

# Southern Cross Early Childhood School



Newsletter 3 | Tuesday, 9 March 2021

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 12 March | 8.00-8.50

Community Breakfast

Monday 15 March

Waste Free Day

Monday 15 March | 9.30-10.30

2022 Preschool Information Tour

Monday 15 March | 5.15-6.00

Linking Families to Learning Session -  
How to Support Reading at Home

Wednesday 17 March | 12.00-1.30

Christian Education in Schools

Thursday 18 March

Waste Free Day – Bunduluk & Dnnawan

Friday 19 March

Gruffalo's Child Excursion

Tuesday 23 March

Shell Questacon Science Circus Incursion

Wednesday 24 March | 9.30-10.30

2022 Preschool Information Tour

Friday 26 March

Shell Questacon Science Circus Incursion

Friday 26 March | from 5.00

CampOUT & Family Picnic

Thursday 1 April

Last day of Term 1

Friday 2 April

Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 19 April

First day of Term 2

Dear families and friends

Welcome to week 6 everyone! Last week Gudamang (year 1/2) hosted our first *Whole School Gathering* for the year. It was lovely to come together as a school and celebrate the learning and sense of belonging that has been developed in the first 5 weeks of this year. Thank you to all of our families for coming along and sharing this with us. It is wonderful to be able to come together as a community once again. The next *Whole School Gathering* will be on Wednesday of week 9 with Dyirrigurat hosting.

## Year 2 Transitions

Last week we offered an information session for our year 2 families to gain information about the transition process from year 2 to year 3. There were no bookings for this session, however we understand how busy families are and so if you have missed this session, please follow this link to find out more about the enrolment process. I am very happy for families to come and chat if they have any specific questions or if they would like some support. My advice is to make a time with the Principal at the school you wish to enrol your child in for 2022. Enrolments are expected to open at the end of April 2021.

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/enrolling-in-kindergarten-to-year-12>

## Linking Families to Learning – How to support reading at home

On Monday March 15, there will be a session held in the *Community Room from 5:15-6:00pm* for families to support their child with reading at home. Come along to learn about reading strategies that will support your child in reading. Please RVSP to Nicole at reception.



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Southern Cross Early Childhood School acknowledges that our children learn on Ngunnawal Land.

## Play Workshops at Southern Cross

Play is such a crucial part of our development. As we get older, our play turns to inquiry, curiosity, noticing and wonder. At Southern Cross, our *Play Workshops* provide children with the opportunity to play, be curious and wonder about the big questions that are relevant to our children's lives. Our teachers facilitate and orchestrate our *Play Workshops* to enable deep inquiry into an area of the Australian Curriculum and to make the play relevant to the lives of each child in the classroom.

We invite you to ask your child what they are learning in their Play Workshops.

## Safety

There have been a few safety concerns that have come to my attention recently. I would like to ask for everyone's help and support to maintain the high standards of safety we have here for children at Southern Cross. Thanks in advance for your awareness and support.

### Gate at the top carpark:

- The gate at the top carpark is having some challenges in swinging closed after it has been opened. Jose is investigating to see what we can do to ensure it swings shut, however I would like to please ask families to ensure that the gate is closed behind them at all times.
- If children are waiting to exit the gate as you come into the school, please do not let any child exit without being with adult.
- Please also ask your child to wait patiently at the gates while they wait for an adult to open it. The swinging mechanism will need constant replacing if children continue to shake the gates or stand on them when attempting to open them.

### School Crossing:

- Please be aware that our school has two school crossings – one at the front and one at the side of the school. May I ask that you please drive carefully and safely when approaching the school crossings. Many of our children and families use these each day to walk to and from school and we would like to continue to encourage our families to utilise these crossings to remain safe whilst crossing the road.

## Community Picnic Breakfast – Harmony Week

We welcome all of our families to our first Community Breakfast for the year that will be held on Friday 12 March from 8am. Southern Cross in Partnership with Anglicare provide a community breakfast once each term. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a healthy breakfast with other families from our school.

Our breakfast will look a little different this term, please bring a picnic rug and join us under the trees on the corner of Ross Smith and Wirraway Crescents. You are invited to wear clothes that represent your culture or **orange** clothes to celebrate Harmony Week. Hope to see you there.

Kind regards,  
Kelly



# From Southern Cross

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Southern Cross Early Childhood School  
together with the P&C  
**present**

# CampOUT 2021

## & Family Picnic

Family picnic 6-8pm  
Family camping at school with breakfast to be provided by the P&C\*  
5pm Friday 26 March to  
10am Saturday 27 March 2021

\*For those who wish to stay the night after the Family Picnic. Weather and COVID dependent.

**Register by 10am Friday 19 March 2021**



Register Here: <https://forms.gle/R6AJsQKoUSjrhNGZ8>

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## Shell Questacon Science Circus Presentation

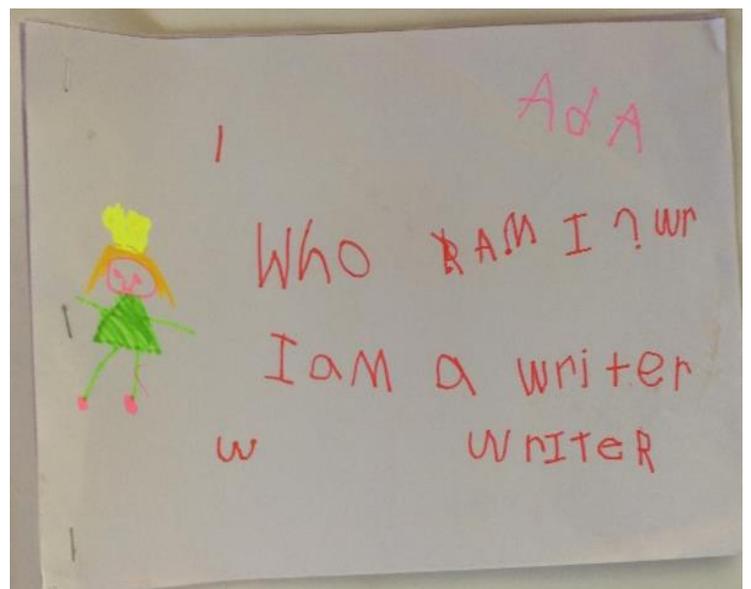
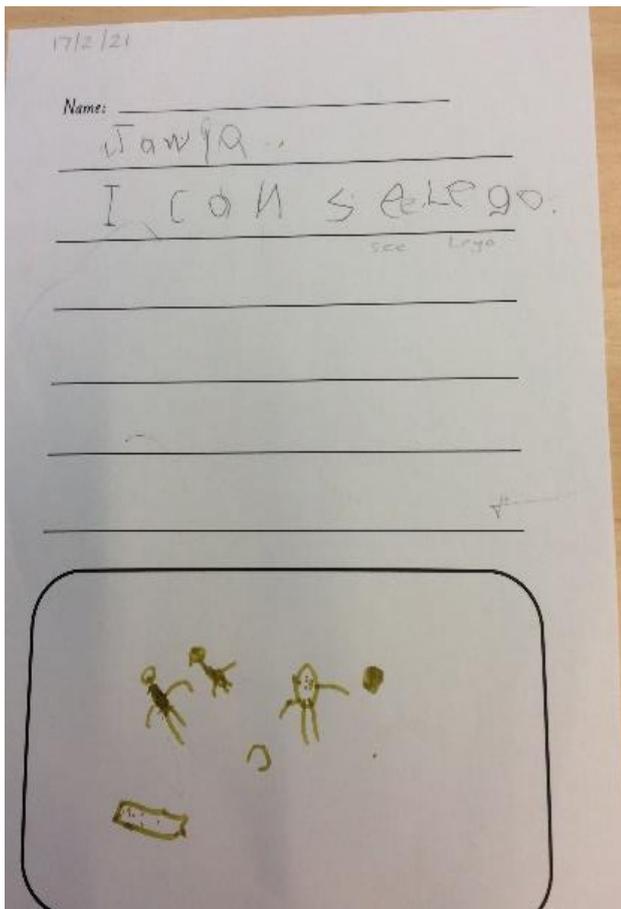
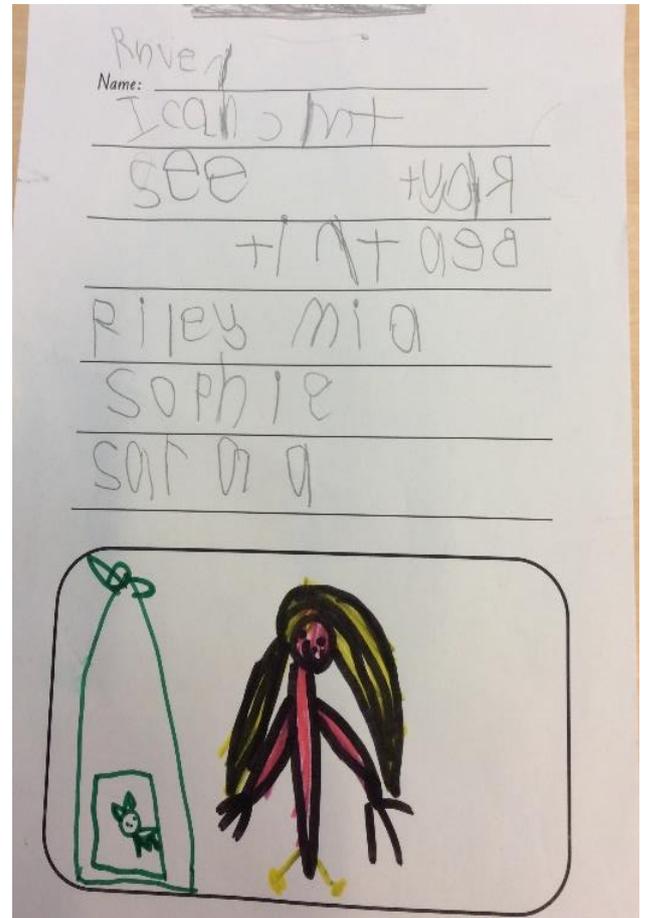
The Shell Questacon Science Circus is a major outreach program from Questacon - The National Science and Technology Centre in Canberra. This is an exciting and interactive presentation covering aspects of science in everyday life. A Science Circus experience is designed to stimulate and challenge students to explore science and technology for themselves. Children from Anglicare Munjawari and Preschool to Year Two will have the opportunity to attend a presentation on either Tuesday 23 March or Friday 26 March 2021. There is no charge for this presentation.



## Writing in Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we are getting smarter in Writer's Workshop by understanding that as Author's we **draw, write, talk,** and **imagine**. This helps us get our ideas down. Sometimes we write independently and sometimes we write together. You may want to look closely at our bookshelves for collaborative writing we have created. You will notice the books we have published as a group and books we have created individually.

We have been looking closely at high frequency words in rich literature such as *I Went Walking* by Sue Machin. We then displayed them on our **WORD WALLS** in our learning space. This helps us during writing time. We can go and use the high frequency word on the wall to help us when it is time to write.



**Whole School  
Monday 15 March  
2021**

Bunduluk and Dnnawan  
Thursday 18 March 2021

# Waste Free Day

## Term 1



Say **NO** to general waste by  
packing your child's lunch  
in a re-usable container.

What class will have the least amount of waste on the day and  
receive the highly coveted 'Green Recycling Truck'?

### SEEKING School Board Nominations

Southern Cross Early Childhood School is calling for nominations for a one year term P&C member position on the School Board.

All parents/carers of children attending Southern Cross Early Childhood School are eligible to be on the School Board.

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of Southern Cross Early Childhood School, you should nominate for a position on the Southern Cross Early Childhood School Board. No prior experience is necessary. The successful applicant will hold his or her position on the school board for one year.

- ★ You can collect a nomination form from reception or request one be emailed to you.
- ★ Nominations must be submitted between **11am Tuesday 9 March 2021 - 11am Tuesday 23 March 2021**.
- ★ Nominees should include a half-page statement supporting their nomination to the School Board. This supporting statement would be included in notes and/or newsletters sent out to the school community as part of the nomination and election process.
- ★ You can submit your nomination using the following options:
  - In person to front reception;

- emailing [nicole.emerton@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:nicole.emerton@ed.act.edu.au) or
- mailing to ARO, c/- Southern Cross Early Childhood School Wirraway Cres, Scullin, ACT 2614

Nominations may be withdrawn at any time up until the close of nominations.

If we receive more than the required number of nominations, then an election will be held and ballot papers will be available from reception.

### **Appointments will commence on 1 April 2021.**

Please consider becoming a member.

Kind regards  
Nicole Emerton  
Assistant Returning Officer

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### **Message from our School Board Chair**

Dear Southern Cross families

I wanted to offer my encouragement to consider nominating as a Board member.

Being on the Board is a great way to learn more about the way our school operates, to help make decisions about priorities and to provide feedback to Kelly and the staff to help them in their work. Our meetings are relatively low-key and I would be most happy to offer any assistance you need settling into a Board role.

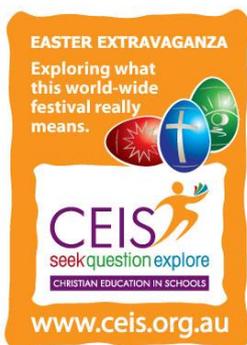
One thing which I think is really important is that the diversity of our Board represents the diversity of our school community. For this reason, the biggest asset you can bring to the Board is your lived experience and that of your family. No other experience is necessary!

Please feel free to call me on 0449 913 044 if you have any questions.

Rob Day  
Chair, Southern Cross Early Childhood School Board

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### **Christian Education in Schools**



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS**

### **Term 1 - Easter Extravaganza**

This term students will use various resources to explore and express ideas about Easter and the stimulus question 'Who is Jesus?'

**Student attendance is with parent request only.**

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. If you would like to add your child to the existing attendance please see Reception or go to [www.ceis.org.au/yes](http://www.ceis.org.au/yes).



## Community Picnic Breakfast

at Southern Cross Early Childhood School

Friday 12 March 2021  
8:00am – 8:50am

Bring a picnic rug and join us under the trees near the staff carpark.  
This is a great opportunity to enjoy a healthy breakfast with other families  
from our school.

You are invited to wear clothes that represent your culture or  
orange clothes to celebrate Harmony Week: 15 – 21 March 2021.



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## Circle of Security



Circle of Security Parenting Program – SCECS Term 2 2021

### Topics include:

- *Introducing the Circle of Security Parenting program.*
- *Developing skills in distinguishing the 'need' moments.*
- *Building a solid emotional foundation for your child/children.*
- *Tuning into your child/children's shifts in attention and emotion.*

Circle of Security Parenting is a program designed to enhance attachment between parents/carers and children. You will discover how to establish a secure base that gives your child/children a sense of safety as well as develop observational skills to strengthen your relationships.

**For:** Parents and carers who have children five years or younger

**Session day:** Thursdays – total of eight sessions

**Start date:** Thursday 29 April 2021

**Time:** 9:30am to 11:30am

**Where:** Southern Cross Early Childhood School -  
Wirraway Crescent, Scullin, ACT

Registrations are essential as places are limited.

Contacts: [Jason Thornton](mailto:jason.thornton@ed.act.edu.au) on 6142 0020 or [jason.thornton@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jason.thornton@ed.act.edu.au)

[Matty Samson](mailto:Matty.Samson@scrcs.com.au) on 6264 0200 or [Groups@scrcs.com.au](mailto:Groups@scrcs.com.au)

# Linking Families to Learning

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## Helpful Hints for Home

Supporting learning at home can happen in several ways that are not your old school homework sheets. The best learning for your child is when it is through life experiences and when it is authentic. They are learning without even realising they are. Here are a few examples of things you can do after school that will support your child's growth.

- Go for a walk around your local neighbourhood. There is lots to look at and explore, this could include:
  - Rocks, natural resources and native animals – explore the different types. This opens the opportunity to have conversations to explore and maybe even learn together.
  - Street names – what are they and why were they given that name?
  - Any special places in your neighbourhood and what makes them special?
  - Walking different routes from the park to home to see which is further and time how long it takes to walk, ride or run.
- Play a board game as a family.
  - You will find that most board games have some sort of learning. It could be mathematics, literacy, oral language as well as social skills around winning and losing (Remember we have board games to borrow from our library at school).
- Prepare dinner together.
  - A great way to learn about different food types. You can talk about healthy options and food choices. This is a life skill we need when we are an adult.
- Write letters together to a relative to send through the post.
  - Starting up a pen pal with a relative gives children a purpose to write and when they receive a letter in the mail, they are excited and want to write back.

There many more ideas to support learning at home. If you have any you would like to share with the parents in our community, please email them through to Nicky. [nicky.smith@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:nicky.smith@ed.act.edu.au)

# Anglicare

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## Anglicare School Photos – Sandpit Photography

Next week on Monday 15 March, Wednesday 17 March and Friday 19 March 2021, Sandpit Photography will be taking school photos throughout the Centre.

Please speak with your child's educators if you have not received an order/payment envelope.

To take a peek at the natural children's portraits by Sandpit photography please visit

<https://www.sandpitphotos.com.au/>

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## School Holiday Program

Please take an look at the activities for our Autumn School Holiday Program!

School Holiday Request Booking Forms have been emailed to families. Booking forms will need to be returned quickly to secure your place, last day for booking is: **Tuesday 23 March 2021.**

# Autumn School Holiday Program 2021

	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>
1	<b>Easter Monday Public Holiday</b>	<b>Easter Egg Special!</b> Since we've just celebrated Easter, it's only fitting that we continue the big feast by making scavenger hunts! A very bunny themed day awaits.	<b>Little Bakers Day!</b> On the menu today: Pizza for lunch and colourful cupcakes for afternoon tea. Guess who's cooking? You are!	<b>Amazing Race Scullin</b> We are going to split into two teams, get given hints to landmarks around Scullin and see who can get back to school first.	<b>Big Paint and Play Day</b> We have lots of clay, paint, kinetic sand, playdough and gooey glue... Let's get it all out! We may get a little messy with a huge, hands on craft day, so bring a change of clothes.
	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
2	<b>So You Think You Can Dance?</b> We will be both dressing up using our costumes basket and doing a boogie as we turn the hall into a dance floor!	<b>Ginninderry Community Recreation Park</b> Activities include: slides, swings, rope bridges, flying fox, carousel, climbing nets and walls, and a supernova spinner  This excursion will incur an additional fee	<b>SCECS Anglicare Sports Carnival</b> In true Anglicare tradition, we will be holding a great sports day competition, including various group games, sports and races. Bring a bike or scooter and your helmet on the day as we will be having bike track races.	<b>Indigenous Art Expo!</b> One of our Indigenous Anglicare parents is running a Cultural art workshop for the children to show them traditional art styles of First Nations' Peoples.  This incursion will incur an additional fee	<b>Parkour Day!</b> Another brilliant suggestion by our students; we will transform the hall into an entire obstacle course and do various challenges to get the blood pumping!

Various activities are offered as an alternative for all programmed days. These include craft, construction, reading, music experiences, group games, outdoor activities, and free learning experiences. Please also bring your child's bike/scooter and helmet if they wish to go to the bike track that day.

## P&C

### New Southern Cross P&C

## NEW P&C COMMITTEE

The 2021 P&C AGM was held at 7pm on Wednesday 24th February and a new committee was elected. Thank you to the previous committee and the hard work they put in to support the school community. Please congratulate our new Committee!

Co-Presidents: Patty McMahon and Katherine McKay  
 Secretary: Kellyanne Rosalion  
 Treasurer: Joana Botton  
 Public Officer: Silvia Baffour  
 Fundraising Coordinator: Tina Connor  
 New Uniform Coordinator: Megan Whittle  
 Second Hand Uniform Coordinator: Cassy Voght  
 Book Club Coordinator: Jasja van den Bos

## Message from your new P&C Co-Presidents

This year we will be sharing the P&C President role, so please say hello to us if you see us around the school. We both have kids in the Kindergarten cohort and are really excited to be part of the SCECS community and some fun events we have planned for 2021, kicking off with CampOUT and the Family Picnic!

We have big shoes to fill with the fantastic legacy that Jess and her team have left and we thank the outgoing committee for their continuing support as we transition into our new roles. We hope to continue the tradition and lead a strong P&C for our school community.

Patty McMahon and Katherine McKay (P&C Co-Presidents)



# Community Information

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## ACT Nutrition Support Service

### Need some dinner inspiration? We've got you!

We bring you our winning BURRITO recipe! These flavourful rolled-up bundles of joy will be sure to leave your family wanting more. Better still, they are a great way to use up vegetables that have been laying in the crisper all week!

### What you'll need

Makes 8 burritos

#### Mexi mix:

- 500g lean beef mince (optional, can be swapped out for refried beans!)
- 400g tin of tomatoes, no added salt
- 400g tin of kidney beans, no added salt
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chilli powder

#### Fillings:

- 1 head lettuce, shredded
- 2 tomatoes, diced
- 1 cup cheese, grated
- 200g tub of Greek yoghurt
- 8 wholemeal tortillas



## What you'll do

1. Heat a non-stick frypan to medium-high heat. Once hot, add mince and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until the mince is browned.
2. Add the tinned tomato, kidney beans, and spices to the pan. Simmer for 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until the mixture has thickened and is heated all the way through.
3. Whilst waiting for mixture to cook, shred lettuce, dice tomatoes and grate cheese.
4. To make each burrito, add some spoonfuls of the Mexi mix to the centre of each tortilla. Top with lettuce, tomato, cheese and a dollop of yoghurt.
5. Roll up and enjoy!

## Don't have these ingredients?

The best part about burritos is their versatility.

-  Have corn? Make a salsa, or add it to your Mexi mix.
-  Have an avocado? Mash it up for a tasty guacamole.
-  Have carrots or zucchinis? Grate them into your Mexi mix.
-  Have an onion? Dice a brown onion and saute before adding the mince, or thinly slice a red onion and use as another filling!
-  Have lemon or lime? Slice into wedges and squeeze on top of the filling before serving.



The poster is for the 32nd Canberra Model Railway Expo. It features logos for the Canberra Model Railway Club Inc. and UC High School KALEEN. The event is held on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 March 2021, from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 9 am to 4 pm on Sunday. The location is UC High School KALEEN, 104 Baldwin Drive. The expo includes 30 scale model railways, displays, children's U-drive, and trade stands. Covid-19 safety arrangements are in place. The event is presented by the Canberra Model Railway Club Inc. Contact information includes the website [www.cmrci.info](http://www.cmrci.info) and email [cmrcexpo@cmrci.info](mailto:cmrcexpo@cmrci.info).

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**CANBERRA  
MODEL RAILWAY EXPO**

**SATURDAY 27 - SUNDAY 28 March 2021**

**Times: Sat 9 am – 5pm; Sun 9am – 4pm**

**UC High School KALEEN**  
104 Baldwin Drive

 • 30 Scale Model Railways

**Plus**

- Displays
- Children's U –drive
- Trade stands

**Covid-19 safety arrangements in place**

Presented by  
**the Canberra Model Railway Club Inc**

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