



### **Dates to Remember**

**August 2**

Year 9/10 Merredin Expo

**August 6**

P&C Disco

**August 16 – 20**

Science Week

**August 20**

Mid-term Assembly

**August 18**

Year 7-10 Kalgoorlie Expo

**August 23**

Staff Development Day –  
no school for students

**August 30 – Sept 10**

OLNA Year 10 Assessment

**September 1**

Primary STEM Incursion

**September 3**

YSSSA Athletics Carnival

**September 14**

Interschool Aths Carnival

**September 17**

Assembly

**September 20 – 24**

Secondary Country Week

**September 27**

Queen's Birthday – Long  
Weekend

**October 5**

World Teachers Day

**October 29**

Australian Teachers Day

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

#### **WELCOME BACK!**

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable school holiday break. It has been great to see the students back to school and settle in smoothly to the new school term. As always, it looks like another busy term ahead.



As far as staffing goes, you may have heard that Karen's position at Donnybrook DHS has been extended by an additional 5-weeks. This will mean that I will be continuing the Acting Principal role until she returns in week 6.

As you know, Lisa Malatesta was acting in the Deputy Principal role last term whilst Karen was away, but she had since obtained a position at Bencubbin so sadly was unable to extend her time at Southern Cross.

For Term 3, we have managed to secure Mr Luke Serra to fill the Acting Deputy Principal position. Luke is planning to bring his family to Southern Cross for the 5-week stint to test out country living, so please make them feel really welcome. We are lucky to have secured Luke at such short notice and I know he will be a great fit for our school community!

Over the school holidays, we also had some contact with our Year 2/3 teacher, Miss Madeline Pusey, who is currently on leave. Unfortunately, Miss Pusey has obtained another position in Perth and will not be returning in Term 4 as planned. We are really excited to announce that Ms. Deborah Hill will continue in the Year 2/3 position for the remainder for the year, which is fantastic for our school!

## SCHOOL CAMPS

Our secondary students are busy preparing for **Country Week** and this annual event is definitely at the forefront of their minds at the moment. The itinerary is mostly finalised and the excitement of the students is certainly building. The students and their families have been busy fundraising for the event, hosting wood raffles and selling chocolates. As the time gets closer, we will host one final parent information night for the camp to share some of the finer details. For now, we would like to thank anyone who has contributed and supported the Country Week fundraising efforts!



We are very eager to announce that the Year 2-6 students will be going on a **Primary School Camp** in Term 4 to Perth. At this stage, we have organised accommodation from the Tuesday 2 November – Friday 5 November in week 4. Planning is still underway and more details will be available soon, but **SAVE THE DATE!**

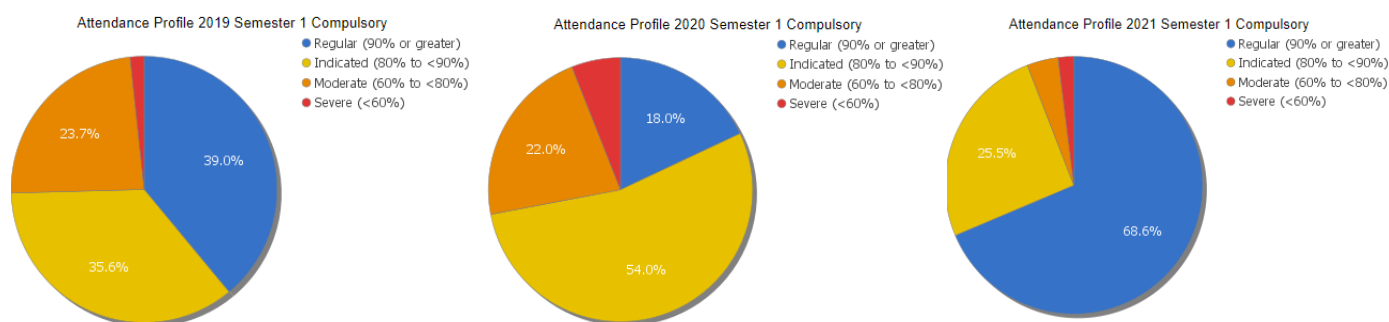
## STAFF APPRECIATION POSTS



At Southern Cross District High School, we are so blessed to have such dedicated and committed staff working with our students. Each staff member brings something different to our school and, together, we make a great team! Each week this term we will be sharing a 'Staff Appreciation Post' to our school Facebook page to acknowledge their efforts and to share some of the wonderful things they are doing within our school community. Keep an eye out!

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE DATA PROGRESS

Over the course of the past few years, we have been working as a school to improve our attendance data to maximise the outcomes for our students. As part of our School Business Plan, we set some clear goals to work towards in this space. This year, we have specifically focused on increasing student engagement to indirectly have a positive impact on our attendance data. COVID-19 has made this a challenge at various times, especially in 2020, but overall this has been a great success. Whilst we are still working towards these goals, I am pleased to share we have made some fantastic improvements this semester that we should all be very proud of, but we can't stop there ... Keep up the great work and let's keep those numbers going up!



### 3-WAY PARENT INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday 27 July, we held our annual 3-way Parent Interview afternoon. All parents and students had the opportunity to meet with their teachers and discuss their Semester One progress. We had a great turn-out and it was wonderful to see so many families actively engaged in our school and their child/s learning journey. Our families also had the opportunity to provide some feedback about the school. They gave some insight into the areas of the school that are working well, and also provided some improvement suggestions for moving forward. Feedback from our families and the broader community is important to us, and we are always looking at ways to improve and 'Strive' at Southern Cross District High School!

### NSOS SURVEY

On that note, later this term our school community will have the opportunity to participate in the National School Opinion Survey (NSOS). It is a requirement by the Department of Education, for each school to complete the NSOS every two years. In week 6, we will be making this survey available to our families and broader school community so that we can gain some valuable insights and feedback about specific areas of our school. We strongly encourage everyone to participate and have their say. We look forward to sharing more information with you soon!



*Kind Regards,  
Mrs Jessica Stephen*

### FROM THE DEPUTY

Hello Southern Cross,

My name is Luke Serra and I feel blessed to have the opportunity to be the Deputy Principal at Southern Cross District High School. I have long thought about the idea of working at a school in the country, when the opportunity came up, I jumped at the chance to give it a go. My previous experience in education involves 7 Years at Ashdale Secondary College in Perth where I was a Secondary Physical Education teacher and I was also the Year Coordinator a Student Services. I have a strong passion for education and the pastoral care of students and I know I can bring a lot to the table when it comes to the health and well-being of our students.

During my first 2 weeks in Southern Cross, I feel extremely welcomed in the town and I have been thoroughly impressed with what we have seen so far. The school is extremely well maintained (great work Rob and the cleaners!) and I can tell that the staff are fully focused on giving the students the best schooling experiences they can provide and I hope to see more of their great work throughout my time here. I can confirm this is true by listening to student voice and passing on that there is consistent messages of positive experiences from all of our students here at Southern Cross DHS. As a lover of sport, it excites me to see the town take pride in investing in your sporting facilities. With your swimming pool, tennis courts, lawn bowls, footy oval, basketball courts, indoor netball, outdoor gym, skate park, soccer field and you even have a golf course ☺ I will be sure to make full use of your facilities on offer as I hope to meet new people in the community.

I would like personally like to thank Jess Stephen for giving me this great opportunity and I promise to give it my all during my time here. I would also like to thank the school and the wider community for make me and my family feel welcome in your town!

## **SPORT (K/PP/Year 1)**

We have begun Term 3 with Athletics, which coincidentally was perfect timing with the Olympics this term. Our students are replicating our Australian Athletes through running, jumping and throwing events where we are focusing the fundamental movements for each event. My goal is to implement a "Mini Olympics" in the class where students compete in events to earn points for themselves to become a champion boy or girl in their respective age groups for a bit of fun and competitiveness.

## **NURTURING THE FUTURE (Year 7-10)**

Students in Years 7 – 10 are looking at 'Careers' as we begin to explore the big wide world of job opportunities. I have asked students to focus mainly on their interests when preparing their future, as I strongly believe that if you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life. Preparing resumes and social skills in the workplace have been the focus for the first few weeks and we have been fortunate to have the Kalgoorlie TAFE Presenters come out to the school to give our students some insight in preparing themselves for the workforce.

On the 3 August, I am taking the Year 9-10 students to Merredin for the 'Career in Agriculture Expo' where students will go to a range of sites throughout the day. Later in the term, Year 7-10 students will also be attending the Skills West Perth Expo, a Career Expo in Kalgoorlie, as well as a further presentation from the Kalgoorlie TAFE with a focus on Job Interviews.

## **SIDE**

Our students have a heavy focus on their English and it has been an experience for me to see students engage with their English teachers through distance education. I can confirm through numerous phone calls the teachers are working in sync with their students in our school and they all explore a range of English activities throughout their school term.

**SPOT ON**

We asked these Year 8 students at Southern Cross District High School:

**KATRINA O'GRADY**

**WHY IS SOUTHERN CROSS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE?**

- HARLEM:** We can do bush walks around the town, day and night. It's very good to walk your dog at the Southern Cross Dog Park. It can also be good to walk around Lake Koorkoordine with friends. The lake is really big.
- ANTHONY:** Because of the community. Everyone knows each other. It has a comfortable and chilled vibe. There is a lot of variety in things like sports and most people compete in it together. It makes it a really awesome place.
- JOEROSS:** There is a variety of sports options you can choose from like football, netball, and basketball. They are well planned and organised and we have the chance to go to different towns to play football.
- MARCUS:** Southern Cross has a great school. We have cool things like country week and it is a very nice school with plenty of things to do. It nurtures the future.
- SIENNA:** Because of some of the land marks. Frog Rock is an amazing hill made completely out of rock. It has tonnes of ponds and little bushes for some of the local frogs to hide in.

I look forward to continuing my work here at Southern Cross District High School.

**Luke Serra**  
**Deputy Principal**



## NAIDOC DAY 2021

On Thursday 22 July, Southern Cross District High School hosted our annual NAIDOC Day to acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and histories. It was a great community day, with Moorine Rock Primary School and St Joesph's Primary School joining us for the event, as well as many other community members who helped to make the day possible.



The day commenced with a short assembly, where we came together in the undercover area to witness a brief introduction by our fantastic Student Councillors, followed by an official Welcome to Country and guest presentation from one of our local elders, Brian Champion.

During this time, we also had the pleasure of witnessing and participating in several cultural and tribal dances, performed by Midn Marr Dreaming. It was a fantastic way to kick off our celebrations and we would like to thank all the parents, families and community members who attended the NAIDOC Day assembly.



From here, students were divided into four groups and rotated through a range of activity stations throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so many smiling and engaged students making the most of the activities, and we can safely say that a great time was had by all. We received a number of positive comments from the students about the day, all of which said they took something away with them, which was fantastic!



### BRIAN CHAMPION GUEST SPEAKER ACTIVITY STATION

We were so grateful that Brian could be with us for NAIDOC Day and share some of his extensive cultural knowledge of the area with our students. His local knowledge was invaluable and students had the opportunity to listen and ask many questions throughout his presentation.

### INSPIRED ABORIGINAL ART ACTIVITY STATION

During this activity, students had the opportunity to participate in a range of art-based activities. With the concepts of traditional Aboriginal Art in mind, students painted hands and scratched Aboriginal inspired art into boomerangs. This activity station was coordinated by Sarah and Bronte from MRL and we cannot thank them enough for supplying the art activities, as well as assisting the teachers to run the activities.



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### NEIL COYNE GUEST SPEAKER ACTIVITY STATION

Neil Coyne, from the Midn Marr Dreaming group, offered to share his experiences with our students as to how he came about to be the person that he is today. It was a very inspirational and motivational story that many students have continued to make comment on. He was so brave to share his story about his experiences with the Stolen Generation and the many hardships that he has been faced with in his lifetime.



### MIDN MARR DREAMING DANCE LESSON ACTIVITY STATION

With thanks to MRL, we were able to fund Midn Marr Dreaming to share our NAIDOC Day with us. As a component of this, not only did they deliver a fantastic assembly performance, they also coordinated Dance Lessons for our students. It was an excellent and engaging addition to our annual NAIDOC Day celebrations and one that I think many of the students will not forget!



### LUNCH & BBQ TASTE TESTER TENT

Still one of the best parts of our interaction days, is seeing the playground so full with happy students, mingling with other kids from our local schools and making the most of their time together! We were fortunate enough to have Barto Gold involved again this year and boy did they put on a good feast! They supplied a sausage sizzle lunch to all the staff and students from the schools as well as ice creams for a little dessert treat. Barto Gold also supplied a range of BBQ taste-tester meats and the students were able to try some crocodile, emu and kangaroo meats throughout the lunch break. All in all, it was a very yummy lunch and we would like to thank Sarah and Haydn from Barto Gold for their contributions on the day!



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# Our Classrooms at Southern Cross District High School



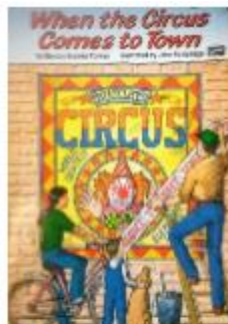
## Early Childhood Class



**Claudia**



**Jackston**



**We read the book and then  
made our own circus.**



**Ryder**



**Claire**



**Sariah**



**Lincoln**



**Violet**



**Abbey**



**Amelia**



**Isaac**



**Alexis**



**Malcolm**



**Leonardo**

## Year 2/3 Class

In Science this term, the Year 2/3 class have been exploring how objects need to be pushed or pulled in order to move. Students have been testing out different strengths of pushes and pulls by making Dog Treat Feeders. They designed and made some very complicated machines to feed their dogs treats. Sadly, one or two dogs got a little hungry during the process, but they waited patiently until their treats arrived.



## Year 2-6 Visual Arts Class

This semester in Visual Arts, the year 2-6's have begun by creating their art folder. Their first art task is to design a board game based on their interests. Loads of fun is being had each class and "smiles" galore 😊



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## Year 4/5/6 Class

Our class have begun making masks, using traditional Indonesian masks as inspiration. *Look out for pictures of our completed masks in future newsletters.*



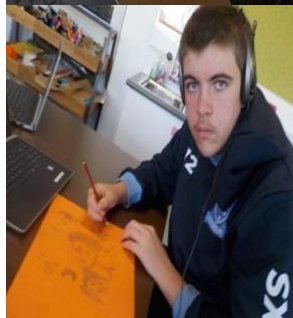
We have also enjoyed researching and painting the flags of various countries that we will study this term in Geography.

## Year 7-10 Secondary Classes

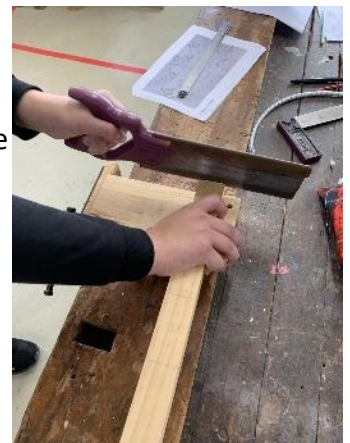
In Science, the Year 9/10 Students investigated transfer of energy by using its principles to make a can Explode during an experiment. The Year 7/8 students have also been experimenting with creating forces without contact.



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The Year 7-10 students have also commenced their Design and Technologies program for 2021. All the students are very excited to have started woodwork! Yay!





**\*\* 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.



Jackston	August 9
Amelia	August 14
Marcus H	August 23
Stephanie	August 23
Isaac	August 28

**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.

# ENROL NOW

We are now taking enrolments for the 2022 school year, including Kindergarten, Year 7 and any prospective students!

Southern Cross DHS

## School Lunch Order Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Stallion Fuels will be closing for a short period of time from 7/08/2021 for approximately one month and will not be able to fulfill lunch orders during this time!

Friday 6 August will be the last lunch-order day before the closing period. We wish to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

As soon as a re-opening date is confirmed, families will be notified and lunch orders will resume.





Southern Cross  
Blue Light™  
Unit presents



**WHAT** Hours of dance  
and fun!



» Food, drinks, lollies  
and glow sticks!

**WHEN** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**Pre-kindy to Year 3**

4.30 – 6.00pm

**Year 4 and above**

6.00 – 8.00pm

**Entry**

**Gold coin donation**

Proceeds go towards  
Police Legacy

**WHERE** Southern Cross Sports  
Complex lounge

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