



Dates to Remember**March**

- 11 Medical students visiting
- 27 YSSSA lawn bowls Year 3/6

April

- 07 Assembly 2pm Year 5/6
- 08 Literacy Day Kindy – Year 6
- 09 Good Standing reward
- 10 Good Friday public holiday. Last day of Term 1
- 27 ANZAC Day Holiday
- 28 First day of Term 2 for staff and students
- 28 ANZAC Day Service

May

- 12 NAPLAN starts
 - 25 Edward the Emu Workshop – P - 4
 - 26 Assembly 2pm Year 9 /10
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year, it is hard to believe we are already half way through the term!

CONGRATULATIONS

Firstly, the staff and I would like to congratulate our new 2020 Student Councillors, who were elected at the end of last year.

They will be very busy this year with organising events, running assemblies, greeting guests and a mixture of many other duties associated with their leadership role in the school. Working with Miss Cameron, I look forward to their contributions throughout the year.



2020 Student Leadership Team: Cheree Navales, Brydee Karra, Anthony Brunalli, Marcus Hodson, Dane Laws, Max Della Bosca, Shellbee Laws & Isabella Derham (Absent).

ASSEMBLY, TUESDAY MARCH 3

Congratulations to Miss Robbins and her year 2/3/4 class who performed beautifully at our assembly on Tuesday. The students sang loudly and clearly and obviously enjoyed performing for their audience.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our next assembly on Tuesday, April 7.

A NEW LOOK

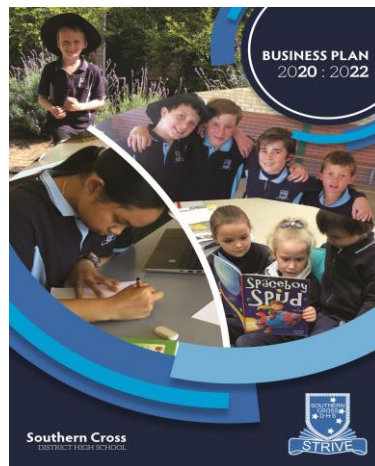
We have started 2020 with our new 3-year Business Plan, which spans 2020 – 2022, and with that comes an updated look for our school documents, and our student and staff badges. We have had our school colour scheme incorporated into our Business Plan, newsletter, school letterhead, certificates and badges so far and all future documents produced will be the same.

Thanks to Miss Cameron for all the to-ing and fro-ing with the graphic designer, she was very patient about making sure we had it right, and I hope you agree that everything is looking very 'fresh' for going forward!

2020 – 2022 BUSINESS PLAN

As you know, over the past year the staff and I worked with the School Board, parents, community members, the students and other stakeholders to formulate our new Plan. I appreciate the time everyone who was involved gave up to assist in ensuring the document we produced was one by which we can improve the outcomes of our students while encompassing the values of the school and community.

The Business Plan has been downloaded onto our website for your viewing, or if you would like a copy, please call in to the office to pick one up.



STAFFING

For the past 5 weeks, Mr Rentoule has been filling the Mathematics/Science teaching position in the secondary area of the school. He will be with us until the end of week 6, after which he has to move onto his next school. I would like to thank Mr Rentoule for his work with the students during the first half of the term, and wish him well for his next venture.

In the meantime, I have advertised for a secondary Mathematics/Science teacher and hope to be able to inform you who the successful applicant is during week 7.

LUNCH ORDERS

As of next week, lunch orders will no longer be available.

We would like to thank Annette and Steve at the Southern Cross Coffee Lounge for their support in providing lunches for our students in recent years.



GOOD STANDING

Today the students who have maintained their Good Standing for the first half of the term have enjoyed a movie afternoon.

It is pleasing to see the number of students enjoying their reward for attending school on time and every day, unless provided with a reason by a parent, and for their positive behaviour.

We endeavour to canvas the students about the types of rewards they would like to enjoy at the end of each 5-week period, and Miss Cameron and the student councillors look forward to receiving suggestions from the students regarding future possible activities this year.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Miss Cameron and Mr Stephen who are getting married this weekend! We hope that they have a lovely day and enjoy the weekend.



We look forward to hearing all about it when Miss Cameron returns to work next week as Mrs Stephen.

Karen Tabner
Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Camp Kulin

During week 3, our Student Leadership Team embarked on an adventure with the Student Councillors from Moorine Rock Primary School to Camp Kulin. They were greeted by many other schools within the Eastern Wheatbelt District and had the opportunity to engage in a number of team-building and networking activities.

From all accounts, the students had a great time and it was also a good opportunity for us to commence our planning for 2020. Some great ideas were shared during these planning sessions and we have some exciting things to look forward to this year.

We look forward to keeping you updated as the term and year progresses.



On-Entry, OLNA & NAPLAN Assessments

As mandated by the Department of Education, there are many assessments that your child is required to participate in during their time at school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the students every success as they prepare for the upcoming testing periods outlined below.

Don't forget to 'Strive' to achieve YOUR personal best!

As present, the Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 students are in the middle of their On-Entry testing with their classroom teachers. This information will be invaluable and will greatly assist their teachers in their planning and the monitoring of your child's progress.



This week, the OLNA assessment for Year 10 students commenced. Only a selection of our students are required to participate in this assessment and all identified students and their caregivers have been notified of this. To assist them, our new Education Assistant, Leanne Childs, has been working closely with the OLNA students over the past few weeks to prepare them for their assessments. Thank you to Leanne for sharing her expertise.

Next term, our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment. More details will be provided later in the term, and students will also have the opportunity to participate in practice sessions as we get closer to the testing window.

Nurturing the Future Program

In 2019, we recognised a need to provide our students with more life-skills that will further enable them to be confident and active citizens in their lives beyond school.

In 2020, we have introduced a program called 'Nurturing the Future' in which all secondary students from Year 7-10 participate. Over the course of the year, they will be engaging in a number of practical and useful activities and sessions, designed to build their understanding and repertoire of skills. In doing so, we will be working closely with local community members and organisations to enrich the program.

In week 3, Sarah and John from Minjar Gold joined us for the afternoon to share their expertise regarding car servicing and maintenance. All students had the opportunity to get their hands dirty and engage in many of the practical activities.



*Kind Regards,
Miss Jessica Cameron*

Congratulations

to the following recipients of honour certificates for this assembly.

Kindergarten/Pre-primary/Year 1

Phoenix Shipard doing his best and trying hard in Spelling, Writing and Mathematics.
Xavier Stringer his great counting and number matching to twenty and beyond.

Year 2/3/4

Alaska Shipard working hard to complete her classwork to a high standard. Keep it up!
Isaac Dobson his fantastic efforts in all Maths activities and perseverance during Handwriting.

Year 5/6

Gemma Loader creating fantastic descriptive language in your Narrative writing.
Dakota Shipard giving her best effort in Maths and continuing to persevere.

Year 7/8

Alexa Watts her willingness to engage in discussion of our class novel when called upon. English
Casey Furnell his attention to detail when discussing our class novel. English

Year 9/10

April Martin her positive approach to team projects in HASS. HASS
Flynn Chrisp always demonstrating attentive listening during the reading and discussion of our class novel. English



A note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Jessica Della Bosca and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on **90 491 321**



SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: ● CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Thursday 9 April 2020

Ask School Reception for More Information



Healthy Eating BREAKFAST

- Eat breakfast every day. Missing meals, especially breakfast, can reduce brain efficiency and concentration.
- Before school, build a breakfast around fruit, low sugar cereals or porridge, wholegrain breads/bagels/English muffins, smoothies, yoghurt and baked beans.
- Enjoy a drink of water or milk to replenish fluids first thing in the morning.
- add fruit to breakfast cereal or yoghurt.
- top toast with sliced bananas.

KULIN CAMP

by Cheree Navales

On Tuesday 18th February, the student councillors went to Camp Kulin to participate in a leadership camp. Schools such as Merredin, Mukinbudin, Kellerberrin, Moorine Rock and Bruce Rock also participated. We played games such as Capture the Flag, Fling-ball and we also went on a sensory walk to help build and strengthen our leadership and communication skills.

On Wednesday 19th February, we were all split into eight groups. Each group had at least one student from each school and we discussed, some of the events the student council at their respective schools have held in the past. Then we took away some ideas from the other schools and gathered together to share them with one another. We sat down and talked about what we would like to do/see in our school, and came up with some ideas for activities that we think the students of our school would enjoy doing. After that, we as a whole group went to the Kulin pool to have fun and relax. The weather was quite cool, so quite a lot of kids preferred to stay in the heated pool rather than going down the water slide.

On the bus trip back home, we shared lollies and listened to music together. Although the bus was loud, it was loud in a good way.

Overall, the camp was a good opportunity to try new Things and meet new people. I speak on behalf of the entire student council when I say that we all had a great time and that the camp was quite an enjoyable experience.

