endurance levels and challenge themselves.

Normally this would culminate in our Cross Country competition at Bruce Rock, however, as we are currently unable to travel for excursions, we will instead be participating in a Virtual Cross Country event at 2pm, on Friday June 12, 2020. The high school students will be competing against other students from all over Western Australia, using their recorded running times on the day.

We are inviting parents and carers to come and watch their child/ren participate from your parked cars or from a vantage point across the road around the track. However, if you are a spectator and choose to exit your car or stand across the road, please make sure you are adhering to social distancing rules.



### Literacy Intervention Program

As things slowly return to normal across the country as well as within schools, and after a short break due to Coronavirus, we have recommenced our literacy intervention program. Our wonderful Education Assistants, Leah Gale, Kylie Gee and Leanne Childs, continue to facilitate the sessions and work closely with myself and the classroom teachers to monitor student progress. Each student participates in four intensive sessions each week focusing on developing a range of literacy skills. This a great initiative which continues to assist our students that may need some extra support in this area.



## National Simultaneous Storytime

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. It is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

The book for National Simultaneous Storytime 2020 is *Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas* written and illustrated by Lucinda Gifford, published by Scholastic Australia. On 27 May, we participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime within our classes and students enjoyed a number of class-activities related to the book.



## Check-out our new website!

We have been working hard to re-vamp our website so that it is more appealing and user friendly for our families to access important and up-to-date information.

If you haven't had the chance yet, jump on and check out the latest at <https://www.southerncrossdhs.wa.edu.au/>

*Mrs Jessica Stephen*  
*Deputy Principal*



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# HONOUR CERTIFICATES

**Congratulations** to the following recipients of honour certificates for this assembly.

## **Kindergarten/Pre-primary/Year 1**

Amelia Freestone for creating a wonderful mill with a trap that can catch a fox.

Claudia Pucar for doing her best to complete all her work.

Gurchirag Singh for a high standard of work in all subject areas.

Ryder Tuck for always trying his hardest in Physical Education.



## **Year 2/3/4**

Imogen Anthony for her fantastic persistence and hard work across all learning areas.

Mathew Hodson for his hard work and fantastic co-operation during Science activities.

Courtney Pucar for giving everything a go and always looking out for her class mates in Physical Education.

## **Year 5/6**

Ruby Tuck for developing the confidence to participate and contribute ideas in class discussions during writing.

Peyton Brown for her neat and organised approach to all learning tasks.





## Year 7/8

Marcus Hodson for his concentration and effort towards all learning tasks. Physical Education.  
Marcus Hodson for the high quality work he consistently delivers and the great example it sets for his peers. HASS

Shellbee Laws for returning to school with a real dedication and focus with all set work tasks. Science.  
Alexa Watts for her commitment to her studies and ensuring she completes all work on time and well. Maths.  
Sienna Evans for applying herself wholly to all set tasks and always giving her best. English.



## Year 9/10

Aribela Evans to recognise how well she has worked independently and to a high standard. Science  
Aribela Evans for maintaining focus and completing her HASS work to a high standard.  
Cheree Navales for her hard work in completing all set tasks whilst working from home and upon returning to school. Maths  
Cheree Navales for her commitment to completing her set work to a high standard at all times. English  
Brydee Karra for her willingness to share insights and ideas during discussions of our class novel. English

