



Dates to Remember

Term 4

Monday 24 November - 5 December

Swimming Lessons

Friday 28 November

Career Taster Program –
Drones

Tuesday 2 December

Career Taster Program –
Cookery

Wednesday 10 December

End of Year Presentation
evening 6.00 PM

Thursday 18 December

Last day of school

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers and School Community,

The warmer weather has started to arrive as we enter the season of Kambarang. This is the time for an abundance of colours and flowers exploding all around us. With this wonderful backdrop, our students have enjoyed a range of fun activities this term with Pirate Day and ZAP Circus, Cricket Blast for the PP to 6s, Numeracy Day and multiple Career incursions for our secondary students. Our Year 9s and 10s have taken OLNA in their stride and it is now time for us to head into the final stretch of the school year with a few more events left on the calendar before we break for the holiday season.

Swimming lessons will be held during Week 7 and 8 for our PP to 6s. These dates are from Monday 24 November until Friday 5 December. Swimming notes have gone home this week with all the information you need, and we ask you please make sure your child brings everything they need to school during this time.

Our secondary students have two Career Taster Portal events coming up in Week 7 and 8 with a focus on drones and cooking. We have also organised with Merredin College and CRTAFE to hold a Try-a-Trade event in the first week of December, and our 9/10 students have the chance to stay over at the Residential College during this time.

I would like to thank our staff and community for the strong response to our survey regarding the school presentation event at the end of the year. As 78% of respondents prefer the Wednesday evening timeslot, we are now able to confirm the event will be held

at 6pm on Wednesday 10 December. We highly value the feedback we have received, and this will help provide direction for the evening. More information will be sent out at a later date and programs will be provided on the evening.

It has pleasing to see a strong increase in our attendance over the last 10 to 15 weeks. Our regular attendance has improved from 30% to 42% (students that attend more than 90% of the time) and severe attendance has dropped from 35% to 28% (students that attend less than 60% of the time). It is a noticeable change as we walk around our school and a positive increase that allows our kids the best opportunities for success. We encourage students and families to keep this positive increase up as we head toward the end of the year.

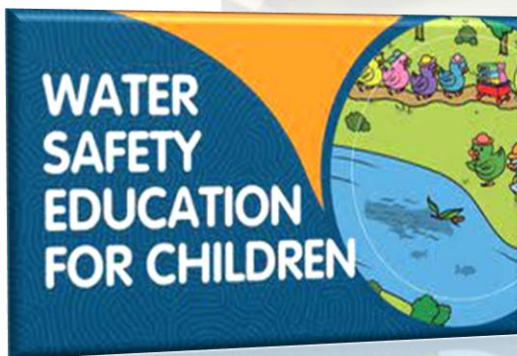
Finally, planning for 2026 is well underway and I will share staffing announcements in Week 9 of this term.

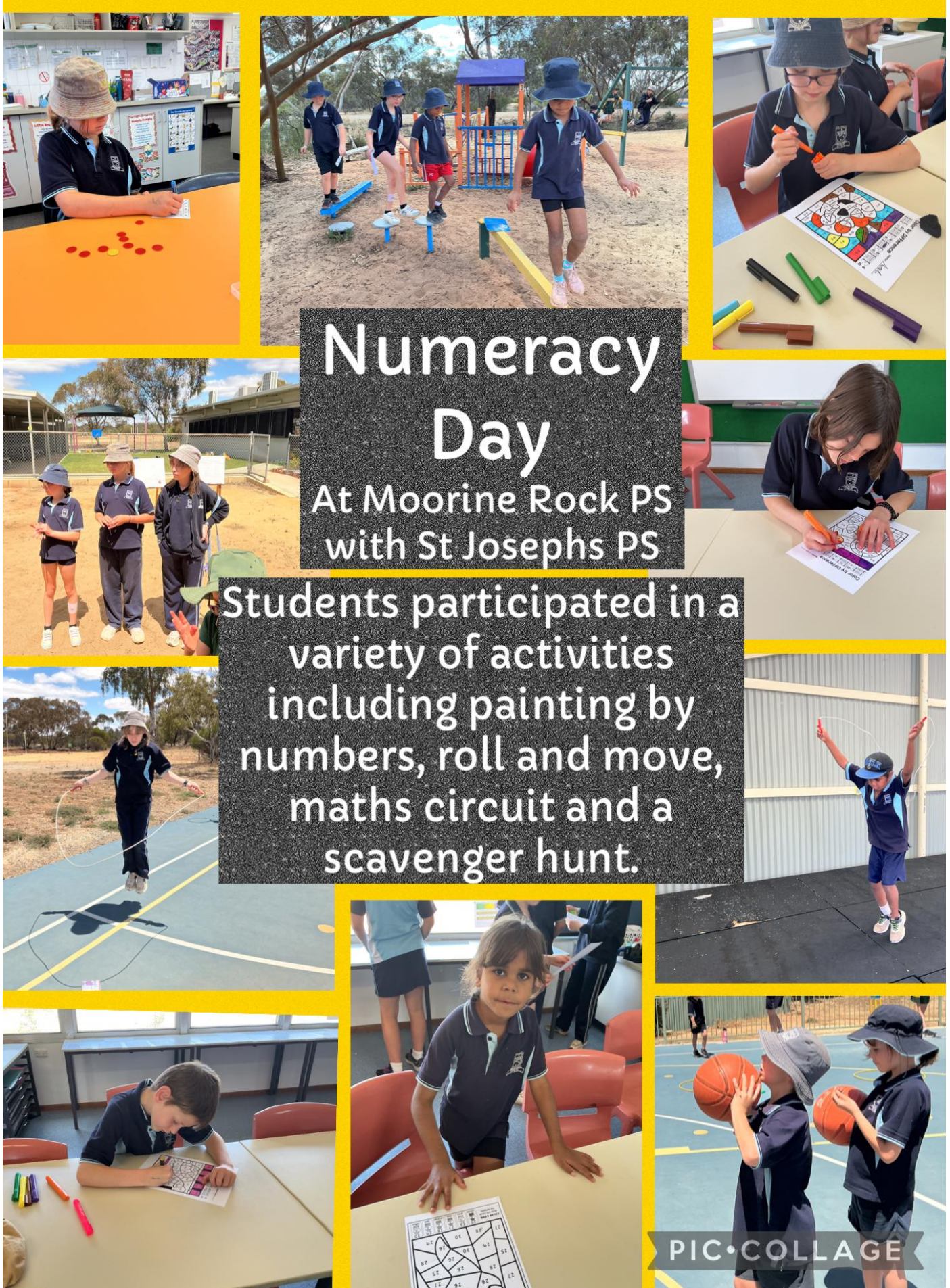
Mr Mat Kennedy
PRINCIPAL

PE with Mrs Field

This term in Physical Education, we're making a splash at the Southern Cross Swimming Pool! Get ready for a wave of excitement as students dive into fun, skill-building lessons designed to boost confidence and technique in the water. But that's not all—we'll also be mastering essential life-saving skills to become true water safety heroes.

Whether you're gliding through the lanes or learning how to keep others safe, this aquatic journey promises to be unforgettable. So grab your goggles—it's time to make a splash!





Science with Ms Tisdell



Primary Science

In Term 4, all classes have studied Chemical Sciences.

EC are learning about the changes that happen when we add heat or cook food.

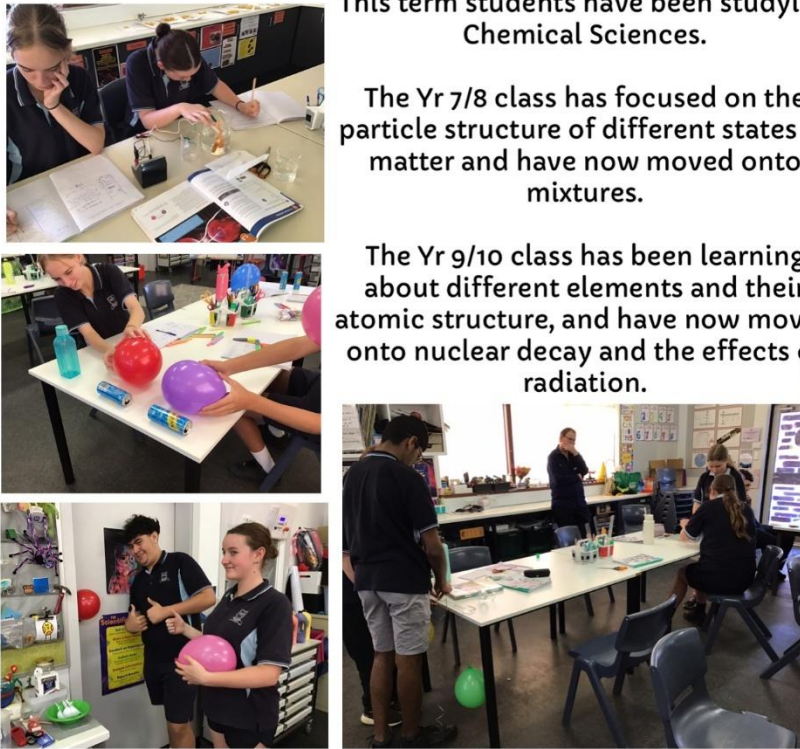
Yr 2/3 are learning about mixtures and how to separate them.

Yr 4/5/6 are learning about the properties of solids, liquids and gases.




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Secondary Science



This term students have been studying Chemical Sciences.

The Yr 7/8 class has focused on the particle structure of different states of matter and have now moved onto mixtures.

The Yr 9/10 class has been learning about different elements and their atomic structure, and have now moved onto nuclear decay and the effects of radiation.




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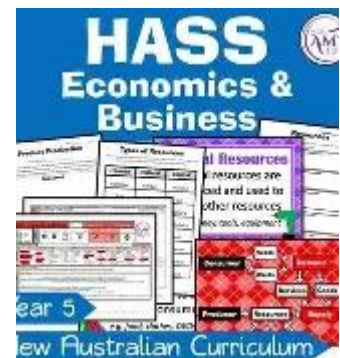
English & HASS with Mr Munro

"The first five weeks of Term 4 have been both busy and exciting in English and HASS! Students have settled in wonderfully with a new teacher, and as a result, some fantastic learning experiences have taken place!



In English, students are focusing on building strong foundations in reading, writing and viewing. Year 7/8 have taken a deep dive into film criticism, exploring movie scenes, analysing film techniques, and examining a superhero film in class. Students are now preparing to complete their first essay of the term in class. Our Year 9/10s have been studying persuasive techniques and writing through informative texts, and have really taken charge of their research and writing by creating their own texts.

In HASS, all students have been busy with Economics and Business, learning about the institutions and ideas that underpin our financial lives. With Year 7/8 learning about the fundamentals of economics, and Year 9/10 learning about the global economy and world trade. Students have been immersed in research, discussions and detailed explanations to understand the reasons behind financial choices.



Outside the classroom, I have been amazed by the hard work and perseverance of students here at Southern Cross District High School, and by the dedication of all staff. It has been wonderful to feel so welcomed by the school and its community. Seeing families, staff, and students working together to give our young people the best start in life is truly inspiring.

I am looking forward to seeing even more great work for the end of Term 4!

Mr Munro



CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Certificates

Pre-Primary

Sophie Participating positively with her peers and educators, an awesome start to the term. [Mrs Dal Busco](#)

Year 1

Maddison for showing growing confidence, independence and kindness. Maddison is an inspiring example of teamwork and determination. [Mrs Field](#)

Year 2

Eric beautiful manners and always being respectful to others. [Ms Fogarty](#)

Year 3

Wyatt for his enthusiastic approach to learning and helping others. [Ms Fogarty](#)

Year 4

Avah-Jayne Approaching activities with enthusiasm, supports her classmates with kindness and demonstrates growing confidence. [Mrs Field](#)

Jackston for coming to school more often. Keep coming to school. [Ms Long](#)

Year 5

Alexis consistently participating with respect and responsibility in Physical Education. [Mrs Field](#)

Year 6

Gordan for coming to school regularly. Keep up the great effort. [Ms Long](#)

Arnav Consistently demonstrating STARS values in Science. Great work Arnav! [Ms Tisdell](#)

Year 7

Tahlor working well in Maths this term! [Mr Simmons](#)

Year 8

Christo his consistent dedication and effort in HASS this term! [Mr Munro](#)

Year 9

Ruby for her great improvement and participation in English this term! [Mr Munro](#)

James for his ongoing perseverance and success in HASS this term! [Mr Munro](#)

Angelo for working diligently in Algebra and not giving up! [Mr Simmons](#)

Angelo for demonstrating creativity & confidence and challenging himself in Drama. [Ms Tisdell](#)

Assembly 1 Term 4

Congratulations to...



Merit certificates



PBS Stars



Attendance Awards

High School Country Week Team



Special thanks
to Tammy
Collins for
donating
medals!
We appreciate
it!

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Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Week 1-5 Blue Card draw



Sophie – PP
Tia – Year 6
Adriano – Year 8
Holly – Year 8





100% Attendance Awards Week 1-4

**Maddi
Eli
Sophie**

**Christo
Arnav
Alexis**

**Tahlor
Adriano
Dakota**

Attendance Award 90% Attendance or higher Week 1-4

**Loki
Avah-Jayne
James
Jack**

**Wyatt
Charlie
Tia
Seth**

**Maddison
Phoenix
Holly
Claudia**

