

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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ARTICLES OF INTEREST –

CRAZY COLOUR DAY FUN RUN

This week!!!

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LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YEAR 1/2 ARE LEARNING?

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LAST CHANCE FOR FAMILY PORTRAITS

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesday 5 November
Colour Fun Run 2.00pm
Guginya & Wamburrang ONLY
- Thursday 7 November
Colour Fun Run
2.00pm
- Wednesday 13 November
Whole School Gathering
Kindergarten hosting
9.15-10.00am
- Monday 2 December -
Friday 6 December
Year 2 Swimming
- Tuesday 10 December
End of Year Celebration
5.00-6.30pm
- Monday 16 December
Year 2 Graduation
2.00-3.00pm

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 4 everyone!

As the weather is now warm and the UV ratings are increasing, please ensure your child brings a SunSmart hat with them to school each day. Our staff are ensuring all children apply sunscreen prior to going out at lunch and recess and are talking with children about sun safety.



WHAT A WEEK OF CELEBRATIONS WE HAD IN WEEK 2!

Thank you to all those who came along to our Twilight Community Gathering on Friday 25 October. Our community sang and drummed the afternoon away, whilst many had their faces painted. It was lovely to connect and celebrate Children's Week with you all. Thanks to our staff who celebrated with us and helped with setting up, packing up and assisted Anglicare on the BBQ.

The Grandparents and Grand-Friends Day was well-received with so many visitors attending our event. The joy on the children's faces as they proudly shared their learning was so special. Thank you to the staff for their preparation and to the small organising team (Candy and Bianca), thank you!

The kindergarten children also held the Grand Re-Opening of the Oasis! As a part of their Play Workshop and Inquiry learning, the children have been exploring how to care for the environment. The children and staff have meticulously weeded, swept, re-arranged and planted in this area to ensure the Oasis is back in its finest form! Thank you for all your hard work team.

A big thank you to Sharon, Liz, Emily, Johnathan and Nicole who were all a huge part of ensuring these events ran smoothly.

2025 TRANSITIONS

A successful transition can ensure a smooth start to a school year with positive connections and engagement in learning. At Southern Cross we have many processes to ensure a positive start to the school year.

2025 Preschool - Over weeks 5, 6 and 7 our 2024 preschool children will be visiting preschool to become familiar with educators and the environment. Families have been emailed information specific to these visits.

2025 Kindergarten - Our current preschool children will be engaging in visits to the kindergarten classrooms and outdoor learning environments over the next few weeks, so they become familiar with the routines and environment. More information will be shared on Seesaw about these visits.



2025 Year 1/2- Later in the term, our current kindergarten children will be visiting the year 1/2 classrooms and engaging in learning experiences with the current year 1 children. We will provide more information over the coming weeks.

STAFFING 2025

I would like to let you all know that we are currently on track for our staffing arrangements for 2025. Whilst it has all not been finalised just yet, I am hoping that by week 8 things will have settled, and I can confirm what year levels teachers will be teaching for 2025. If all continues to go well, we will be able to host a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon in week 9 or week 10 for 2025.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you to all those families who have placed a book order with us this year. The school is provided points from all the books purchased and we have recently purchased some decodable books to add to our home reading collection. Please also remember, we have a collection of beautiful books by known authors in the library for home reading too. These lovely stories will build vocabulary and comprehension, as well as decoding and reading strategies. Nicole will be able to borrow these books against the children's names.

A massive thanks to Nicole Clay who volunteers her time to ensure the Scholastic Book Club process runs smoothly and effectively.

Have a lovely week everyone,

Kelly

FROM SOUTHERN CROSS



YEAR 1/2 – WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Recently, year 1/2 have been learning all about sentences and punctuation. Through close reading and examination of class quality literature read alouds, we created a sentence criteria checklist to help us with our writing.

We decided that a sentence must:

- Start with a capital letter
- Make sense
- Have one idea (or two for a compound sentence with a conjunction)
- End with a full stop

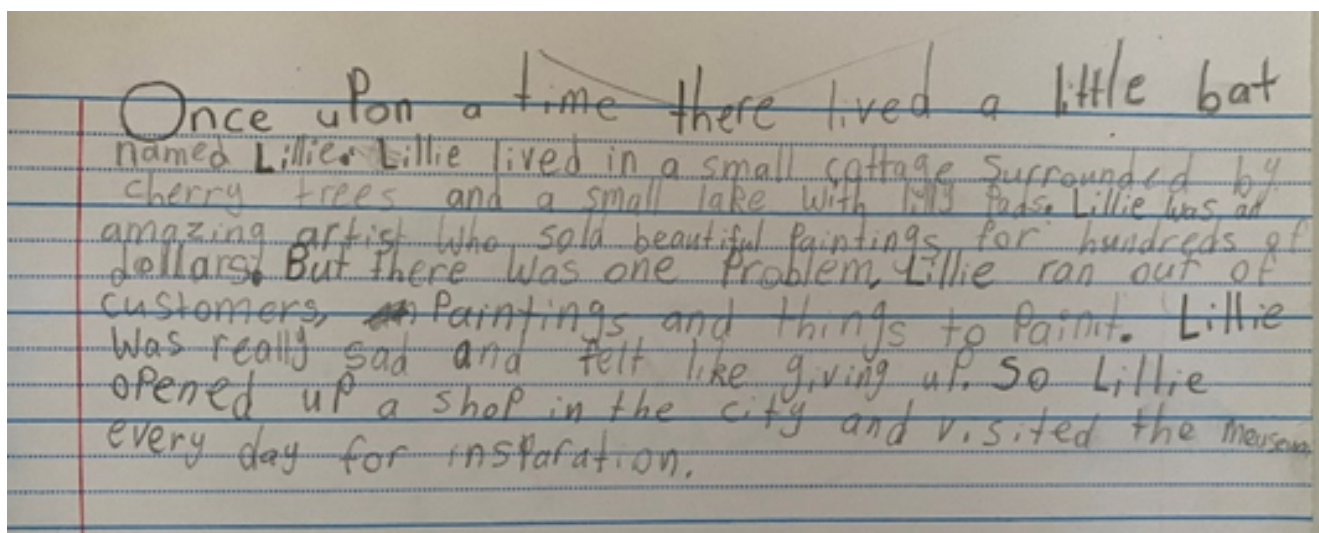
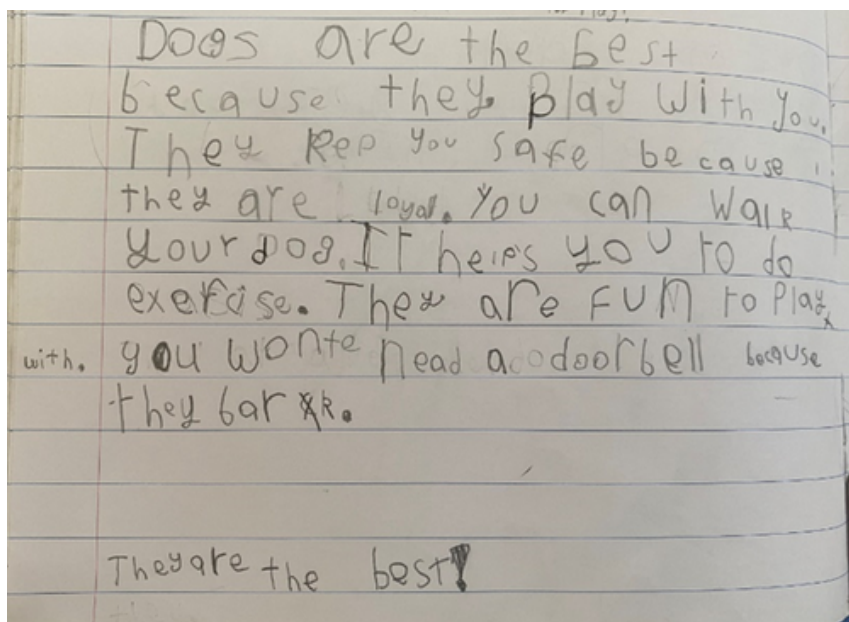
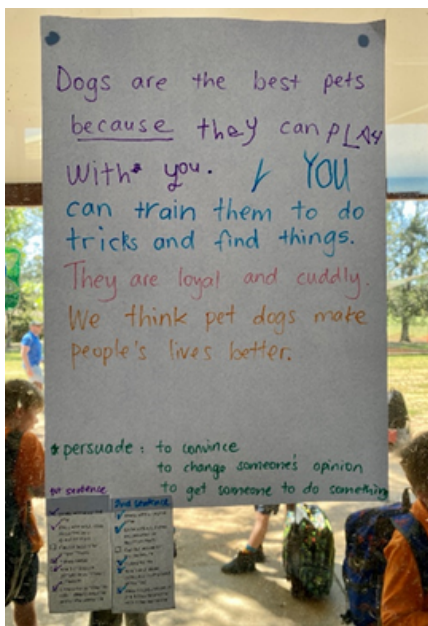
Punctuation	
• full stop <small>end mark</small>	end of the sentence reading: take a breath
! exclamation mark <small>end mark</small>	excitement, anger, loud, scared reading: change voice to show emotion
? question mark <small>end mark</small>	question reading: voice pitch goes up at end
, comma	lists reading: take a small breath
" " speech marks	↑ tells us someone is talking reading: use character voice
..... ellipsis	suspense or pause reading: pause, wait
' apostrophe	ownership or contraction





Children began to practise writing sentences with correct punctuation during interactive writing and independent writing. We used the checklist to edit our own writing and our friends' writing. This was a great way to get better at editing and giving and receiving feedback.

Next, we began to look a little deeper into a variety of punctuation and how authors' use punctuation to create emphasis. In Gudamang, we did some Reader's Theatre in Reader's Workshop to complement our punctuation focus on writing. We thought about how our tone and pitch change when we are reading sentences with exclamation marks or question marks. We also discovered how ellipsis can be used to create suspense and excitement. The children have worked hard to apply their learning to their writing, and we are so proud of the improvement throughout the cohort.

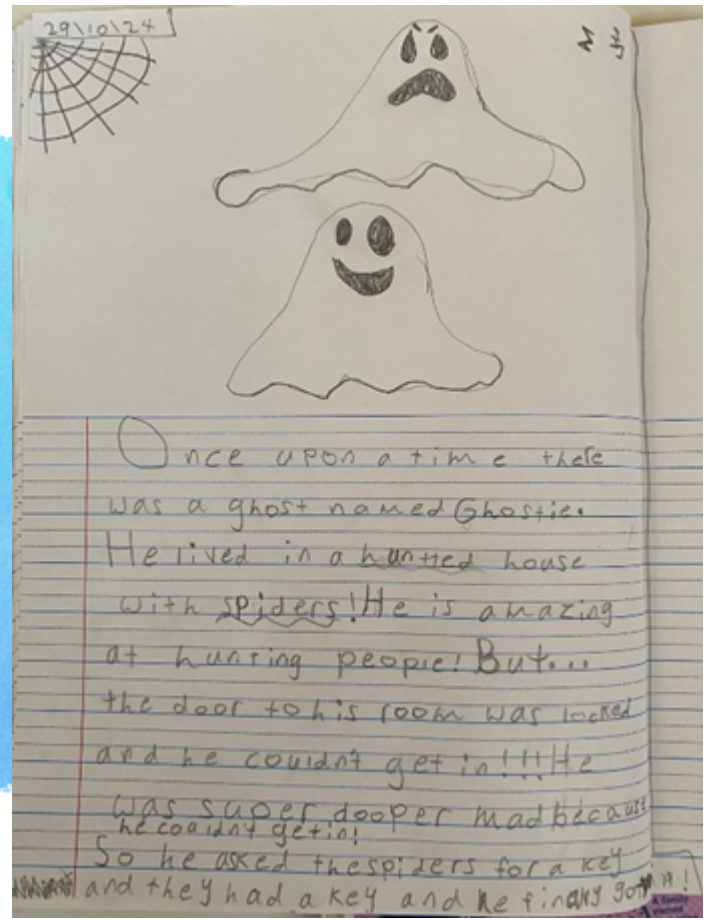




In other writing news, some of our children entered poems into the Red Room Poetry competition last term. This is a competition which invites entries of poems about nature and a tree is planted for every poem entered. The children's poems are also published on the Red Room Poetry website. Scan the QR Code to see our school's poems.

YEAR 1/2 – PLAY WORKSHOP

Our Play Workshop cycle for term four is centred on the question "What does it mean to healthy and safe?" Each class has explored different elements of health and safety such as visiting doctors, eating a balanced diet, caring for our teeth, exercising, following directions on medicines, road safety and caring for our mental health and wellbeing. Drawing on our writing focus of persuasive texts, we have begun creating health messages to encourage our whole community to be healthy.



FROM THE P&C

CRAZY COLOUR DAY FUN RUN – THIS WEEK!!



Last chance to help fundraise by creating a profile here: funrun.com.au

We need parents to support the day by throwing some colour! If you are interested, please meet at the school at 1.30pm to help set up!

Event Details:

Beginning Week Preschool only

Date: Tuesday 5 November

K-2 and End of Week Preschool

Date: Thursday 7 November



When: The event will kick off at 2pm and we would love you to come along to cheer on the kids.

Where: We will be setting up an obstacle course up the top corner of the school where the climbing trees are.

What should my child wear to the event?

Students should wear white or light coloured sun safe clothing to get the most colourful experience (a black t-shirt will also show colour). It's best to also run in old running shoes. The children will be running so we ask that they do wear shoes they can run in.

What should my child bring to the event?

- A water bottle
- Hat
- A change of clothes
- An old towel – there will be water! The towel may also be useful to sit on, leaving minimal colour transfer from clothes when on the drive home.
- Shower cap or swimming cap if you do not wish for the colour to get in your child's hair.
- Sunglasses (if preferred)

Please Note: The children will not be changing after the Colour Run. Please ensure you have a towel for them to sit on in the car or a change of clothes that you can help them into for the drive home. The school will work with Anglicare and those children in after school care to ensure they dry off quickly or change.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone, and sliming some teachers!!!



2024 COMMEMORATIVE SCHOOL TEA TOWELS

Orders close this Friday 8 November so we can order in time for Christmas.

Cost of Tea Towels this year are:

- 1-\$14.00
- 2-\$28.00
- 3-\$40.00
- 4-\$50.00
- 5-\$60.00

Please order through our sustainable schools website here:

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



ELECTION DAY BBQ

We are pleased to report we raised around \$3000 for the school at the recent election BBQ, thanks for your support!

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!

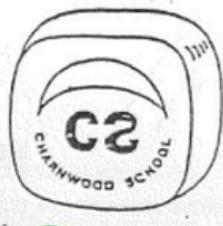
Interested in joining in the fun?

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



Guess who's 50 next year?

we are trying to find alumni...

If you, or anyone you know
is a former student, staff or family member of
Charnwood Primary or Charnwood-Dunlop School
and want to be aware of all things 50, sign up using the QR code below
or call 02 61422680



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