

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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ARTICLES OF INTEREST –

TWILIGHT COMMUNITY GATHERING

Just one of the many events coming up in Term 4. Keep your calendar clear for Friday 25 October!

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CRAZY COLOUR DAY

Excitement is ramping up for Crazy Colour Day, with prize giveaways and incentives galore!

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday 25 September
Whole School Gathering
9.15-10.00am
- Friday 27 September
Last day of Term 3
- Monday 14 October
PUPIL FREE DAY
- Tuesday 15 October
Term 4 begins
- Friday 25 October
Grandparents Day
10.00-11.00am
- Friday 25 October
Twilight Community Gathering
4.30-6.30pm
- Monday 28 October
Grandparents Day - Guginya
& Wamburrang
9.15-10.00am

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 10 everyone!

Thanks to those who have helped their child to pack their SunSmart hat each day. With the weather warming up, teachers on playground duty are providing lots of reminders about hats. Children will be asked to play under the COLA if they have forgotten their hat.



LEARNING JOURNEY

Thank you to all of our families and special visitors who came to share the learning of our proud Southern Cross children. It was lovely to see the children so excited to share their classrooms, learning and achievements. A big thanks to the staff for supporting the children to prepare for their Learning Journey, the classroom spaces looked fabulous.

TWILIGHT COMMUNITY GATHERING

Save the date! On Friday 25 October Southern Cross will be celebrating Children's Week and are hosting their annual Twilight Community Gathering (previously known as Bike and Kite Day). We have the Face Painting booked in, Cherie is ready for drumming and of course, bikes, kites, outdoor games and more!

The event will be on from 4:30pm until 6:30pm, with Anglicare hosting a BBQ. We cannot wait to see you all there!

GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY

Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 and End of week Preschool, will celebrate the special role our grandparents and grandfriends play in our lives on Friday 25 October.

Grandparents/friends are invited to the School Hall at 10am where the children will meet them for a short Whole School Gathering. The children will then take their visitors to their classrooms to share their learning. At 11am, grandparents/friends will be invited back to the Hall for morning tea.

Beginning of the week preschool will celebrate this day on Monday 28 October. The event will begin at 9:15am in the Hall and then back to the preschool classrooms. At 10am, grandparents/friends will be invited back to the Hall for morning tea.

Friday 25 October – Kindergarten, year 1 & 2 and End of week Preschool: 10am – 11am

Monday 28 October – End of week preschool: 9.15am – 10am



WHAT'S ON IN CANBERRA – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

There are some wonderful events happening these school holidays in and around Canberra. With the weather warming up, I hope you might all get the chance to enjoy our beautiful city: <https://visitcanberra.com.au/articles/school-holidays>

This week brings us to the end of term 3. I hope you all have a lovely break and find time to rest, connect and spend some time in the sun with friends and family.

Kelly

FROM SOUTHERN CROSS

TERM 3 IN PRESCHOOL

Canberra Museum and Gallery Excursion

On Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th September 2024, Preschool went on their first excursion to the Canberra Museum and Gallery. We read a social story together in preparation for the big day. On the bus ride we saw wattle, cows, kangaroos, Black Mountain Tower, the Acton Tunnel, diggers, cranes and the Ferris wheel at Floriade. We spent time in the gallery looking at three different artworks including a glass didgeridoo called *Ngambri Murrumbidya – Yamaingmarang* by Paul House, a Sidney Nolan painting called *Under the Pier* and a sculpture by Brian Corr called *Timshel*. We then had the opportunity to be artists in the studio. The children made three artworks: a collage, a print and a watercolour painting.



Guginya & Wamburrang





Bunduluk & Dnnawan



Coming

soon

Southern Cross

Twilight

Community Gathering

4.30-6.30pm

Friday 25 October



SAVE THE DATE!

Athletics Carnival : Wednesday 16 October

Grandparents/Friends Day:

- Friday 25 October 2024 – K-2 Grandparents/friends event and end of the week preschool – 10.00–11.00am
- Monday 28 October 2024 – Beginning of the week preschool Grandparents/friends event – 9.15–10.00am

Twilight Community Gathering: Friday 25 October – 4:30–6:30pm

FROM THE P&C

CRAZY COLOUR DAY!

We have raised \$5000 so far!! Thank you so much to our generous community and families who have donated already. We are half way to our goal! To celebrate this milestone we will be sliming Chloe!!



We have also drawn the winner of the fun run prize pack, which has gone to Iggy in Guginya. Congratulations Iggy!

The next random draw prize will be a special lunch with Kelly for 10 students. Students who have raised \$50 for this fundraiser by 18 October will be eligible for this prize!



So far 45% of students at the school have set up a profile, and 28% are raising funds. Please set up a profile here if you have not yet! schoolfunrun.com.au

Crazy Colour Day will be held on Thursday 7 November 2024. A special colour run event will be held on 5 November for beginning of the week pre-school.

DEMOCRACY SAUSAGES AT SOUTHERN CROSS

Southern Cross Early Childhood School will be a polling place at this year's ACT Election on Saturday 19 October.

We need your help to make it a success!

If you can spare a couple of hours on polling day to cook sausages, take payments or just help out we would love for you to volunteer here: <https://signup.com/go/oFEZQHU>

If you can't make it on Election Day you can still help out by choosing something from our shopping list to donate instead. Throwing an extra bottle of sauce in the trolley during your weekly shop will mean more money from our fundraiser can go directly to the school. Sign up to donate an item here:

<https://signup.com/go/bmrpNCy>



Our P&C friends from Latham Primary School were not selected as a polling place for this election. To give them a hand, we have offered for them to host the cake stall at Southern Cross this year. Please show them your support by buying a cake (or two!) when you cast your vote.

And finally, please make sure you come to Southern Cross to cast your vote on Saturday 19 October and buy a snag! Bring along your friends, neighbours, and extended family too.

It's always a great atmosphere and great opportunity to share a democracy sausage with your community. See you there!



CHANGE IS IN THE AIR!!!

At the end of the school year, our youngest son Ritchie will farewell Southern Cross. Eleven years we have been connected to the school and around 7 years ago, I took on the Scholastic Book Club coordinator role. I have really enjoyed looking after all the orders. I like to thank all the parents, carers and children for their orders and therefore support of the school.

Did you know that every purchase you make from Scholastic Book Club earns our school 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards? We use these to purchase more books and educational resources for the school. It all helps!

It is now time to hand over this role to Nicole Clay. Nicole has son Nate in Preschool. This year we have been working together to ensure a smooth transition and now Nicole will be the official Book Club coordinator for the school. Nicole will use the following email address for Book Club related questions scholasticscecs@gmail.com

In the last few years, we used rewards for keeping popular series up to date. A lot of the Ahn Do series are popular with Southern Cross children and have been on our radar to buy regularly. Examples of series are Wolf Girl, Ahn Do – Weirdo, Ninja Kid, and Hot Dog! Other examples of popular series are the Ella books, the Ella and Olivia series, Bad Guys books, books about popular sports people plus we always keep an eye out for social and emotional learning books.

We have been updating our Non-Fiction books over the past few years and as a request from parents and carers we are updating our levelled readers at the moment. These readers are very expensive and it takes time to save money to purchase these books that are so important for children to get the fundamentals for reading well established for a successful and positive school journey.

I wish Nicole the best of luck.
Jasja



COMMUNITY INFO

FAMILY PORTRAIT OPPORTUNITY

We're excited to share that Authentic School Portraits, the photographers who recently captured your children's school portraits, are offering a fantastic opportunity for family photos just in time for the holiday season!

Upcoming Family Photo Fundraising Events:

- Sunday, November 3rd, 2024
- Sunday, November 17th, 2024

What: Join us for a fun and relaxed family photo session at a beautiful outdoor location that highlights the charm of spring. It's the perfect chance for parents to step in front of the camera with their little ones and create cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Bonus: Not only will you receive stunning family photos, but 10% of all sales and session fees will go directly back to our school as a fundraiser. It's a great way to support our community while capturing special moments!

Interested in joining in the fun?

Sign up here:

<https://www.authenticschoolportraits.com/familyphotofundraising>

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need further details. We're looking forward to seeing all those smiling faces again and making this a memorable event for everyone!

Warm regards,
The Authentic School Portraits Team

ACT LIBRARIES – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

School is almost out for the term, meaning it's nearly time for some holiday fun! Get ready for some serious enjoyment with Libraries ACT's Spring School Holiday Program. Discover fun-filled activities, interactive storytelling sessions, craftwork, projects and more.

Follow the link to see what's on offer these holidays–

[Spring School Holidays 2024 Flyer](#)





COME AND TRY FIELD HOCKEY

Come and join Wests 5 week twilight hockey program.

A great opportunity to learn about hockey in a supportive environment, get active and have some fun.

- Who: Western Districts Hockey Club
- Where: National Hockey Centre Lyneham
- Date: Thursdays from 24/10 (5 weeks)
- Times: 4.30-5.30pm
- Cost: \$25

We welcome all players new and old. Experienced coaches at all levels. Balls and sticks provided.

Click the QR code for more information and to register



This program is proudly sponsored by



Wests would also welcome any past or new senior hockey players to register interest in participating in summer hockey programs, off season development opportunities and the 2025 outdoor season. Get in touch for more information through Wests Website using the QR code



For more information about Wests Hockey Club

 westshockeyact.org



DENDY CANBERRA

FAMILY SAVER OFFER



\$6*

KIDS TICKETS

FOR CLUB DENDY MEMBERS
\$8 FOR NON-MEMBERS

\$15*

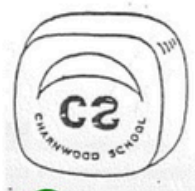
**PREMIUM LOUNGE
KIDS TICKETS**

FOR CLUB DENDY MEMBERS
\$20 FOR NON-MEMBERS

THURSDAY SEP 12 - SUNDAY OCT 13

*ONLY VALID TO FAMILY SAVER SESSIONS BEFORE 5PM

Premium Lounge is a licensed venue: anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Booking fees apply for online bookings. Not valid for special events, public holidays, or in conjunction with any other offer. Kids tickets are applicable for children 14 years and under. Offer ends OCT 13.



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