

Southern Cross Early Childhood School



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Dear families and friends

Staffing Update

It is my great pleasure to announce that Emily Hartley will join us from Monday week 1 term 4 as our School Leader C. Emily has many years of experience working in ACT Education Directorate schools in the Belconnen area. Emily is passionate about the early years and is very excited to meet our wonderful children and families.

On page 2 of this newsletter, you will find more information about Emily.

Our wonderful Jason has made the decision to retire. Jason has had a wonderful career in multiple roles, always having a deep desire to connect with and support as many children and families as possible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jason for all he did for the Southern Cross community. He truly made a difference for us all at Southern Cross. Jason intends to stay connected to our school community through relief teaching and supporting the parenting programs into the future.

During this strange time, we will need to navigate a way for the community to say farewell. I am very hopeful there will be an opportunity later in term 4 for this to happen. For now, if you would like to wish Jason well, please feel free to send him an email via Nicole at reception: nicole.emerton@ed.act.edu.au.

Sharon Craft will continue in her role as Community Coordinator for term 4. On page 2 of this newsletter, Sharon introduces herself to our community. Hopefully you will be able to meet her in person next term.

P&C Pie Drive

A massive THANK YOU from all of us to our hard-working P&C. Katherine and Patty spent so much of their time picking up food, packing orders, organising contactless delivery and even delivering orders to those who were in quarantine. The food that I ordered was delicious and didn't last long in my house.

Reading with your child

Following on from the information about the online reading resource – Wushka, I would like to remind you all that a balance of reading material is key to continue a love of reading and to also progress reading development. If you are able, we encourage you all to continue a routine of reading for 10-15mins daily throughout the school holidays. Reading really is such an important skill that opens up the world for all of us. Please reach out if you require any support.



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Southern Cross Early Childhood School acknowledges that our children learn on Ngunnawal Land.

School Holidays

If you are able, please take some time to switch off devices and spend time outdoors as the weather warms up. We will be expecting some information to be provided within the next week regarding what school will look like for term 4. I will continue to update you all via email throughout the school holiday period as required.

Please regularly check the latest advice from ACT Health at [Home - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/act-health) and continue to check the ACT Health social media channels.

Please stay safe and well,

Kelly

From Southern Cross

New Educators at Southern Cross

Emily Hartley

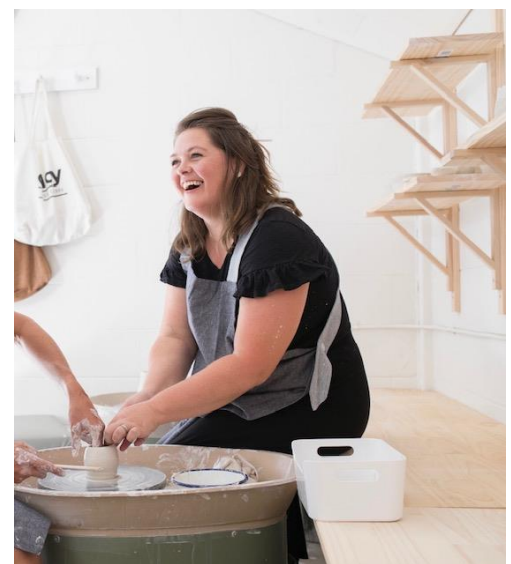
Hi my name is Emily Hartley and I feel very fortunate to be appointed as a School Leader at Southern Cross Early Childhood School starting in term 4. I have had the pleasure of working at Charnwood-Dunlop Primary School over the last 4 years, both as a classroom teacher and school leader. I value the importance of early childhood and have a wealth of knowledge and experience in this area. My passions reside in the outdoors, where I get to explore wonderful new places while camping, kayaking and going on walks with my husband, family and friends. These experiences have shown me the value and importance of relationships, which I have made a key priority of my work. As I settle in over the next few weeks I look forward to getting to know all the wonderful families and staff in the Southern Cross community. Please reach out if you would like to chat more.



Sharon Craft

Hello, I'm Sharon. I will be filling in as your Community Coordinator over the next few months. This is a wonderful opportunity for me - I'm looking forward to making connections in new ways, as my previous roles in early childhood education and care have been, leading teams, policy development and teaching.

I love the Early Childhood School model – my 2 children attended Lyons ECS, they are now 10 and 13 and are flourishing. We live in Yass, with a goat called Meaghan, 2 dogs, 11 chickens, some borrowed sheep and a cat. I'm trying to convince my household that we need an Alpaca, a gaggle of geese and a fence around the front door to keep the goat out!



Here are some fast facts about me... pottery is how I play, sunshine and Korean food are the best, music and books are my closest friends and I'm really looking forward to lounging on summer grass.

Yes! to meeting you all soon.

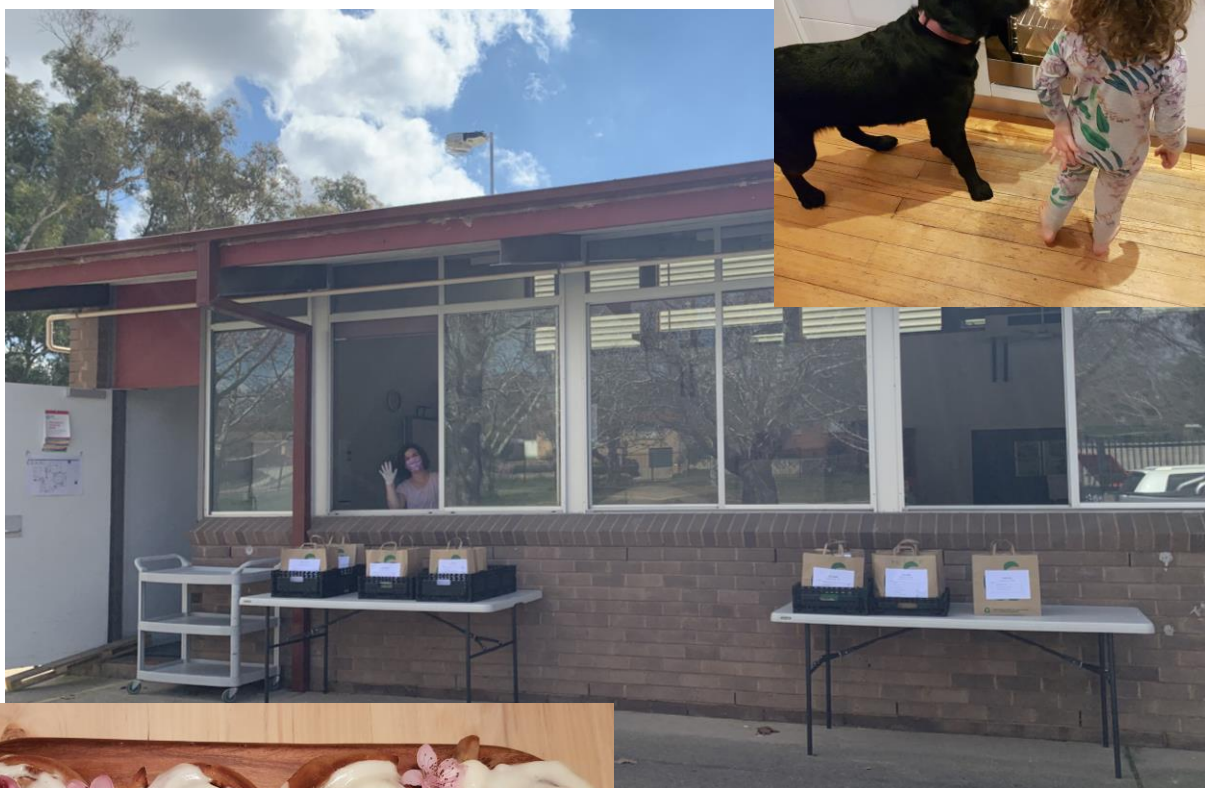
P&C

It's week 10!! We're sure we aren't the only ones excited that the school holidays are almost here!

Pie Drive

Thank you to everyone who ordered goodies from the Pie Drive. As you can see, we waited eagerly at the oven on Father's Day morning for some freshly baked cinnabons from Sweet Bones (pictured) and we finished the day with a lovely lasagne from Hudsons. It has been so great to take some much needed nights off cooking duties!

The collection process was a great success and orders all went out smoothly and efficiently! We loved seeing everyone's faces (or the half we could see from under masks) and hearing how many were out enjoying collecting their orders, just for time away from their houses. We managed to raise \$534 which will be split between Anglicare and the SCECS P&C. If you are keen to keep your freezers filled, you can continue to support Hudson's Catering and Sweet Bones Bakery Cafe by getting in touch with them directly.



Representative Input Session on the return to school (hosted by the ACT Government)

Thank you to everyone who submitted responses to the questionnaire we sent out last week, seeking your views on the pathway out of lockdown. We received 51 responses from the SCECS community which was an amazing response, especially noting the tight time frame. Your answers helped us to represent SCECS and express the diversity of views in our community when we met with officials from the Education Directorate and ACT Health last Thursday. Education Minister Yvette Berry also attended and acknowledged the difficulty many parents and carers are facing right now.

The session involved parent/carer representatives from public schools across the ACT. It was very clear that parents are walking a tightrope between keeping themselves and their families safe, while wanting children to return to school as soon as possible, noting that home learning is difficult, and they're worried about lost learning and/or lost income. While there were very diverse views expressed and very different concerns for parents and carers of early childhood and primary school aged children, compared to those of high school and college aged children, the key recurring message was that parents want clear and early communication about the plans for returning to classrooms.

We are hoping the views of parents and carers are taken on board and we hear about the ACT Government's plans for Term 4 soon. If you would like to know more about the session, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us (scecsbandc@gmail.com). We will also be discussing the results of the survey that we circulated with Kelly to ensure we pass on the views of the SCECS community and can provide as much support as possible as we make the transition back to face-to-face learning.

And that is it from the P&C for Term 3! While we remain hopeful that we might be able to visit out-of-town family over the school holiday period, the lovely weather we have been enjoying also has us excited for some lovely picnics and walks in Canberra! We are so lucky to have so many beautiful places to explore in Canberra so we wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and encourage you to make the most of the break, no matter where you will be!

Katherine and Patty
Co-Presidents

Anglicare

We are doing it again!

Did you miss out last year? Get in quick...

Fresh North Queensland Mangoes Direct from the farm to you!



If you **love mangoes**, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support Anglicare's fundraising drive, and the Bowen Mango Farm. Trays are smaller this year due to unprecedented crop failure resulting in a 60% - 70% reduction in our usual mango crop from a warm winter nationwide.

We are selling total of 64 trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per tray is: \$22.00 (approx. 4.5kgs)

Delivery to Southern Cross: December 2021

Place your order before: Thursday 21st October (week 3)

Link to Order form: <https://forms.gle/ix8hFff5Cuv7yEHg6>

Payment via direct deposit: :

Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn

BSB: 032-719 Account No: 467863

REFERENCE: Mango (your Lastname)

For Further information contact: : southerncross@anglicare.com.au

Money raised will be used to: Resource our Nuddya Before and After School Program

Community Information

Ginninderra Junior Cricket Club



Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

JOIN WITH FRIENDS PLAY TOGETHER

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB
Q Play Cricket

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



LEARN BALL SKILLS

- Easy to join, fun to play
- Inclusive program for all abilities
- Outdoors non-contact



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For kids with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB

Ginninderra Junior Cricket Club	0408 860 867
Friday at 5:30pm or Saturday 8:30am	\$99 for the whole season plus gear!
Colin Hull	gjcc.registrar@gmail.com



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OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM





6287 3833

free counselling support



Telephone or Zoom Sessions - Monday to Friday 9am-4pm
Parentline ACT is here to support you and your family

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