

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 16 | MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2023

Dear families and friends

Welcome to term 4 everyone! It is lovely to see all of the children back after the holiday break. Learning is in full swing as staff prepare and plan for a busy and productive term 4.

OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT – UPDATE

Our beautiful school is looking wonderful at the moment, and I would like to thank Jose for all the care and effort he takes to make sure our school is the best environment for all of our children, staff and families.

Reconciliation Courtyard – As many of you may have seen, the Reconciliation Courtyard awning and landscaping is now complete. Year 1/2 and preschool were learning in this space last week and enjoyed the tranquillity and exploration that the courtyard offered. Again, I would like to thank the ACT Education Directorate for their support to enable us to complete this project so quickly.

COMMUNITY ROOM UPGRADE

In collaboration with the P&C, Jose and Emma have been project managing an upgrade to our Community Room. Jose has installed a kitchenette so that this space can be utilised for community engagement, such as P&C meetings and events. New carpet and lino have been laid and a split system air conditioner has also been installed. The Parent Engagement Grant has been used for this project. A big thank you to Patty and Katherine in our P&C for their successful grant submission to allow this upgrade to happen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 17 October
P&C Walkathon
Preschool – Year 2

Thursday 19 October
P&C Walkathon
Preschool only

Friday 27 October | 9.15-10.15
Grandfriends Day
Preschool – Year 2

Friday 27 October | 4.00-6.30
Twilight Bike & Kite
Community Gathering

Monday 30 October | 9.15-10.15
Grandfriends Day
Preschool - Guginya and Wamburrang

Monday 11 December | 2.00-3.00
Year 2 Graduation

Tuesday 12 December | 5.00-6.30
End of Year Celebration

Southern Cross Early Childhood School
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TWILIGHT BIKE AND KITE COMMUNITY GATHERING

Friday 27 October is our annual Bike and Kite event! The event will run from 4pm-6:30pm with families being invited to bring a picnic dinner or purchase a sausage from the school's P&C. Our Bike and Kite event celebrates Children's Week here at Southern Cross ECS. There will be so many fun, free experiences including face painting and glitter tattoos, Circus Warehouse, Drumming Circles, an Outdoor Games Zone, bike riding, kite flying, Treehouse climbing and an obstacle course! Please put this event in your calendars – we would love to see as many families here as possible.

GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS DAY

We are delighted to once again celebrate the important role grandparents and other special people play in young children's lives. We welcome grandparents and grandfriends to join us for a quick song in the hall, a visit to classrooms to share learning and morning tea.

Friday 27 October – Bunduluk, Dnnawan, kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 (9:15-10:15am)

Monday 30 October – Guginya & Wamburrang (9:15-10:15am)

CLASSES FOR 2024

You will soon receive an email from Nicole regarding any considerations for 2024 classes. Whilst we cannot promise that we can accommodate all requests, we will certainly take any feedback or input from families into consideration when planning classes and teachers for 2024. The children will have the opportunity to list 5 great 'learning' friends for us to ensure children have connections and that they are also learning alongside great role models. Please do not hesitate to talk with your child's teacher if you would like to chat more about this process.

Have a great week everyone,

Kelly

FROM SOUTHERN CROSS

SAVE THE DATE



Sausage Sizzle
Glitter Tattoos
Drumming circle
Games
Face painting
Bike riding
Kite flying
PLUS loads of FUN

GRANDFRIENDS DAY

To celebrate the important role grandparents and other special people play in young children's lives, Southern Cross Early Childhood School is holding an Open Classroom and Morning Tea.

Date: Friday 27 October 2023 and Monday 30 October for Guginya and Wamburrang Preschool

Time: 9.15—10.15am

Grandparents and Grandfriends are invited come along to be shown through the classroom, meet the teacher and spend time together at school. We will begin our morning in the school hall at 9:15am, then children will take their visitors on a tour of their classrooms, culminating in morning tea in the library for Grandparents and friends.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- It is a great opportunity to teach your children about road safety when entering and leaving the school. Please use the provided pathways and avoid walking in the middle of our busy carparks.
- When using the school crossings make sure you pause to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN to ensure you have been seen by motorists before stepping onto the road, they are not always doing the posted speed limit of 40 kmph.
- With warmer weather many children may walk or ride to school themselves, please remember to have a conversation with them about stranger danger as well as road safety.
- NO HAT = PLAY IN THE SHADE: In accordance with our school's UV Protection Policy, children that do not have a hat at school are required to play in the shade. Please send a hat to school every day. [UV Protection Policy](#)
- Please check the labels inside school clothing and re-label if necessary. We have had a number of items going home with the wrong children.

AUTHENTIC SCHOOL PORTRAITS

Authentic School Portraits, the child photographers that photographed at our school a few weeks back, are offering a special deal for families wanting to capture some special family photos in time for Christmas.

Family Photo Fundraising Day: Saturday 18 November 📷

When: Saturday 18 November

What: A playful family photo session in a special location that showcases the beauty of Spring. An affordable way for parents to join their little ones in front of the lens, creating timeless memories that can be cherished and shared for generations to come.



Bonus: 10% commission on sales and session fees will come back to your school. It's our way of saying thanks for our partnership!

Interested families can sign up here: <https://authenticschoolportraits.com/exclusive-playful-family-photo-sessions-for-the-school-community/>

FROM ANGLICARE

MANGO FUNDRAISER

It's Mango time again! This year's orders and payments are due by 3:30pm on Friday, 27 October 2023 (no exceptions).

The Mangoes will be \$25 per tray (each tray is approximately 4.5kgs, consisting of 9 – 14 mangoes, depending on their size).

You will receive an invitation to order Mangoes via email. Please follow the included instructions. Payment is required at time of ordering.

Payment details

Account name: Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn

Account number: 467863

BSB: 032719

Reference: MANGOES and **your name**



FROM THE P&C

WALKATHON TOMORROW AND THURSDAY

Tuesday 17 October

Preschool (Guginya & Wamburrang) and Kindergarten to Year-2.

Thursday 19 October

Preschool (Bunduluk & Dnnawan)- Thursday 19 October

Volunteers still needed for Thursday 19 October-

To volunteer please follow the link to register:

<https://signup.com/go/kkqeKHz>



DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thank you so much to all our P&C members and volunteers who helped make our Democracy Sausage Sizzle today such a success. Huge thanks also to everyone who donated the fabulous cakes, cookies and other treats. We are so grateful to our community for supporting us.

Jellybean guessing competition- Congratulations to Tom, the winner of our jellybean jar guessing competition! There were 929 jellybeans in the jar. Tom's guess of 918 was closest 🎉



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ANOTHER CHANCE OP-SHOP



Another Chance Op Shop is having a half-price sale on all clothing and linen from Monday 23 – Saturday 29 October.

Another Chance is located at Scullin Shops, Ross Smith Crescent, and is open on Monday – Friday from 10am - 4:30pm and Saturday from 10am – 1pm.

GOOD START IN LIFE - ONLINE SESSION



FREE SUPPORT SESSION FOR PARENTS

Open to Belconnen parents of children going into kindergarten in 2024 wanting to learn more about ways to seek support or what to do while on speech pathology and occupational therapy waitlists.



Monday 23rd October 2023
6:30 to 7:30pm



Online



Register here



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