## **NEWSLETTER** Issue No 8 October 29, 2021



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### **Dates to Remember**

**October** *Friday 29* Australian Teachers Day

**November Tuesday – Friday 2 – 5**Primary Camp

**Thursday 11**Remembrance Day

**Mon – Friday 15 – 19** Yr 7- 10 Exams

Mon – Friday 22 – 26 Yr 10 Work Experience Pp-Yr 6 Swimming Lessons

**Mon – Friday 29 – 3 Dec**Pp-Yr 6 Swimming Lessons

**December Wed – Friday 1 -3**Year 9 Try-A-Trade

**Friday 10**End of Year Presentation
Night

**Tuesday 14**Yr 10 Graduation Dinner

**Thursday 16**Last day of Term 4

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I have really enjoyed settling back into the school and observing all of the fabulous work that has happened during my absence. There have been many gains made by our students, and I can see from classroom visits and chats around the school that our staff have kept the momentum going throughout the year, in order to ensure their students are achieving to the best of their ability. As mentioned in my previous letter, I thank Mrs Stephen and all staff for their ongoing dedication in ensuring that the education and programs provided for our students proceeded as planned, and I thank the community for their continued support of the school.

As we near the mid-term mark, there are still excursions, exams, and plenty of class work to get through. We are looking forward to the busy weeks ahead.

Today we celebrated World Teachers' Day and thanked each of our wonderful teachers for their tireless support of our students and families. A big thanks to Mrs Della Bosca for providing us with a lovely morning tea to enjoy.

#### **STAFFING NEWS**

I would like to begin our staffing update by letting you know that at the end of week 5, we will be farewelling Mrs Stephen as she takes leave for the remains

farewelling Mrs Stephen as she takes leave for the remainder of the term, and for the 2022 year. Jess has been a vital member of our staff since joining us in 2019 and I am going to miss having her to work with both in the office, and in the school – as will the staff and students. I am sure you will join me as we wish her well during her break, and we look forward to her return in 2023.

As previously mentioned, Miss Megan Jones is also taking leave for 2022. Megan has worked across the school in her Sport, Science, and D&T roles, organised carnivals and participated in camps to mention but a few of the things she has been involved in. She will also be missed by staff and students next year, and we wish her well during her break.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Megan Batchelor who has been with us since the beginning of the term, and will conclude her time at Southern Cross at the end of week 4. Ms Batchelor has worked across the school and we have been appreciative of her classroom support during her time with us. We wish her well as she moves on to her next appointment.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Welcome to one of our previous students, Brydee Karra, who started Work Experience with us in the primary school this week, and will be with us until the end of week 5. The students have been very excited to see her back and have her working with them, so we hope you enjoy being back and are able to make the most of your time and experiences here, Brydee!

#### **ASSEMBLY**

We would like to invite parents and community members to our mid-term assembly on Friday, 12 November. We will have open classrooms from 8:30-9:00, then we will all move down to the undercover area for the assembly to start at 9:10am.

In the meantime, good luck to everyone going on camp next week, we look forward to hearing all about your adventures when you return.

Kind Regards Mrs Karen Tabner

#### FROM THE DEPUTY

#### **THANK YOU**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students, parents and broader school community for their support during my time as the Acting Principal this year. It was a really good experience for me, and I certainly learnt a lot along the way. I thoroughly enjoy my time working with you all, and am proud of all the things that we have achieved together so far this year. It has been great to have Karen back this term, and it has been especially nice to take a little bit of a step back from the front line and get back in the classroom with the secondary students to further support their SIDE program. As Karen has mentioned, I will be taking leave from week 6 onwards this term. This was a very difficult decision and I will very much miss the staff, students and parents during my absence. I will still be heavily involved with our local community and hope to stay in touch with each of you during this time  $\odot$ .

#### **NURTURING THE FUTURE PROGRAM**

This term, the secondary students will be participating in a Nutrition & Cooking unit within the Nurturing the Future Program. On Mondays, students will be making use our wonderful Home Economics facilities to learn some important life skills related to a healthy and balanced diet, through the practical nature of cooking. Throughout the term, there will be four practical cooking sessions and each be targeted to a different focus. Here is a little sneak peak, and we look forward to sharing some more photos with you as the term unfolds! Thanks to Ms Batchelor who has been working with the students in these lessons.







#### THE BUSY TERM AHEAD

The school calendar is quickly filling up and there is lots to look forward to! Our Primary students attended the combined STEAM Day yesterday at Moorine Rock Primary School and are also busy preparing for their upcoming school camp in week 4, as well as in-term swimming lessons towards the end of term. Our secondary students are equally as busy, working towards their upcoming exams, Year 10 work experience and Year 9 Try-A-Trade. In the midst of all of this, each class has started organising their performance items for the End of Year Concert and we are looking forward to sharing them with you on the evening. Keep a close eye on the school calendar, newsletters and Facebook page for updates regarding important events happening this term! Have a wonderful rest of Term 4 and I look forward to hearing about all the exciting activities scheduled for the rest of the year.

Kind Regards Mrs Jessica Stephen

# **Our Classrooms at**

# **Southern Cross District High School**



## **Early Childhood Class**

































Welcome to our Castle!

## Year 2/3 Class

In the Year 2/3 Classroom, the term has got off to a roaring start. The children have made some wonderful tiger collages based on the work of artist, Henri Rousseau. Everyone worked hard to follow the steps needed to complete their collage and then added some individual touches of their own.









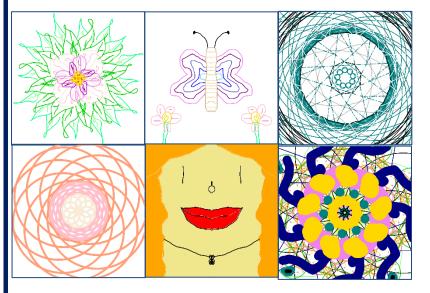
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### Year 4/5/6 Class

In Week 1, students began making their animal habitat dioramas (keep your eye out for photos in future newsletters), re-commenced their spelling and reading, and created symmetry artwork during Maths.





Last Thursday our class, along with the Year 3 students, participated in the T20 Cricket Carnival with St Joseph's and Moorine Rock students. Thank you to Melinda and St Joseph's for organising the day. The winning team for the day was Thunder (pictured).

### **Year 7-10 Secondary Classes**

In Design and Technology, the Year 9 and 10 students have been learning to use the lathe. The end result has seen the production of some very beautiful wooden bowls.















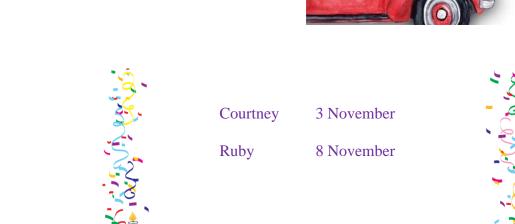
Parents of Pre primary to Year 6 students please complete the attached Interm Swimming Enrolment Form and return to the office before Friday 5 November.











Nappy Birthday!