

NEWSLETTER Issue No 5, 1 July 2022

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Dates to Remember

Monday 18 July School Development Day – pupil free

Tuesday 19 July First day of Term 3 – students

Wednesday 20 July Country Week Parent Meeting 5pm

Friday 22 July Assembly 9am – Year 4/5/6 item

Yr 4 PEAC Testing Week 3

Thursday 4 August NAIDOC Day @ St Joseph's PS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hard to believe, but here we are at the end of the term, and half way through the school year – how time flies! For our last day of the term today we enjoyed Pyjama Day and the You Can Do It activities organised by our student councillors in the afternoon. Today your child/ren will bring home their Semester 1 report. Please take the time to look through it with them, and celebrate their successes. We will organise our 3 way meetings for early next term so that you may meet and discuss your child/rens progress with their teachers. More information will follow next term.

Today's year 4/5/6 assembly has been postponed until Term 3 week 1, Friday 22 July.

Thanks very much to our hard working staff who have been so flexible in working around illness and staff changes all semester, I appreciate working with such a supportive team!

I would also like to thank our School Chaplain, Dave Quinn, who provides an invaluable

service to our students through YouthCare. Dave visits us twice a week and works with the students in their classrooms, or just providing a friendly ear, as well as spending most of his lunch and recess times out in the playground. He can usually be found kicking a footy or shooting hoops. Nice work, Dave!



Farewell and Good Luck

Today I announce the end of an era as we sadly farewell our longest serving staff member, Mrs Anne Hanretty.

After decades spent looking after our students, some parents and staff, Anne is retiring from the Education Department. She has been a constant and familiar face to generations of families at Southern Cross DHS, and it is going to be very strange not to have her around!

On behalf of the school community, both past and present, I would like to wish Anne all the very best as she moves on to her new ventures. We will miss seeing you every day Anne, but we will catch up with you around town – and of course you are always welcome to pop in and visit! Thanks for everything, Anne.





Staff Update

With the semester ending today, I wish to advise you of the following changes to our staff for next term:

- Mrs Mel White will be taking leave for the term, and the Deputy Principal position will be filled for term 3 by Mr Karl Chrimes. Mrs White will return in term 4.
- Miss Susan Negus will be moving on to a new position next term, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her very much for the work she has done with our secondary students this term. We wish you well in your next posting, Miss Negus.
- Mrs Naomi Borona has worked in the primary school this semester providing Health and Sport lessons. We would like to thank Naomi for her contributions to our students learning programs during this time, and look forward to seeing her in the future for the occasional relief day.
- Mr Trevor Howitt will return for the first half of term 3, so he will continue working in the secondary area, as well as with some primary classes.
- Mrs Janine Dal Busco is taking some well-deserved leave for the first two weeks of next term. We are really excited to welcome Mrs Jane Patroni back to our team. Jane will be working with Mrs Ann Borona in the early childhood area.

Country Week

Country Week for our secondary students is now up and running! Thanks to the parents who attended the meeting last night, it was great to see such support for what has become a major event for our secondary students. Parents are embarking on various fund raising activities, so please keep an eye out for wood raffles and chocolates to name but a few.

Kindergarten, Semester 2

We are looking forward to seeing our Kindy students come to school for three full days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) a week, starting next term.

I hope everyone has a lovely break with their family, travel safe if you are heading away. I look forward to seeing our students back on Tuesday 19 July, for our first day of the term.

Mrs Karen Tabner Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Interschool Cross Country

Our students combined with Moorine Rock and St Joseph's to compete as a combined Yilgarn team at the Interschool Cross Country day at Bruce Rock on Friday 17 June. It was fantastic to see the three schools support each other as well as cheer on all competitors who ran. The weather even managed to hold off until all the events were finished. The course was quite tricky, with some sneaky inclines. Special shout out to Toby Hilder who ran an amazing race to finish second in the Over 14 boys. Other notable runs were from Jayden Furnell (5th) and Ryder Tuck (who ran after a last minute call up to the team!). Our students should be very proud of the way they represented the school, with their sportsmanship and attitude. Thank you

to all the parents and friends who came along to support our students, and to Mr Howitt for driving the bus.







YSSSA Winter Carnival and Football Clinic

Our students were lucky to have Paul Reid from the WAFC come to our school to hold a football clinic prior to the Winter Carnival. The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, as they all enjoyed the activities and improving their skills. The YSSA Winter Carnival was a magnificent day, with students participating in either Netball or Football. Teams were combined across years and schools, and once again, all students showed fabulous sportsmanship to ensure that everyone had a fair go during the games. A massive thankyou to Miss Robbins, who organised all the teams, programs, and equipment. Thank you to our parent helpers; and our high school boys, who umpired all the footy games.





On a personal note, I will be taking leave for Term 3. I wish everyone a fabulous holiday, please make sure you make time to relax and recuperate.

Mrs Melinda White Deputy

The last day of term two was enjoyed by all those that attended. Students started with a pyjama day, they warmed up with a hot milo and marshmallows at recess and enjoyed a fun filled 'You Can Do It' activity afternoon!





VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2022

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

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