

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 15 | MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear families and friends

Welcome to week 10! The weather has turned warm, and flowers are starting to bloom! Across the whole school, there have been many children experiencing hay fever symptoms. We will monitor this as best we can, and we will communicate with you over the phone if your child presents to the front office with uncomfortable symptoms.

LEARNING JOURNEY

A friendly reminder that our Learning Journey will be happening this week across the school. The children are ready and so excited to show their families through their classrooms and outdoor learning areas. A huge thank you to the staff who have supported the children to be able to demonstrate their learning with you all this week.

8:30 – 9:30am Tuesday 19 September: Guginya and Wamburrang Preschool Groups

8:30-10am Wednesday 20 September: Bunduluk and Dnnawan Preschool Groups, Kindergarten and Year 1/2

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Last week we were lucky enough to have the team from Authentic School Photos at our school to capture some beautiful images of the children. I would like to thank the team for their flexibility and seamless organisation as they moved through the school and enjoyed the one-on-one time with each of the children. You will receive an email once the photos are ready for you to view online.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 19 September | 8.30-9.30

Learning Journey

GUGINYA & WAMBURRANG

Wednesday 20 September | 8.30-10.00

Learning Journey

PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN & YEAR 1/2

Friday 22 September

Last day of Term 3

School Resumes Monday 9 October

Monday 9 October

School resumes for Term 4

Tuesday 17 October

P&C Walkathon

Preschool – Year 2

Thursday 19 October

P&C Walkathon

Preschool only

Friday 27 October | 4.00-6.30

Twilight Bike & Kite

Community Gathering

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KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1/2 EXCURSIONS

Last Wednesday was a very busy day for our school! Our kindergarten children enjoyed a day learning on Country at the Arboretum and our year 1/2 children enjoyed a theatre production of the Wizard of Oz at Hawker College. I would like to thank the kindergarten team and Liz for organising the event and making sure the children had the best day. I would also like to thank Johnathan for organising the Hawker College visit and the year 1/2 team for taking the children on the day. A special thank you to Hawker College students and staff for their outstanding performance – our Southern Cross children and staff were mesmerised by your performance.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thank you to Johnathan, Chloe and Sarah for all their organising and management of the Athletics Carnival – I think we can all agree that it was a spectacular day, and the children all had a great time. Thanks to Nicole who was our designated first aid officer, thanks to our P&C for the icy poles to cool us all down at the end of the day, and a big thanks to our parent volunteers who were such a great help before, after and during the day. Without volunteers and people giving extra time, these events cannot be as grand as what we imagine them to be!

SAVE THE DATE!

There have been a few emails recently to communicate events coming up in term 4. Please see the dates and events below and pop them in your calendar as we begin to experience an increase in events in the lead up to the end of the year.

P&C Walkathon – Please continue to collect your sponsorship over the holiday break

Tuesday 17 October: Preschool beginning of the week, kindergarten and year 1/2

Thursday 19 October: Preschool end of the week

Grandparents and Friends Day

Friday 27 October: Preschool end of the week, kindergarten and year 1/2

Monday 30 October: Preschool beginning of the week

Twilight Bike and Kit Community Gathering

Friday 27 October: 4:00-6:30pm at Southern Cross Early Childhood School (all are welcome)

This week brings us to the end of term 3. I hope you all have a lovely break and find time to rest, connect and spend some time in the sun with friends and family.

Have a lovely week,

Kelly

FROM SOUTHERN CROSS

SAVE THE DATE



SOUTHERN CROSS ATHLETICS CARIVAL

Our first whole school athletics carnival since 2019 was a huge success!

The scene was set, picnic rugs were out, children were ready and drink bottles were full. Mother Nature put on a wonderful show for the day and the children were off, running, throwing, jumping and pulling their way to athletics glory.



The tug-o-war, 70 metre race and tree relay were unanimously voted favourite events for the day. It was also agreed that the adult tug-o-war should become an annual event. I believe the staff are already training for the rematch.



It was wonderful to see such a high level of engagement from children, staff and parents and equally wonderful to have so many families watching and cheering. Thank you to those that gave up their day, or part of, to join us.

Tales of tired but happy children filled my email inbox and a great day was had by all.

Here is some feedback from the day -

“It was a fantastic event. All children loved it and did their best. They were all excited and had so much energy. I hope this event can be hosted next year again.”

“There was a great range of activities, and it was wonderful to see all the kids having a great time.”

“A huge congratulations and thank you for the day! My kids did not stop talking about it all evening!”



I wish to thank all the fantastic staff at SCECS for their efforts and enthusiasm, particularly Sarah and Chloe, who spent many hours preparing for the event.

Equally, to our amazing parent volunteers, a huge and heartfelt thank you! These events cannot happen without you and it made the day even more special for our children.

Johnathan Price 😊

PRESCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

Wow – The Pre-schoolers had so much fun at the Southern Cross Athletics Carnival. We took turns racing each other down the 70m track and cheering on our friends as they raced as fast as they could. We joined in on the egg and spoon race, made our way through the obstacle course, and took turns in dressing a “tree” in clothes and other items, then watching the parents versus teachers in a game of tug a war. We were so hot and tired afterwards we sat together and enjoyed an icy pole whilst reflecting on our favourite moments of the afternoon.

The beginning of the week pre-schoolers took part in their own version of the athletics carnival. So off they went to the big playground to take part in different activities that tested their gross motor skills whilst having fun and cheering on their friends.



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