

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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ARTICLES OF INTEREST –

LEARNING IN KINDERGARTEN

Read below to see how busy kindergarten have been in term 3.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

Happening across the school this week – Monday 26 August through to Friday 30 August.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 26 August – Friday 30 August
SCHOOL PHOTO WEEK
- Tuesday 3 September
Parent Portal App Launch
- Wednesday 4 September
Christian Education in Schools
12.00-1.30pm
- Thursday 5 September
2023 Alumni Visit
3.30-4.30pm
- Monday 9 September
P&C Meeting
6.30-8.00pm

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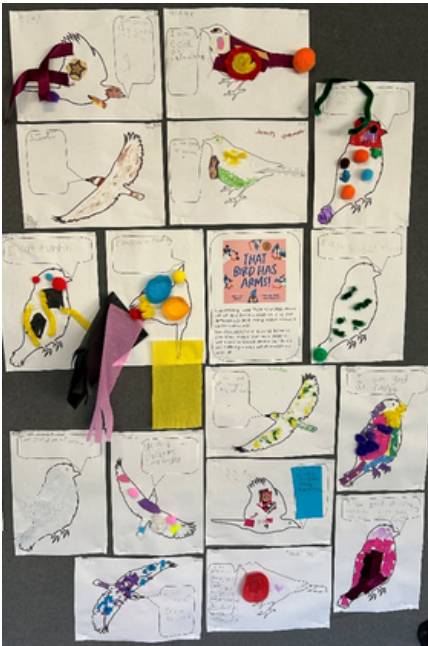
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Southern Cross Early Childhood School acknowledges that our children learn on Ngunnawal Land.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to week 6 and the final few days of winter.

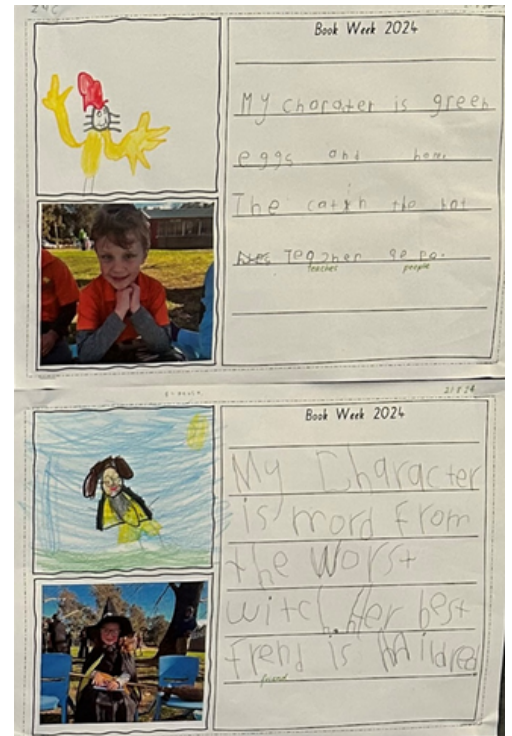
A quick reminder: It is time to help your children to apply sunscreen before coming to school and to start wearing SunSmart hats while playing outside.



BOOK WEEK

Wow – what a turn out at our annual Book Week parade. This year's theme was Reading is Magic, and it certainly felt magical to be involved last Wednesday morning for P-2 and last Thursday morning for Bunduluk and Dnnawan. Many thanks to our Book Week team: Sharron, Chloe, Stephanie and Dee. We had such a wonderful week exploring children's favourite books and reading new ones that have been shortlisted and who have won awards! Find them here:

<https://cbca.org.au/winners-2024/>



P&C - THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the P&C for their generous donation of our new speaker system. We tried this out for the first-time last week at our Book Week parade and it was a success! Music, microphones, and flashing colours – we are so lucky!

Our P&C work incredibly hard to offer our community fun events to engage in and raise money for our school. The new speaker is one example of how our P&C have supported us over the last few years. They also donated fundraising money to support the school to upgrade our Balance Challenge play area. If you would like to get involved, there are a few more fundraising events for this year!

SCHOOL PHOTO WEEK

This week, we are lucky enough to have the team from Authentic School Portraits here to take school photos. Nicole has emailed all of our families with the details, including how to pre-register (please note: you are not committed to purchasing by registering).

Sibling registrations are now closed, but you can still register so that you can view the photos that are taken. We have also posted to Seesaw the day your child will have their photo taken. For more information, please call reception on 61420020.

If you would like your child to be photographed during photo week, please pre-register your information and interest with us here:

<https://form.typeform.com/to/u5QZnF9z>



CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to Sonia Picker, who was a finalist in the inaugural ACTSBMA – Commitment to Book Week Dress Up award. Way to go Sonia!



SAVE THE DATE!

Learning Journey: (details TBC)

- Wednesday 18 September: K-2 and Beginning of the week preschool
- Friday 20 September: End of the week preschool

Grandparents/Friends Day (details TBC):

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

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

Have a lovely week,

Kelly

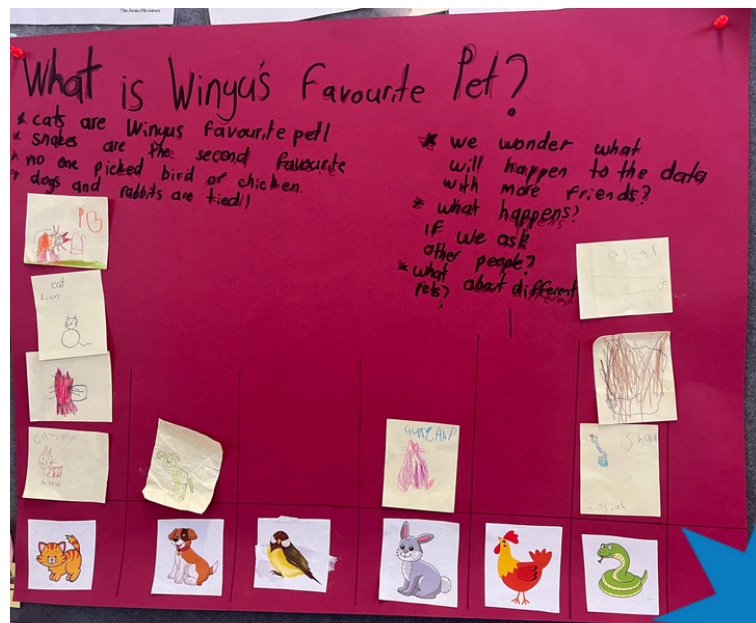
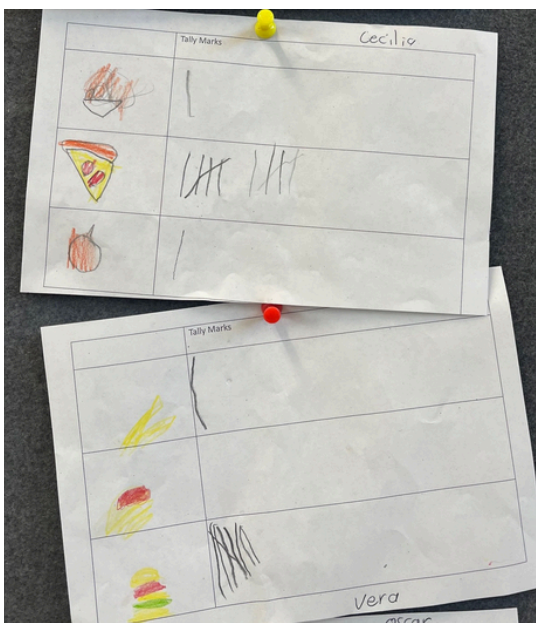
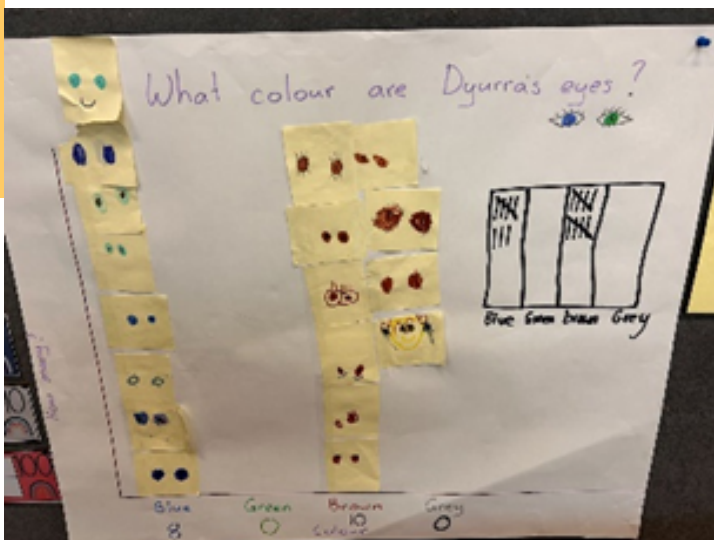


FROM SOUTHERN CROSS

TERM 3 IN KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten has had a busy start to our term 3 learning. The children have been focusing on their own personal reading and writing strategies and developing their number skills, exploring addition, skip counting and teen numbers. The children have also been collecting data through the use of hands-on activities such as observing coloured cars or questioning their friends about their favourite pets or fruits. The children displayed this data through tally marks and pictographs.

We have aligned this with our HASS unit of caring for special places by collecting data about what resources Southern Cross children would like at the Oasis.



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

In week 3 we celebrated our 100 Days of School! To mark this occasion the children dressed up as someone who looked 100 years old or dressed up with 100 items on their clothing. Throughout the day we participated in a variety of activities including, writing about what we would do if we were 100 years old, 100 metre running race and making 100 using a variety of materials in mathematics. We had a great time celebrating this milestone.



SCIENCE WEEK

In week 5 we celebrated Science Week, the theme was Species Survival - More than just sustainability.

The children participated in a range of science activities set up and run by the teachers and educators. The kindergarten activities explored the concepts of animal habitats and physical science.



BOOK WEEK

Last week we celebrated Book Week! This year's theme was 'Reading is Magic'! It was amazing seeing the children's costumes and seeing their favourite characters and books. We enjoyed engaging with a variety of different Book Week activities and loved reading the 2024 shortlisted books and in play workshop created a prop for our book character using building or craft materials

Reading is Magic



SCHOOL PHOTOS – THIS WEEK

School Photos will be happening throughout the week this from Monday 26 August – Friday 30 August.

Your child's class will be photographed on–

Monday – Winyu, Dyurra, Kabbadang– Guginya, Wamburrang

Tuesday – Gudamang, Ghaddi, Dyirrigurat, Wirria– Preschool sibling photos

Wednesday – sibling photos

Thursday – Bunduluk, Dnnawan

Friday – Preschool sibling photos



FROM THE P&C



COLOUR RUN

This term we will launch fundraising for the school Colour Run. Letters have gone home with your child with details for how to create your online profile and start the fundraising fun. An official launch at the school will happen soon.

This program will involve fun prizes for the kids, fun incentives to help drive fundraising (teacher sliming!) and of course the fun colour event that will be in Term 4. We are using a fundraising company to support as this maximises our ability to raise funds (they do take an admin fee). Reach out to us if you have questions.

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ELECTION DAY 19 OCTOBER – DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Southern Cross Early Childhood School will once again be a polling place for the upcoming ACT election. The P&C will look to host a democracy sausage BBQ, cake stall and raffle. We'd be grateful to any families who may like to donate sauce, napkins, soft drinks. We'll send out a list of items that you can sign up to donate and we'll leave collection bins at reception.

FREE UNIFORM CLOTHING

We have lots of second hand clothes near preschool. Please take some!

The tub is located in the corridor on the way to preschool 😊

NEXT P&C MEETING

6pm Monday 16 September – week 8, Southern Cross Club, Jamison.

Please join us! We can use all the hands we can get to plan the Colour Run and election day BBQ.

SCHOOL TEA TOWEL BAGS – LAST CHANCE!

We are selling 2023 tea towels as tote bags!! Bags cost \$10 (aiming to cover cost of printing them). We have 10 bags left! If you'd like to own one of these bespoke and unique bags – pick one up from Nicole at reception. Payment via cash or transfer to the P&C bank account accepted.



Kind regards

The Southern Cross P&C



COMMUNITY INFO



Term 3 PARENT WORKSHOPS



New dates added!

The workshops below are open to parents of children in Years 4-12 with the exception of Connection Conversations which designed for parents and their teens in Years 7-10.

**Tuesday 27th
August
2:50-4:50pm**

Boundaries Without Conflict

Take positive action to address your child's challenging behaviours, learn skills to de-escalated conflict, and make positive changes in your family's interactions.

**Tuesday 10th
September
2:50-4:50pm**

Overcoming Anxious School Refusal

Take positive action to increase your child's ability to cope with anxiety, learn skills to address their school avoidance, and learn how to communicate without escalating strong emotions.

**Wed 11th
September
12:00-2:00pm**

Connected Conversations

During this workshop **parents AND their teens** will explore how thinking styles can impact on communication and learn the critical skill of validation to increase positive communication.

**Wed 18th
September
12:50-2:50pm**

Addressing Your Child's Anxious Avoidance

Take positive action to increase your child's ability to cope with anxiety, learn skills to address avoidance and learn how to communicate without escalating strong emotions.

Workshops held at Hedley Beare
Centre for Teaching and
Learning in Stirling

Register your interest here

