



NEWSLETTER Issue No 8, December 2024

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Dates to Remember

2024

Thursday 12 December Students last day of school

2025

Wednesday 29 January Office opens

Wednesday 5 February Students return to School

Thursday 6 February Kindy Starts

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome to our end of year Celebration Newsletter. It gives me great pleasure, to celebrate our incredible students and staff and all of our wonderful achievements this year.

I'd like to thank you all for the support you have given the school this year. It has gone so quickly, and the children have achieved so much. I was very proud of the progress shown in the reports for students that went home on Tuesday. It was very obvious from teacher comments that there was a lot of effort put into learning over the past 6 months. I was particularly pleased to see the progress that students have made with their Literacy and Numeracy. I would encourage all families to keep their children in a good reading routine over the holidays – for the younger ones reading to them every night and for the older ones, reading every night before going to sleep. As I often say to the students – the more your read the more you learn. Students can also continue practising their recall of basic number facts, including practising their times tables, if they are at that stage.

It is at this time of the year that we say our goodbyes to staff who are moving on. This year there are more than usual. The

following are the farewells that I made at the End of Year Celebration on Monday evening:

- Mr Rosher returning to Perth to spend time with his family
- Ms Kinson taking up a teaching position at Mt Barker
- Mr Hooson taking a teaching position at Dalwallinu
- Miss King moving to different pastures
- Mrs Eiffler taking a year of leave
- Mrs Gale moving to different pastures

I thank each and every one of the staff that are moving on and wish them the very best of luck in their new positions. I thank you for all that you have done for the Southern Cross community and especially for your dedication to our students. You will all be greatly missed.

We are so incredibly proud of our school and everything that has been accomplished. The resilience our students have shown is second to none. Perseverance in the face of adversity is the greatest accomplishment anyone can achieve. Our students have all worked very hard and should be very proud of their accomplishments. School reports, NAPLAN results, OLNA results, PAT testing, Brightpath testing, On-Entry, all demonstrate the learning growth that everyone here has achieved. Well done! Some of the highlights for 2024 included: assemblies, carnivals, country week, Cancer Council biggest morning tea, Science incursions, art incursions, reward days, Easter Hat Parades, dress up days, free dress days, Literacy, Numeracy, Harmony and Naidoc Days, sleep overs, Teddy Bears picnic, crazy hair day, walk to school day, National Simultaneous story telling day, National sorry day, cyber bullying excursion, tree planting, jeans for genes day, Izzy in,

book week dress up, learning journey, an author visited, dress up your door day, r u ok day, Clontarf basketball, healthy lunch box days, fancy dress day, swimming lessons, Christmas dress up day, Presentation night, year 10 Graduation and this is on top of a stunning curriculum, designed to engage your child.

Southern Cross District High School is so very fortunate to have a team of staff whose priority is always to ensure that, our students having the best learning environment to succeed, remained central to every decision that was made. Thank you to the dedication given to the students by the staff.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our parents, our School Board, P&C committee and our community for their ongoing support of the school. It truly is valued and appreciated. Together we shared the same wish for our children; that they will be happy at school and feel secure, they will make personal progress enabling them to reach their individual potential and they will receive an enriching set of experiences which prepares them well for their future lives. We look with admiration and pride at the way our students have thrived.

So far in 2025, our class structure looks like:

K-1 – Mrs Dal Busco 2-4 – TBC 5-6 – Mrs Long Health/Phys Ed – Mrs Field Secondary Maths – Mrs Rees Secondary English/Hass – Mr Paul D and T – Mr Smith Science – Ms Tisdell

We have some changes in 2025, we welcome Mrs Rees, who has been a Flying Squad teacher for some weeks at our school, and we welcome Mr Paul to our school as well. Our school lesson times have changed, so that we could have longer literacy blocks, the times will be as follows:

8.45am	First Siren
8:50 - 9:50	Period 1
9:50 - 10:50	Period 2
10:50 - 11:10	Recess
11:10 - 12:00	Period 3
12:00 - 12:50	Period 4
12:50 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:20	Period 5
2:20 - 3:10	Period 6
Every Tusesday	
2:30pm	Early Close

We are very lucky to have received free school bags from Dandelions for our students for 2025. Each student in the beginning of the year will receive a free school bag, with a drink bottle, lunch box, pens, and pencils, everything they need to be successful. Our thanks to Dandelions for their donations of these back packs. Once again, this means that all the learning needs of your children are provided by the school.

I would like to congratulate all our students on a fantastic year, especially our award winners, didn't they all do well. Well done to our two Dux winners, Daniella Berry and Tia Hodson. These students are awarded the Dux based on the highest percentage of marks, across the whole of the primary and secondary classes. Well done Tia and Daniella.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season, a fantastic break, please keep safe.

Louise Davidson PRINCIPAL

Graduating Students for 2024



Congratulations Max on 11 years at Southern Cross District High School. We wish you every success for you future.









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Our students had a blast at swimming lessons. It was a fantastic to watch them grow in confidence and skills.







This term the students have been participating in some Phys Ed lessons in the pool. It has been a good opportunity to continue practising what they learnt in swimming lessons.

Thanks to Mrs Field for implanting these lessons.







The year 4's got stuck into helping in the garden, weeding and tidying the vegetable garden area.

Great work kids!!

Thank you, Ms Rees, for getting the students so excited to help out.









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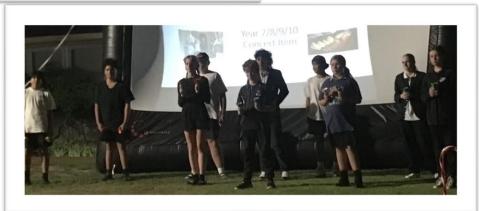


Class Concert items











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Presentation Night Photos















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