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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We had a very positive start to this term with all students showing their respect at our school ANZAC Day service. The Student Councillors held a lovely service which really started our term well. Students have generally been playing well and the high school students are enjoying one day a week of having lunch in their own area.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is now underway with Miss Cameron supervising the year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students at various times during the day as they complete the testing online. As with other schools there have been issues with connectivity for some students, but everyone has coped well and no-one will be compromised. A huge thanks to Miss Cameron for taking on the NAPLAN organisation and supervision as this has been a vast job. Those students who are absent from a particular test will be allowed time to 'catch up' and complete what has been missed.

FIRST FRIENDS PLAY CENTRE

The first few sessions of our revamped 'First Friends Play Centre' have been extremely busy and very well attended by the parents and littlies in our community. Thank you all for embracing the program with such enthusiasm as it is a great opportunity for everyone to get together and have some fun. It is lovely to see the hard work Mrs Borona puts into running the program, with Mrs Dal Busco's support and assistance reach so many families!

YEAR 9&10 EXAMS

Good luck to the year 9 and 10 students who will be participating in their exams in a couple of weeks' time. Remember to eat healthily and get enough sleep to keep you going!

EASTERN WHEATBELT EDUCATION NETWORK SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our annual Eastern Wheatbelt Education Network conference is scheduled for Friday 31st of May. This date was selected as a pupil free day to best suit families by tying in with the long weekend. Enjoy the 4 day break!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Leah, Cody and Callum on the arrival of baby Matilda. We were lucky enough to meet Matilda this week and she is beautiful.

Also congratulations to the K/P/1 for their fabulous assembly item this week. They were ably assisted by our Secondary students. Well done to everyone involved.

Karen Tabner
Principal

Dates to Remember

May/June

14-24th NAPLAN

27-30th Year 9 Exams

31 May School Development Day
(pupil free)

3rd June Public Holiday

6th June Speech & Drama –Bruce
Rock Secondary Students

7th June YSSSA Winter Carnival

7th June Stargazing Night



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ANZAC Day

Anzac Day is a very significant event, especially in Australia. In 2019, our students contributed to the remembrance of The Anzacs in many ways, both within school and the broader community. During the school holidays, four of our student councillors, participated in the community town service held on Thursday April 25th at Memorial Hill. Brydee Karra and Felicity Watts were invited to deliver the service address, which included readings about Nurses in various wars including, World War I, World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars. Likewise, Myles and Alexa also did a fantastic job representing Southern Cross District High School when laying our school wreath. The representing councillors should also be commended on the way they welcomed guests by offering to hand out pamphlets and boutonnieres on arrival. Of particular note, there has been lots of positive feedback and appreciation from fellow community members on their volunteering and assistance at the morning tea that was held at the Senior Citizens Centre directly after the service. Well done!

Once we returned from the holiday break, on Tuesday 30th April we held a whole-school service to commemorate The Anzacs. On show, was the wonderful and thought-provoking art work that students from all year groups had been busy creating in their daily classes. The student councillors coordinated a very succinct service that gave all students an opportunity to pay their due respects. We would like to thank all parents and community members for their attendance.



The Student Leadership Team

The Student Councillors have been busy planning their activities for Term 2, with lots of fantastic ideas being discussed at our weekly meetings. This term, they have elected to fundraise for non-for-profit organisations that have a direct impact on our school community and the Wheatbelt region. In order to raise these funds and to combat the cold mornings, they will be selling 'Cheesy Buns' at recess on Tuesday 11th June for \$2.50 and holding a 'Pyjama Free Dress Day' on Wednesday 19th June for a gold coin donation. Please stay tuned for more events towards the end of Term 2.

The 'Purple Bench'

Western Australian Police, in conjunction with stakeholders, have launched the 'Purple Bench' initiative. This initiative is designed to raise awareness about Domestic Violence in local communities using the symbolic colour, purple. The Yilgarn Shire and Southern Cross Police are working collectively with the local schools to communicate the importance of respect, especially at a young age, and the impact that this has on reducing incidences of Domestic Violence. Last week, Dave Thirlwell, Officer in Charge of the Southern Cross Police Station, conducted several presentations and discussed these messages at varying levels with students from Kindergarten to Year 10 at SCDHS. From here, the school will be allocated a bench and the necessary equipment to paint it purple. All students will partake in this process and the bench will be displayed in the community, symbolising



our contribution in raising awareness of Domestic Violence.

Exams

In week 5 of this term, students in Years 9 and 10 will participate in formal examinations in English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities and Social Sciences. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learnt and challenge themselves.

Information letters have been sent home which includes the Southern Cross District High Schools' examination policy and timetable. The exam period will commence on Monday 27th May and cease on Thursday 30th May, inclusive. It is important to note that if your child is absent for an examination, your child will attain a zero result for the respective exam, unless a medical certificate is provided. In preparation for these assessments, I would like to take the time to wish all Year 9 and 10 students the best of luck and encourage them to strive for their best effort.

*Kind Regards,
Miss Jessica Cameron*



Wheatbelt Families are extremely lucky to access an Online Better Health TEAM 'Think Eat and Move' Program for 7-13 year olds. The program is for those who are above their healthy weight and their families an easy way to learn more about nutrition, physical activity and behaviour change..

- **The program is a FREE 10 week online program for children and families.**
- There are weekly 20 minute online sessions, FREE resources, Garmin fitness tracker and weekly coaching calls.
- Families can register at: <https://www.thinkeatandmove.org/kidspage>
- **Registrations have been extended to Friday the 10th May for the online program to commence Week 3 of Term 2.**

To find out more please contact the Better Health Program: Call: 1300 899 736, Text: 0409 745 645 or Email: info@betterhealthcompany.org



In Western Australia, children can start their education in Kindergarten, however compulsory schooling starts the following year in Pre-primary.

Who needs to enrol?

You need to apply to enrol your children in school for 2020 if they are:

- starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2020
- starting Pre-primary, the first year of compulsory school – 5 years old by 30 June 2020
- starting Year 7, the first year of secondary school
- changing schools.

Enrolments are now open. Please contact your local school for an enrolment pack by Friday 26 July 2019.

All children of compulsory school age must be enrolled in school and attend every day – this is the law. All children must attend school up until they are 16 years old. Sixteen and 17 year olds must be enrolled in school or a training organisation, be employed or be in a combination of school/training/employment.

Year 7-8 Science



The year 7 and 8 students made solar ovens after learning about renewable resources. The students worked in pairs to create an oven that would gather the most sunlight to melt their chocolate!

Our vision is to provide a supportive and engaging environment enabling students to become successful individuals in a changing society



Snippets from K/P/1

At the end of Term 1 the students brainstormed some ideas for the Term 2 classroom theme. Mrs Borona and I studied their ideas before coming up with a woodlands, garden style. If you search around the room you can find insects, elves, plants, caterpillars, vines, fairies, flowers and bears. Each week we try to add to the room.

Currently the subjects being taught are: English, Maths, HaSS, Science, Health, Phys.Ed.

We are learning to use laptops in a variety of ways. iPads are handy for taking photos, videos, coding and for Learning Ella. The Prowise Smart-board is the favourite for all as it is extremely interactive.



Thanks to Rob, the wonderful gardener, we have planted seeds and seedlings in a few of the garden beds. So far we have carrots, sugar snap and snow peas, silver beet and broccoli already growing. It won't be long before we can be seen wandering the school to sell our famous vegies. A worm tower is the next thing on our list.

During the morning session you may find children creating insects, having tea parties or even blowing bubbles. Or you might see children working in groups, pairs and by themselves. There is always something happening!



Maths topics have included recognising and ordering numbers, skip counting, learning time, the value of money, capacity of containers, sorting, sizing and place value.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar has been a useful book for teaching elements of time.

Congratulations to our Honour Certificate Winners

Kindy/Pre Primary/Year 1

Alexis Recognising and knowing that numbers happen in a conventional order
Hamish Using his knowledge of letters and sounds to spell words, when creating his own texts

Year 2/3/4

Isaac Trying his best in all activities, especially reading and spelling
Jayke Working hard in spelling to sort and spell his Words Their Way words

Year 5/6

Anthony A consistent approach to all Learning Areas and always giving his best effort.
Toby A improved effort and focus on all writing areas. Well done!

Year 7/8

Brock Being a supportive classmate who is always willing to help others
Aribela Taking great care in completing art pieces to a high standard
Aribela Her fantastic work learning about freedom in Australia
Lily Her fantastic effort during science investigating outer space
Flynn His great work on his 'Rocks' poster
Sophie Always being respectful and willing to help
Roy His fantastic attitude towards maths this term

Year 9/10

Brydee Her willing engagement with the class novel and excellent results in the chapter quizzes
Brydee Her fantastic support and encouragement of peers during PE
Dane Giving 100% effort every maths class



First Friends

Play Centre

First Week Welcome



"Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities."
(EYLF)



1/5/2019

Term 2 Planner

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
3	13	14 NAPLAN Testing Assembly K-1	15 NAPLAN Testing	16 NAPLAN Testing Newsletter	17 NAPLAN Testing	18	19
4	20 NAPLAN Testing	21 NAPLAN Testing	22 NAPLAN Testing	23 NAPLAN Testing	24 NAPLAN Testing	25	26
5	27 Semester One Exams (Year 9)	28 Semester One Exams (Year 9)	29 Semester One Exams (Year 9)	30 Semester One Exams (Year 9)	31 School Development Day (Pupil free)	1	2
6	3 Western Australia Day Public Holiday	4 Assembly – Yr 7/8	5	6 Speech & Drama Festival Newsletter	7 Winter Carnival Stargazing Night	8	9
7	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8	17	18	19 Basketball Game Clontarf 7pm	20	21	22	23
9	24	25 Assembly - Student Council	26	27	28 Young Entertainers	29	30
10	1 Reports Sent Home	2	3 Parent Interviews	4 Newsletter	5 End of Term 2	6	7



School Bags

The P&C have in stock School Bags. They are \$35.00 and are available from the office.

Community News



YILGARN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

DRAWING COMPETITION !

Do you love to Draw? Then enter here!

Category 1 2-7 Years Old

Category 2 8-12 Years Old

The winner of each category will have their art featured inside the Show Schedule Book!

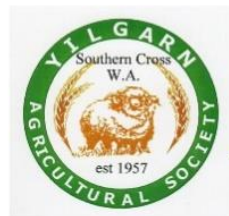
All Art must be something that represents the Yilgarn Area.

Make sure to put your Name and Age on the back of your Masterpiece!

Entries can be handed in at Southern Cross Hardware & News

Entries Close 1st of June!

T&C's: No late Entries and all Art Entered becomes the property of the Yilgarn Agricultural Society



Photography Competition!

Do you want your Photo on the front page of our Schedule Book?

We are looking for the Perfect Photos to grace the cover of our Schedule Book for the 2019 Show!

Photos to be of the Yilgarn Area

Ages 16 and over

Entries Open 15th of April and

Entries Close 1st of June!

Entries to be handed into SX Hardware and News

Name to be printed on the back

T&C's : NO late Entries, all Entries become the Property of The Yilgarn Agricultural Society

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QRWA Southern Quad Cross

QRWA & Southern Cross MX Club INVITE YOU!

- * Saturday 1st June for camping
- * Sunday 2nd June 7.30am
(sign-on and scrutineering)

- * Canteen & bar facilities
- * Full amenities
- * Hot showers

One Flaggie required per family!



Futher enquiries:
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Sunday 2nd June 2019

7.30am sign-on
8.45am riders meeting
9am practice starts

QRWA memberships
& licences available
at the event.

12.30pm Sat
June 1st 2019
Long Weekend
Camping available



Seniors

Pro Grade
Clubman
Womens
Vets

Junior

50cc demo
90cc/125cc
Ltd&modified
250cc comp

Other

SXS Demo
Senior MX



Stargazing Night

Please join us on the 7th June with experts from the Perth Observatory to learn about the different stars in our galaxy!

Afterwards, participate in a workshop on astrophotography.

When: 7th June

Stargazing: 6:30-8 pm

All ages welcome!

No Equipment necessary

Astrophotography: 8:00-9:30 pm

This workshop is more suitable for older children and adults.

If you have any equipment feel free to bring it along.

Where: SCDHS Oval

Supervision: As this is an after hours, family friendly event, supervision of attending students is the responsibility of parents/caregivers.