

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 13 | MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2023

Dear families and friends

Welcome to week 6 everyone! The Canberra winter is certainly letting us know that we are still in the winter months, brrrr. Spring will be here before we know it!

OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

I'm pleased to let you all know that **Slide Mountain** is open! Thank you for your patience as we completed maintenance on this play space to ensure the safety of all children. Our preschool children and Munjawari have certainly been enjoying rediscovering the space. I would like to thank the Education Directorate for their financial support with this project.

The **Reconciliation Courtyard** is closed for construction until the end of week 6. The Education Directorate is supporting us financially to build a shade structure (similar to the one over the blacktop) in this courtyard so we can enjoy it in all weather. This will be a welcomed learning space for the summer months ahead. Again, I would like to thank the Education Directorate for their support.

BOOK WEEK

An email was sent home last week with information regarding our Book Week Parades! Please see times and dates below for this week:

Tuesday 22 August 9:15am – Preschool Book Parade (in outdoor preschool environment)

Thursday 24 August 9:10am – K-2 Book Parade (blacktop and outdoor environment)

Thursday 9:30am 24 August – Preschool Book Parade (please feel free to

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 22 August | 9.15am

Book Week Parade

Guginya & Wamburrang

Wednesday 23 August

Hall School Museum Excursion

Dyirrigurat & Wirria

Thursday 24 August | 9.15am

Book Week Parade

Kindergarten – Year 2

Thursday 24 August | 9.30am

Book Week Parade

Bunduluk & Dnnawan

Friday 25 August

Hall School Museum Excursion

Ghaddi & Gudamang

Wednesday 30 August | 12.00-1.30

Christian Education in Schools

Thursday 7 September | 11.30-2.30

Athletics Carnival

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relax in our community hub with a cuppa while you wait or bring your child a little later on this day. We are giving families the opportunity to attend both parades if they have children across K-2 and preschool).

CALENDAR

There are so many wonderful events that are happening in the second half of this term! Please check this newsletter or our website for dates to help you remember when the fun is happening! Thank you to our staff and the P&C who are working hard to organise and run these events for the children and the community.

https://www.scecs.act.edu.au/our_school/calendar

Have a lovely week,

Kelly

FROM THE EDUCATION DIRECTORATE

2023 SCHOOL SATISFACTION & CLIMATE SURVEY

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The 2023 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from **18 August to 8 September**. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our schools. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

An email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey. Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2023 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com.

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, please contact your school.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

FROM SOUTHERN CROSS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The team from **Authentic School Portraits** will be attending our school the week of Monday 11 September to Friday 15 September to capture school photos!

How to view and purchase your children's school photos?

If you would like your child to be photographed during photo week, it is **essential to pre-register** your information and interest with Authentic School Portraits here:

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

If you do not pre-register, your child will only be photographed for inclusion in the school's internal database.

Sibling Photos: For families with more than one child at the school/centre, pre-registering your interest is crucial to guarantee a sibling photo session. Please register before photo week as we are unable to accommodate requests once photo week begins.

What can you do in preparation?

Some parents have questions around how to help us capture the best photos possible, Authentic School Portraits have a couple of tips before you send your child off to school on photo day. You can find those all at the link below under 'FAQ for Parents'.

<https://orders.authenticschoolportraits.com/webarchive/info.php>



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

SCIENCE WEEK AT SOUTHERN CROSS

This year's theme for Science Week is **INNOVATION: POWERING FUTURE INDUSTRIES**. We celebrated this at Southern Cross School by having a Science Day! It was a day filled with six main activities that children could choose as their interests dictated, where they had a chance to be creative thinkers and solve problems. The activities were:

Binary Code Bracelet- Where children could learn what binary code is and make a beaded bracelet that spells out their name in binary code.

Solve a problem- Where children could design and build a trap to attract and capture insects that were eating vegetable crops.

Improve a design- Make a paper plane using a straw for a fuselage and then make it fly even better.

Change it up- Modify or repurpose something to try and create something new from something old.

First Nations Scientists- Using things found in nature, what things can you create?

Make it stronger- What materials can you use to build a bridge as strong as possible?



Change it up – Repurposing, recycling, renewing, recreating and rebuilding.



Make it stronger – Fortification, strengthening and reinforcing.



The children were also encouraged to think of inventions that could solve a problem. I hope you enjoy these sample of photographs showcasing our science day.

TERM 3 IN KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten has had a busy start to our term 3 learning. The children have been focusing on their own personal reading and writing strategies and developing their number skills, exploring place value, skip counting and teen numbers.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

In week 2 we celebrated our 100 days of school! To mark this occasion the children dressed up as someone who looks 100 years old or dressed up with 100 items on their clothing. Throughout the day we participated in a variety of activities based on the number 100! We had a great time celebrating this milestone.



WILD WEDNESDAY

Our Play Workshop this term has been centred around the children being Explorers of the World. Each Wednesday kindergarten gathers their equipment which includes a diary, pencil, explorer bag, collection bag and magnifying glass and we explore areas outside of the school. The children are encouraged to collect and observe items of interest which they can then investigate further. We are exploring mapping techniques and the use of directional language.



SCIENCE WEEK

Last week we celebrated Science Week, the theme was 'Innovation'. The children participated in a range of science activities set up and run by the teachers and educators. On Wednesday afternoon the children were able to visit various stations and participate in a range of experiments.

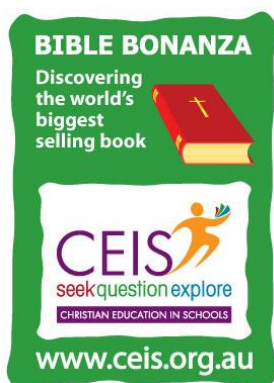


HOCKEY

From weeks 4-7 Kindergarten will be participating in Hockey clinics. So far, the children have been learning how to hold their hockey stick correctly and how to dribble a ball. The children have been playing various games to build their confidence and skill level while also having fun!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS – WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST



Term 3 – Bible Bonanza

This term students will use some well-known parables (stories from the Bible) to find out more about God and his one big story.

Christian Education in Schools is an opt in program for children in Kindergarten to Year 2. Student attendance is by parent request only.

FROM ANGLICARE

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Please take a look at the activities for the Spring School Holiday Program. Booking forms will be emailed to Anglicare families today. To enrol in the school holiday program please return your booking request form by Friday 1 September. If you have not received a booking form, please contact Natalie at southerncross@anglicare.com.au



Spring School Holiday Program

Monday 25 Sep	Tuesday 26 Sep	Wednesday 27 Sep	Thursday 28 Sep	Friday 29 Sep
<u>Children be the Teachers Day</u> Yes, it is happening once again, today the teachers run rogue again! Wrangle them up, as you are the teachers today!	<u>Excursion Floriade</u> Come on an adventure to Canberra's biggest Spring festival and explore all Commonwealth Park has to offer!	<u>Medical Science</u> Grab your white lab coats, it's time to do some medical science with Dr. Ella!	<u>Craft Day</u> Let's get crafty as we complete some back to back art challenges and follow lessons from Art for Kids on the big screen!	<u>Neon Light Disco</u> Today the theme is glow in the dark! From face paint to dance mats, let's have the coolest disco day yet!
Monday 2 Oct	Tuesday 3 Oct	Wednesday 4 Oct	Thursday 5 Oct	Friday 6 Oct
<u>Centre Closed</u> Centre Closed for Labour Day	<u>Nuddys Got Talent!</u> From dancing to music to comedy, if you have a talent we want to see it! Come watch or perform in Nuddys Talent Show!	<u>Fire Pit Cooking</u> Cook, sizzle and fry on various hotplates over a fire as we make homemade pizzas, s'mores & more!	<u>Excursion Arboretum</u> Let us explore the infamous Pod playground, before rolling down the grassy hills and venturing through the Arboretums forests!	<u>A Minute to Win It!</u> 60 Seconds are on the clock for you to race against your peers in a variety of games such as Face the Cookie and Keep it Up!

Child-led experiences: Children and educators will collaborate on experiences and ideas that extend on the children's interests. This will include spontaneous experiences as well as activities that the children request. Activities may include craft, construction, reading, music experiences, group games, and free learning experiences.

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Please note: Walga Nature Preschool does not operate during the school holiday period. If you need care for your children over this time, please book into our school holiday program.

FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Authentic School Portraits, the child photographers that photographed at our centre earlier this year are offering a special deal for families wanting to capture some special family photos in time for Christmas.

- **When:** Saturday 7 October and Sunday 8 October
- **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 centre. 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/>

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