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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya Parents/Carers/Family Members and Friends

We have had a great start to the school, as teachers have been working with their learners to work towards achieving their full potential.

I am very pleased to welcome to our school Mrs Teague, who is here as part of the Flying Squad as our Health and Physical Education Teacher until the end of this term. Mr Paul Smith returns as our D and T Teacher and last but not least, we welcome Dave the Chaplain. We are very lucky to have such quality staff at our school.



We have had an amazing term so far with Crazy Hair Day, the visit by the Medical Students for the Teddy Bear's Hospital, Tutu Day, our high school movie night, the 5/6 Assembly, Harmony Day, Ride to School Day and school photos.

On top of this, we have had marvellous support from our students in Breakfast Club and with Dave's days at Southern Cross District High School being Monday and Wednesday, these are the days we will be having Breakfast Club. My thanks to Bianca (BJ) for her ongoing volunteering and support during Breakfast Club, nothing beats her scrambled eggs.

I am in awe of the engagement that our students display in their learning, and I am very proud of the effort that they put into this, especially so early on in the year. Well done students, you are brilliant. Keep on succeeding!

Student success at school is directly linked to how often a student attends. Regular attendance is 90% which means that a student can only be absent one day a fortnight to maintain regular attendance. This requires parents and caregivers to further support their children to get to school to be able to achieve to their potential. The lack of attendance does have a significant effect on your children's ability to learn. We will offer families support to ensure regular attendance at school and accolades congratulating students who have 100% attendance.

There are several ways you can inform the school your child/ren are going to be absent from school.

- Notify the school office
- Inform the classroom teacher via email, note in the student diary or verbal communication
- Phone the school directly
- Reply to the absentee text message sent out to all parents of students who are marked absent

As part of our commitment towards attendance, we will be presenting a certificate in assembly to the class who has the greatest attendance in the school. This is an exciting new initiative to encourage attendance. Some families will have received attendance letters, requiring your child/children to improve their attendance, we are always ready to work with you and to assist your child to attend regularly.

The table below shows a child that regularly attends school still misses 4 weeks of school in a year.

If your child misses....	That equals...	Or...	From Kindy to Year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Part-way through Year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	Over 2.5 years	Part-way through Year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	Over 5 years	End of Year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	Nearly 8 years	End of Year 4	40%
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3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	Nearly 8 years	End of Year 4	40%

I would like to thank Kate Dowling for her assistance during Term 1 Kate has accepted a Principal's position in another school and we wish her all the best for her new position.

Don't forget my door is always open so please feel free to telephone in or pop in, at any time and if for some reason I am unable to speak with you, I will make an appointment to follow up.

Louise Davidson

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As Term 1 comes to an end, I would like to thank all the staff, students, and parents for all of their support. It has been a very busy term, and everyone has worked so hard and well to ensure that not only are the students engaged in their learning, but that they are enjoying their time at SCDHS.



I will be moving on from Southern Cross DHS at the end of the term. I have been asked to take on a principal role in another small school, so I am looking forward to that challenge. I have so enjoyed my time here and once again, thank everyone for all of their support.

Kate Dowling

GOOD STANDING AT SOUTHERN CROSS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

At Southern Cross District High School, our staff and students *Strive* to achieve their personal best.

We understand that success for each individual is personalised and may come in many forms, and expect all staff and students to reach for our [Positive Behaviour Support](#) 'Stars'.

We believe in a school community that sets high expectations for all members so everyone is able to feel:

- Safe and supported in their learning environment
- A sense of belonging where they feel included in the school community
- Happy and positive about attending school
- Proud to represent our school and the broader community

Our Values are very important to us:

Safety
Take Responsibility
Achieve
Respect
Support



In order to ensure that we are working towards our values we are ensuring that we are implementing our Good Standing Policy that has been endorsed by our School Board.

Students will have three warnings to adhere to the correct uniform (including jewellery and makeup), not having their mobile telephone on them, being punctual and their behaviour. If after three warnings these issues have not been resolved, students will lose their Good Standing and will be unable to access any extra curricula activities.

We will send your child home with a small note outlining what they have received a warning for. Hopefully, all our students will follow our values and support the Southern Cross Way.



Happy Birthday to.....

- Denym 3 March
- Max 12 March
- Lynton 14 March
- Ben 21 March
- Chloe 31 March

- *Jayden 5 April
- * Sariah 12 April
- *Tahlor 20 April
- * Holly 27 April
- * Melissa 28 April

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2023

Kindergarten \$60.00 Pre Primary \$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.

Dates to Remember

- * **6 April YR K-1 Assembly**
- Easter Hat Parade**
- End of Term 1**

TERM 2

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| * 24 April School Development Day | * 1 May OLNA |
| * 25 April ANZAC Day Public Holiday | * WK 3 8-12 Healthy Lunch Box Week |
| * 26 April Term 2 starts for Students | |



TUTUs and Twos Day

22.2.23

Wednesday Week 4—22 February or 22/2/23



MOVIE NIGHT

Our Movie Night is an extra curricula activity that teachers run in their own time to support the students at Southern Cross District High School. Our Movie Night can help your child build their skills outside of the classroom, in addition, it helps build relationships between students, their teachers and the school.

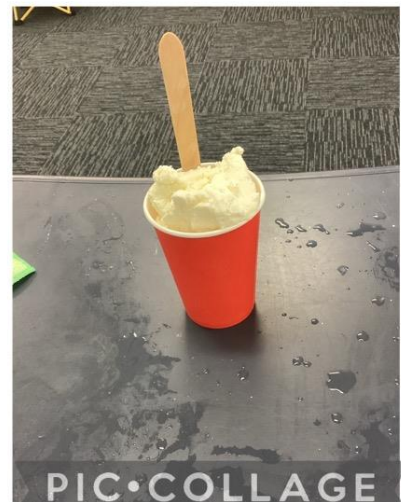
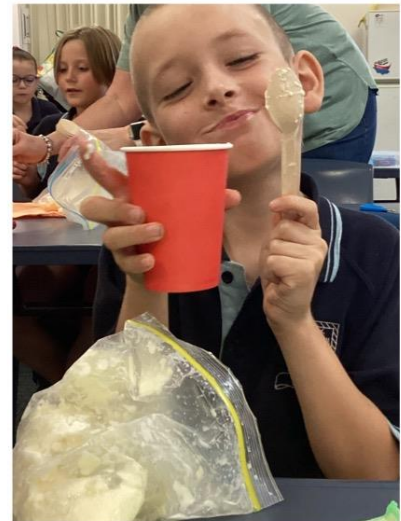
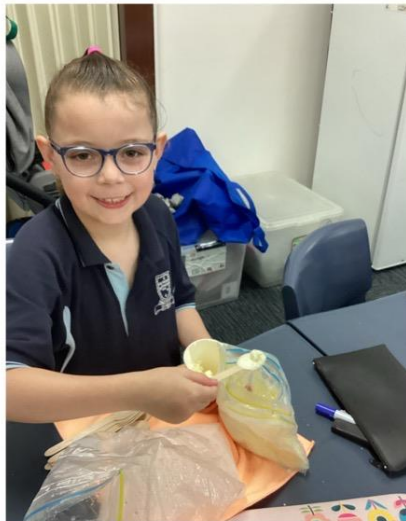
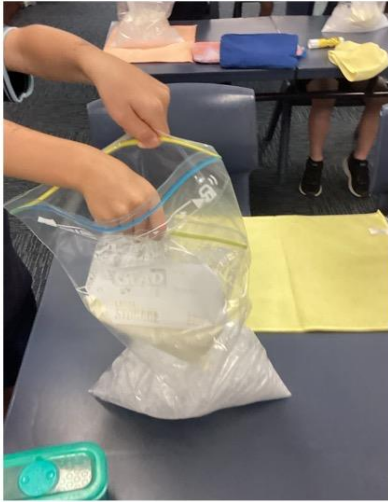
We had 9 students attend the P-Year 3 movie in the early childhood classroom. Violet, Clare and Maddison said, “We all think it was great, we loved the movie, the cushions with the popcorn were the best.”

We had 11 students from Years 4-6 watch a film in the library. All the students were given popcorn and a drink, Jack and Lynton said, “It was nice, a very good performance and it was fun.”



Year 2/3/4 Class

In Design Technologies in Year 2/3/4 we have been learning about the processes and jobs involved with everyday products we have in our houses. We've looked at how milk gets from the farm to our fridge and the items milk is used to make. In class, we made ice cream without the use of a freezer. It was delicious! We got very cold hands and are grateful we don't have to do this every time we want a cool treat



HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE

Our secondary students have been busy in the second half of Term 1.

The Year 7 class moved onto classification and had a go at creating a dichotomous key in order to classify chocolate bars.

The Year 8/9 class moved on to organs and systems. They learnt about the features and functions of the heart and had the chance to observe some real life specimens that were donated by Laura and Sean Della Bosca. Thank you for your generous donation.



Disclaimer: Not all of the Year 8/9's enjoyed their experience with dissection.



CRAZY HAIR DAY

The students had a fantastic time showing off their unique hairstyles. Some of the staff did too!

Can you find yourself here?



At Southern Cross District High School, our staff and students 'Strive' to achieve their personal best.

Crunch on vegetables!

This term our school is encouraging families to get excited about eating vegies by packing them as often as possible for Crunch&Sip®.

Why vegetables?

Vegetables and fruit are both important food groups packed with a range of nutrients that promote good health. However, while most primary school children are doing a great job of eating enough fruit, **only 1 in 16 are eating enough vegetables**. That's why it's important for children to get an extra serve of vegetables during Crunch&Sip® breaks.

Benefits of eating vegies for Crunch&Sip®

- Vegetables contain lots of vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre which help promote healthy growth and development.
- Vegetables can be a very cost-effective option - a serve of carrots or celery costs less than 30c!
- Do you have a fussy eater? When kids see their peers eating different foods, they are more likely to join in and try something new.



We encourage you to support us in this initiative by providing a healthy snack of whole or cut up vegies as the preferred option for Crunch&Sip®.



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Don't forget to pack Crunch&Sip® every day...

Crunch&Sip® is a set time for children to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom.

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or

FRUIT



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SOUTHERN CROSS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

We are excited to announce that we have the following vacancies on our School Board:

A Community Representative

Two Parent Representatives.

The School Board will elect the community members. We encourage any community members interested in becoming involved in the governance of the school in 2023 and beyond, to consider nominating by 26 April 2023.

Parent Representatives may nominate at any time.

We are excited to encourage our school community to participate in the governance of our school.

Please contact the school for a nomination application.

Term 2 – 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
0	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1	24 School Development Day Students DO NOT ATTEND Term 2 Commences	25 ANZAC Day	26 Students Start	27	28	29	30
2	1 May OLNA	2	3	4	5	6	7
3	8 Healthy Lunch Box Week	9	10	11	12	13	14
4	15	16	17	18	19 Walk to School Day	20	21
5	22 Netball Clinic	23	24	25 Assembly	26 PJ Story Telling Night National Sorry Day	27	28
6	29 Reconciliation WK	30	31	1 June	2 Free Dress Day	3	4
7	5 WA Day	6	7	8	9 Community Day	10	11
8	12 OLNA	13 Paul Reid – Football Clinic	14 YSSA Paul Reid-footy Primary Winter Carnival	15	16	17	18
9	19 Wellbeing week	20	21	22	23	24	25
10	26	27	28	29 NAIDOC Day MRPS & ST Josephs Visit	30	1 July	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9