

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 6 | MONDAY 15 MAY 2023

Dear families and friends

STAFFING

Our staffing remains stable, however as we are now into the colder months, many of our staff and their families are becoming unwell. We thank you for your patience as we try to cover classes each day. Our decision making is based around attempting to ensure the least amount of disruption for our children.

Just a gentle reminder to please keep your children at home if they are unwell. We know that this may be challenging at times as we juggle work and family. Stopping the spread of illness will continue to support our school community and will help us to keep our staff well so that they are able continue the teaching and learning programs for the children.

YEAR 1/2 AWNING

You may have noticed that the work has now started on the awning at the back of the year 1/2 classrooms. We apologise that we didn't provide our community with prior warning last week. The good news is that the work is progressing nicely, and we are hopeful that we will be able to have access to this area again sometime in week 5.

New line up arrangements: There are now class signs out on the posts under the COLA (opposite the kindy classrooms) where the children will line up at 9am and after break times. Teachers will meet the children here and walk them into the classrooms. At 3pm, our teachers will bring the children out to the blacktop to meet their families or to go to After School Care. Thank you everyone for your support and patience. This will be a lovely, covered area for our 1/2 classes to use in all weather conditions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May
Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 24 May | 9.15-10.00
Whole School Gathering

Wednesday 24 May
National Simultaneous Storytime -
The Speedy Sloth

Monday 29 May
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Reconciliation Day

Thursday 1 June | 12.00
Reconciliation Gathering
& Smoking Ceremony

Friday 5 June
P&C Meeting - online

Wednesday 7 June | 12.00-1.30
Christian Education in Schools

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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME – WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2023

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 23rd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum from Foundation to Year 6.

We will be reading this book together as a part of our Whole School Gathering on the same day and teachers will be continuing with further explorations into the book and theme in classrooms.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Don't forget we have our Scholastic Book Fair happening this week! Children will come and look at the books with the teachers and take a wish list home. Families can then pay online and the children will be given the book they order at school.

Book Fair will be open for families to view 8.30-9.00am each morning this week, EFTPOS available.

RECONCILIATION DAY

On Monday 29 May, the sixth annual Reconciliation Day event will be held at the National Arboretum in Canberra. This is part of Reconciliation Week, a time for us to learn about our shared histories and cultures and explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Our school will be closed on this day.

To find out more about the events that are happening on Canberra on this day, please follow the link:

<https://events.canberra.com.au/reconciliation-day>

Our school will be hosting an event during this week and our teachers will be exploring reconciliation and what it means throughout the week in classrooms. Please keep an eye on Seesaw for information about these experiences, and below in this newsletter for information about our event.

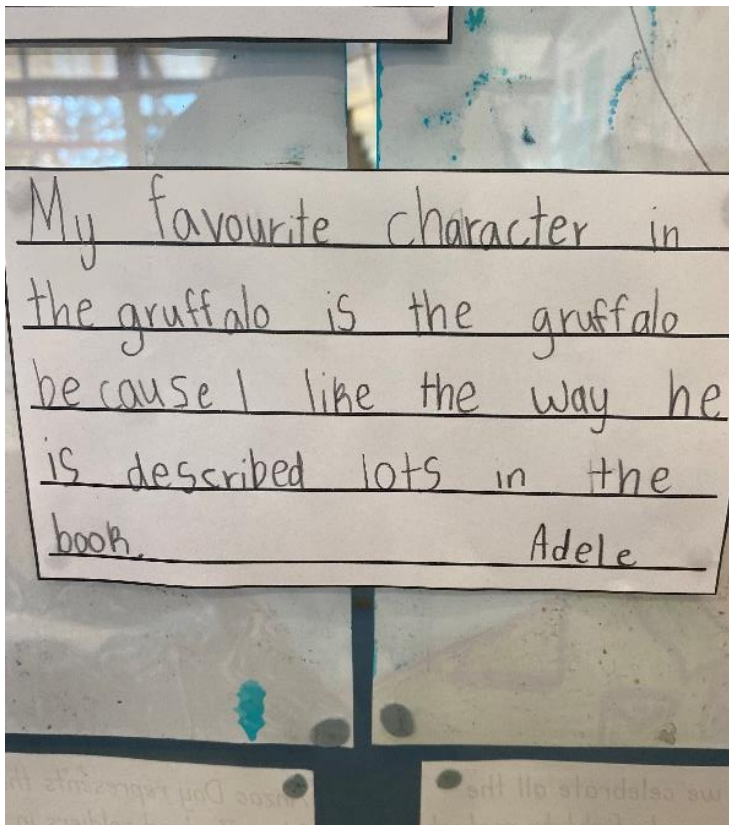
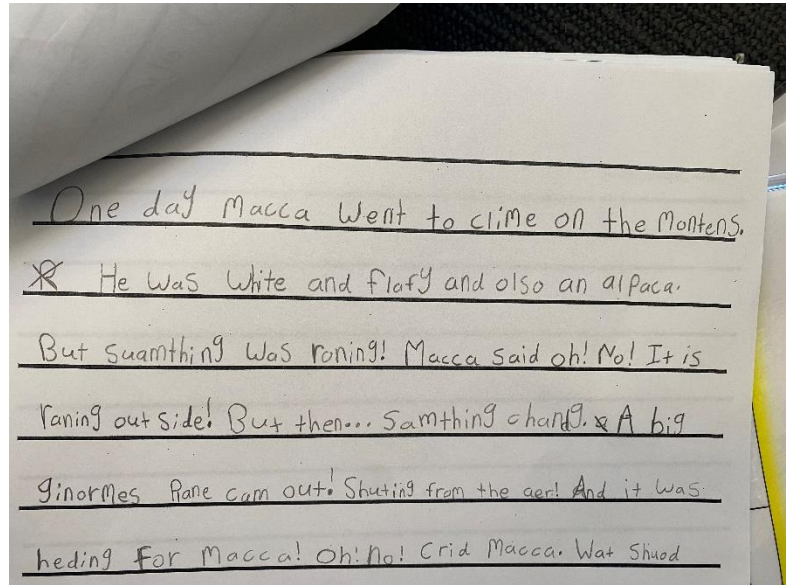
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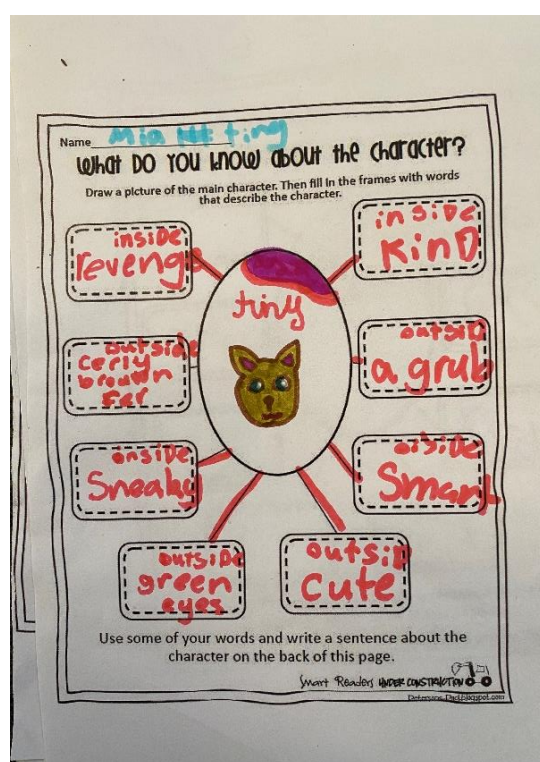
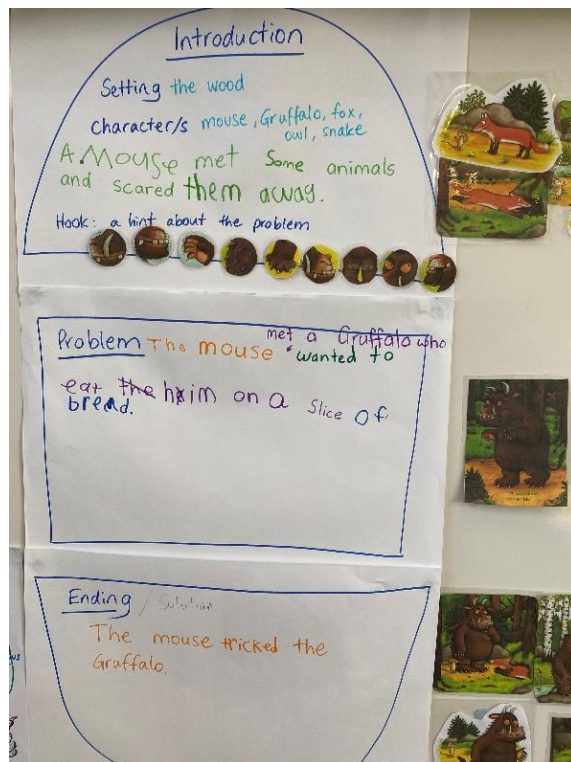
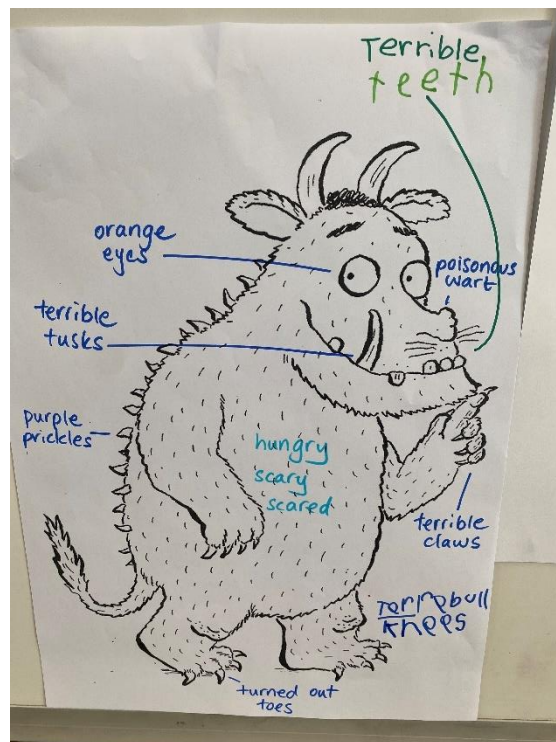
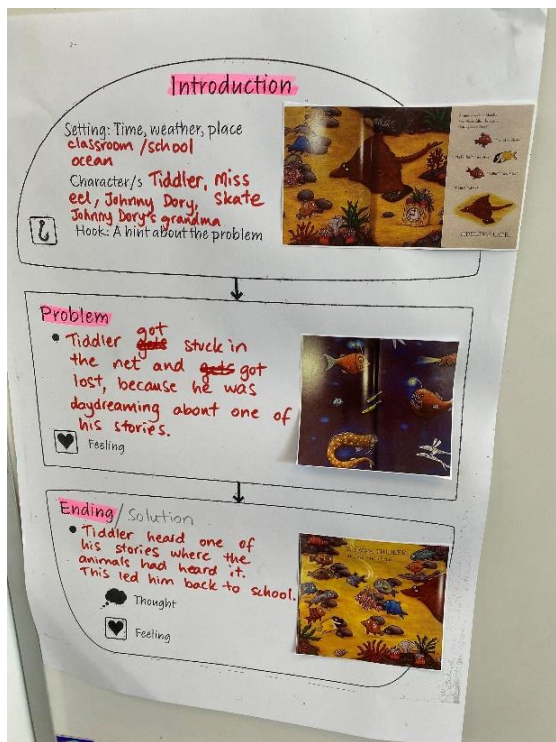
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FROM SOUTHERN CROSS

WRITING IN YEAR 1/2

Every day, year 1/2 children are involved in meaningful and purposeful writing experiences. Our writing inspiration often comes from the quality books that we read in the classroom. This term we have been exploring ideas from *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson. We have been investigating the different parts of a narrative structure, including an introduction where the setting and characters are introduced, the events which usually include a problem and the ending with a resolution. The children have created character profiles for *The Gruffalo* and are now having some fun making up characters for their own story!





PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

Over the next term, children across P-2 are going to be getting smarter about the big idea of personal safety.

Protective Behaviours is an education program that provides children and carers with information and strategies on how to identify and deal with unsafe and threatening situations. Protective Behaviours consists of ten lessons which will be taught across the school as part of our social and emotional learning program.

Protective Behaviours Topics

Theme 1: We all have the right to feel safe at all times.

Theme 2: We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is.

Lesson 1 Theme 1	Lesson 2 Theme 1	Lesson 3 Theme 1	Lesson 4 Theme 2	Lesson 5 Theme 2
Feelings and feeling safe Rights of the child	Recognising early warning signs Early warning signs and safety	Risking on purpose and keeping safe Different people have different reactions	When to seek help Secrets	Networks Networks Invitation
Lesson 6 Theme 2	Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Lesson 9	Lesson 10
Review networks Asking for help Persistence	Public and Private Safe and unsafe touches	Relationships and personal space	Saying no Being assertive	Revision of themes and concepts

RECONCILIATION GATHERING AND SMOKING CEREMONY LED BY DUNCAN WIRADJURI ELDER.

This Reconciliation Gathering will be led by our Year 2 Leaders in the spirit of storytelling and friendship.

Thursday 1 June at 12.00pm

We will be gathering under trees in our Community Gathering Space (corner of Wirraway and Ross Smith Crescents),

- Smoking Ceremony led by Duncan Smith
- Story telling led by Year 2 and Sing along - "From little things, big things grow". [Paul Kelly - From Little Things Big Things Grow - YouTube](#)
- Reconciliation Walk - Families are invited to walk alongside us, as we share stories, advocate for and grow our understanding of reconciliation.



We will repeat this event on Tuesday 6 June for Guginya and Wamburrang – with the support of Year 2 Leaders (sadly no smoking ceremony) the reconciliation walk for Pre-schoolers will be on the inside of the school gates.

Thursday 1 June and Tuesday 6 June – Community are invited to wear **yellow** as we advocate for First Nations Educators [Wear it Yellow](#) .



BOOK FAIR IS HERE!

Scholastic Book Fair is happening this week at Southern Cross Early Childhood School.

Book Fair is an opportunity to purchase new books direct from the school.

Books will be on display in the school library from Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May.

Two ways to purchase –

- Book Fair will be open for families 8.30-9.00am each morning, EFTPOS available
OR
- Children will come to the library with their class to look through the exciting options available to purchase. They will complete their **'Wish List'** which will be sent home to families with the online payment details. Families will pay for any books they wish to purchase online or by sending in the correct cash with their child, return the wish list along with payment details and we will then deliver the books to the children to bring home. If the book is sold out from the stock at school, we will place a back order and let families know.

A percentage of sales from Scholastic Book Fair is rewarded to the school which allows us to purchase further books and resources from Scholastic. Final day for ordering is Friday 19 May.

FROM THE P&C

The P&C would like to thank you all for your fabulous support of our recent uniform free day. We loved seeing all the children's amazing outfit choices and raised **\$259.10** for Pegasus Riding for the Disabled, an important local service.

To help parents and carers keep up to date with P&C information, we are resurrecting the P&C Facebook group and we'd love for you all to join. Search for Southern Cross Early Childhood School P&C Page Group on Facebook or follow this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scecspondc>

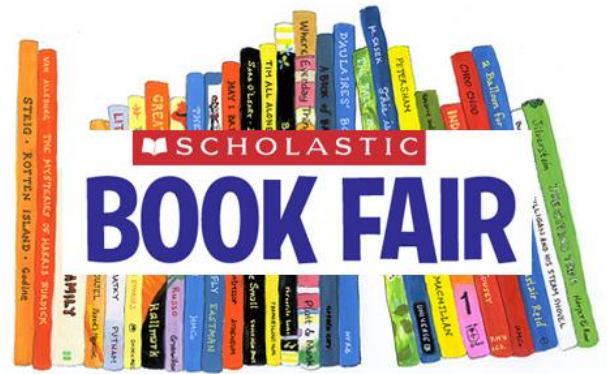
Our next meeting will be held online on **Monday 5 June**. Everyone is welcome to join, even if it's while you make dinner, walk the dog or whatever else you need to do. <https://facebook.com/events/s/pc-meeting/1383773415501958/>

PIE DRIVE 2023!

It's back!! We are so excited to announce that we are partnering again with Anglicare and two wonderful local businesses to bring you the Pie Drive Fundraiser again!

Enjoy some delicious meals and treats from **Hudson's Catering** and **Sweet Bones Café Bakery** or tuck them away in the freezer - the Pie Drive is a great way to prepare for those cold, dark winter nights.

Orders will open soon (we will send a seesaw message) and will close at 12pm Monday 5 June.



Items will be ready for collection between 3pm and 6pm on Wednesday 21 June at the community room. You'll need to book a collection time in advance, details to come closer to the date.

Southern Cross P&C Pie+Pastry+Pasta Drive

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Take a night (or a week) off cooking and let the professionals tickle your tastebuds with high quality meals and treats.

Every purchase supports the Southern Cross ECS P&C and Anglicare Early Childhood Education.

We are working with two local businesses to supply us with mouthwatering food that we can't wait for you to try!

**ORDER BY JUNE 5
PICK UP JUNE 21**

Feel free to share with family and friends in the Scullin area! This is a great way for our networks to support our school community!

**No minimum order!
Buy as little or as
much as you'd like!**

<https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/southern-cross-early-childhood-school/custom-store/scecspiedrive>

Hudsons Catering

Beef Lasagne
Pork & Pepper Pies
Lamb & Vegetable Curry
Traditional Beef Bourguignon
Pumpkin, Chickpea, Cauliflower & Green Bean Curry
Soups- Sweet Corn & Chicken/ Thai Style
Pumpkin /Vegetable Minestrone
Family Apple Crumble / Family Apricot Crumble

Sweetbones

Big John cookie dough
Cinnabuns bake at home
Lentil personal pies
Mexican lasagna

Orders can be collected from the community room at Southern Cross Early Childhood School between 3-6pm Wednesday June 21. Enter the school via Wirraway Cres.

Contact: please email scecspscand@gmail.com

To order, please visit <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/southern-cross-early-childhood-school/custom-store/scecspiedrive> and make sure you share with families and friends!

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!

We are hosting movie night on Friday 16 June at the school hall. This year we will be screening "Robots".

Information on whether this movie is suitable for your children- visit the raising children website - <https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/movie-reviews/robots>

Further information on how to buy tickets will come out shortly.

We need your help to run this event! Can you cook some popcorn? Spare an hour to collect tickets, or perhaps you know how to set up AV equipment? We'd love to hear from you! Call or text our President Cris on 0401 397 475 if you can help.

