



# Southern Cross Satellite



## Southern Cross District High School

*invite you to attend our*

### ***End of Year Presentation Night***



**Friday 8 December at 6:30pm**



***Southern Cross DHS grassed area***

*As the night will have a little more relaxed feel, we strongly encourage students along with their families and friends to bring a picnic rug or chairs to enjoy the atmosphere.*

*Students will be sitting with their classes.*

*There will be a small amount of seating available.*

*This event is open to all families and community members*





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### Dates to Remember

Friday 17 Nov Numeracy  
Day at St Joseph's Primary  
School

Swimming Lessons WK 7-8  
Monday 20 to 22 Nov  
Monday 27 Nov to 1 Dec

Week 9  
Friday 8 Dec Presentation  
Night

Week 10  
Thursday 14 Dec Students  
last day Community Picnic &  
Colour run

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents/Carers/Family Member and Friends  
Kaya.

How fast does time fly? We are in Term 4 already. We are committed to providing an all-round education for your child. We have focused on two areas this year, firstly our teaching and learning, our staff have worked together in teams to close the gaps and extend your children. Secondly, we focused on improving our community connection with the school and we have welcomed volunteers, parents, and family members back into our school.

My heart was full of pride when I saw how many grandparents attended our assembly. I know that the students loved sharing this time with you. It is a very important relationship between grandparents and grandchildren, so it is special when you attend our school.

This term has been a productive and busy term for our students and staff.

Our students participated in:

- An incursion from Youth Police, WAPOL to discuss eSafety.
- Year 9-10 students visited Mukinbudin with Mrs Teague for a try-a-trade
- Fancy Dress Day
- Grandparents Assembly
- Kindergarten Orientation Day
- A physical education incursion by the Southern Cross WAPOL

This term we had a School Development Day, and we spent the day analysing school business plans and preparing for our Public School Review.

Our student leaders are valuable members of our school, we are very lucky to have such wonderful student leaders in both the primary and middle school. You are a credit to our school, and we are so proud of you.

I would like to congratulate our wonderful teachers who celebrated World Teacher Day on 27 October 2023. We all thank you for building strong relationships with the students, inspiring them to be their best and being their mentors.

Let's work together for a strong end of the year.

**Louise Davidson**  
**Principal**

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## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear SCDHS Families,

With only 20 school days left for the year and so much to pack into this short time- I thought I'd give you a little list of what's to come!

The Primary School students are particularly busy in the next few weeks with the following activities:

- **Numeracy Day:** This Friday (17 November) Years PP-6 will walk to St Joseph's CPS for the Numeracy Day, where they will partake in fun Maths based activities.
- **Swimming lessons:** 20 November – 1 December (no lessons on 23 & 24 November).

Upcoming whole school activities include:

- Christmas Free Dress: Friday 1 December
- Presentation Night: 8 December
- Community Picnic and Colour Run: 14 December (last day of school for the year!)

A snapshot of an exciting addition to our under-cover area are our new Aboriginal Seasons Artworks. Our fabulous high school students identified that the original Aboriginal Seasons paintings in the undercover area were badly damaged and sadly beyond repair. The students wanted to redesign and replace them with a more robust version. Students worked collaboratively to research and design the six Noongar Seasons and went about painting them onto MDF circles cut for us by Mr. Smith (D&T teacher). Following their unveiling at the Agricultural Show, they were ready for viewing at school – where Mr. Smith once again assisted with their assembly! I am sure you will agree they are stunning and a reflection of our school's high standards and the respect we have for Aboriginal Culture and Community. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and efforts



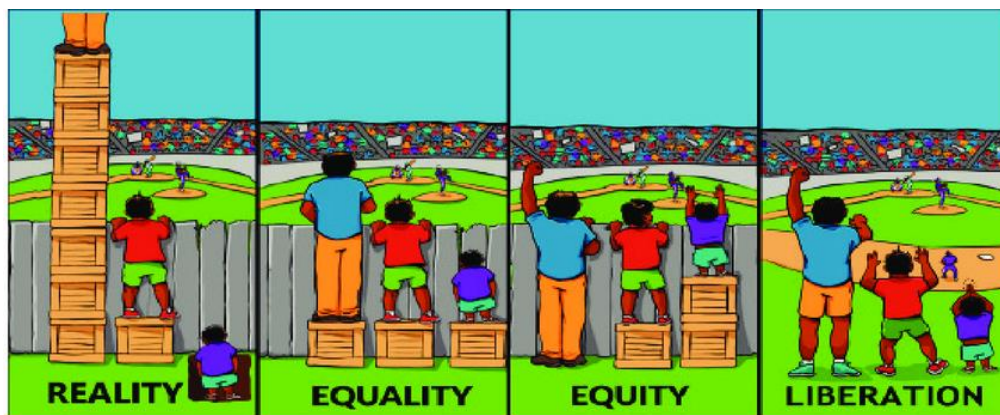
**Nicole Teague**  
**Deputy Principal**

## ‘Behind the Scenes’

A glimpse into school life!

In this edition, I would like to talk about Equity v’s Equality.

Recently, I was asked about Equality (Fairness) at SCDHS and what that looks like in our classrooms. I want to start by saying that respect, for all members of our School Community, is a value we hold in high regard, along with high behavioural and academic standards for all students. As teachers, we aim to meet the needs of our students – where they are at, as everyone develops and matures at different rates.



Equity in Education is what we aim for at SCDHS. But what does this really mean? Let me give you an example: **Equality** would be giving all students the same ladder to pick apples at the top of a tree. Whereas **Equity**, is recognising that not every student can use the same type of ladder to pick apples and may require another way to reach the apples at the top of that tree – thus by providing an alternative way of reaching the apples, we help all students meet their individualised academic and behavioural goals. This does not mean that students are being treated unfairly, quite the opposite, it means that all students can eventually meet the same or at least similar goals!

Main idea: Achieving their personal best may require students to have different ways of doing things to reach their individual milestones.



## 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.

Happy Birthday to.....

Brodie 2 Nov

Ruby 8 Nov

Shark 12 Nov

Ryder 20 Nov

Kaiaora 25 Nov

Angelo 30 Nov

Jack 14 Dec

Alexis 18 Dec

Zahra 26 Dec

Courtney 3 Nov

Jaxson 11 Nov

Daniella 12 Nov

Lennix 20 Nov

Troy 29 Nov

Evelyn 11 Dec

Bonnie 18 Dec

Gabriella 19 Dec







# Country Week 2023 Basketball



Our students had a wonderful week playing against teams from other rural schools.



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# Country Week 2023

## Girls Netball



Warming up on the outside courts



Some down time between matches



Injuries didn't stop us from having fun together



We had some nail biting games

The girls did a great job during Country Week, with them earning a place in the grand final for our division.



Despite their best efforts, we ended up coming second in the grand final.



Amazing work girls!



Thanks to all the teams we played against



Dressing up for the river cruise- the girls looked amazing!



Resting up before the grand final



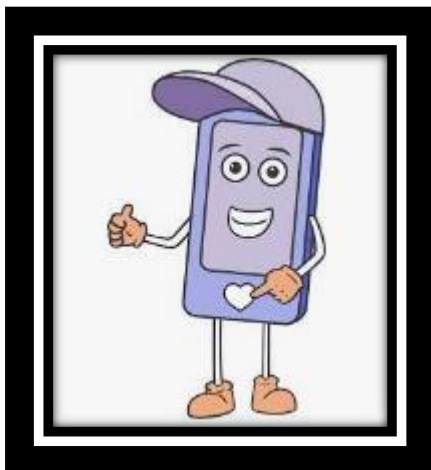
But win or lose, we always came together and worked as a team

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## eSafety

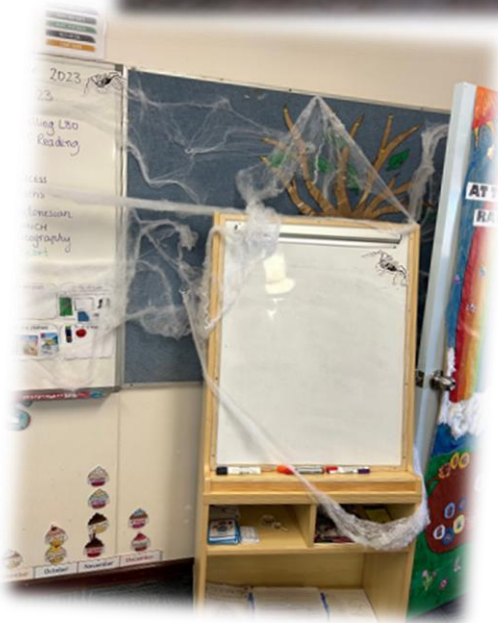
We were very lucky to secure the services of Senior Constable Shayne Price, Wheatbelt Youth Policing to talk to us about eSafety. Senior Constable Price outlined Passphrases and protecting your data/images, he shared with us safety concerns regarding social media and online communication with unknown persons. He taught the older students about sending intimate images and how they relate to child exploitation material and legal consequences along with Digital shadows (what does your online presence say about you)





## DRESS UP DAY

As you can see the students and staff at Southern Cross District High School always enjoy fun activities. On Tuesday 31 October 2023, we had a fancy-dress day, where staff and students came dressed up in different costumes. I must admit that at times, I could not recognize some of the students and I congratulate the teachers who had to take the roll.



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# Congratulations

## Congratulations to the Recipients of Honour Certificates:

### Kindergarten

**Gracelynn** for consistently reciting number names in order to ten. [Mrs Dal Busco](#)

### Pre-Primary

**Eric** for making consistent progress in all areas of English, especially in his spelling. [Mrs Dal Busco](#)

### Year 1

**Claire** for always listening carefully, following instructions, supporting others, and trying your best in science. [Ms Tisdell](#)

### Year 2

**Ryder** for progressing steadily through Maths this year. You have been a supper Mathematician.

[Miss Kinson](#)

### Year 3

**Claudia** for being a supportive, respectful, and ready to learn class member in science. [Ms Tisdell](#)

**Ella-Norah** for working well with your partner to complete your New South Wales project. Well done!

[Miss Kinson](#)

### Year 4

**Tia** for showing the class how interested she is to learn new things. [Mr Rosher](#)

### Year 5

**Imogen** for demonstrating her excellent understanding of Indonesian. [Mr Rosher](#)

### Year 7

**Isabhella** for working hard outside of school hours to revise content in readiness for assessments.

[Ms Tisdell](#)

### Year 9

**Max** for challenging himself and attempting extension tasks, resulting in a higher grade for his science inquiry skills. [Ms Tisdell](#)

**Shayla** for demonstrating excellence in her persuasive written assessment. Well done! [Ms Pedersen](#)

## Principal's Award

### Kindergarten

**Olivia** for 100% attendance

**Logan** for 100% attendance

### Pre-Primary

**Gabriella** Principal's award

### Year 1

**Claire** for 100% attendance

**Malcolm** Principal's award

### Year 2

**Jaidon** Principal's award

### Year 3

**Elizabeth** Principal's award

**Alexis** 100% attendance

### Year 4

**Tia** Principal's award

### Year 5

**Imogen** Principal's award

**Courtney** Principal's award

**Tahlor** Principal's award

### Year 7

**Isabhella** Principal's award

**Ruby** 100% attendance award

**Maddison** 100% attendance

**Jayden** 100% attendance

**James** 100% attendance

### Year 8

**Arapeta** Principal's award

### Year 9

**Shayla** Principal's award

**Shayla** 100% attendance

**Max** 100% attendance







## **GRANDPARENTS DAY**

We were spoiled with the number of grandparents that attended our Grandparents assembly. Many thanks to Anna and Peter who assisted in handing out the Merit Certificates. We love having our grandparents in the school, feel free to come anytime to visit your grandchildren.





A grandparent's  
love will never  
grow old.



What is a collection of grandparents called? The answer is either a wisdom or a nag. However, I prefer a collection of grandparents is called a warm cuddle or baked biscuit smell.



Department of  
Education

Shaping the future

## Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2024



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service



**Eastern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service  
Southern Cross Community Health**

**9081 3352  
0419 220 212**



COMMUNITY | COMPASSION | QUALITY | INTEGRITY | EQUITY | CURIOSITY

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## NATIONAL SCHOOL'S OPINION SURVEY

The School Survey is an external application provided by Education Services Australia, designed for the National School Opinion Survey to gain information around our wonderful school, Southern Cross District High School. We ask the same or almost the same questions to parents, students and staff. We are excited to share the results with you.

QUESTION	STAFF	STUDENTS	PARENTS	MEAN	%	IMPROVEMENTS
Teachers at this school expect students to do their best	4.6	4.0	4.3	4.3	<b>86%</b>	High expectations for differentiated pathways is important for all students to succeed at their best.
Teachers at this school provide students with useful feedback	4.4	3.7	3.8	3.97	<b>79%</b>	We provide 2 formal reports per year and two informal reporting meetings, more communication is required.
Teachers at this school treat students fairly	4.4	3.3	3.7	3.94	<b>79%</b>	We need to follow our PBS Matrix explicitly to ensure that all parties feel students are treated fairly.
The school is well maintained	4.1	3.7	4.3	3.7	<b>80%</b>	We have wonderful gardens and great cleaners.
Students feel safe at this school	4.1	3.4	4.0	3.84	<b>77%</b>	Continue to provide students with an opportunity to voice their opinions and allow students the opportunity to take risks.
Students at this school can talk to their teachers	4.3	3.6		3.95	<b>79%</b>	Continue to listen to students to ensure that they feel 'heard' both educationally and social emotionally.
Parents at this school can talk to teachers about their concerns	4.4		4.3	4.35	<b>87%</b>	Continue to listen to parents to ensure that they feel 'heard' and that any concerns are acted upon.
Student behaviour is well managed at this school	3.6	3.0	3.6	3.4	<b>68%</b>	Continue sharing of PBX Matrix and Behaviour Management Policy.
Students like being at this school	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.77	<b>74%</b>	We also like our students being at this school.
The school looks for ways to improve	4.4	3.7	4.1	4.07	<b>81%</b>	We constantly reassess resources, the way we teach, the way we assess
The school takes staff (students/ parents) opinions seriously	4.2	3.4	3.9	3.84	<b>77%</b>	Continue to provide a safe space for all to have their voice heard and respected.
Teachers at this school motivate students to learn	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	<b>80%</b>	Continue to adapt to evidence based practices and assessments, aligned to the recently developed DoE Teaching for Impact. Continue to invest in our staff with PL and resources. Continue to focus on PBS to engage students.

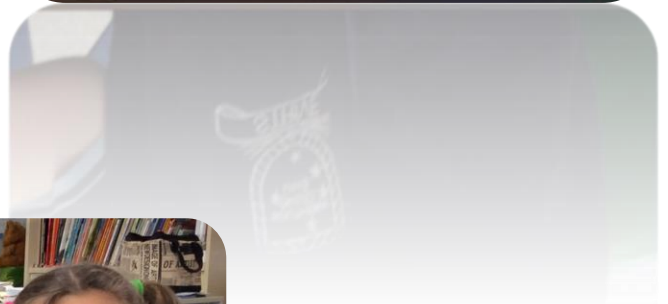
Students' learning needs are being met at this school	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.8	<b>77%</b>	A variety of pathways have been set up to allow for students to succeed at their own level of ability.
The school works with parents to support student learning	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.87	<b>78%</b>	Teachers communicate regularly with parents and within a conference for more formal meetings
I receive useful feedback about my work at this school	4.1			4.1	<b>82%</b>	Continue to have an 'open door' policy for families and offer support and feedback. Continue with formal letters of recognition, and other forms of recognition.
Staff are well supported at this school. My teachers are good teachers.	4.4	3.7		4.05	<b>81%</b>	Continue respectful relationships. Promote our great teaching practises in the newsletter and on facebook.
The school has a strong relationship with the local community	4.2	3.7 (Me)	4.1	4	<b>80%</b>	Continue to invite community to the school for special days. Student leaders provide leadership and invite community in for special days. Community members volunteer their times at school for reading, breakfast club and library.
This school is well led	4.4		3.9	4.15	<b>83%</b>	Continue to support school community.
I am satisfied with the overall standard of education achievement	3.9		3.8	3.85	<b>78%</b>	Fine tuning of pathways to support learning.
I would recommend this school to others	4.2		4.0	4.1	<b>82%</b>	This is a fantastic shout out for our school
Teachers at this school are good teachers	4.3		4.4	4.35	<b>87%</b>	Teachers are committed to engaging students; however, the use of Teaching for Impact is enabling us to fine tune our skills, along with the SC Teaching Quality and learning way.
Teachers at this school care about their students	4.5		4.0	4.25	<b>85%</b>	We are a small community, and we see students in and out of school, so therefore there is a stronger relationship with students.

Thank you to all the parents that participated in our National School's Opinion Survey.

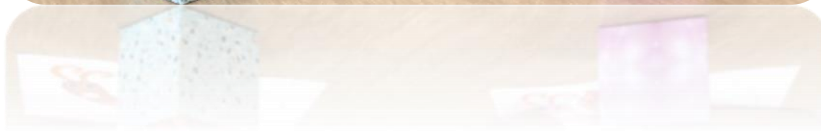


6	13	14	15	16	17 Numeracy Day St Joseph's PS	18	19
7	20 Swimming Lessons	21 Swimming Lessons	22 Swimming Lessons	23	24	25	26
8	27 Swimming Lessons	28 Swimming Lessons	29 Swimming Lessons	30 Swimming Lessons	1 December Swimming Lessons	2	3
9	4	5	6	7	8 School Concert	9	10
10	11	12	13	14 Last day of school	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Chris mas Eve
	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve





Some happy  
snaps of our  
Early Childhood  
students.



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