



## Dates to Remember

### Term 1

#### **Wednesday 25 March**

School Photos

#### **Friday 27 March**

Swimming Carnival

#### **Wednesday 1 April**

P&C 3.30pm

#### **Thursday 2 April**

Assembly

Good Standing

Last Day of School – Term 1

#### **Friday 3 April**

Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents/Caregivers and School Community,

Welcome back to the 2026 School year. As holidays are now a distant memory in the rear view mirror, we are excited to hit the ground running in Term 1!

Our new staff members Frances Joy (English/HaSS), Brooke Thornton (HPE and Home Economics), Jade Murphy (5/6 Teacher) and Fiona Driscoll (Deputy) have settled in well. We have also been joined by John Hanley in the Math room while we seek a permanent Math Teacher for next term. We are lucky enough to have Malcolm Eastwick join us in the Chaplain role this year on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Our Student Leaders have met multiple times already and they are getting to work on their plans for this year with the first of these being the Good Standing activities and Harmony Day on Monday 23 March. Our Good Standing policy has been refreshed at the start of this year, and reward days will occur every 5 weeks for those students that maintain over 75% Good Standing, and appropriate attendance. Our first activity was a movie reward day!

Our Student Leaders ventured to Perth for their GRIP camp in Week 3 of this term with Mrs Powell, Chaplain Malcolm and Ms Driscoll. In between some fun activities including bowling, trips to the Zoo and navigating the city on trains and public transport, they participated in a student leader conference that will empower them with strategies and skills to lead our student voice this year. Our leaders are responsible for organising our good standing activities, writing newsletter articles and running assemblies just to name a few! They will have opportunities to connect with our local community and broader Goldfields network of student leaders this year.

On Friday Week 5, we held our first Assembly. We were so very impressed with the amount of attendance certificates and merit awards that were presented. This was also one of our biggest turn outs of parents and caregivers. Well done to our Leaders for their presentation. It can be challenging to get up there and speak in front of so many people and was fantastic for them to have a go and build their confidence. We encourage all our students to work towards attaining and sustaining 90% attendance this year.

We have had some wonderful incursions this term. The Mini Roadshow came through for some career taster workshops for Secondary Students and the Notre Dame Medical Students visited to discuss pathways with our 9/10s and of course, the Teddy Bear Hospital in the K - 2 room!

Our students are currently undertaking NAPLAN testing and this will conclude at the start of Week 8. We will notify parents when we have received the reports, but do not anticipate these arriving until the end of Term 2.

A couple dates for the diary as we approach the end of term – School Photos Wednesday 25 March, Swimming on Friday 27 March, and our end of term Assembly on Thursday 2 April. We also welcome our parents and caregivers to join us for our P and C meeting on Wednesday 1 April at 3.30pm in the SCDHS Staff room.

**Mr Mat Kennedy**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Harmony Day

It was a sea of orange as our Staff and Students celebrated Harmony Day. Special mention to Angelo and Jayden who went all out with the sumo suits and a big thank you to all our families who brought in a plate of food!

A great way to celebrate inclusion, multiculturalism and the message "everyone belongs!" Well done SCDHS!



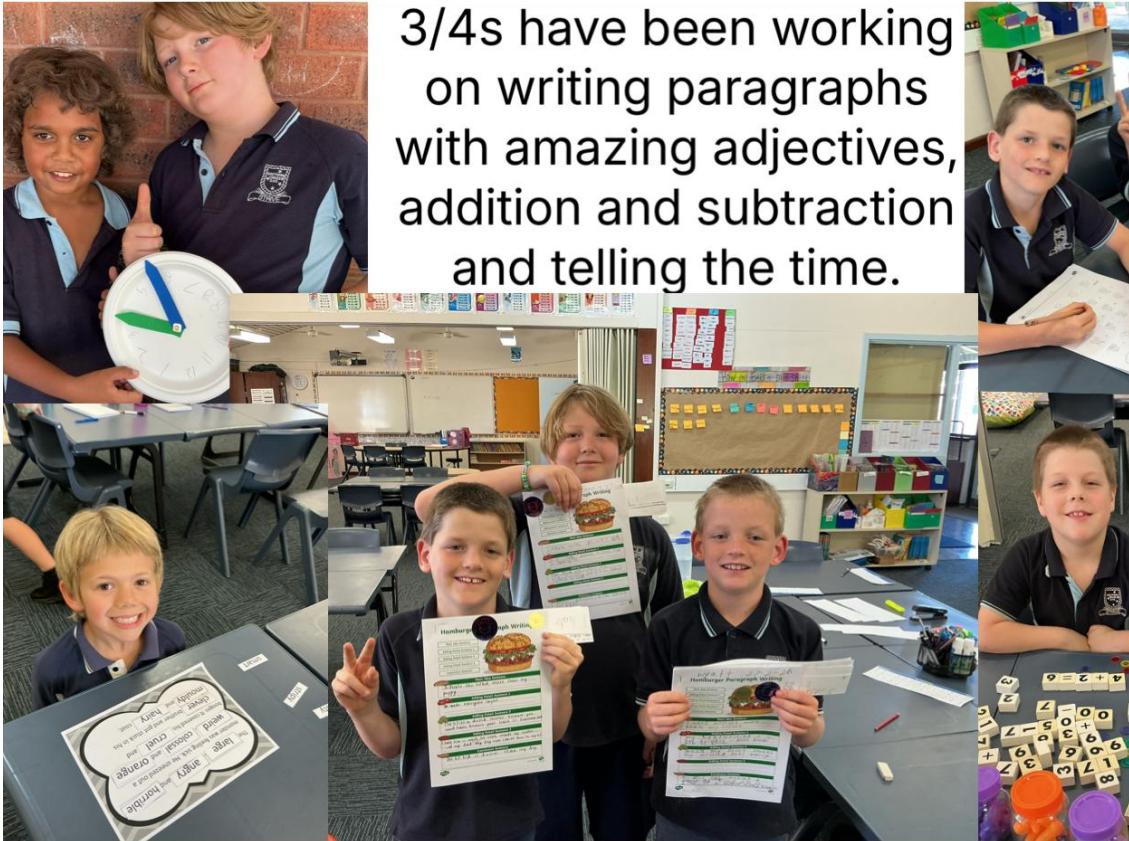
# Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2



We have been very busy reading, playing, building, counting, singing, rhyming, painting, cooking, making, stretching, printing, writing and learning. We have artwork up on the walls, vines and snakes hanging from the lights and monkeys everywhere. Everyone has settled into class, and the first lot of testing has been completed.

**Year 3/4 with Miss Fogarty**

3/4s have been working on writing paragraphs with amazing adjectives, addition and subtraction and telling the time.



**Science with Miss Tisdell**

**Science**

During Term 1 all classes have been learning about Physical Sciences. The EC class have been learning about light and sound energy. The Year 3/4 class has been learning about magnetism. The Year 5/6 class has been learning about electrical circuits. The Year 7/8 class has been learning about Forces. The Year 9 class has been learning about heat, sound and light energy. The Year 10 class has been learning about Physics and Motion.



# HASS/English with Miss Joy

## Civics & Citizenship

Years 7-10 are studying Civics and Citizenship in Term 1.

Year 7 and Year 8 held a mock election where all students and staff were encouraged to vote.

Postal Votes were collected in the staff room and in person voting was in Ms Joy's classroom.

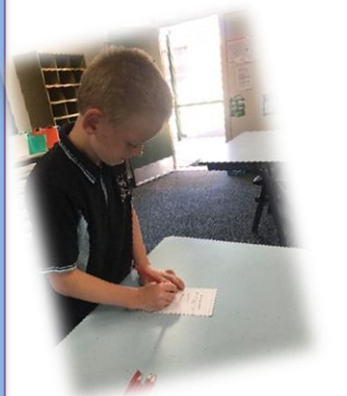
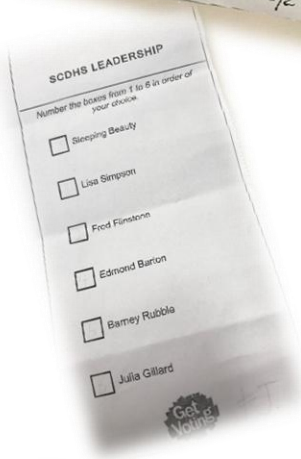
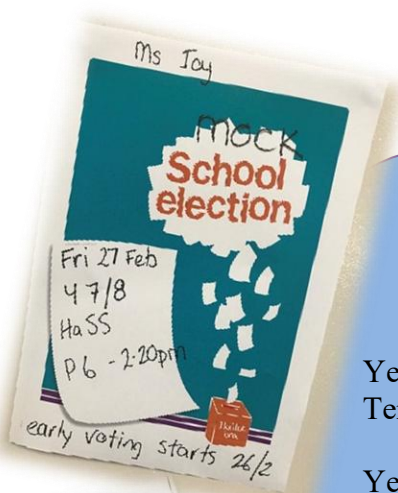
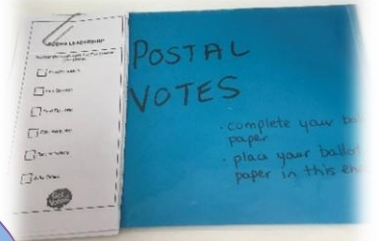
Photos show:

- Pre-election (signage, ballot paper distribution, sealing of ballot box),
- Election day (marking off the electoral roll, issue ballot papers, filling in the ballot paper and placing ballot paper in the ballot box) and
- Post election activities (breaking the seal on the ballot box, emptying the ballot box and counting the ballots).

Final result after preferences were distributed:

1<sup>st</sup> – Lisa Simpson

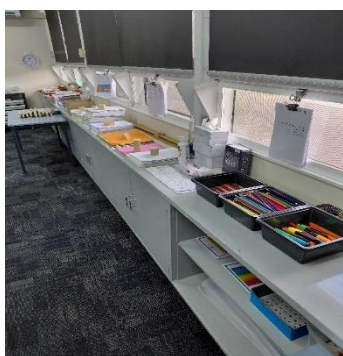
2<sup>nd</sup> – Sleeping Beauty



# Maths with Mr Hanley

Students are on track with the curriculum and have ample resources to help with their learning. Maths is known as a more challenging discipline, however, your children are stepping up to this and are being encouraged in a harmonious and supportive environment. They are all hanging in there, with some wonderful leaders in each year helping other fellow students. Please congratulate your children in this difficult learning area – they have a robust safety net that aids in their comfort and non-threatening environment.

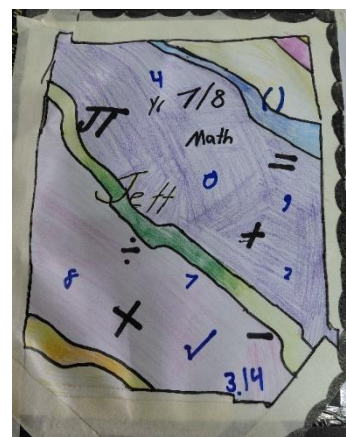
They are learning now at an enhanced pace, and all lessons for the term have been placed on Compass, and their learnings reinforced with Education Perfect – both accessible at home if they want to focus and enhance their knowledge.



Plenty of fun activities and resources



Geometry – 1 of our 3 Maths stands



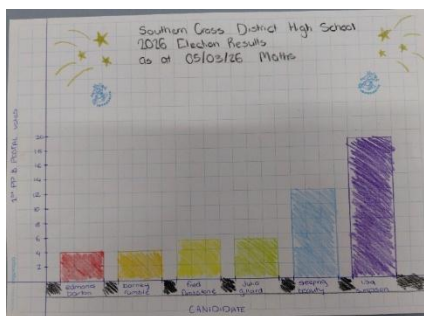
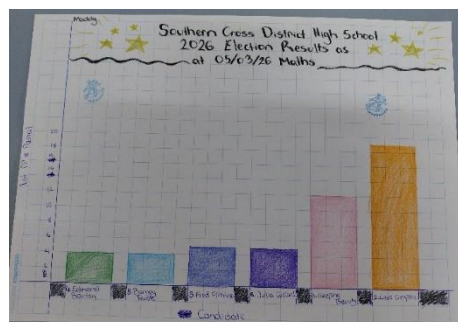
Our Maths students are also artistic



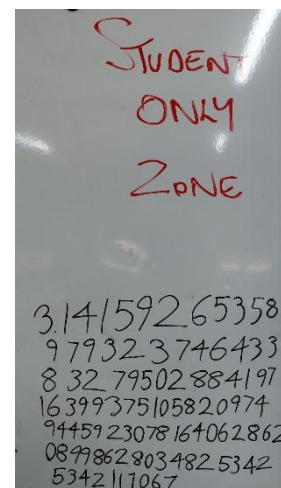
We have a chess club!

CANDIDATE	1 <sup>st</sup> PP & Postal	2 <sup>nd</sup> PP & Postal
1. Sleeping Beauty	12	0
2. Lisa Simpson	19	9
3. Fred Flintstone	5	0
4. Edmond Burton	4	0
5. Barney Rumble	4	0
6. Julia Gillard	3	0
FORMAL	48	
INFORMAL	19	
Missing	1	
Sub-Total	60	
Ballot Papers	60	
2-Party Preferred		
Lisa Simpson	28	
Sleeping Beauty	21	

One of our fellow (fantastic) teachers asked Maths to present the voting results



And we have a Students Only Zone (SOZ) – Tia shows off her knowledge of Pi - Incredible





# HPE & Home Economics



It's been a great start to the year, and I've really enjoyed settling into my role as the new HPE and Home Economics teacher. The school community has been incredibly welcoming, which has made the transition smooth and enjoyable.

In HPE, we began the term by diving into our aquatics program. Students have been working hard in the pool, building confidence, learning new skills, and practising essential survival techniques. Their focus and improvement have been impressive, especially as they continue refining their dives and pushing themselves to try new challenges.

In Home Economics, the kitchen has been a busy place. Students have prepared a range of dishes including burrito bowls, banana bread, fruit salad, sushi, stuffed potatoes, and mini pizzas. Alongside the cooking, we've been developing important skills such as hygiene practices, safe food handling, and a variety of cutting techniques.

It's been a rewarding start to the term, and I'm looking forward to seeing students continue to grow!

Miss Thornton



## Year 5/6 with Ms Murphy



***This term, the 5/6 class have been learning skills in Home Ec. We have made some delicious traditional food, for Hass. Some of the food we've been making is, vanilla slice from France and cachorrino (Portuguese hot dog) from Portugal. This week we are making some sushi from Japan! And maybe have a taste of ice cream filled mochi. Thanks to Ms Murphy we have been able to learn how to make some delicious food!***



# CONGRATULATIONS

## Honour Certificates

### Year 1

**Eli** for always being organised in the mornings and prepared to help clean and pack up.

Mrs Dal Busco

**Hawaiki** for taking responsibility by improving his focus during Science and persisting with written tasks.

Ms Tisdell

### Year 3/4

**Brax** for his positive attitude to learning and being the first to help out around the class.

Ms Fogarty

**Dustin** for excellent maths skills! Keep it up Dustin. Ms Fogarty

### Year 5/6

**Alexis** always strives to achieve her personal best in all areas of learning. Alexis is a responsible and valued member of our year 6 class. Well Done Alexis! Ms Murphy

**Evelyn** for making great progress in applying herself to learning and is kind and encouraging to her peers.

Ms Murphy

**Ryder** for the positive effort he's putting into his learning. He's mastering his timetables with a positive attitude. Well done Ryder! Ms Murphy

### Year 7

**Tia** taking responsibility by being organised and staying focused during Science and Art.

Ms Tisdell

**Tia** for taking responsibility by staying focused on set tasks. Mr Hanley

**Tia** for actively engaging in enquiry and thoughtfully reflecting on the concepts in Civics. Ms Joy

**Jett** for actively engaging in class, thinking critically and strengthening vocabulary skills. Ms Joy

### Year 8

**Taylor** actively engaging in enquiry and thoughtfully reflecting on the concepts of Civics. Ms Joy

**Banjo** for actively engaging in class, thinking critically and strengthening vocabulary skills. Ms Joy

### Year 9

**Mathew** for staying focused and responsible during home ec. Listening carefully and trying his best in the kitchen! Miss Thornton

**Holly** for taking responsibility by being organised and using your initiative to behave appropriately.

Mr Hanley

**Emily** for actively engaging in enquiry and thoughtfully reflecting on the concepts in Civics. Ms Joy

**Holly** for actively engaging in class, thinking critically and strengthening vocabulary skills. Ms Joy

### Year 10

**Maddison** for taking responsibility in health by always completing every task to the best of her ability. Staying focused and adding thoughtful insights to class discussion. Miss Thornton

**Lucas** taking responsibility by staying focused and striving to complete set tasks in Science and Art.

Ms Tisdell

**Maddison** for taking responsibility by completing all tasks within the expected timeframe. Mr Hanley

**Angelo** for actively engaging in enquiry and thoughtfully reflecting on the concepts of Civics. Ms Joy

**Lucas** for actively engaging in class, thinking critically and strengthening handwriting skills. Ms Joy

**Assembly 1 Term 1**

**Congratulations to...**

SOUTHERN CROSS D.H.S.  
**STRIVE**

**Merit certificates**

**PBS Stars**

**Attendance Awards**

**Coming events:**  
Teddy Bear Hospital (Wk 6)  
Harmony Day, School Photos, Swimming Carnival (Wk 8)

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**Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)  
Week 1-5 Blue Card draw**

**Avah-Jayne – Year 5, Charlie – Year 4,  
Arnav – Year 7, Matilda – Year 9**

**100% Attendance Awards**

**Eli  
Holly  
Jett  
Matilda**

**Charlie  
Jack  
Tia  
James**

**Christo  
Arnav  
Alexis**

**Attendance Award 90% Attendance or higher**

**Maddison  
Emily  
Hawaiki  
Banjo**

**Loki  
Mathew  
Tahlor**

**Avah-Jayne  
Evelyn  
Dustin**





**ATTENDANCE REMINDER**

We understand that there may be times when children need to be absent from school such as an illness, out of town appointments or for family reasons. On these occasions it is important to inform the school of any reasonable absences. It is a requirement that if a student is absent for 3 consecutive days or longer, that a medical certificate is supplied to cover these dates.

## Every Day Counts

If you want your child to be successful at school then,  
**YES, attendance does matter!**

**1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....**

If your child misses.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	And over 13 years of schooling that's.....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

**How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?**

He/ She is only missing just.....	That equals.....	Which is....	& over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 minutes p/week	Nearly 1.5 weeks p/yr	Nearly half a year
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins p/ week	Over 2.5 weeks p/year	Nearly one year
30 mins per day	Half a day p/ week	4 weeks p/ year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	One day p/ week	8 weeks p/ year	Over 2.5 years

We thank all our parents who generously volunteer their time and energy to support our school community. There are some changes to the Working with Children Check policy, to ensure the safety of children when we have volunteers in the school.

If you would like to volunteer at our school, you will need to sign a 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form'. You cannot volunteer if you have a current Working with Children Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice.

These changes affect parents who are engaged in volunteer work. For example, you are considered a volunteer when you assist with activities such as reading sessions, day excursions, canteen duties, helping at a sports carnival or carrying out P&C duties.

You are not a volunteer when:

- picking up and dropping off your child
- observing events like school assemblies
- attending parent and teacher interviews
- visiting the uniform shop.

If your circumstances change, and you are issued with a Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice after completing the 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form', you must advise the principal.

A current Working with Children Check is required by all other family members and friends over 18 years of age who want to volunteer.

It is a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of our children. We appreciate your ongoing support and dedication to our school community.

### Proposed Timetable changes from July 20 2026 (Term 3)

After consultation with the community, Bus Services, local Schools, Parents/Caregivers, P and C, School Board and our Staff and Students, we would like to give notice to our community that the proposed changes to our daily timetable configuration will come into effect on July 20, 2026. This is the start of Term 3, not the start of Term 2.

These changes will see the introduction of a Form Period in the morning and then a timetable structure of 5 one-hour periods in a 2-2-1 format. This means two periods before recess, 2 periods between recess and lunch and then one period after lunch. School will begin at 8:40am and end at 3:00pm each day, except for Tuesday with early close at 2:30pm.

These changes will allow the school to better address attendance or uniform issues, introduce a social and emotional learning program, improve timetabling of classes and opportunities for communication. It will also reduce punctuality issues and behavioural issues.

If you have any feedback on the proposed changes or wish to discuss further, please give the school a call on 90489000 and request a meeting with the Principal.



*We would like to make a warm welcome to all our new students.  
Jett, Bryce, Olympia, Hunter, Kieron, Summer and Oscar  
WELCOME!*

# PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Coming  
Term 2!

