

Dates to Remember

July 19

Term 3 Starts

July 22

NAIDOC Day Interaction

@ SCDHS

MRPS and St Josephs

August 16 – 20

Science Week

September 27

Queen's Birthday – Long

Weekend

October 5

World Teachers Day

October 29

Australian Teachers Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our 11-week term is quickly coming to an end and it has been nothing short of busy and productive!

Term 2 Reflection

I would like to thank the school and broader community for being so supportive towards me taking on the Acting Principal role whilst Karen has been on leave. It has been a great opportunity and I have really enjoyed the experience. As I look back on the term, I cannot help but reflect on the countless things that we have achieved as a school. Many of which would not have been possible without our wonderful teachers, families and the community in general. So to re-cap, throughout Term 2, various students have participated in:

- 8x Excursions, both local and beyond
- 5x Incursions
- 3x Guest Speaker presentations
- 3x YSSSA combined events
- NAPLAN & Secondary Exams

We have had a number of other key positives for the term so far, including:

- Positive representation of our Student Leadership Team at the community ANZAC service.
- Introduction of our new school board and a successful first meeting.
- Proactive engagement and support from our P&C to assist with a number of initiatives across the school.
- Various individual and group professional learning opportunities for our staff, including a successful in-house SDD and the EWEN Conference with neighbouring Wheatbelt schools in Merredin.
- Our First Friends Program and the amazing attendance of our families' week in and week out.

- The introduction of our 'Weekly Stars' and the positive reception from parents.
- Great opportunities for staff collaboration and teamwork.
- Our wonderful Chaplain, Heather Van Oyen, and her regular visits.
- Winning the shield at the Bruce Rock Speech and Drama Festival for the first time EVER!
- Re-commencing school lunch orders on Fridays.
- Introduction of Pie Warmer day on Tuesdays.
- Purchasing our new branded sporting shade tents, which we are looking forward to showing off next Term.
- And many more wonderful things



However, the term is not over yet and we still have two key events that our students are working towards....

- 1) Our Student Leadership Team have been busy preparing a 'You Can Do It' Day for their peers next week. This Thursday, classes will cease after period 3, and students will participate in a range of health and well-being activities throughout the afternoon. All students will be involved in this event and it is great to see our student leaders be so keen to take on some extra responsibilities.
- 2) Our Term 2 Reward Day is due to take place on the last day of term. This term, the students selected to have a multi-activity day. Eligible students will have the opportunity to select from a range of activities including sports, board games, iPad activities and many more. All students who have maintained their Good Standing as well as achieved an attendance percentage at or above 90% will be invited to join in.



Staffing and Farewells

You may have noticed that we have had a number of relief teachers in recently across the school to support our teachers attending Professional Learning opportunities and other school activities and excursions. Traditionally, it has been quite hard for us to source relief teachers, but Lisa has been working hard to expand our relief teacher pool and seek support from other neighbouring towns. Our regulars, Chrissie Nicholl and Naomi Borona, have been lifesavers this term, and we have also had a number of new relief teachers from Geraldton, Perth, Merredin, Nungarin and Westonia help us out along the way.

As many of you may recall, Karen's leave is due to come to an end, with her expected return to Southern Cross in week 2 of Term 3. This means, we will be sadly saying farewell to Lisa at the end of this term. I cannot thank her enough for all her hard work, bubbly attitude, great ideas and her overall commitment towards our school whilst she has been here. She has been a great sidekick and I know that she will be greatly missed! I would also like to congratulate her on her new Principal position at Bencubbin and wish her all the very best for the remainder of 2021.

Term 3 NAIDOC Day Celebrations

On Thursday 22 July, we will be hosting our annual NAIDOC Day to celebrate and acknowledge our traditional landowners and to promote reconciliation. Students and staff from St Joseph's and Moorine Rock Primary Schools will be sharing the day with us and we will also have some special guests in Brian Champion and the Midn Marr Dreaming dance group who will be bringing some invaluable expertise and local knowledge to share with our community. MRL and Barto Gold have generously donated towards to event in order to make it possible and the students will be participating in a range of activities, including dance workshops, emu egg painting, tribal assembly performances, BBQ taste-tester tents, as well as listening to some motivational guest speaker presentations from our local Aboriginal Elders. We are excited to share some more information with you next term, but save the date!



We look forward to kicking off the term with this fantastic event. In the meantime, I would like to thank all the staff, students and our school community for their contributions so far this year and wish everyone a safe, happy and restful holiday break ☺.

Jessica Stephen
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Wow! Term 2 has flown by super-fast, but what a fabulous term it has been. My time at Southern Cross District High School truly has been amazing! The school itself is just beautiful! Our gardener Rob really does a fantastic job at keeping the grounds looking amazing. The students are lucky to have such wonderful, committed staff ensuring that outcomes are met and the curriculum is delivered to a high standard. I have really enjoyed getting to know and working with the students across the school as well as being a part of the community, so thank you!

Sport (K/PP/1)

We began Term 2 with a dance unit in Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year 1. Students learnt how to stretch and prepare their bodies ready for physical activities. They learnt a number of routines and dances such as 'Walk the Dinosaur', 'The Birdie Dance' and also had some fun clowning around. The second part of the term was focused on Cross Country and running activities to link in with our Cross Country events. It has been super fun getting to know and working with the students in the Early childhood!!

Nurturing The Future

On Friday 28 April 2021, the Secondary students travelled to Bruce Rock DHS to take part in the Speech and Drama festival. All students came away very excited after winning the shield for the 'Best Class' performance at the festival. A number of students also took home trophies and medallions for their efforts:

Best Actor—Joeross Lendio.

Runner up Actors—Marcus Hodson & Harlem Hepi.

Commendations—Brock Sharp, Flynn Chrisp, Harlem Hepi, Joeross Lendio & Toby Hilder.

A big congratulations to all of the students for the efforts they put in to learn their lines, rehearse and then perform in front of a large crowd. I am super proud of you all, even those backstage helpers!



To continue on with the Nurturing the Future program, students are now designing a large poster board to the theme 'Southern Cross'. After individual designs and brainstorms, students will be grouped to create a final masterpiece. The final pieces will be part of a school community vote and the winning poster board will be submitted as part of the Yagan Square Tower art competition in August.

Best of luck for the rest of 2021! Don't count the days.... Make the days count!!

Lisa Malatesta
Deputy Principal

Congratulations

to the following recipients of honour certificates for this week's assembly

Kindy

Claire for joining in group activities such as yoga, charades and singing songs. [Mrs Dal Busco](#)

Pre Primary

Ryder for using his knowledge of letters and sounds to spell and read words. [Mrs Dal Busco](#)

Year 1

Claudia for being able to use her knowledge of letters and sounds to spell a variety of words. [Mrs Dal Busco](#)

Year 2/3

Tia for always tackling new learning with energy and a commitment to doing your absolute best. [Miss Hill](#)

Hamish for working consistently hard in HASS to create a presentation with lots of detail and interesting information. [Miss Hill](#)

Hamish for his enthusiasm and hard work in technologies and physical education. [Miss Jones](#)

Year 4/5/6

Indy for her fantastic application and effort during Math. Keep up the great work Indy! [Miss Robbins](#)

Mia her willingness to contribute interesting ideas to class discussions. Well done Mia! [Miss Robbins](#)

Mathew for his willingness to assist others and work cooperatively with his peers. [Miss Robbins](#)

Indy for her motivation and determination in technologies and physical education. [Miss Jones](#)

Year 7/8

Toby for outstanding diligence and time management in HASS this term. Well done! [Mr Keating](#)

Marcus S for a consistently diligent approach to both HASS and Math. Well done Marcus! [Mr Keating](#)

Harlem for outstanding improvement in both HASS and Math this term. Great work! [Mr Keating](#)

Ben for consistent effort and enthusiasm in both Math and HASS this semester. [Mr Keating](#)

Stephanie for always demonstrating her best work in all subject areas. [Miss Jones](#)

Year 9/10

Alexa for outstanding effort and work ethic in both HASS and Math this term. [Mr Keating](#)

April for outstanding diligence in HASS in producing an excellent research assignment. [Mr Keating](#)

Brock for his positive attitude towards all his class work. [Miss Jones](#)

Flynn for stepping up to umpire at the winter carnival when we were short. [Miss Jones](#)



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

Our Classrooms at Southern Cross District High School



Early Childhood Class



Aliens Love Underpants

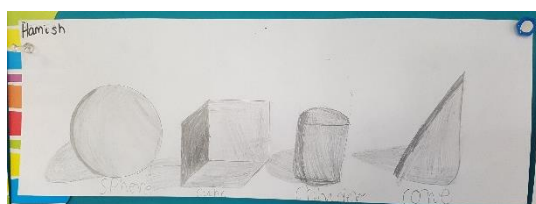
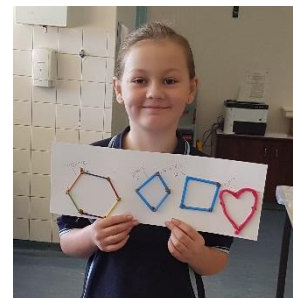
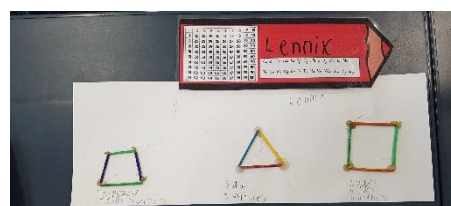
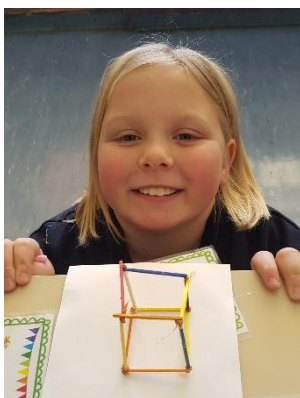


First Friends Play Centre

A place where families can meet, play, create, read, discover, laugh, climb, imagine and enjoy.

Year 2/3 Class

The Year 2/3 class have been busy investigating, drawing and modelling 2D shapes and 3D objects.



Our Classrooms at Southern Cross District High School



Year 4/5/6 Class

Students in the 4/5/6 class have enjoyed many different activities this term. Early in the term they listened to "Give Me Some Space" being read from the International Space Station, which fitted in perfectly with our Earth and Space Science units. In English, students have written persuasive letters to convince decision makers to change something. Some of the topics chosen include more art, a class pet and music during all break times. Students enjoyed cooking healthy foods with visitors from Foodbank and learning about healthy eating and hydration in Health lessons. This term we also had a visit to the town War Memorial, Literacy Day and a Constable Care show. Recently students have enjoyed using Minecraft during Digital Technology to create their own worlds and buildings.



Year 7-10 Secondary Classes

In Science, the Year 7/8's have been studying Natural Disasters and the Year 9/10's are looking at Planets. During Physical Education, the students have also been playing Lawn Bowls and we will be inviting Parents & Grandparents to our final session on Wednesday 30 June.



In HASS and Math, the Year 7-10's have been studying Measurement and Civics and Citizenship. "The Island" project task was to; plan, design and then create "their Island" and to construct it using their original planning documents. This involved a lot of creativity and teamwork from the students who have produced quality projects.



**** A Friendly Reminder****

Each person has a responsibility to protect themselves and others. This is achieved through the ongoing promotion of the following good hygiene principles and practices:

- adults maintain 1.5 metres distance from other adults, where possible;
- staff, students and parents must stay home when sick;
- avoiding unnecessary physical contact and physical greetings (e.g. handshakes, hugs etc.);
- washing hands regularly for 20 seconds with soap and water or an alcohol based sanitiser;
- covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, using a flexed elbow or tissue; and
- disposing of tissues appropriately.



Food sensations

On Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 May, we had Food Bank visit us to run a food sensations program. They delivered a range of activities (the Let's Eat storybook, or Rainbow Snake, AGTHE Race, Joe's Food Choice, and Calcium lesson plans). The students were able to make some healthy recipes including: Coco loco balls, Nanna's Curry, Herbalicious Garlic dip, Faster pasta and Noodle ninja salad. They then got to share them all at the end. It was great to see the students being motivated and inspired to eat healthier foods that tasted great. The students all received a cookbook full of healthy recipes too. We would like to thank all the parent helpers that attended on the day. It was great to have you involved! We look forward to running the food sensations program again next year! If you would like to download some more healthy recipes for free please visit <https://www.superherofoodshq.org.au/foodsensations/product-category/recipe-booklets/>



Buddies

The year 2-3 and year 7-10 students have been participating in a buddy program. Our high school students found out the interest of their buddies this term and ran a session to cater to their buddy's interests. We had some sporting activities, games, science experiments and art. It was a great afternoon with lots of fun had all round. There are many benefits to having a buddy program including:

- develops positive cross-age relationships
- provides opportunities for peer tutoring and mentoring
- contributes to a positive and caring school culture
- contributes to more positive behaviour by providing positive role models
- develops pro-social values and skills
- develops responsibility
- builds self confidence
- develops empathy
- promotes inclusion



YSSSA Cross Country

This term we have tried something a bit different for our YSSSA events. We ran our Cross Country against Moorine Rock PS and St Joesph's Primary out at Moorine Rock PS. Thank you to Chrissie Nicholl for organising the day. All students from Year 1 to 6 ran on the day and the Year 7 to 10 students who wanted to be involved in the Cross Country running came and were course marshals on the day. From this day at Moorine Rock, we selected our 3 fastest runners in each category to attend Bruce Rock for the Interschool where we represented the Yilgarn as one combined team. 1st: Jayden, Libby, Kira, Toby & Marcus H. 2nd Indy, Claudia, Isaac, April, Joeross & Anthony. 3rd Daniel, Lennix, Hamish & Alexa.

A special congratulation goes to our high school students who received this note from Mrs Nicholl. *"On behalf of the Moorine Rock Primary School staff to convey a huge thank you to the high school students that attended the YSSSA Cross Country on Wednesday. Their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and encouragement towards the primary students was greatly appreciated and a delight to witness. Their behaviour and willingness to help was a credit to your school and each individual."*



2021 Voluntary Contributions & Charges

Kindergarten	\$60.00
Pre Primary	\$60.00
Primary	\$60.00
Secondary	\$235.00

Our office does not hold cash.

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

Bruce Rock Interschool Cross Country

On Friday the 18 June, selected students attended the Interschool Cross Country at Bruce Rock Golf Club. The students had a great day and it was great to see the students be so competitive with the other schools. We had Regan Auld (MRPS) come 1st and Toby Hilder and Kira Della Bosca come 3rd for their respective age groups. It was great to see so many parent helpers there on the day. We look forward to going again next year.



Footy Clinics

On Tuesday the 22 of June Paul Reid came and ran some AFL clinics at the school for all students. The kids had a great time and they all learnt some new football skills. Congratulations to all the students who won a West Perth Football on the day.



YSSSA Lightning Carnival

On Wednesday the 23 of June the Year 3 to 10 students participated in the Lightning Carnival. The students were able to choose if they would like to do netball or football on the day. It was great to see so many students trying a new sport. There were smiles and laughs all round. Congratulations to Dakota for Most Improved on her team and Casey for Best and Fairest on his team. A huge thank you to all the parent helpers on the day, as the day would not have been able to run without you. Also, a big thank you to all the high schoolers for stepping up and being leaders and role models for the younger students, it was really lovely to see the sportsmanship displayed by all. Thank you to our coaches Ms Hill, Mrs Gale and Mr K on the day.



West Coast Fever cup- Merredin

On Thursday the 24 June, the High School Girls went with Miss Jones, Mrs Gale and Mrs Childs to Merredin to participate in the West Coast Fever Cup. Alexa was the Captain for the day and did a great job. All the girls tried their hardest and had a great day. The improvement of all girls was amazing to witness over the course of the games. It was also pleasing to see the students trying new positions that they are unfamiliar with. Thank you for a great day and having a positive attitude all day!



*******Grandparents/Parents Day Bowls*******

Upcoming on Wednesday the 30 June we are running a bowls session with the high school students and all parents, carers and grandparents are invited to come and challenge the high school students on the day. Please see the flyer sent home with the high school students for more details.

