

Southern Cross Satellite

NAIDOC DAY



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



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Kaya

Whilst we have had an amazing start to Term 3, I would like to acknowledge our NAIDOC Day Celebration for Term 2.

NAIDOC DAY 2023- FOR OUR ELDERS

We have had the best time celebrating NAIDOC Day 2023.

Our students ran a fantastic assembly highlighting the history of the Southern Cross and this recognizable constellation in our night sky, placed on the Australian Flag as a fitting emblem uniting all Australians with a sense of national identity. This allowed us all to acknowledge the history behind the Southern Cross.

I would like to celebrate how well Lennix Eades gave the Acknowledgement to Country in English and Noongar. We are so proud of you Lennix.

We were extremely grateful to have Brian Champion and his grand-daughter share videos and stories, as well as face painting the students.

It was wonderful to have the students from Moorine Rock PS and St Joseph's PS attend Southern Cross DHS for the day. All of the students were given a bag, which at the end of the day was full of biscuits, plants, bracelets, and boomerangs. The students also enjoyed story-telling and participating in painting Totem Poles.

Our wonderful day resulted in a combined lunch, prepared and made by the students, of damper, roo stew and bush biscuits. I am grateful to Min. Res. and Nutrien Ag. Supplies for their donations, thank you so very much.

My thanks to the wonderful staff at our school, who ran all our activities and ensured every student had a positive day. Thank you, I am always your greatest advocate.

COUNTRY WEEK

This term we are excited to announce that our students from Years 7-9 will be attending Country Week in Week 10. The students have organized a number of different fund-raising activities and we have already received a number of different donations from our community. Our P and C always go above and beyond to ensure that every student is able to attend Country Week.

NAPLAN

Last week we received our NAPLAN results, and I am highly delighted to announce that a number of students received congratulatory letters for their achievements, Well done, students. We will of course, continue to improve upon student outcomes, and help those students who require extra assistance, whilst extending students to improve upon their personal best.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

A focus for our school as a Positive Behaviour School is to teach expected behaviors and to reward and recognize students who are doing the right thing. To support us with this initiative,

I am encouraging all parents, guardians, and community members to send us student success stories. We have some extremely talented and conscientious students at our school, and we would love the chance to highlight their successes, including volunteer work they may do, through our newsletter and at our assemblies.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

Punctuality and attendance continue to be a priority. We continue to provide parents and carers with phone call or SMS messages regarding some students arriving late to school. While there are good reasons why some students will be late to school on the odd occasion, it is a school expectation that all students are on time to commence the school day. This is extremely important for students' education. Students need to be here on time and prepared for class by 8:45am each day. Many thanks to our parents and carers for supporting our focus by ensuring their children are punctual and that they attend school each and every day.

TIMETABLE CHANGES

Due to some extenuating circumstances, we have had a few staff and timetable changes in Term 3. We would like to welcome back Flying Squad teacher, Mr Ross. You may remember him from last year. Mr Ross started with us at the beginning of Week 4. You may find that your child comes home and lets you know about these changes. Please ring the school if you have questions regarding these changes.

I look forward to a very industrious term with lots of learning and educational activities.

Boorda/Goodbye

LOUISE DAVIDSON

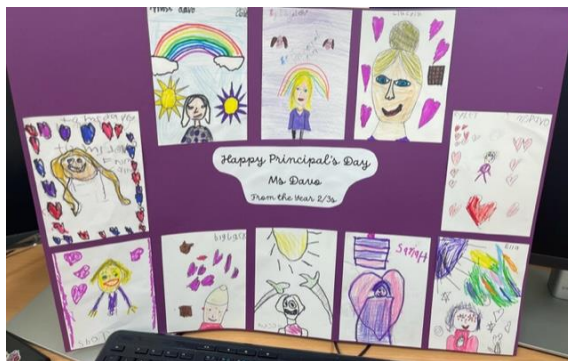
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear SCDHS Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the new school term.

I wanted to share some highlights from the term so far.

Last Friday we participated in Literacy Day hosted by Moorine Rock Primary School, allowing our students to engage in literacy activities. This was a great day and on in which I got to attend a Disco all day! The best part it was silent! Thank you to the teachers and staff at MRPS for a super day.



We have also celebrated two important days in recognition of Ms Dava and all the work she does at SCDHS. Firstly, there was Primary Principals Day, where the students wrote cards and

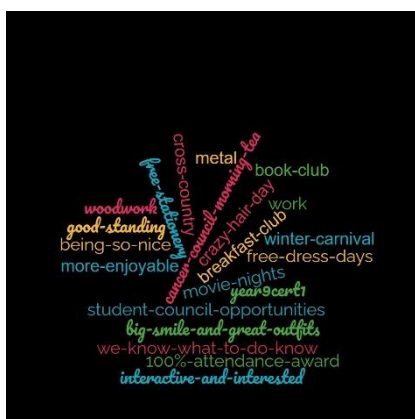
drew some great portraits of Ms Davo. Secondly, we acknowledged Ms. Davo's "First 100 Days" as the Principal of Southern Cross District High School!

I know you will join with me in thanking Ms. Davo for her exceptional leadership, the kindness, and empathy she brings to our school, her wealth of experience and dedication, and most importantly, according to many of the Primary students, her great outfits! At the centre of everything Ms. Davo does is our students, her focus is on how we can improve their engagement and their learning, so who better to ask to provide her with some feedback- than them!

We asked students from K-9 "What has Ms. Davo done well in her First 100 Days" and "Where to next? "

What has Ms. Davo done well...?"

"Where to next?"



As you can see, food featured a lot in the where to next... but so did some other things... we now have a Mud Kitchen in the outside play area for the Year 2 & 3 students, and our students have the opportunity to learn Woodwork with Mr. Smith on a Wednesday. So, where to next? What are your thoughts? We truly value the collaboration between home and school, as it is crucial for the success of our students. Your involvement, whether it be attending parent-teacher meetings, volunteering, or simply being present in your child's education, makes a significant difference.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and for being active members of our school community. As we move forward into the coming weeks, please remember that open communication is key. If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our staff. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can. Thank you once again for your continued support, and I look forward to another successful term together.

Warm regards,

Nicole Teague

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends

Our school community is a vibrant and diverse representation of society, where children learn and grow. We rely on the local community, parents and families to partner with us in their children's learning journey and encourage open communication.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. Parents and carers, and other visitors to our school, support safety by ensuring communication and conduct at school and school activities is respectful. We all have the right to feel safe and be safe at school.

The Department of Education has recently released Connect and Respect, a suite of resources to assist school communities in setting shared and respectful expectations to enable us to continue to work together in the best interests of our children.

This includes when and how to contact the school, what you can expect from us and the behaviours that interfere with teaching and learning. These resources and guidelines will assist us to continue to build upon our culture of connection and engagement, and we will implement them to support our staff to deliver quality education at our school.

Kind regards

Louise Davidson

LOUISE DAVIDSON
PRINCIPAL

AUGUST 2023



Dates to Remember

- * 21 August National Science Week
 - * 24 August Paper Plane Flying Competition
 - * 1 September YSSSA Carnival P – Yr. 6
 - * 14 September Assembly
 - * 18 -22 September High School students away Country Week
 - * 22 September End of Term
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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2023

Kindergarten \$60.00 Pre-Primary \$60.00

Primary \$60.00 Secondary \$235.00

Our 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

Please make sure that you identify your deposit with your child's name to ensure that we credit it correctly

First Friends Playcentre



Families, friendship and fun!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Recipients of Honour Certificates:

Kindergarten

Olivia for making excellent contributions during Science and challenging herself during lessons.

Ms Tisdell

Pre-Primary

Gabriella for recognising and recalling the first ten phonic sounds. Keep up the great work.

Mrs Dal Busco

Year 1

Violet for writing some very interesting stories that include Jasper having adventures. Mrs Dal Busco

Malcolm for working hard to increase his focus, turn taking and overall participation during science.

Ms Tisdell

Year 2

Jackston for trying hard to finish activities in class. Keep it up Jack. Miss Kinson

Shark for working so hard during spelling lessons. Your sounding out is amazing. Miss Kinson

Year 3

Lincoln for consistently demonstrating STARS values during science. You are a superstar, Lincoln.

Ms Tisdell

Year 4

Gordan for reading his first book by himself with no mistakes Mr Rosher

Year 5

Melissa for paying attention during class to improve her academic abilities Mr Rosher

Year 7

Caitlyn for being supportive and inclusive of our new class member. Great work Caitlyn. Ms Tisdell

Caitlyn for her consistent efforts in English from writing to reading, Caitlyn is going to shine.

Ms Pedersen

Ruby for her demonstration of enthusiastic and healthy home reading habits. Ms Pedersen

Year 9

Shayla for discovering and nurturing her joy and enthusiasm for reading at home and at school.

Ms Pedersen

Ben for Consistently demonstrating healthy reading at home habits and sharing with his peers.

Ms Pedersen

Principal's Award

Kindergarten

Olivia for 100% attendance

Pre-Primary

Eric for 100% attendance

Madison for her bravery, Well done Madison

Samuel for playing so well with Jasper during his breaks.

Jasper really appreciates it. Thank you

Year 7

Ruby for 100% attendance

Ruby for her sportsmanship and over all improvement.

We are proud of you.

Jayden for 100% attendance.

Cleanest Classroom Award

Year 2/3 Class

Attendance Award

Years 8/9 for 80.3% Attendance.





Thank you for our Donations towards DHS Country Week 2023:

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Moorine Rock**



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Connect and Respect

Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our schools.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

What we can all expect:



mutual
respect



good
behaviour



open
communication



respect for each
other's time

We will not tolerate:



offensive, insulting
or aggressive
language



malicious or
judgemental
gossip



using
social media
disrespectfully



any form
of violence

Shared and respectful expectations and values will enable us to work together in the best interests of our children.

Term 3 – 2023
Please keep Term Planner to add key dates.

WK 6	21 National Science Week	22 National Science Week	23 National Science Week	24 National Science Week	25 National Science Week Paper Plane Flying	26 Yilgarn AG Show	27
WK 7	28	29	30	31	1 September YSSSA Athletic Carnival	2	3 <u>Fathers Day</u>
WK 8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
WK 9	11	12	13 P & C Meeting 3:30pm	14 Assembly	15	16	17
WK 10	18 DHS Country WK	19 Talk like a pirate day DHS Country WK	20 DHS Country WK	21 DHS Country WK	22 DHS Country WK	23	24
	25 King's Birthday	26	27	28	29	30	1 October



Department of
Education

Shaping the future

Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2024

If your child will be **4 years old** by
30 June 2024, enrol them in
Kindergarten now.

Visit your local public school or community kindergarten
to apply.



Find out more:

education.wa.edu.au/enrol



VIOLIN LESSONS

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\$20 for half an hour.  
Call Clarissa Panizza – 0497541427



# Book Week



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