



Dates to Remember**AUGUST****TUESDAY 25**

Pyjama Free Dress Day

SEPTEMBER**FRIDAY 11****School Development
Day**

No students at school.

WEDNESDAY 16

Assembly – 2pm Year 5/6

FRIDAY 18Young Entertainers
Performance**MONDAY 21 - 25**

Country Week Year 7 – 10

FRIDAY 25

End of Term 3

OCTOBER**MONDAY 12**

Term 4 starts

THURSDAY 22School Photo Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our mid-term newsletter, it has certainly been a very busy term so far, and is getting busier by the week!

These are a few of the activities our school and students have been involved in during the first half of the term:

- An AFL Clinic for our PP – year 10 students,
- First Friends every Thursday morning in our ECE centre providing some exciting activities for the younger members of our community and their parents – with a really exciting morning planned for just before Father's Day – keep your eye out for more information,
- A very successful combined schools STEM Day held at Mooring Rock for our K – 6 students,
- Year 9 OLNA testing, which replaced the NAPLAN testing this year for year 9 students,
- A very interesting Forensics course for our secondary students, held in their Nurturing the future class, and run by our local Police,
- Our secondary girls participating in the Netball Cup in Northam, as a way of honing their skills, ready for Country Week.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Miss Jones has organised for the school to be able to participate in the Breakfast Club programme from next week onwards. Each Monday students can come to school at 8:15, meet Miss Jones in the Home Economics room, and start the day off with a friendly get-together over breakfast.

The students will be able to choose from a variety of foods including toast, cereal and baked beans for starters, that they prepare together, eat, then clean away before heading off to class.

What a great way to start the week!

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

As part of our whole school planning processes, we will be having a **pupil free** School Development Day on **Friday 11 September**. This will allow staff to work together to further expand develop programs and planning for our students.

**STAFFING**

A big thank you to Mr Chris Nind who stepped in following the departure of Mr Brown, it has been lovely to have you working with us again.

Next week we welcome Ms Denise Bailey to our school. Denise will take over Mr Brown's role in the secondary area.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

At the School Board meeting held earlier this week, the Board members decided to amend the hat requirement for our students **as of 2021**.

Currently our primary school students wear a broad brimmed hat and the secondary students have a choice of either the broad brimmed hat or a cap. However, from 2021, **all** students will be required to wear a bucket hat which will be sourced by our Uniform Co-Ordinator. Further information regarding cost will be provided once finalised.

The decision regarding hats was made based on us being a Sunsmart school. The broad brimmed hats currently worn become ineffective in providing protection once the string that holds them on the head breaks, and then they blow or fall off while the children are playing. The caps worn by the secondary students provide little protection from the sun, and are not consistent with our uniform.



If you have any queries or questions regarding this change to the Uniform Policy, please direct them to either myself at school, or to any of our School Board members.

ABSENTEES

Just a reminder, if your child is absent, or has a planned absence coming up, could you please either ring, SMS or pop a note into their diary so that we can ensure you don't receive an unnecessary SMS from the school. We have an automated system that will send out messages from 10am each day, so if we know before then, we can avoid a message being sent to you. We need notification from a parent/carer rather than a message being passed on from a student. Thank you for your assistance in this.

ATTENDANCE AND GOOD STANDING

As you know, attendance has been linked to our Good Standing Policy and I have been pleased to see that for some of our students, this has had a positive effect resulting in them being eligible to participate in the reward activity at the end of each five-week period.

The criteria we apply to eligibility for the reward activity is that the student has maintained their Good Standing and has an attendance percentage of above 90% unless an acceptable reason is supplied. This may be in the form of a medical certificate, a written note or SMS from a parent/carer, a phone call or, as happens occasionally, a parent/carer calls in at the office to let us know what is happening.



This term we have noticed that quite a few students have had colds and coughs and we appreciate them being kept at home, but there are also some students who have no explanation as to why they have been away. So, we are now looking at students who have between 80% - 90% attendance with no medical certificate, unexplained absences, or no acceptable reason and considering their eligibility for the reward activity, on a case-by-case basis. Attendance at 80% would mean the student has only attended for four weeks out of the five in the block.

Students who have attended school in the five week block for less than 80% attendance will need to have evidence or extenuating circumstances to be able to participate in the reward activity. Attendance at this level would mean they have missed more than a week of school during the five-week block, which is a significant absence.

Kind Regards
Mrs Karen Tabner

Live Life Well @ School

KEEP ACTIVE AS A FAMILY



Keeping active, staying mindful, generating positive emotions & connecting as a family are some of the best ways to enhance mental health and wellbeing at this challenging time.

'Good Energy at Home' is a free, easy to use and fun way to keep active as a family. Visit: www.gonoodle.com/good-energy-at-home-kids-games-and-videos

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YSSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The YSSSA Athletics Carnival was scheduled to occur in week 7 of this term. Recently, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the carnival due to Coronavirus and the various restrictions that remain in place.

At this stage, the carnival has been rescheduled to October in Term 4. We will confirm this at a closer date and provide more information as it arises.



COUNTRY WEEK 2020

Country Week is fast approaching and, with only 4 weeks to go, planning is well underway! Our itinerary is in the process of being finalised and the students (and the teachers) are starting to get excited!

In the meantime, our Year 7-10 students have been busy fundraising for the event to meet our target. We can't thank the community enough for their generous support towards the various fundraisers in the past few months.

We do have one final sausage sizzle that we will be holding on Saturday 29 August at the Southern Cross Football Club home game and any contributions towards this would be greatly appreciated!

Specifically, I would like to sincerely thank Thomson Drilling Pty Ltd for their very generous donation towards Country Week 2020. We are very grateful for your support and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much.

Thank
you

On Tuesday 25 August, the Student Council will also be holding a Pyjama Day to raise some additional funds for Country Week. Please see the information flyer below that is on the school Facebook page.

NUTURING THE FUTURE

During the Nurturing the Future classes this term, the Year 7-10 students have been working alongside our local police force and have participated in a forensics unit. Throughout the forensics unit, the students discussed various aspects of the law. They also had the opportunity to practically explore the concepts of breath testing and the effects of alcohol, as well as fingerprinting and DNA.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sgt Dave Thirlwell and his team for their efforts during this forensics unit and for taking the time out of their busy days to work with our students.



Kind Regards
Mrs Jessica Stephen

CONGRATULATIONS

to our recipients of honour certificates for week 5 assembly

Kindergarten/Pre-primary/Year 1

Leonardo Borona for making decisions by himself and with others, and for choosing to take turns when waiting.

Tia Hodson for the care and effort she puts into every activity in Health, PE and Technologies.

Ryder Tuck for showing an awareness of letter sounds found in his name and in his surrounds.

Year 2/3/4

Isaac Dobson for his fantastic persistence and hard work across all learning areas.

Mathew Hodson for his enthusiasm and determination in the circuit breakers program.

Ruby Tuck for her hard work and excellent co-operation during class activities.

Year 5/6

Shayla Cook for her hard work and determination in Technologies and PE this term.

Ben Martin for applying himself consistently in Maths and completing set tasks to a high standard.

Mia Pearson for having some fantastic ideas to help clean our oceans and getting people thinking about solutions to remove ocean debris.

Year 7/8

Shellbee Laws for giving detailed written answers and engaging well in class discussions about WALL-E.

Alexa Watts for her positive approach to all activities in Health, PE, Technologies and Music.

Year 9/10

Roy Ash-Foster for working independently to complete his HASS biome task.

Cheree Navales for her hard work and determination in Health, PE, Technologies and Music.



FOOTBALL CLINIC

On Friday 31 July, Paul Reid, Regional Development Manager – Wheatbelt from Western Australian Football Commission ran several AFL clinics with our Pre-Primary to Year 10 students.

The students were divided into age appropriate groups and worked through a number of skills, drills, activities and games throughout the sessions. Some students were also lucky enough to earn some prizes for their efforts, such as footballs and posters.

We would like to thank Paul for taking the time to share his AFL expertise and skills with us and we look forward to hopefully seeing him again in 2021.



STEM DAY

On Wednesday 12 August, students in Kindergarten through to Year 6 travelled to Moorine Rock Primary School to participate in a combined STEM Day. The STEM Day included students from Southern Cross DHS, St. Joseph's Primary School, and Moorine Rock Primary School.

All students were mixed evenly into groups and rotated through several STEM activities in the form of stations. These involved a range of engaging activities related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to share the day with other students from the neighbouring schools, particularly the free-play during the break times.

We would like to thank the staff and students at Moorine Rock Primary School for hosting such a wonderful day and welcoming us to your school. We look forward to this event hopefully becoming an annual occurrence each year!



Year 5/6

The Year 5 and 6 have entered the first ever Children's Week Book Project. The Children's Week Book Project is supported by Healthway through the Go for 2 & 5 initiative and Lotterywest.

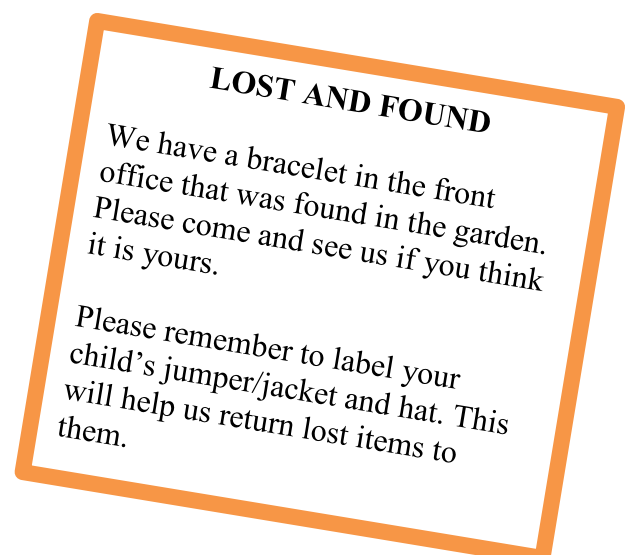
The competition will give the students the opportunity to collaborate and connect with other children from across the state on a selection of stories written from the city to the outback, the bush to the beach. A chance for children in W.A. to be represented in a series of books made for them, by them.

Guided by Western Australian Children's Author and Illustrator, Briony Stewart, the books will explore the rights of a child, based on the UN Conventions on the Rights of the Child. To enter, the students had to fill in the blanks of the story written by Briony Stewart and draw an illustration to represent the story passage.

After the 31st August 2020, elements taken from multiple children's entries from each region will be crafted together by Briony Stewart. Creating three published Children's Books representing children's stories and illustrations in the age groups: 0-4, 5-8 & 9-12 years.

The published stories will then be printed and distributed throughout the state. Children whose stories or illustrations are selected for the book, will be listed as a co-author/illustrator and receive their own free copy of the book in November.

The Year 5 & 6 are very hopeful they will be selected and have their first experience of being an author and or an illustrator. Watch this space!



**SOUTHERN CROSS
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL**



TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST

WEAR YOUR PYJAMA'S TO SCHOOL FOR THE DAY!

GOLD COIN DONATION

**ALL DONATIONS WILL HELP TO SEND OUR
YEAR 7-10 STUDENTS TO COUNTRY WEEK!**



SOUTHERN CROSS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast Club

FOR P-10 STUDENTS
Monday Mornings

8:15AM- 8:40AM
HOME EC ROOM



First Friends


A play session for 0-4 Year olds



with

parents/grandparents/carers

*Meet up with friends & spend time
together in the sunshine or keep
warm inside with the heater.*



*All of our toys and playground are
clean and ready to be enjoyed.*

PLEASE BE COVID SAFE

Every Thursday

8:45-10:45

Early Childhood Centre SXDHS





BOOKWEEK

Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

We would love to see you all
come dressed as your favourite
curious creature on
20 October.

VacSwim SWIMMING LESSONS

Enrol your children now in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays. Get them back into the water and help them build their confidence and skills. Enrol online – visit www.education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Southern Cross Aquatic Centre

January Program 1 2021

Country centres

29 Dec 2020 to 08 Jan 2021

(8) days

