

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 14 | MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear families and friends

Spring is here! We have had some lovely sunny days and I would like to remind everyone about the importance of wearing hats when we are outside. Could I please ask families to help us by packing a hat for their child each day and making sure that the hat is labelled. There are so many children who are coming out to play without a hat and we do not have enough spare hats for everyone. If children do not have a hat, they are being asked to play under the COLA. If you need support, please contact Nicole and we can arrange a school hat for your child.

LEARNING JOURNEY

Last week we sent out an email about our Learning Journey in week 10 of this term. Learning Journey is an opportunity for families to spend time in the classrooms and to engage in learning experiences with their child. Families will be invited to spend time in their child's classroom and the outdoor learning environment. You may like to stay for the session, or you may choose to stay for as long as you can. The dates and times for Learning Journey are below:

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

Please note: Children in preschool MUST be accompanied by a parent between 8:30-9am. At 9am, preschool children can be left in the care of the preschool staff. Please keep up to date with information posted on Seesaw for any further reminders and information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 7 September | 11.30-2.30
Athletics Carnival

Monday 11 September –
Friday 15 September
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday 13 September | 9.30-2.30
National Arboretum Excursion
KINDERGARTEN

Wednesday 13 September | 10.15-1.45
Wizard of Oz Performance
YEAR 1/2

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

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2022 YEAR 2 ALUMNI VISIT

Last week our 2022 year 2 children (now in year 3) came back to visit our school and reconnect with our current year 2 children. The afternoon was filled with excitement and joy as children played in the Outdoor Learning Environment. Our year 2 children were given the opportunity to listen to the year 3 children talk about their new school. We learnt about what they loved about their new schools and things that were different at their new school compared to Southern Cross. Our year 2 children were able to ask questions such as, 'Were you nervous moving schools?' 'What do you do in break times at your new school?' 'How many play areas are there in the playground at your new school?' This important event is a part of the transition process and helps our year 2 children to consider some of the things that might be different at their new school for the following year.

I would like to thank all of our past families who brought the children back for the afternoon, and also thanks to our current families for supporting this event. I think we can agree that everyone enjoyed the experience.



This is me in my new school uniform!

Name: Alex

My new school is: Latham Primary

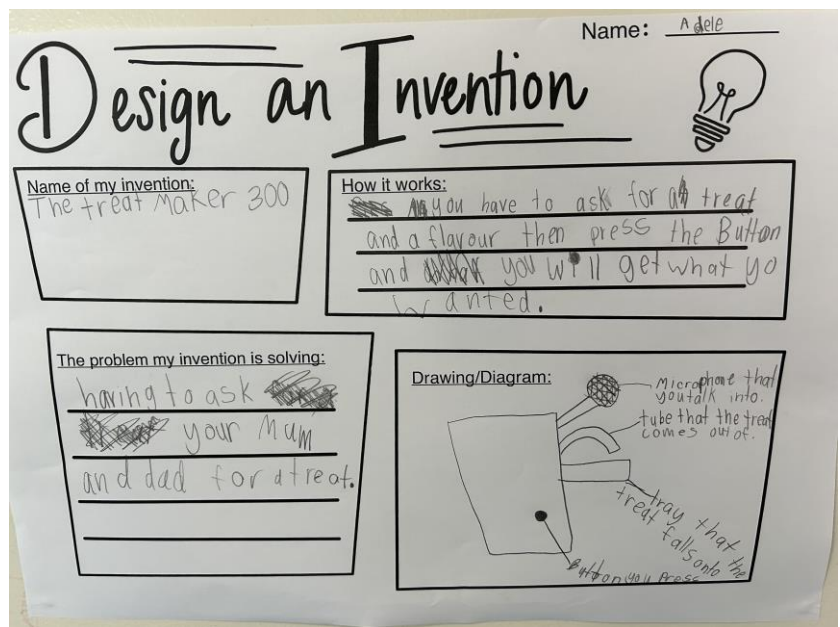
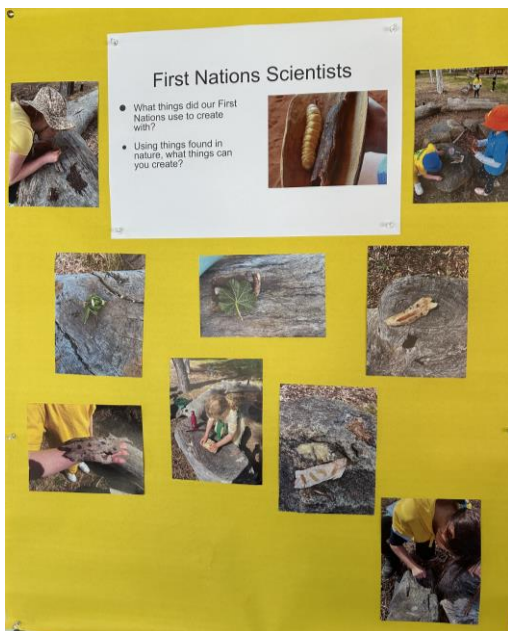
At my new school I like: the soccer field

One thing that is different between my new school and Southern Cross is: that there is a bigger place to play soccer

Southern Cross Alumni 2022

SCIENCE WEEK

Wow – we have had two fun filled weeks recently with Science Week being celebrated in week 5 and Book Week being celebrated in week 6. I would like to thank Johnathan and Lisa for all their time and efforts in organising the activities for our Science Week experiences. Please take a look at the display outside of the hall (on the Bright Star Café side) to see the children's learning about inventions and innovations.



BOOK WEEK

I would like to thank Sophie, Sarah and Sharron for their time and efforts in organising our Book Week festivities. A massive thanks to Nicole who made our library look amazing for our Book Week celebrations. A massive thank you to all of our families who helped their children to dress up as their favourite book character for our Book Week Parade. Our teachers will continue to explore the award-winning books in classrooms with children.

PRESCHOOL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Preschool team are currently in the process of updating our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). The aim of the QIP is to help us self-assess our performance in delivering quality education and care at Southern Cross, and to plan for future improvements. The QIP is a requirement from the regulatory authority and helps them to assess the quality of our programs and practice.

If you have any general thoughts or ideas about how we can improve in preschool please talk to your child's teacher or to the preschool team leader, Liz Marman. The team will also be communicating with our preschool families some specific questions to help us focus on our areas for improvement.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

Many thanks to those who have already completed the School Satisfaction Survey. Please can I gently remind our families about this important survey. Information you provide helps us to know what is working well and what we might need to review or change to meet the needs of our families.

Have a lovely week,

Kelly

FROM SOUTHERN CROSS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken next week, Monday 11 September – Friday 15 September.

Please use the link to pre-register for your child, that way you will receive more than one image of your child for the possibility of purchasing. There is no commitment to buy.

Pre-register here:

<https://form.typeform.com/to/DPUaEfUJ>

PHOTO WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday 11 September – Guginya, Wamburrang, Dyurra, Kabbadang and Winyu.

Tuesday 12 September – Dyirrigurat, Gudamang, Ghaddi & Wirria.

Wednesday – Catch up and sibling photos as pre-booked.

Thursday – Bunduluk and Dnnawan

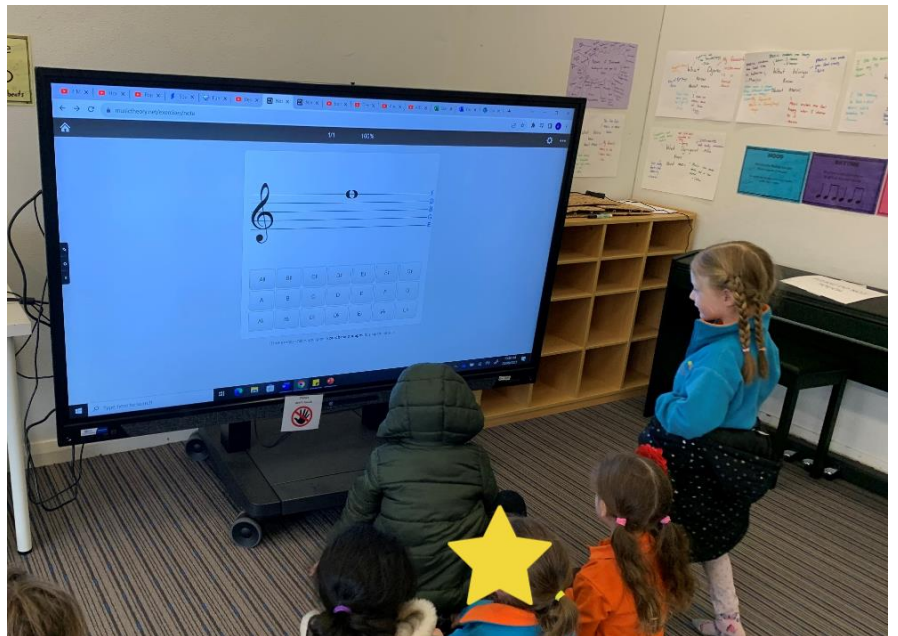
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MUSIC AT SOUTHERN CROSS

During music, Kindergarten and year 1/2 children have been learning how to read music. They have been learning about symbols on sheet music, including ways to remember note names. Children then applied their learning by reading sheet music to play songs. The children made some great connections in their learning, such as explaining how boomwhackers and glockenspiel keys share the same pitch colour. They also noticed the smaller the key is on a glockenspiel, the higher the pitch.

Kindergarten children have been exploring the song 'Geronimo' by Sheppard and Year 1/2 children have been exploring the song 'Best Day of My Life' by American Authors. The children have been listening and playing to the beat, using movement (identifying different sections of the song) and singing along. Children are beginning to experiment with creating their own music compositions using a variety of music instruments. Great work Kindergarten and Year 1/2!

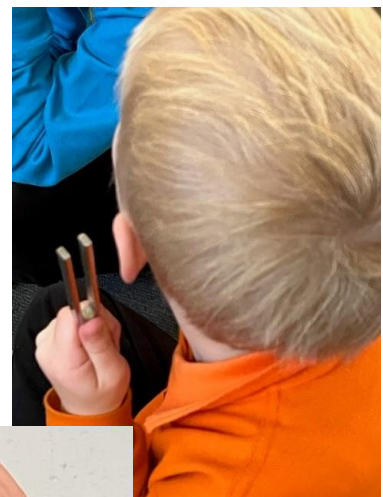




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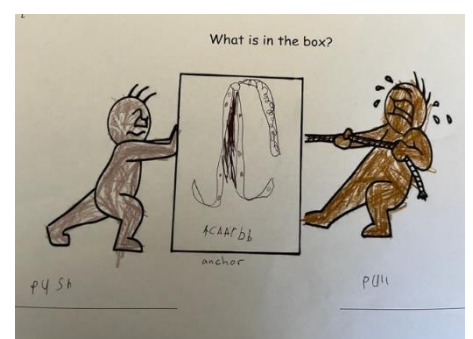
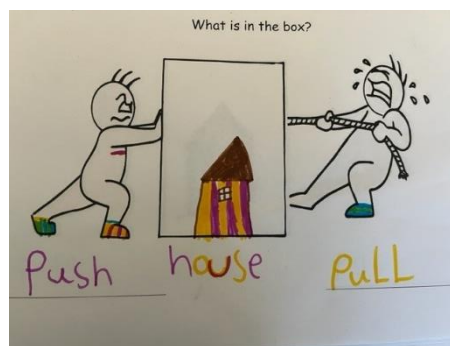
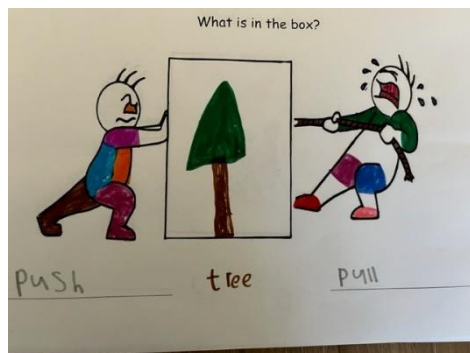
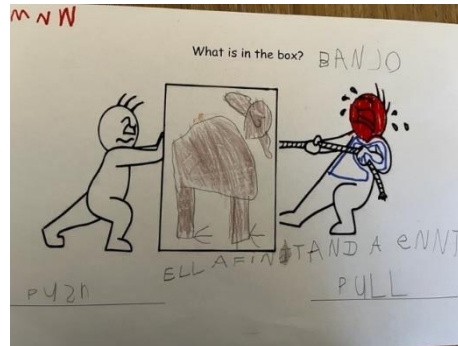
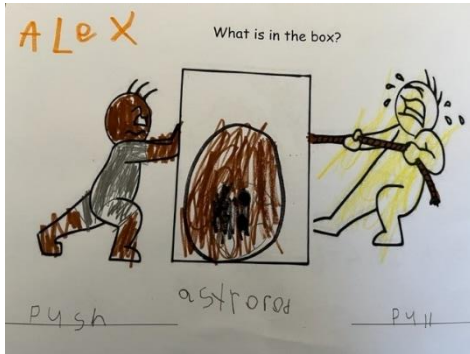
SCIENCE IN YEAR 1/2

This term in science, we have been investigating different forms of energy. We did many experiences with light energy and torches, looking at reflection. It was amazing to see how objects looked like they changed position or shape when they were immersed in water, thanks to refraction. Our most exciting experiment though, was with sound energy. Our cup-and-string phones actually worked, and listening to the tuning forks was amazing. When we put the tuning forks into a cup of coloured water we could see the sound energy in the form of vibrations, and it was incredible to watch the water jump because of sound energy!



SCIENCE IN KINDERGARTEN

In science this term we have been investigating forces, specifically push and pull. We have experimented with the ways our bodies move, the ways toys move, and the ways we make things move. The photos are examples of drawings of heavy things that would require a lot of force to be able to move, and things we could make with playdough using push and pull forces.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ANOTHER CHANCE OP-SHOP

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SEPT 4 - 9

SUPER SALE

50% OFF ENTIRE SHOP



Scullin Shops, Ross Smith Cres, Scullin
Open: Mon-Fri 10am-4:30pm & Sat 10am-1pm

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet



Hawker Community Repair Cafe

Volunteers will help repair toys, small furniture, small electrical items, lawn mowers, bikes, clothes, Apple devices, leather goods and sharpening

Hawker Recycling Hub - drop off washed lids, blister packs and socks

LIVE MUSIC

Made-local market

Eco friendly handmade gifts, toys, jewellery, garden ornaments, home produce, pre-loved tools, art, bric-a-brac and more

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

10:00AM TO 1:00PM

**HAWKER SOFTBALL CENTRE,
WALHALLOW ST**

Gold coin donation at the gate, sausage sizzle, cake stall and hot drinks.

Check us out (and get the dates for upcoming events) on Facebook (@Hawker Community Repair Cafe) or www.hawkermensshed.com.au
hawkermensshed@gmail.com