



Dates to Remember

Week 5 – Week 8
OLNA Testing – Yr 10

Monday 7 March
Public holiday – no school

Tuesday 15 March
School Photos

Friday 8 April
Last day of Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year, it is hard to believe we are already in week 4 of the term!

CONGRATULATIONS

Firstly, the staff and I would like to congratulate our new Semester 1, 2022 Student Councillors, Kira Della Bosca, Toby Hilder, Shellbee Laws, Anthony Brunalli, Stephanie Burton and Ruby Tuck who were elected at the end of last year.

They will be very busy this semester organising events, running assemblies, greeting guests and a mixture of many other duties associated with their leadership role in the school.

STAFFING

Recruitment is continuing in order to fill the teaching positions we have available. I can confirm that Miss Robinson and Miss Batchelor will remain with us until the end of this term, after which I expect to have appointed permanent staff. I anticipate making announcements in the next few weeks regarding our Acting Deputy Principal and one of our secondary positions and as soon as I am able, I will let you know.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL (postponed)

As previously notified, at our recent YSSSA meeting, all representatives from the three schools involved agreed to postpone our swimming carnival to later in the year to allow more students to qualify for events.

SCHOOL OF ISOLATED AND DISTANCE EDUCATION (SIDE)

This year, across the school, our students are enrolled for various School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE) lessons. The Year 2/3, 4/5/6 & 7 students are participating in LOTE Indonesian, giving them all a specialist teacher in this learning area. The Year 7-10 students are enrolled in English, Maths, HASS and Science lessons which also provides them with a specialist teacher in all subjects at their year level.

This different and innovative way of learning has encouraged the students to be more organised and independent when completing their work. Students have already had the opportunity to further develop their computer expertise as well as their general communication skills. It has been great to see the students actively engaging and showing initiative to collaborate with their teachers by email and the Moodle platform. It is also allowing them to communicate with their peers from across the state as SIDE lessons are conducted for students in a wide variety of locations.

ON-ENTRY, OLNA & NAPLAN ASSESSMENT

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 Assessment (OEA) 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.

During week 5, the OLN assessment for Year 10 students commences. All students, and their parent/carers have been notified of this.

To assist them, students will receive instructional support and access to the SCSA (School Curriculum & Standards Authority) online practice tests this week.

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 have the opportunity to participate in practice sessions, as we get closer to the testing window.

COVID INFORMATION

As you are aware the amount of information surrounding COVID requirements can be confusing. For this reason, I have included with this newsletter a response sheet that we will follow when we have a positive case confirmed at school.

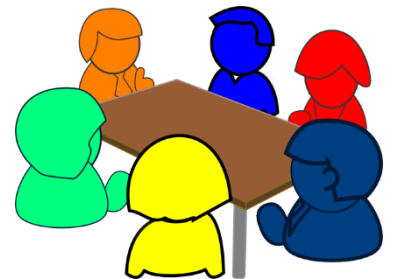
Please do not hesitate to give me a call at school if you have any further questions as we are all working together to stay safe and look after each other.

Kind regards

Karen Tabner
Principal

SCHOOL BOARD

Nominations are now open for our School Board
We have an opportunity for 1 or 2 Parent Members to join our School Board, if you would like to nominate please send through your details to southerncross.dhs@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 25 February 2022.



2022 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Kindergarten	\$60.00
PrePrimary	\$60.00
Primary	\$60.00
Secondary	\$235.00

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.