

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 19 | MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2023

Dear families and friends

Welcome to week 8 everyone. We have an exciting few weeks with year 2 swimming, graduation events and end of year celebrations!

STAFFING 2024

The staffing puzzle is almost finalised! Below are the names of our teaching staff and where they will be teaching in 2024. Please note: We are still making decisions about the release role and who will take on this role in 2024. More information will be provided next year.

Welcome to Lyndsey Orchard (100%), Alison Hutchison (60%), Natalie Thorpe (40%) and Fei He (60%)! We are very lucky to have these four teachers join our teaching team for 2024.

Preschool:

Beginning of the week: Anne-Maree Smith and Bianca Boyle

End of the week: Sarah Hornby and Alison Hutchison

Kindergarten:

Lyndsey Orchard (new), Candice Scott, Chloe Gleeson

Year 1/2:

Sharron Wynn, Katrina Lees, Stephanie Tanner, Alys Humphrey and Dee Munro

MEET THE TEACHER

Our Meet the Teacher event will happen on Wednesday 13 December from 2-3pm. 2024 Kindergarten and year 1/2 children will meet their teacher and

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 27 November –
Friday 1 December
Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday 5 December | 12.00-1.30
Christian Education in Schools

Wednesday 6 December
Outdoor Classroom Day

Thursday 7 December | 5.30-7.30
Year 2 Fun Night

Monday 11 December | 2.00-3.00
Year 2 Graduation

Tuesday 12 December | 5.00-7.00
End of Year Celebration

Friday 15 December
Last day of Term 4

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Wirraway Crescent Scullin | ACT | 2614

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spend some time with them in the classroom. Beginning of the week preschool children will have their Meet the Teacher session on Tuesday 12 December at 2pm.

Families will be emailed 2024 class information during the Wednesday session with a social story to support the children's transition. We encourage everyone to read the social story during the last week of January prior to the start of 2024.

FAREWELLS

Lisa Ryan – Lisa has taught year 1/2 and supported the team in preschool for many years. Recently, Lisa has been our much-loved science teacher across kindergarten and year 1/2. Lisa brings enthusiasm, experience and fun to her teaching and there will be many children across the school who will miss her. Lisa's new school is very fortunate to have her joining their team. We will miss you Lisa and your Southern Cross community wishes you all the very best.

Belinda Smith – Belinda has spent her first three years of teaching at Southern Cross Early Childhood School. During this time Belinda has taught year 1/2, preschool and music across the school. Belinda has brought her passion for music and early childhood to our school and has contributed positively to all of the children at Southern Cross. Belinda brings a calm and organised approach to her teaching, and we will miss her as she begins at her new school in 2024. We will miss you Belinda and your Southern Cross community wishes you all the very best.

Hayley Jones – Hayley has been at Southern Cross for a number of years and has taught across kindergarten and year 1/2. For the past two years Hayley has also played a significant role in developing and embedding our coaching processes across the school. Hayley supports children to be the best learners they can be, academically, socially, and emotionally. Hayley's new school is very fortunate to have her joining their team. We will miss you Hayley and your Southern Cross community wishes you all the very best.

Sophie Jarvis – Sophie has taught across all areas of our school in the time she has been teaching at Southern Cross. Sophie brings a sense of calm, experience and organisation to her teaching and is also thoughtful about how to engage and develop learning for children. Sophie has developed many positive relationships with families across the school who I know will miss her in 2024. We will miss you Sophie and your Southern Cross community wishes you all the very best.

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports will go home with the children (preschool) or via email (K-2 children) on Thursday 7 December. Beginning of the week preschool reports will go home on Tuesday 5 December.

Have a lovely week,

Kelly

FROM SOUTHERN CROSS

SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2024

TERM 1, 2024: Tuesday 30 January – Friday 12 April 2024

TERM 2, 2024: Tuesday 30 April – Friday 5 July 2024

TERM 3, 2024: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 27 September 2024

TERM 4, 2024: Tuesday 15 October – Tuesday 17 December 2024

WHEN WILL YOUR CHILD START IN 2024?

Tuesday 30 January 2024: Beginning of the week **Preschool** and **Kindergarten** children start school.

Wednesday 31 January 2024: **Year 1** and **Year 2** children start school.

Thursday 1 February 2024: End of the week **Preschool** children start school.

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING

Contact Details: It is **vital** to have up to date contact information for each family with children enrolled at Southern Cross Early Childhood School.

If you have changed your address or updated your phone number please email nicole.emerton@ed.act.edu.au to ensure we have the current information (Australia Post may be delivering mail over the January holiday period).

Medical Information: Families are required to complete a new **Medical Information and Consent Form** each year. These will be emailed to families in Term 1, 2024.

Children with a **Known Medical Condition** are required to provide a current Medical Action Plan, completed by a medical professional, to the school on a yearly basis. Families with children in preschool will also work with class teachers to develop a risk minimisation plan.

GO BLUE DAY



It was fantastic to see the children and staff all wearing blue to show their support for World Diabetes Day.

Such an amazing effort Southern cross! We raised **\$301.70** to donate to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Thank you for your support 😊

Southern Cross Early Childhood School & Anglicare at Southern Cross
End of Year Celebration
Tuesday 12 December
5.00–7.00pm

Come along for an afternoon of
fun & entertainment.
Children from Southern Cross and Anglicare will be
performing a few songs to delight their families
and see the school year out with a bang!

Corner of Ross Smith & Wirraway Crescents, under the shady trees.

MUSIC AT SOUTHERN CROSS

In music, children have been continuing to experiment with a range of instruments, compose their own music and perform to their peers. It has been so wonderful to see the kindergarten and year 1/2 children so excited to perform their compositions! Children had the option to work by themselves or in a small group where they had to carefully plan their roles, decide their instruments, as well as include elements of music (dynamics, tempo, rhythm, structure and pitch). Well done kindergarten and year 1/2!

We have also been focusing on rhythm notation where children use their knowledge of syllables to determine rhythms to clap, as well as working as a class to play songs on the boom whackers. Here is the link we have been using to practise rhythms: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNpisG_vJ6T4





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COMMEMORATIVE TEA TOWELS



Place your orders here!

<https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/southern-cross-early-childhood-school/custom-store/scecsteatl5>

Order by Friday 9 December to receive your order before the end of the term.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

RENT RELIEF IN THE ACT

The Christmas/Festive season is fast approaching, and along with it is the additional Christmas/Festive preparation expenses, not to mention the bills that will start rolling in come the New Year!

Care continues to facilitate the ACT Government's Rent Relief program for those who rent privately in the ACT. **Eligible renters can apply for the one off grant of 4 weeks rent up to a maximum of \$2,500.**



Please note: The current turn around for applications is 2-3 weeks but could increase depending on the volume of applications received.

For more information, eligibility criteria and application form head to our website – www.carefcs.org/rent-relief-scheme

Care will be closed for Christmas from Friday 22nd December 2023 reopening Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

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MayDay ADHD Coaching

Supporting Canberrans who emotionally struggle to parent
their child with ADHD to find the joy in raising their family.



Positive Perceptions of ADHD

For Parents and Carers of Children and Teens with ADHD

As parents of children with ADHD we see everyday how much they are affected by ours and other people response to their innate impulsivity, hyperactivity and distractibility. At this free workshop, I will give you access to the resources you need to build your child's self esteem, provide them with positive role models and recognise the strengths that come along with being neurodivergent.

Book Now: <https://www.maydayadhdcoaching.com/knowledge>

When: **1:30-3:30pm on**
10th December 2023

Where: **Christ Church Hawker**
196/198-206 Hawker Pl,
Hawker ACT 2614

Cost: **Free**

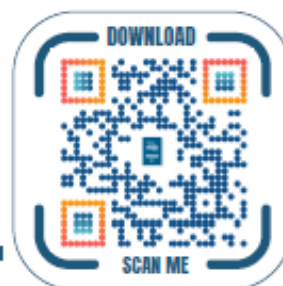
Please note, this is a child-free event.



CHECK THE BLUE BOOK. ACT EARLY. SEEK SUPPORT.

Your Blue Book helps record your child's health, illnesses, injuries, growth and development from 0-5 years. Keep up to date with your child's health and development checks for each age below.

SOME THINGS I MAY BE DOING WHEN I AM:



0-4 Weeks



- crying to tell you I need something
- calming when you hold me
- looking at your face and eyes
- grasping your fingers when placed in my hand

6-8 Weeks



- making sounds like I am 'telling you something'
- becoming quiet when someone is talking to me
- smiling
- moving my head towards different noises

4 Months



- making new sounds
- lifting my head and shoulders when laying on my tummy
- following people and objects with my eyes
- rolling
- playing with my hands and feet

6 Months



- standing with support
- bringing things to my mouth
- passing things from one hand to the other
- babbling lots
- rolling over

12 Months



- saying 1 or 2 words, waving, pointing, clapping
- pulling to stand
- responding to my name
- crawling and exploring
- trying to get things out of reach

18 Months



- saying 20 or more words
- pointing to body parts or toys
- having big emotions
- walking on my own and feeding myself
- using my imagination when playing

2 Years



- saying 50 or more words & putting two words together
- having rapid changes in feelings
- copying what you do, like sweeping the floor
- listening to simple stories and songs
- climbing, dressing up and playing make believe

3 Years



- speaking simple sentences
- understanding most of what you say
- asking lots of questions
- drawing, joining the dots
- running and learning to climb stairs

4 Years



- counting 10 or more objects
- playing with other children
- starting to tell the difference between real and pretend
- wanting to do more things by myself
- catching a ball



Contact **Central Health Intake** to make an appointment for your child's health and development checks.

☎ 5124 9977

If you have concerns or questions, call the **Early Parenting Support line**.

☎ 5124 1775 to speak with the maternal and child health team.

or drop in to your local **Child and Family Centre**. Scan here for locations.

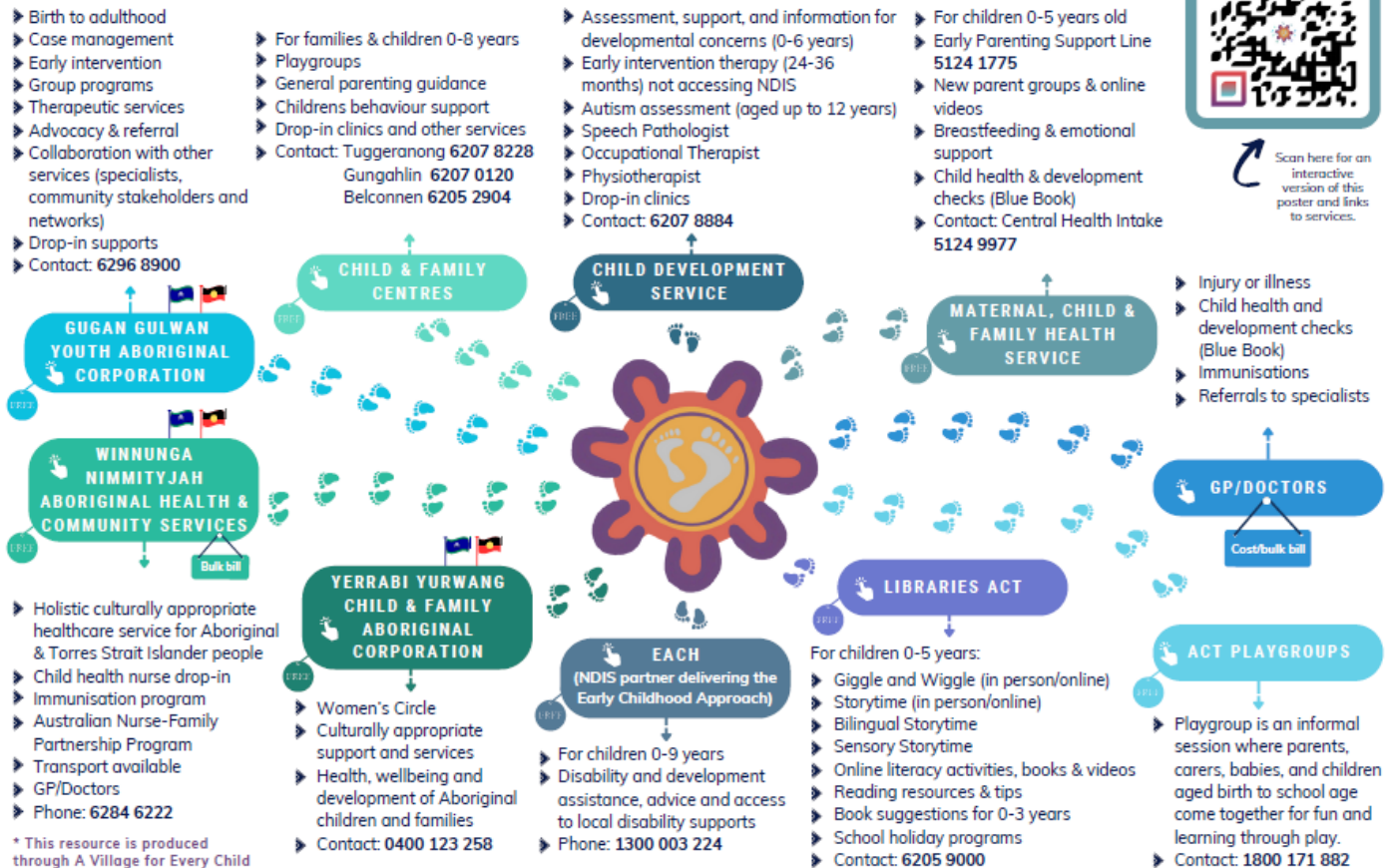
📧 childandfamilycentres@act.gov.au

Contact **Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services**
☎ 6284 6222

Contact **Yerrabi Yurwang Child & Family Aboriginal Corporation**
☎ 0400 123 258

PATHWAYS TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR CHILD

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD DEVELOPMENT, DISABILITY OR HEALTH CONCERN



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