

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 10 | MONDAY 26 JUNE 2023

Dear families and friends

Welcome to week 10 – we have certainly felt the winter of Canberra come to life this past week! With the school holidays coming up, here are a few ideas for activities with the family: <https://schoolholidays.com.au/blog/canberra-things-to-do-with-family>

PLANNING DAYS

This week our usual release timetable will not run as it usually does. Instead, we are providing each teacher with a planning day. These have been designed to provide teachers with as much collaboration time as possible so that they can plan, source resources, and have everything ready to go for a successful term 3 of learning for our children. Please find a timetable of planning days below:

Monday: Music release and preschool planning (Maria and Anne-Maree covering)

Tuesday: Year 1/2 (Maria, Belinda, Bianca and Lisa will be covering)

Wednesday: Kindy (Anne-Maree, Maria and Lisa will be covering)

Thursday: Preschool planning (Bec and Lisa will be covering)

Friday: Science release planning day

STAFFING UPDATE – SEMESTER 2

Guginya (beginning of the week preschool)

Rebecca Morgan has won a position in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander section of the Education Directorate's Support Office (ESO). I would like to thank Rebecca for her contribution to Southern Cross over the past few years and wish her well in her new position.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 26 June – Friday 30 June
Family Educator Meetings

Wednesday 28 June | 9.15-10.00
Whole School Gathering

Thursday 29 June & Friday 30 June
Kindergarten Health Checks

Friday 30 June
Last day of Term 2

Monday 17 July
School resumes for term 3

Thursday 20 July
Bunduluk & Dnnawan return for term 3

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Anne-Maree Smith has kindly accepted the position as Class Teacher for Guginya, starting in term 3. Anne-Maree has many years of experience teaching in Canberra, particularly in preschool. You may have already met Anne-Maree as she has been at Southern Cross teaching in a variety of roles across the school. I am sure our Guginya families will welcome Anne-Maree to their class community next term.

Kabbadang

Sharron Wynn (who currently teaches Winyu on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) has accepted the position of teaching Kabbadang on Friday's. Sharron is familiar with the children and the learning and teaching plans and will ensure a smooth transition for the class group.

Acting SLC Announcement

As you are all aware, Emily Hartley is on parenting leave. The process for advertising and fulfilling this position has now been completed and it is with pleasure that I let you know that Johnathan Price has been successful in winning the acting SLC role for semester 2 this year. In this role, Johnathan will be leading the year 1/2 team for semester 2.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A big congratulations to Emily and Josh on the arrival of the new addition to their family. Lenni John Hartley was born a few weeks ago and the family are well and enjoying the newborn bubble.

I hope you all have a lovely break over the school holidays and enjoy time connecting with family and friends.

Kelly



FROM THE EDUCATION DIRECTORATE

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE A GREAT ADDITION TO A SCHOOL BOARD IN THE ACT?

The Education Directorate is seeking expressions of interest from people to fill the position of *Appointed Member* on ACT public school boards. Expressions of interest will be used to fill vacant positions in schools across the ACT.

Closes: COB Monday, 10 July 2023

All ACT public schools are required to have a school board. The school board is responsible for overseeing the strategic direction and priorities for the school within the framework set by the Education Directorate. Generally, school boards consist of:

- the school's principal
- three parents and citizens members
- two staff members
- two student members (at high schools and colleges)

- one Appointed Member, and
- up to two Board Appointed Members (if any).

The appointed member is usually someone from outside the immediate school community who is interested in and committed to public education. They bring an independent voice to board decisions. Appointments extend for a period of up to two years with the opportunity for re-appointment.

People interested in becoming an appointed member on a school board should complete the [expression of interest form](#) and return it to the school boards team in the Education Directorate via email: EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au.

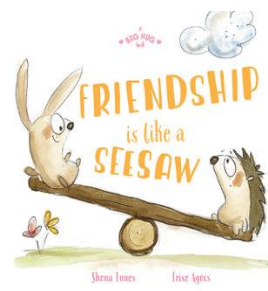
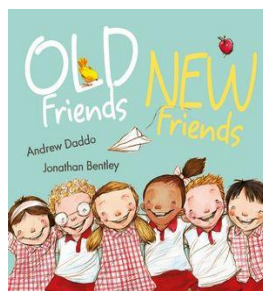
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FROM SOUTHERN CROSS

TERM 2 IN PRESCHOOL

FRIENDSHIPS IN PRESCHOOL

In **Dnnawan** we have been talking through what makes a good friend and the importance of being a kind person. We have read some great books that helped us understand this concept. After we talked about friendships, we read a book about different ways we can join in on play even when we feel scared. How do we feel when our friends don't let us join in? During our group times we have brainstormed some ideas – here are a few 😊



Good friends....

- We're kind to one another.
- They make us happy when we are sad.
- We share our toys... when we are finished playing with them.
- We listen to each other's ideas.
- We don't talk over our friends.

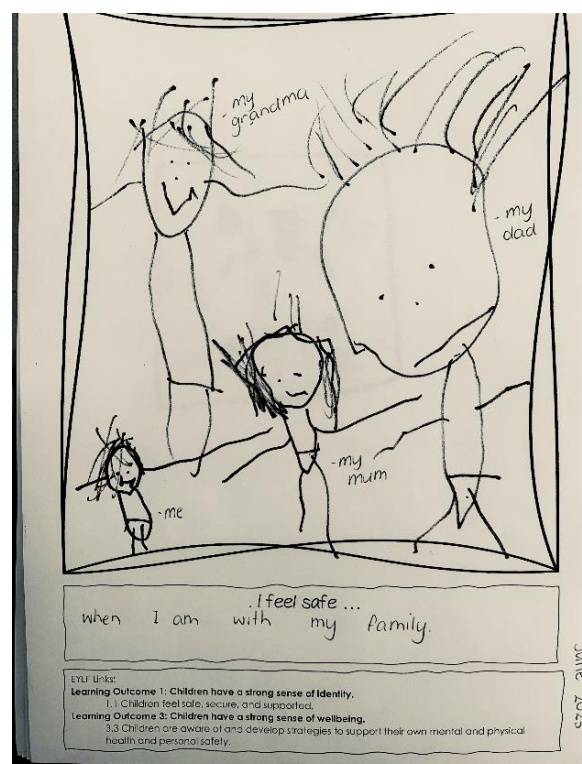
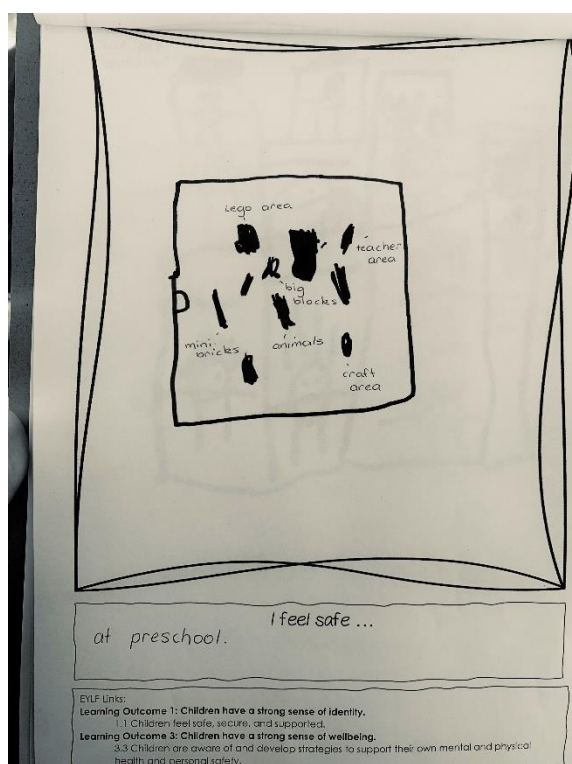


WHERE WE FEEL SAFE

In **Bunduluk** we read a book called 'The Best Nest' by P.D. Eastman and discussed what was happening in the story. The children were then asked to draw a space or place where they feel safe. Here are the children thinking and illustrating where they feel safe. Here is a link to the book we read if you would like to watch it with your child again at home - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXr67lj1bmc>



Wamburrang have been learning about 'safe'. We have discussed what safe looks like, sounds like and feels like and drawn pictures of a place or person that makes us feel safe. Our next steps will be to explore the things we do to keep ourselves and each other safe at school.

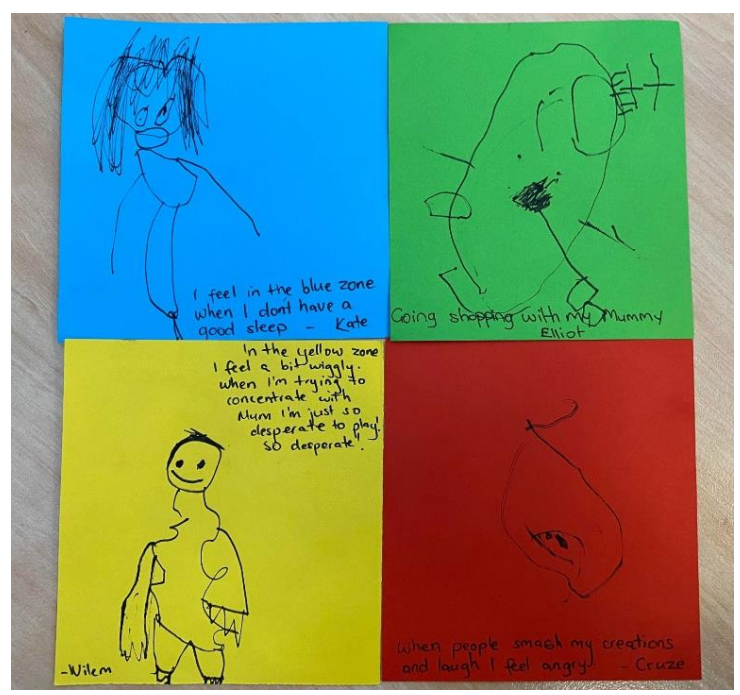


THE ZONES OF REGULATION

In **Guginya** we have been doing a lot of learning and thinking about the Zones of Regulation. We have watched some videos and reflected on what types of situations make us feel like we are in the four different zones. The Zones of Regulation is used across

Southern Cross Early Childhood School and is a great tool to help us label feelings and learn some strategies we can use when in each of the zones. It's normal and OK to experience the feelings across all the zones and we don't always "need" to be in the Green Zone, however, this is where optimal learning occurs so at times it's important to be in calm, focused and happy.

The ZONES of Regulation™			
BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Relaxed	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Elated/Ecstatic Devastated Out of Control



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

TWO SHEDS WORKSHOP

Canberra kids' woodwork holiday workshops are back!

Come and build some awesome projects with Two Sheds Workshop this July.

Workshops for kids 7yrs+, no experience needed.

Check out the range here:

www.twoshedsworkshops.com.au

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JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

KIDS WOODWORKING WORKSHOPS

Monday 3rd July morning /// Swords
Monday 3rd July afternoon /// Ping Pong Propulsion Perpetuators
Tuesday 4th July morning /// Ping Pong Propulsion Perpetuators
Tuesday 4th July afternoon /// Shields
Thursday 6th July morning /// Spoon Carving 9yrs +
Thursday 6th July afternoon /// 3 hour Sword Making
Friday 7th July morning /// Bird Feeder 9 yrs+
Friday 7th July afternoon /// 3 hour Toolboxes



Every Wednesday & Saturday in July 10.30am, 11.15am & 12pm (weather permitting) - Paperbark Children's Area – Free admission.

Join children's author Bronwyn Saunders to hear all about the largest marsupial to ever have lived.

Learn about Diprotodon's quirks, behaviour and diet; and the environment megafauna lived in. This is aimed at children, but adults are encouraged to come along and learn too. Weather dependent. No recording please.

Bronwyn Saunders is a passionate citizen scientist who delights in sharing facts about Australia's natural history with readers. Her book *Diprotodon: A megafauna journey* is now live on the [CSIRO Publishing website](#) for pre-order!

