



### **Dates to Remember**

**August 30 – Sept 10**  
OLNA Year 10 Assessment

**August 25 – 27**  
Skills Expo Excursion Year  
7-10

**September 1**  
Primary STEM Incursion

**September 3**  
YSSSA Athletics Carnival

**September 6**  
PP - Year 6 Wildflower  
Excursion

**September 7**  
Year 9/10 Excursion to  
MRL mine site

**September 8**  
Wayne Wallace (Merredin  
College) – Year 10 visit

**September 14**  
Interschool Aths Carnival  
@ Naremben

**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**

It is hard (and easy) to believe that it's the middle of week 6 already! Lots of things have happened so far this term, and yet there is still SO much to fit in between now and the end of term, which is scarily only four short weeks away... time is flying and before we know it, we will be in Term 4 farewelling our Year 10's at the End of Year Concert! We have lots to celebrate already this term, and I would just like to take this moment to mention a few of our highlights so far:

- Our parent interviews were a great success with nearly 100% attendance, and many of those who were unable to make it on the day rescheduled alternative times to meet with the teachers, which was fantastic!
- We completed the Year 4 PEAC testing and we are currently awaiting these results to determine if any of our students will be selected for extension programs in 2022.
- We held our P&C AGM, which was very successful and formed our new committee going forward.
- Students attended the P&C disco, which was a fantastic night and well run by our local Police and all 3 P&C's from each of the schools.
- We had a consultant from School of Special Educational Needs: Disability (SSEN D) visit us, who worked closely with some of our Teachers and Education Assistants to further refine some of our strategies in place to support our students with Special Needs.
- Miss Jones hosted a whole-school slime activity for Science Week.
- The secondaries have participated in several excursions related to careers, including travelling to Kalgoorlie and Merredin for relevant expos.
- We announced a Primary School camp for our Year 2-6 students for Term 4.
- Staff engaged in a successful School Development Day, working towards our School Review scheduled for April 2022, as well as some team building activities, including a lawn bowls session and lunch at the local coffee shop.

You may have also heard that Karen's position at Donnybrook DHS has been extended by a further 5-weeks

until the end of term, and we are able to confirm that both Mr Luke Serra and myself will be continuing in our Acting roles until the end of term.

## PARENTS & CITIZENS COMMITTEE

On Tuesday 3 August, we held our annual P&C AGM and I would like to congratulate the following parents & citizens for their successful nominations for the executive committee positions:

- President – Sian Simmons
- Vice President – Bianca Bradford
- Secretary – Stephanie Smylie
- Treasurer – Emma Warren

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank both current and past committee members for volunteering their time to take up these positions, as it's not always as easy and simple as it might seem! I would especially like to thank Shona Glassford for all her work this year (and in past years), but particularly for continuing in the position despite having no children at the school for the 2021 school year.



I am encouraging all families to get involved in our P&C as they are doing some wonderful things for our school and are really having a positive impact on the schools direction. It is a great opportunity to get involved in your child's education, have a say, and be part of our school community. Keep an eye out for our next meeting date, which we usually advertise on the P&C Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there!  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/339666362822284>.

## OLNA & PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING (PAT) ASSESSMENTS

In week 7 and 8, selected Year 10 students will participate in the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA). Students who have not already achieved a band 8 in previous NAPLAN assessments, will have the opportunity to sit a Writing, Reading and/or Numeracy assessment to demonstrate their proficiency in these areas. This assessment will help students achieve their WACE in Years 11 and 12 by demonstrating a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.

In weeks 9 and 10, students in Years 1-10 will participate in the Progressive Achievement Test by sitting online assessments in the following areas:

- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Grammar
- Maths
- Science
- Social Emotional Well-being



These assessments are part of our whole-school assessment schedule and are designed to track academic progress from year-to-year, which helps to inform our teachers in regards their short-term and long-term programming and planning.

## NSOS SURVEY

The National School Opinion Survey (NSOS) is now live. There are 3 different surveys that are mandated by the Department, including one for staff, students and parents/community members. This is an important process for us 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. It is also worth noting that all survey responses are anonymous.

The parents and community members survey can be accessed on the following link:

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/SCDHSparents2021>



## 2022 SCHOOL YEAR PLANNING

Preliminary planning for the 2022 school year is now underway and we have been busy analysing our projected student numbers for 2022. This is an important process as it determines our school funding which will be available to us in 2022, which directly impacts our staffing, classroom structures and budget allocations.



As our planning continues over the next few weeks, we encourage all families who are planning on enrolling their children at SCDHS for 2022 to inform the school. Likewise, if you are intending to send your child to a different school in 2022, we ask that you please notify us as soon as you can. This will help us to increase the accuracy of our planning going forward.

*Kind Regards,  
Mrs Jessica Stephen*

## FROM THE DEPUTY

What a first 5 weeks it has been in Term 3! I am very excited to confirm that I will be remaining in my position until the end of term, and I plan to make the most of every opportunity. I cannot speak highly enough of both the staff and students at this school. Each and every staff member contributes to the professional environment and they are fully dedicated to the education of our students. The students need to be commended on their attitudes towards their education, and the respect that they show to not only their teachers, but also their peers. It has honestly been a refreshing experience for me to see such well-mannered students across the board and this is a testament to the school and the wider community.

We have so much ahead of us for the rest of this term and it's important that we all take care of ourselves; both physically and mentally. Therefore, I encourage everyone, when the sun is warm and shining, to get out and about for some fresh air and to soak up some positive energy. Also, to partake in an activity that you enjoy doing. During my time here, I hope to continue to meet and engage with people within the community and share some time as I get to know you.

## NURTURING THE FUTURE (NTF)

I personally have never been on so many excursions in the one term, so I can understand that the students must feel the same. However, I believe it has been a highly beneficial experience for them to get out beyond the school walls and explore the vast amount of opportunities available to them when they finish school. Our journey in NTF continued when we took a day-excursion to the 'Career Open Day' at Curtin University in Kalgoorlie. Students were introduced to the local mascot for a group photo before entering the lecture hall to hear from university students and professionals about life on campus. We were taken on a tour and lead into the expo where students had free reigns to explore the vast amount of stalls to gather information about the pathways on offer for various employment and educational opportunities. Shortly after, the students were able to partake in hands on gold panning and wood cutting activities. We extended our day to include a visit to the lookout of the Super Pit before we went to play our practice games of Netball and Basketball against Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community District High School. Our students are also getting ready to head to Perth for the World Skills AU & Skills Careers Expo 2021 this week. We will be staying at ECU Mt Lawley for 2 nights and heading to the exhibition at the Perth Convention Centre on Thursday; as well as participating in a number of activities along the way. I look forward to sharing these with you after the excursion.



## K/PP/YEAR 1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students have been working hard on their Athletics, focusing on running, jumping and throwing. All students gave it their very best during our mini Olympics and it is extremely pleasing to watch the students aim to improve on each attempt of their events. We will now be moving onto team games with a focus on the fundamental movements involved in each event.

## SIDE – ENGLISH

The Year 7 – 10 students have been fully engaged in their SIDE English and have been working closely with their teachers. I can confirm, through conversation and email communication, that their teachers are impressed with the effort they are putting into their work and the willingness to take on feedback to improve their English.

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



# Our Classrooms at Southern Cross District High School

## Early Childhood Class



When I play with blocks I am learning shape, colour, balance, fine-motor skills & problem solving.



When I play with playdough I am learning fine-motor skills, creativity, exploration and concentration.

### The Power of Play



When we play we learn empathy, emotional regulation, role-play, relationship roles and imagination.



When I play with puzzles I am learning matching, hand-eye coordination, visualisation and attention skills.



When we play together we are sharing, laughing, cooperating, communicating, & building muscles.



Play helps children build confidence, develop physical skills, feel loved, happy & safe, develop social, language & communication skills. learn about caring for others & the environment and connect & refine pathways in their brains.

## Year 2/3 Class

The year 2-3 students have been busy investigating world continents and oceans as part of the HASS curriculum. They have enjoyed learning about the Mariana Trench, believed to be the deepest trench on Earth, and investigating the sea creatures that live in the different ocean zones. Their interest in the ocean and its inhabitants has inspired some wonderful poetry writing in our English lessons.



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## Year 4/5/6 Class

### **Decorating our masks**

Keep your eye out for our display at the Yilgarn Agriculture Show this weekend. Our final masks and other pieces of work will be on display for everyone to see. *Will you know whose is whose?*



## Year 7-10 Secondary Classes



During Woodwork, the students have started to complete safety inductions for individual machines, and are now able to use them.



In the 'Key's for Life' program, the Year 10's are currently becoming 'driver and road-safe ready', and are working towards getting their Learners permits. As part of this program, they have been playing a simulated game on stopping distances.

The Year 7 – 10 students participated in some activities from the GRIT program with our school Chaplain, Heather. The GRIT program stands for Getting Along, Resilience, Identifying Emotions and Taking Responsibility.





## **Congratulations**

to the following recipients of honour certificates at last week's assembly

### **Year 1**

**Lincoln** for working so hard to get the spelling and grammar all correct in dictation. [Mrs Dal Busco](#)  
**Sariah** for showing great progress with her knowledge of sounds and her counting skills. [Mrs Dal Busco](#)

**Isaac** for an outstanding attitude and effort during Physical Education. [Mr Serra](#)  
**Claudia** for an outstanding attitude and effort during Physical Education. [Mr Serra](#)

### **Year 2/3**

**Libby** for her hard work and persistence in Technologies and PE. [Miss Jones](#)  
**Parker** for starting every day with a big smile and positive attitude. Your bubbly sense of humour is a delight! [Miss Hill](#)  
**Imogen** for your very careful counting of syllables when writing a lovely Haiku poem about winter. [Miss Hill](#)

### **Year 4/5/6**

**Tzeitel** for her willingness to assist her peers and cooperate with all class members. [Miss Robbins](#)  
**Mathew** for his improved effort on activities this term. Keep it up, Mathew! [Miss Robbins](#)

### **Year 7/8**

**Shayla** for her positive attitude and willingness to give everything a go in Woodwork and PE. [Miss Jones](#)  
**Marcus S** for outstanding diligence in Math this term. [Mr Keating](#)  
**Harlem** for having a positive attitude and always doing his best in Math this term. [Mr Keating](#)  
**Shayla** for outstanding diligence in geography and Math this term. [Mr Keating](#)  
**Anthony** for his exceptional work ethic during both his SIDE and Nurturing the Future classes. [Mr Serra](#)

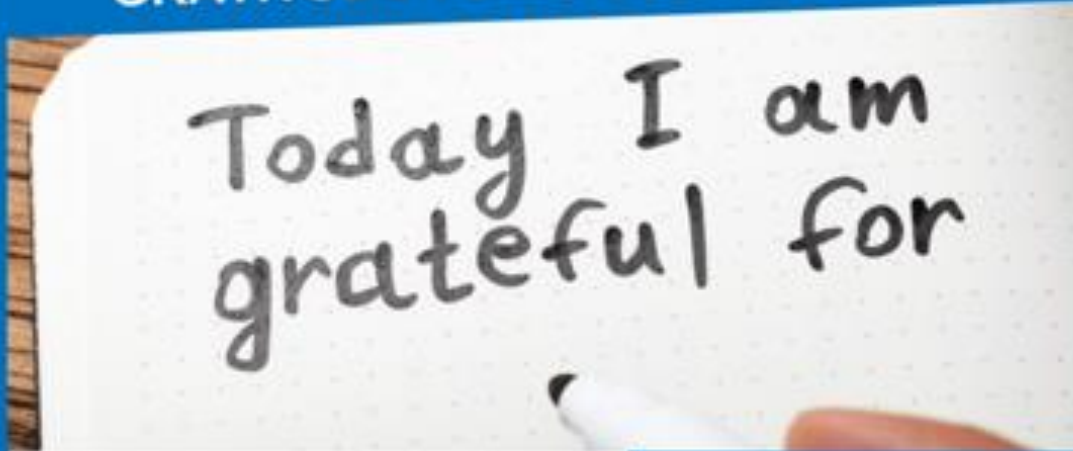
### **Year 9/10**

**April** for demonstrating diligence and maturity in SIDE Math this term. [Mr Keating](#)  
**Brock** for excellence in Yr10 SIDE Math this term. [Mr Keating](#)  
**April** for her exceptional work ethic during both her SIDE and Nurturing the Future Classes. [Mr Serra](#)  
**Kira** for her exceptional work ethic during both her SIDE and Nurturing the Future Classes. [Mr Serra](#)  
**Brock** for taking on a leadership role and assisting to coach the boys' Basketball. [Miss Jones](#)  
**Flynn** for taking on a leadership role and assisting to coach the boys' Basketball. [Miss Jones](#)



# Live Life Well @ School

## GRATITUDE TO BUILD HAPPINESS



### 3 simple ways to promote gratitude with your child today:

1. Keep a gratitude journal.  
Write down 3 things you are grateful for today.
2. Take photos or draw or cut out 3 things that make you smile.
3. Keep a gratitude jar or board and put a note in each day of what you are grateful for.

Gratitude is an essential part of building happiness.

It can be helpful when going through tough times to take the time to reflect on the good things you have in your life.

### 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.

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



**\*\* 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.



**Southern Cross DHS  
SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER  
UPDATE**

Muzz Buzz/Stallion Fuels is remaining open.

Therefore, Friday lunch orders will continue as normal.

Thankyou to the staff at Stallion Fuels for providing this service for our families.



 Department of Education  
Shaping the future

## VacSwim enrolments now open

Help keep your child safe in the water.  
Enrol now for the October 2021 and summer 2022 school holidays.

[education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)





**Primary school book week dress up day**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Come dressed-up in the theme**  
**“Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds”**

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# MERREDIN COLLEGE

A Wheatbelt Independent Public School

## SECONDARY OPEN DAY

**MERREDIN**  
Residential College  
**OPEN DAY & TOURS**  
Book for an appointment between  
9.30am and 2.30pm  
PH: 08 9041 7500

*learning close to home*

# 2021

## Friday 17 September

**12.30pm-3pm**

**Please meet in the Wahlsten Library**

A great opportunity for families of current and prospective students to come and take a tour of the school, visit our open classrooms and see what a typical school day looks like for secondary students at Merredin College.

Also featuring on the day:

- Year 11 & 12 Pathways Information Hub
- CoRE Presentation (Specialist Science Program)
- Volleyball Specialist Program

If you will be attending and would like to RSVP for this event please phone the front office!!!

This event has been scheduled to start at the conclusion of the EASA Interschool Athletics Carnival also being held at the College that day.

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