

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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ARTICLES OF INTEREST –

CMAG Excursion

Read about Year 1/2 visit to the Canberra Museum and Gallery.

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WEAR IT YELLOW DAY

Tuesday 28 May – Guginya & Wamburrang

Friday 31 May – Whole School

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday 22 May
National Simultaneous Storytime
- Thursday 23 May
Kenny Koala visit
Kindergarten & Year 1/2
- Monday 27 May
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Reconciliation Day
- Tuesday 28 May
Wear it Yellow Day
Guginya & Wamburrang
- Wednesday 29 May
Whole School Gathering –
Kindergarten hosting
9.15am – 10.00am
- Friday 31 May
Wear it Yellow Day
Whole School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to week 4 everyone.

The weekend weather reminded us that we are heading towards winter – please bring lots of warm clothes to school to stay warm whilst outdoors. We already have many school jumpers in lost property, please remember to label clothing so we can return lost items to children.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year, National Reconciliation Week will occur between May 27 and June 3. The theme for this year is Now More Than Ever and is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will – and must– continue. Now more than ever, we need reconciliation.

Our school Reconciliation Action Plan team have been leading some work here at school to support the teaching and learning for staff in our school and for children in classrooms. Over the next few weeks, the children will be working with their teachers to develop an Acknowledgement of Country for their class. Teachers will be sharing this learning on Seesaw during Reconciliation Week.

For those families wanting to continue the learning and conversation at home, more information can be found here: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/>

There are also many local events happening on Monday 27 June for Reconciliation Day. Further information can be found here: <https://events.canberra.com.au/reconciliation>

CAR PARK SAFETY

A friendly reminder to please take note of where to park safely in our carpark and along the road on Wirraway Cres. There are signs indicating where you cannot park near the crossing as it can block a driver's view of children crossing the road at the pedestrian crossing. We understand that sometimes you are in a hurry, and if this is an urgent situation, please call Nicole at the front office so we can help. Thank you for your understanding.

FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLINICS

Today our kindergarten children will begin soccer clinics with a football expert who will be visiting our school on Mondays and Tuesdays. Our year 1/2 children will engage in soccer clinics on Tuesdays. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school to have our children engage in skills and game-based sessions to develop their understanding of the game. We have been able to provide this for the children through a Sporting Schools scholarship. I would like to thank Johnathan and Sharon for their efforts to organise this for the children.

Stay warm everyone,
Kelly

FROM SOUTHERN CROSS



A banner for National Simultaneous Storytime. On the left, a purple circle contains the text 'NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME'. Below it are various blue and white patterned items like a toothbrush and a water bottle. In the center is a blue bowerbird with intricate patterns on its wings, holding a blue flower. On the right, the text reads 'AURA PARKER BOWERBIRD BLUES' and '22 May 2024 • 12pm (AEST)'. Logos for the Australian Library and Information Association, Scholastic, and LIANZA are also present.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.





BOWERBIRD BLUES – BY AURA PARKER

This new picture book from Aura Parker stars a beautiful bowerbird on the search for blue! It's a moving story of longing and connection, that unfolds as the bowerbird's search sends him soaring across the sea, sky and city. He swoops and snatches vibrant treasures for his collection, and soon his bower – a mix of natural and unnatural objects – attracts something greater and more fulfilling than he could ever have imagined.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Aura Parker is an award-winning illustrator, writer and designer. Her picture books are joyful with a playful sense of humour, brimming with details to explore. Aura Parker's storytelling through words and pictures inspires imagination, courage and confidence in young readers as well as a love, curiosity and passion for nature.

Oh, how I love the sky....
And moving through
The marvellous BLUE

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

Over the next term, children across P-2 are going to be getting smarter about the big idea of personal safety. Protective Behaviours is an education program that provides children and carers with information and strategies on how to identify and deal with unsafe and threatening situations. Protective Behaviours consists of ten lessons which will be taught across the school as part of our social and emotional learning program.

Protective Behaviours Topics

Theme 1: We all have the right to feel safe at all times.

Theme 2: We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is.

Lesson 1 Theme 1	Lesson 2 Theme 1	Lesson 3 Theme 1	Lesson 4 Theme 2	Lesson 5 Theme 2
Feelings and feeling safe Rights of the child	Recognising early warning signs Early warning signs and safety	Risking on purpose and keeping safe Different people have different reactions	When to seek help Secrets	Networks Networks Invitation
Lesson 6 Theme 2	Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Lesson 9	Lesson 10
Review networks Asking for help Persistence	Public and Private Safe and unsafe touches	Relationships and personal space	Saying no Being assertive	Revision of themes and concepts



LEARNING IN YEAR 1/2

As part of our Play Workshop we have been exploring Visual Arts which led to our planned excursion to experience an art gallery. In this newsletter we're excited to share with you the enriching experience the Year 1 and 2 children had at the Canberra Museum and Art Gallery (CMAG), where they explored Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly paintings in the Nolan Collection Gallery.

Peek-a-Boo Picture:

During our visit, one of the engaging discussions revolved around the concept of 'hiding' in Nolan's paintings. Questions including, "Is Ned Kelly hiding from Mr Policeman or is Mr Policeman hiding from Ned Kelly?" sparked curiosity and imagination. The children had the chance to express themselves through art by creating Peek-a-Boo Pictures using the wax resist technique with oil pastels and watercolours. This activity allowed them to explore shapes, lines, and storytelling in their artwork.

Shape Collage:

Another captivating discussion focused on Nolan's love for painting shapes and creating patterns with squares, rectangles, circles, spots, and stripes. The children identified shapes and colours in the paintings and collaborated in groups to create patterns with shaped and colourful felt pieces. In the craft area, the artistic journey included making collages using a variety of art materials, allowing them to express their creativity through shapes, colours, sizes, and textures. As well as, shapes of Ned Kelly, gang members, policemen, wombats, magpies and lizards.

Monoprint:

In this unique activity, children explored the world of printmaking through monoprints, a form of printmaking where each image can only be made once. They discussed the characters in Nolan's paintings and observed his use of pattern and bright colours. Inspired by Nolan's style, the children were invited to create colourful Ned Kelly Masks by drawing their designs onto perspex plates with water-soluble crayons. The magic happened when the plate was pressed underneath a piece of dampened and blotted watercolour paper, transferring their designs onto it, creating one-of-a-kind artworks.

We hope you enjoyed hearing about your children's artistic adventures at CMAG and encourage you to continue fostering their creativity at home.



FROM THE P&C

WEAR IT YELLOW DAY

As part of National Reconciliation Week this year, we are encouraging students to take part in a yellow-themed casual dress day to raise funds for First Nations organisation, Children's Ground.

Wear it yellow day will be supported on Tuesday 28 May for beginning of the week preschool and on Friday May 31 for the whole school.

Children's Ground provides a range of health, education and community services to First Nations children. For more information head to <https://childrensground.org.au/>

For those who wish to bring a gold coin while wearing yellow, this will be donated to Children's Ground.

MOVIE NIGHT – TERM 2

Save the date– Friday 28 June at the school. Movie details and ticket purchase information will be provided soon.

COLOUR RUN – TERM 4

This year, we look forward to hosting a school fun run colour run. This program raises a large amount of funds for the school while ensuring the kids have a fantastic day running in colour!

The event was previously held in 2022 and \$10,000 was donated to the school to help with playground upgrades.

The majority of feedback from 2022 was that this was a great event to participate in. We plan to sign up again with an external provider for the 2024 event, which means some profit goes to administration and the remainder to the school. While not all parents supported this model in 2022, it involves the least amount of resources from the volunteer parent committee with the greatest amount of gain. We are happy to discuss with parents if they have further questions.

Kind regards

The Southern Cross P&C



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Dads Group understands the challenges of fatherhood without adequate support. That's why we exist - to provide support networks where dads can connect, support each other, and navigate the ups and downs of parenting.

Dads of North Canberra meet weekly on Wednesday afternoons, and Monthly on a Saturday morning.

Dads, kids, coffee, bacon & eggs + a playground. A simple formula that provides new fathers with the connection and support they desperately need. Want to know more?

Connect with us on Facebook via the QR code, or, contact Mike on 0468 784 697.

helping fathers, helping families.



ACT Skipping for Healthy Hearts

Skipping for Healthy Hearts is a FREE 6-week program for primary school kids in the ACT and nearby areas that promotes heart health and physical fitness through skipping.

Skipping workshops run each Saturday with our next program scheduled from **SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2024** and runs until **SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2024**.



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

They will be taught a wide range of skipping techniques that will help develop their coordination, balance, and overall motor skills.

From basic jump roping to more advanced techniques, the trainers will work with your kids to improve their skipping abilities while ensuring that they have fun and enjoy the experience.

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

Skipping for
Healthy Hearts



**Heart
Foundation**

PAINT & PLAY Playgroups

MONDAYS 10:00 - 11:30
BOUNDLESS BUDDIES AT
BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND, PARKES

TUESDAYS 10:00 - 11:30
SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY
CHILDHOOD SCHOOL,
WIRRAWAY CRESCENT, SCULLIN

WEDNESDAYS 10:00 - 11:30
WAKEFIELD GARDENS, AINSLIE

THURSDAYS 10:00 - 11:30
FRANKLIN RECREATIONAL
PARK, FRANKLIN

FRIDAYS 9:30 - 11:00
ISABELLA PLAINS,
EARLY CHILDHOOD
SCHOOL

A photograph of a young child with curly hair, smiling broadly. They have blue and red paint on their cheeks and hands, and are wearing a white t-shirt with colorful paint splatters.

