

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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ARTICLES OF INTEREST –

TWILIGHT COMMUNITY GATHERING

This Friday 25 October!

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CRAZY COLOUR DAY

Excitement is ramping up for Crazy Colour Day, only two weeks to go!

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 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
& Wambarrang
9.15-10.00am
- Monday 28 October
P&C Meeting
6.30-8.00pm
- Thursday 31 October
Kindergarten Excursion -
National Arboretum
- Thursday 7 November
Colour Fun Run
2.00pm

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to term 4 everyone!

This term is filling up quickly with many exciting events throughout the term and especially at the end of term.

Please make sure you take note of all the dates so you can plan ahead of time to enjoy them with us.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – THANK YOU

What a wonderful day we had last Wednesday at our Athletics Carnival! The children had a lovely time engaging in all the events and activities that we had planned for the day. A highlight was the parent vs staff tug-o-war at the end of the day. This year the staff were the champions, but I know that our parents will be in training to gain victory next year.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers for the time and energy that they gave us on the day – we couldn't do it without you! We would also like to thank the parents who came along to watch and cheer – your support was appreciated. And finally a massive thank you to Johnathan, Chloe and Sarah for their amazing organisational skills and creativity to achieve such a successful event.

TWILIGHT COMMUNITY GATHERING – CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S WEEK

Face painting! Kite flying! Bike riding! Drumming and music! Outdoor games! Wakakirri viewing!

Please come along this Friday 4:30–6:30pm at the top of our school for an action-packed afternoon of fun! Anglicare will be hosting a sausage sizzle, or please bring a picnic dinner to enjoy with friends and community. Please note that the children will be in the care of their parents/carers for the afternoon. If your child attends after school care, please collect them to take them to our Twilight Community Gathering.

We can't wait to see you all there to help us celebrate Children's Week!

GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY

Don't forget our very special Grandparents and Grand-Friends Day this Friday (and next Monday for beginning of the week preschool – meet in the hall at 9:15am). Please remind our special guests to meet in the hall at 10am and the children will take them to their classrooms after a short whole school gathering.



CLASSES FOR 2025

It is that time of the year when we start to forward plan and consider classes for 2025. The children will be selecting five 'positive working partners' (these are not always friends) in class with their teachers. This information, as well as the extensive knowledge your child's teacher has of the children, will support our team when making decisions for our 2025 class placements. If you would like to contribute some further information, please use the Google Form link: [Class Planning 2025](#). Please be aware that as much as we try to fulfil everyone's requests, it is not always possible to do so.

Enjoy the lovely weather,
Kelly

FROM SOUTHERN CROSS



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last week children, staff and families enjoyed a fantastic day out for the Southern Cross Athletics Carnival. Under blue skies, the children participated in a range of athletics-based activities for running, jumping and throwing and having a great time while doing so.

Children's feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many requesting we now hold multiple carnivals a year! Their favourite events were the 70m race, Egg and Spoon and Tug-o-War.

It was fantastic to see so many people cheering and, as in 2023, the carnival would not have been a success without our amazing community, volunteers and the P&C.

Thankyou to the P&C for providing the icy poles (always a hit) and to the 25 families who volunteered to support us on the day. This was an increase from last year and just makes the day much more special for our children and we appreciate you.

A thankyou also to Sarah and Chloe on the organising committee for your time and efforts in creating the day and to our staff for being so supportive.

We look forward to holding another carnival next year.

Johnathan Price



TWILIGHT COMMUNITY GATHERING

The annual Twilight Community Gathering (AKA Bike & Kite day), is on this Friday 25 October!

Come along from 4.30–6.30pm to enjoy kite flying, bike riding, face painting, drumming plus lots of fun and games.

A video of the Wakakirri performance will be showing in the Community Room throughout the afternoon, stop by to see the amazing performers in action.

Anglicare will be hosting a sausage sizzle or bring a blanket and enjoy your own picnic dinner.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



Drumming circle w Cherie

Gecko Gang
Face Painting
Glitter Tattoos
Balloon Animals

Games Zone
Jenga
Connect 4
Snakes and Ladders
Bean bag toss

Anglicare BBQ
Sausages \$3.50
Drinks \$2.00

+ Kite Flying & Bike Riding

The poster features a colorful background with a drum, a table with food, a board game, and two children. It lists various activities and a BBQ menu.



Twilight Community Gathering

no go zone

Treehouse

Kite flying

Bikes

Kite making

Belconnen Presbyter Church Cen

Ross Smith Cres Humby Hall

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Wakakirri video showing

Gecko Gang

Games Zone

Anglicare BBQ

Drumming

Southern Cross Early Childhood School

FIRST AID

4.30–6.30pm
Friday 25 October

The map shows the location of the Twilight Community Gathering at Southern Cross Early Childhood School. It highlights various activities and a 'no go zone' around the school building. The event is scheduled for Friday 25 October from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

GRANDFRIENDS DAY

National Grandparent's Day is a day to celebrate the important role Grandparents and Grandfriends play in young children's lives.

Invitations have now gone home to welcome Grandparents and Grandfriends into the school to visit our classrooms and enjoy morning tea. Please meet in the school hall at 10.00am.

WHERE: Southern Cross Early Childhood School

WHEN: Friday 25 October

TIME: 10.00–11.00am

Please RSVP to Nicole

email: nicole.emerton@ed.act.edu.au

phone: 6142 0020

For Grandparents and Grandfriends of children in **Guginya and Wamburrang**, there is a separate event on Monday 28 October, 9.15 – 10.00am. Please meet in the school hall.



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FROM THE P&C



2024 COMMEMORATIVE SCHOOL TEA TOWELS

The children have been busy drawing self portraits (and creating hand prints for the younger children in Anglicare) and it is now time to order your 2024 School Tea Towel!

Tea Towels will be ready to collect at the end of Term 4 in time to make great Christmas presents!

Cost of Tea Towels this year are:

1-\$14.00

2-\$28.00

3-\$40.00

4-\$50.00

5-\$60.00



Funds raised from your purchase will go back to the school in an end of year donation. Please order through our sustainable schools website here:

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

Thanks for your support!

CRAZY COLOUR DAY FUN RUN – 2 WEEKS TO GO!

Our School Fun Run is coming up in just two weeks!

Thank you so much for your support so far. We have already raised \$9,000 toward our goal of \$10,000 to support the school with new playground equipment! We are so close!

This week a letter will come home with your child outlining what you need to bring on the day.

It's not too late to create a profile or start fundraising. Just jump on funrun.com.au to get started.

Event Details:

Beginning Week Pre-school only

Time: 2pm

Date: Tuesday 5 November

Whole School

Time: 2pm

Date: Thursday 7 November



ELECTION DAY BBQ

Thanks to the community who volunteered, donated items or came out to support the school in the election BBQ! What a turn out! There were close to 900 sausages sold! A second shout out to those who volunteered time on the day, your time was much appreciated! We will keep you posted on funds raised from this event.

Congratulations to our raffle prize winners and jelly bean competition winner who have been contacted by SMS.



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





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



ACT Skipping for Healthy Hearts

Skipping for Healthy Hearts is a **FREE** 6-week program for primary school-aged kids that promotes heart health and physical fitness through skipping.

Skipping workshops will run each Saturday with our next program scheduled from **SATURDAY 26 OCT 2024** until **SATURDAY 30 NOV 2024**.



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PROGRAM TIMES & LOCATIONS

THROSBY SCHOOL:

11:00AM - 12:15PM

KINGSFORD SMITH SCHOOL:

1:00PM - 2:15PM

MOUNT STROMLO SCHOOL:

3:00PM - 4:15PM

Skipping workshops are led by experienced skipping trainers who bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Trainers will teach a range of skipping techniques, from basic to advanced, to enhance coordination, balance, and motor skills while ensuring kids have fun.

Kids will be provided with a free quality skipping rope which they are able to keep at the end of the program.

REGISTER TODAY - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/d/australia--australian-capital-territory/skipping/>

Skipping for
Healthy Hearts

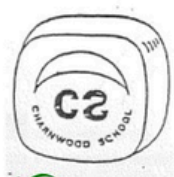




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For ages 3 years to adult

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and want to be aware of all things 50, sign up using the QR code below
or call 02 61422680



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