



Dates to Remember

Term 3

Tuesday 15 September

Music Viva 11.50

Wednesday 16 September

P&C AGM 3.30pm

Friday 18 September

YSSSA Athletics

Thursday 24 September

Assembly 9am

Friday 25 September

Last day of term

Term 4

Monday 12 October

First Day of term – students return

Monday 19 October

Scitech Incursion

Tuesday 20 October

Road Safety Incursion

Friday 23 October

Crazy Hair Day

Dear Parents/Caregivers and School Community,

It has been a fantastic Term 3 with a number of activities and events to celebrate.

Our Year 9/10 students began the term with a trip to Perth for their Careers Camp. They undertook a range of different challenges at camp including abseiling, rock climbing, flying fox and the bike pump track. They were also able to visit the Perth Convention Centre for the Perth Careers and Skills Expo. This gave the students an incredible opportunity to meet and greet with a number of employers, businesses and Universities and ask questions to explore different pathways. You can read more about the camp later in our newsletter.

We celebrated Science Week and then Book Week with a dress up day and parade at Assembly. We had a fantastic effort with ALL our staff dressing up on the day and some great efforts and costumes from the students. Congratulations to Mathew, Loki and Maddy who were drawn out as prize winners. A big thank you to Miss Tisdell for organising our science activities and virtual incursions from Scitech!

Our local schools participated in NAIDOC Day at SCDHS earlier this term. The students had the opportunity to rotate through a number of stations and participate in different activities such as bead making, rock painting, making damper and a scavenger hunt. We even had some kangaroo stew!

We had a visit to the Cunderdin Agricultural College in Cunderdin on Friday 4 September for some of our Year 5 to 10 students. With applications getting competitive it is important we give our kids and families the chance to think about their future pathways. We have also sent out information to our Year 10 parents in relation to their pathways for Year 11 next year and had our Wheatbelt Engagement and Transition Officer come and met with them this week. Parents are welcome to contact the school if they have any questions and we are happy to set up meetings with prospective schools such as Merredin College or support alternate pathways such as apprenticeships.

During this holiday period Maddy will be taking her trip on the Leeuwin! Maddy was awarded this opportunity at the end of last year after her leadership and efforts in her studies was recognised. It is great to see that the ship has been rebuilt and is back sailing again. We look forward to hearing all about it next term when she returns!

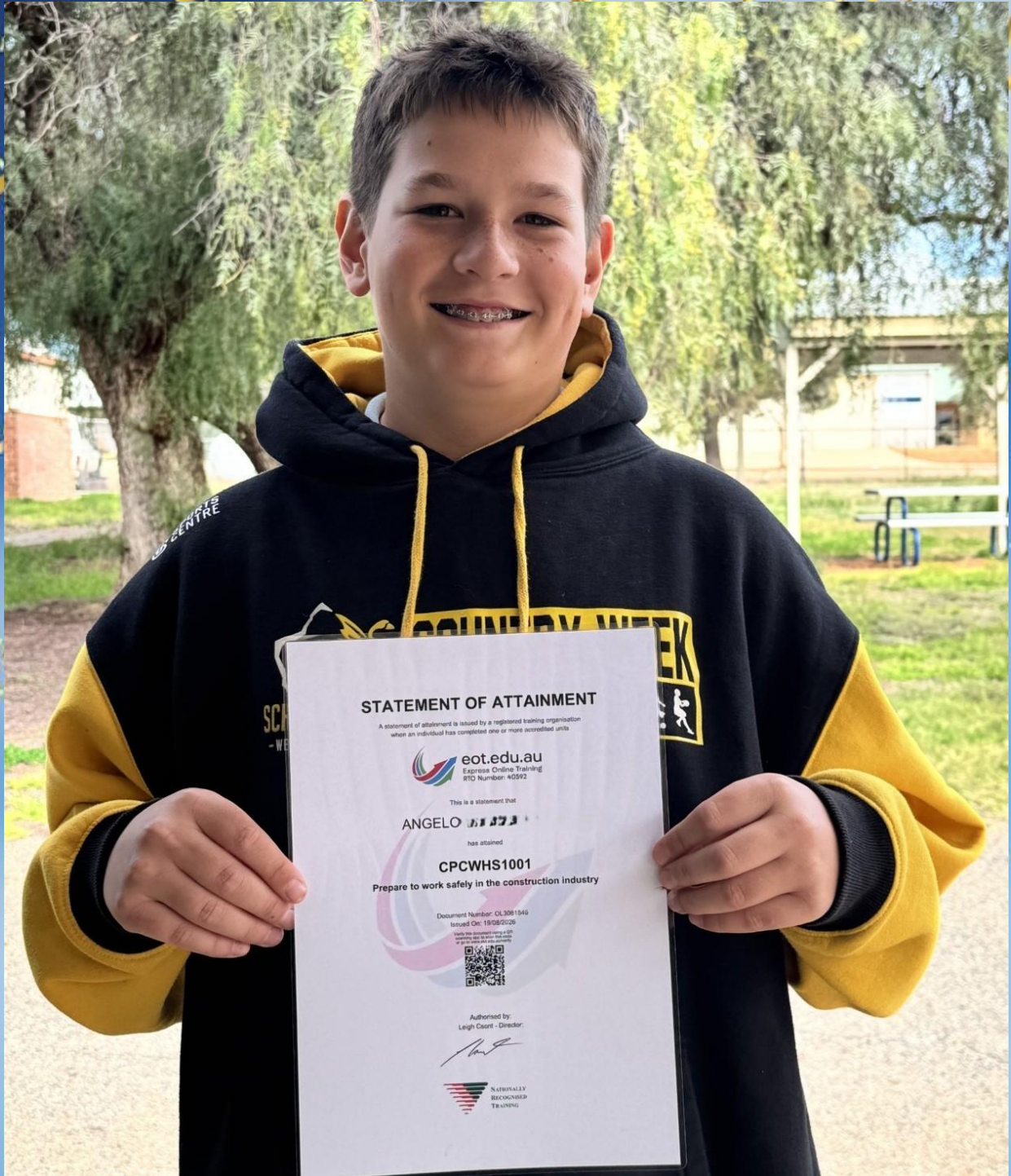
Ms East will be in during Week 9 and 10 this term as I take some Long Service Leave before the break. Our staff and students will return next term on Monday 12 October for the last term of the year! Please note our Staff Development Day is Friday 6 November (Week 4).

We also encourage any interested Parents/Caregivers to come attend our P&C AGM on Wednesday 16 September @ 3.30pm in the staff room.

Mr Mat Kennedy
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done Angelo for attaining your white card. All your time and effort has paid off.



Early Childhood with Mrs Dal Busco



Olympia's home for a unicorn



Hawaiki's home for an eagle



Eli's home for an iguana



Hunter-Marley's home for a snake



Smartie Maths



Maddie's home for horse



Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes



Washing guide



Reading with Nanna Karen



Eli creates amazing cubbies



Phonics on a whiteboard



Creative play



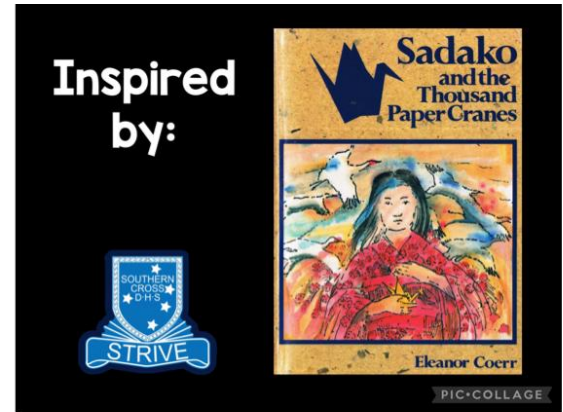
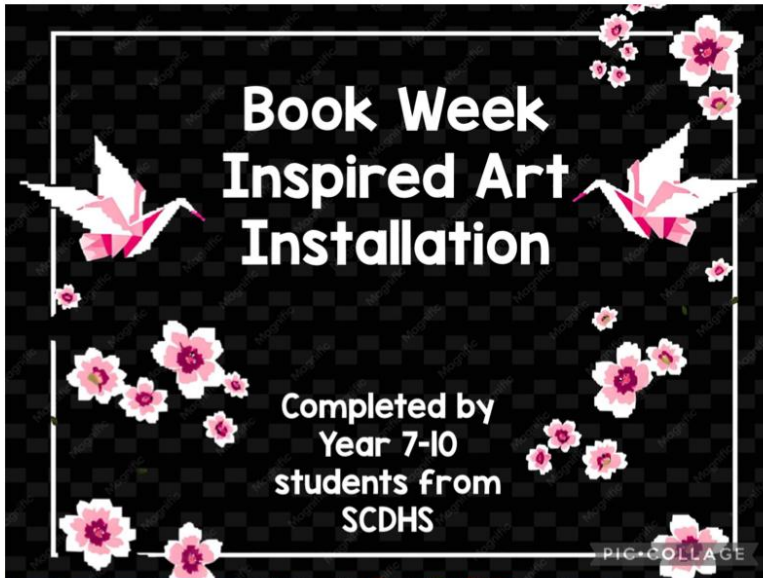
Cooking in the kitchen



Reading books for fun



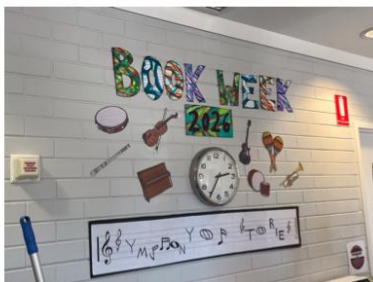
Family at the Learning Journey



Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes tells the story of a young girl who survived a catastrophic event but got very sick afterwards.

People fold paper cranes in her honour, hoping to send ripples of hope out into their local communities and the world beyond.

We hope you enjoy our 1000 paper cranes, and are inspired by our efforts.



Thanks to Ray Hanretty for helping to hang the 1200 cranes in the CRC. Shout out to Holly, Matilda, Koda, Christo, Jett and Arnav for folding more cranes than they were allocated.



Science with Miss Tisdell



Science Week

This year for Science Week we held virtual incursions through Perform Education. The students watched a presenter in real time and responded to questions using Ipads.

The theme for this year was on innovations in agriculture, and the intended positive impact these could have on the environment.

The students really enjoyed the interactive nature of the incursion, trying hard to get a callout from the presenter or make it to the wall of champions.



Year 3/4 with Ms Fogarty

What a busy and exciting term it has been for our Year 3/4 students. Time really flies when you're having fun!

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of multiplication and division, as well as exploring angles, time and decimals. The students have worked hard to apply their mathematical thinking to a range of problems and activities. Don't forget students can access Mathletics from home on any device for extra practice and maths games.

In English, we have been busy writing persuasive texts, learning how to use strong arguments and convincing language. We are now moving into the exciting world of poetry! The students have been experimenting with words, language and different poetic techniques. Be sure to have a look at some examples of our poetry work displayed in the front office.

During HASS, we have explored the roles and responsibilities of government and have put our learning into practice by creating brochures about our local area. We have enjoyed researching and sharing what makes our community special. If you are visiting our class, please have a look at our book, *Tell'em Southern Cross Edition*.

In Design and Technologies, we have been learning about designed solutions and even created a production line. We discovered that every step in the production process is important, and that every component needs to be just right to create a successful final product. We certainly learnt that when one little thing goes wrong, it can have a big impact on the finished product!

We have also been exploring music this term and have even attempted to create our very own song! Stay tuned to find out whether our musical masterpiece gets released!

Friday afternoons have become a favourite as we enjoy learning to play djembes in DRUMBEAT with Malcolm. We are developing our rhythm, teamwork and musical skills—and we are having lots of fun along the way! Feel free to ask us about DRUMBEAT, and you might even get the chance to see us perform later in the year.

What a wonderful term of learning, creating and making music! We are looking forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings.

Drumming is more than hitting a surface on beat; it is a profound tool for building life skills, building emotional outlets, and finding individual groove.



Drumbeat



Drumbeat



Year 5/6 with Ms Murphy



Year 5/6 Class giving Mr Kennedy a gift for Principals Day.



Hanging in the library



Year 5/6 Class playing traditional Aboriginal Games.



HASS/English with Ms Joy

World War I – trench warfare

- Research local WW1 AIF personnel
- Research a battle from Western Front or Gallipoli and make a trench from that battle



Ancient Greece

- Research ancient artefacts
- Design and paint a traditional pattern onto a food platter
- Greek feast last day of school



Physical Education



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Our students have been busy preparing for the Athletics Carnival. Alongside running, jumping, throwing and team games, we have focused on teamwork and collaboration - communicating clearly, encouraging one another and building our school spirit.

OUR LEARNING TARGETS

-  I can engage in physical activity and give my best effort.
-  I can apply safety principles during practice and competition.
-  I can work with others and communicate positively.
-  I can show sportsmanship through fair play, respect and encouragement.



WHAT'S COMING UP

FRIDAY

18

SEPTEMBER

YSSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

With St Joseph's Primary School and Moorine Rock Primary School

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and cheer their child/ren on. We would love to see you there supporting our students and helping create a great carnival atmosphere.



HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT

A few simple conversations at home can help students arrive feeling confident and ready to contribute:

-  Encourage your child to have a go and celebrate effort.
-  Talk about fair play, teamwork and positive encouragement.
-  Remind them that every role contributes to the team.
-  Join us on 18 September and cheer all competitors.

CARNIVAL PRINCIPLES



PLAY SAFE



COMPETE FAIRLY



ENCOURAGE OTHERS



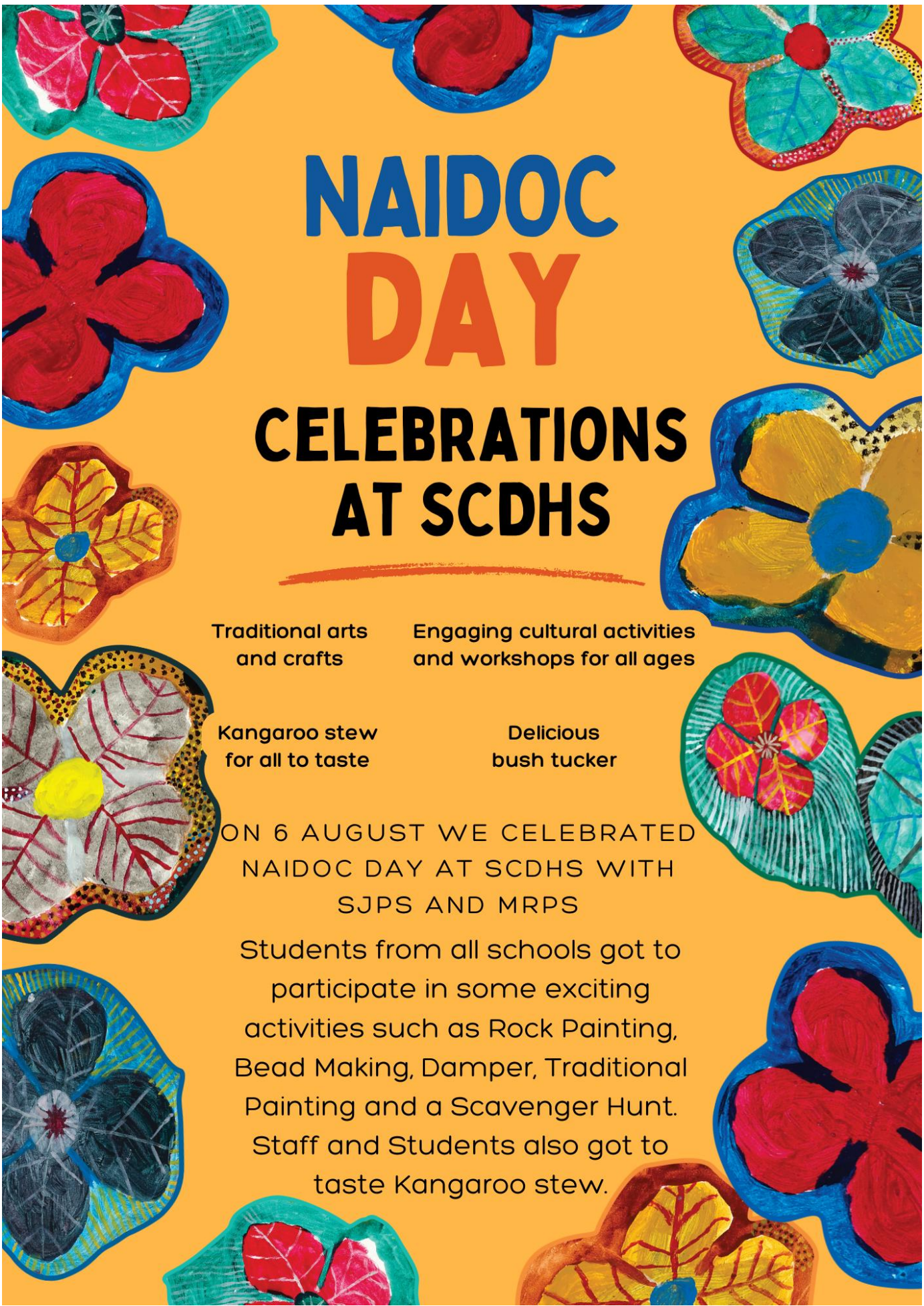
GIVE YOUR BEST

A NOTE FROM HPE

The carnival is about more than results. It is a chance for students to challenge themselves, support their teammates and represent Southern Cross District High School with pride.

We have been impressed by the way students are working together and building each other up.

We look forward to a great day of participation and school spirit!



NAIDOC DAY

CELEBRATIONS AT SCDHS

Traditional arts
and crafts

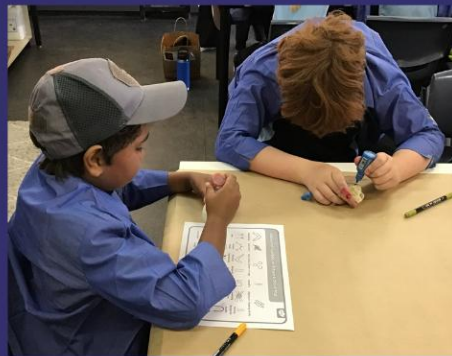
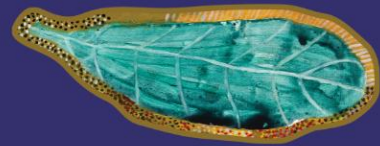
Engaging cultural activities
and workshops for all ages

Kangaroo stew
for all to taste

Delicious
bush tucker

ON 6 AUGUST WE CELEBRATED
NAIDOC DAY AT SCDHS WITH
SJPS AND MRPS

Students from all schools got to
participate in some exciting
activities such as Rock Painting,
Bead Making, Damper, Traditional
Painting and a Scavenger Hunt.
Staff and Students also got to
taste Kangaroo stew.



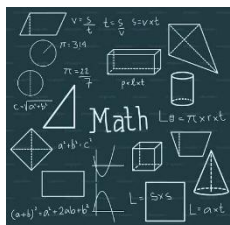
Year 9/10 Mathematics and Careers Success with Mr Morley



Congratulations to the Year 9/10 Mathematics and Careers class for their excellent performance in the recent cross-curricular learning activity, "**Owning or Renting: Which is Better and Why?**"

Students demonstrated strong mathematical reasoning, financial literacy skills, and critical thinking as they explored the advantages and challenges of home ownership and renting. The task encouraged students to analyse real-world financial scenarios and make informed decisions based on evidence.

A special **congratulations** goes to **Matilda** and **Ruby**, who achieved the highest scores in the activity. Their outstanding work showcased a deep understanding of the topic and excellent presentation of their findings.



Well done to all students for their engagement and effort throughout this valuable learning experience.



The Leeuwin is back sailing again and their new season is on the horizon! Join one of their Youth Adventure Voyages from Fremantle these school holidays — climb the mast, furl the sails, steer the ship, make lifelong friendships, and discover adventure on this unique tall ship.

To find out more about their youth program, future voyages, and potential sponsorship opportunities for students, visit www.sailleeuwin.com or contact (08) 9430 4105.

Upcoming Leeuwin voyages from Fremantle

- [Youth Adventure](#)
26 Sept – 2 Oct (School holidays)
- [Youth Adventure](#)
5 Oct - 11 Oct (School holidays)



Book Parade Dress Up



A collage of 20 photographs capturing various moments from a school fundraising event. The photos show adults and children, many wearing yellow and black uniforms, engaged in different activities. Some photos depict people serving food at long tables, while others show groups posing for photos on a grassy field. A large rainbow flag is held up by several children in one of the photos. The collage is framed by a decorative border with a yellow and black pattern.

CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Certificates Assembly 4 Term 3

Kindy

Ezekiel for exploring the world around him with curiosity and enthusiasm. [Mrs Dal Busco](#)

Hunter for participating positively when dancing and moving to music. [Mrs Dal Busco](#)

Year 1

Eli for being an active & enthusiastic participant during science, confidently collecting and collating data. [Miss Tisdell](#)

Year 3/4

Wyatt for perseverance and not giving up when it's hard. [Ms Fogarty](#)

Phoenix for excellent results in Spellex and improvement in writing. [Ms Fogarty](#)

Phoenix Always striving to do your best in PE and showing fantastic improvement in ultimate frisbee. Well Done! [Miss Thornton](#)

Year 5/6

Loki for consistently giving your best effort in PE and showing excellent improvement in ultimate frisbee. Your determination and positive attitude is incredible! [Miss Thornton](#)

Evelyn for demonstrating increasing levels of persistence during Science and confidently sharing her ideas. [Miss Tisdell](#)

Elizabeth for demonstrating excellent peer tutoring skills during Literacy activities. Her confidence and communication skills continue to grow. Keep up the fantastic work! [Ms Murphy](#)

Loki consistently assisting and encouraging his peers during class activities. Loki's helpful nature makes him a wonderful role model. Great work Loki! [Ms Murphy](#)

Year 8

Jack for his high focus during maths lessons, well done for "knuckling down" [Mr Morley](#)

Year 9

Matilda for being focused exceptionally well in class, achieving a 90% plus on her recent tests. [Mr Morley](#)

Year 10

James for displaying great commitment and enthusiasm throughout our Ultimate frisbee unit. You have made impressive progress and should be proud of the skills you developed! [Miss Thornton](#)

James for actively engaging with younger students during breaks & rewards. Love it! [Miss Tisdell](#)

Maddy for getting reward for effort and attempting all work she receives. [Mr Morley](#)

Assembly Term 3

Congratulations to...



Merit Certificates 27/8



PBS Stars 20/8



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Positive Behaviour Support Winners

Week 1-4 Blue Card Draw 20/8

Eric Year 3, Hunter Marley Kindy,

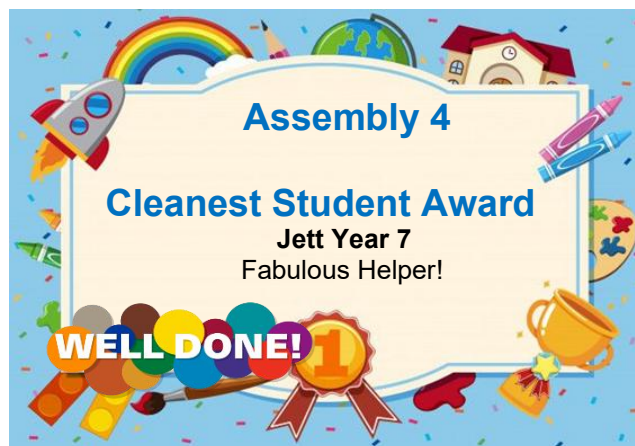
Jack Year 8, Christo Year 9.

Week 5-6 Blue Card Draw 27/8

Loki Year 6, Charlie Year 4

Our head Cleaner, Anne Hanretty, does a fabulous job keeping our school neat and tidy. We've asked Mrs Hanretty who she would like to award the Golden Dustpan to this week, and she has decided instead of a classroom she would like to award it to a student.

On NAIDOC Day, this student kindly offered to assist Mrs Hanretty with the cleaning up off the Home Ec Room. [Congratulations](#) Jett!



Happy Birthday

Kieron 1 September

Tia 6 September

Hawaiki 24 September

Brax 7 October

Maddy 2 September

Ezekiel 18 September

Charlie 4 October

Samuel 9 October



Happy Birthday!

