

SOUTHERN CROSS EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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ARTICLES OF INTEREST –

BOOK WEEK HAPPENINGS

Read below to see how Southern Cross will be celebrating Book Week this year.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

How to register for upcoming school photos on [page 4](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 12 August –
Friday 16 August
SCIENCE WEEK
- Monday 19 August –
Friday 23 August
BOOK WEEK
- Wednesday 21 August
BOOK WEEK PARADE
9.15–9.45am
- Monday 26 August –
Friday 30 August
SCHOOL PHOTO WEEK

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe we are already in week 4 of this term.

There are plenty of events this term to keep us moving through towards spring and this week we celebrate National Science Week



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2024

The school theme for National Science Week in 2024 is Species Survival – More than just sustainability. The theme aims to highlight the importance of science and innovation in ensuring the survival and thriving of different species in an ever-changing world. For more information, please click on the link

<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

Our science team will be leading our school through science-focused experiences on Wednesday this week. Stayed tuned for more information on Wednesday!

HATS ON

A friendly reminder for all to please remember to bring hats to school. August 1st marks the 'hats on' month as we begin to see lovely sunny days here in Canberra. Please also put your child's name on their hat so if it gets misplaced, we can easily return it. Thank you 😊



100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

On Wednesday last week, kindergarten children celebrated being in kindergarten for 100 days! Children and staff dressed up as 100 year olds or got creative and pinned 100 objects to their clothing. Congratulations to our kinder children for reaching this milestone and for all your learning achieved so far.



BOOK WEEK

Book Week is next week! We will be hosting a Book Week parade on Wednesday morning at 9:15am during our usual Whole School Gathering time on the blacktop (outside kinder classrooms). Please make note of this date and talk with your child about which character they would like to dress up as during this week. We encourage home-made, original costumes as we know it is the time you spend with your children designing and creating these that is special. Keep it simple and creative!

WAKAKIRRI

Congratulations to all of our Wakakirri story-dance performers! They all were so brave to perform in front of a large audience at The Canberra Theatre on Monday 29 August. Thanks to the families who were able to come along and watch our performance. A very big thank you to the staff who worked incredibly hard in term 2 to rehearse with the children and organise the costumes and props. Thanks to Nicole for the wonderful projection - it really helped make our story-dance special.

I am pleased to announce that on the night we won the Public Speaking award!

Well done to Harlow, Zara and George. We also have been awarded a story-telling award for a great story, story-telling award for dancing and acting and ensemble award for dance performance.

The comment from the Wakakirri ambassador was:

Well done beautiful performers! You represented your emotions and story so well. Such a fun and polished, energetic piece! Thank you. Well done on such confident, entertaining speakers.

Have a lovely week,
Kelly



FROM SOUTHERN CROSS



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The team from Authentic School Portraits will be attending your child's school the week of Monday 26th August to capture School Photos! We thought we'd get in touch to introduce ourselves, tell you a little about what we do and provide tips on what you can do in preparation.

Who are we?

We are a Canberran team of highly professional and skilled portrait photographers with over ten years of individual experience photographing children. Steph, Kim, Sarah, Bella, Kirstyn and Rand are your children's friendly photographers, and they are accompanied by Ben, Danielle and Nick and Jordyn, our team coordinators.

Steph, a renowned family photographer, and Ben, an expert in business and marketing imagery, teamed up to fill a niche in Canberra's school photography market. At their Macgregor studio, they co-founded 'Authentic School Portraits,' with a vision to offer families treasured, genuine snapshots of their children, blending professional quality with a personal touch. This venture represents a fresh take on school portraits, promising keepsakes that capture the essence of each child.

What can you expect about the process for viewing and purchasing your children's school photos?

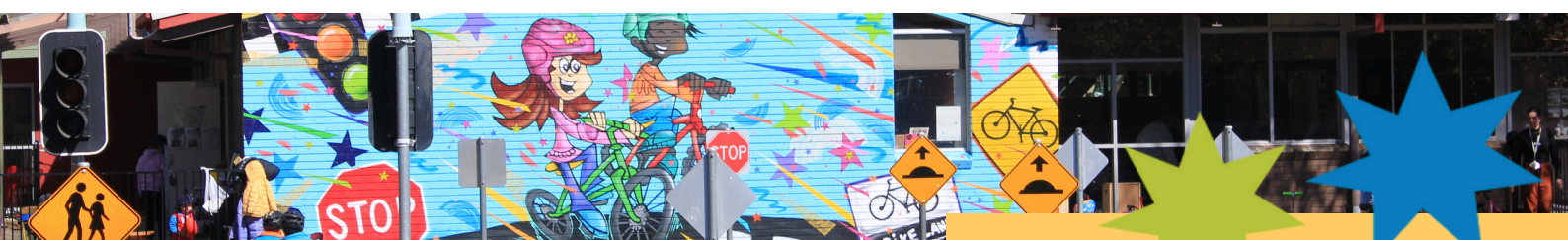
If you would like your child to be photographed during photo week, please pre-register your information and interest with us here:

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

Note that all children attending throughout photo week will still be photographed to provide the school with use of a database photo and that by registering you are not committing to purchasing a photo.

If you do not pre-register, your child will only be photographed for inclusion for an internal database photo. Especially for those of you with more than one child at our centre, pre-registering your interest is crucial to guaranteeing that we can plan a beautiful sibling photo session.

It is essential to note that due to resource allocation and scheduling limitations, we will be unable to make additional changes or accommodate late requests once Photo Week begins. We want to ensure every family has the chance to secure these precious memories, so please do pre-register at your earliest convenience.



We aim to capture a range of photos by interacting with your child through play-based methods that capture real and authentic smiles! While we don't always get every kid to smile as some kids do not take to strangers quickly, we do our best to engage and interact with children through these play-based methods.

What can you do in preparation?

Some parents have questions surrounding how to help us capture the best photos possible, and we've got a couple of tips for you before you send your child off to school on photo day. You can find those all at the link below under 'FAQ for Parents'.

<https://orders.authenticschoolportraits.com/webarchive/info.php>

We're looking forward to photographing your children!



SOUTHERN CROSS CELEBRATES BOOK WEEK

Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During Book Week schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians create colourful displays, develop activities, run competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. You will often see parades with children dressed as their favourite book character.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS *Reading is Magic*



BOOK WEEK PARADE

Here at Southern Cross we will be celebrating Book Week with kindergarten hosting our annual parade.

Parents and carers are invited to this special event which will be held at 9:15 am on Wednesday 21 August. We will gather outside near the climbing trees near Wirraway Cres.

Children in P-2 (Guginya, Wamburrang, Kindergarten, Year 1/2) and Anglicare groups are all invited to dress up as their favourite book character and join in the fun! We are encouraging children to bring the book that matches their character to share in class on the day.

End of the week preschool groups, Bunduluk and Dnnawan, will have their own special parade around the school on Thursday 22nd August. Sarah and Alison will provide further information for this.

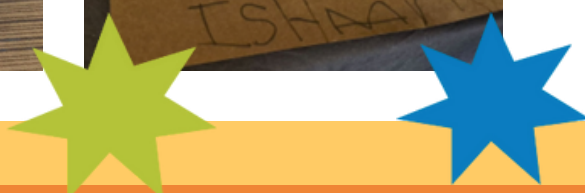
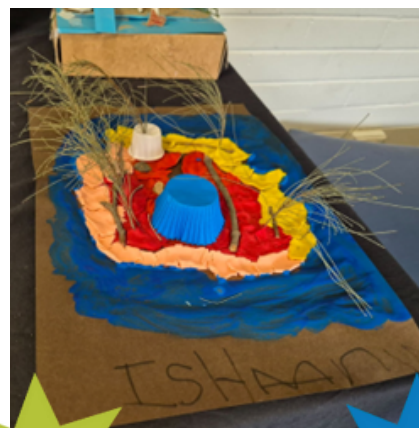
We look forward to celebrating this annual event with our school community!

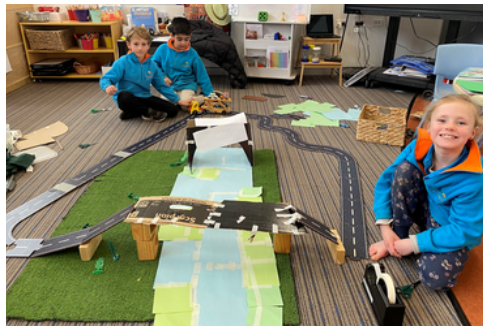


LEARNING IN YEAR 1/2

PLAY WORKSHOP

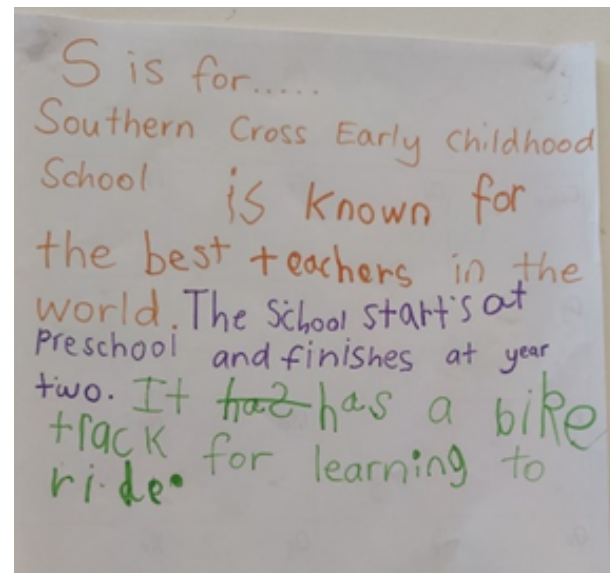
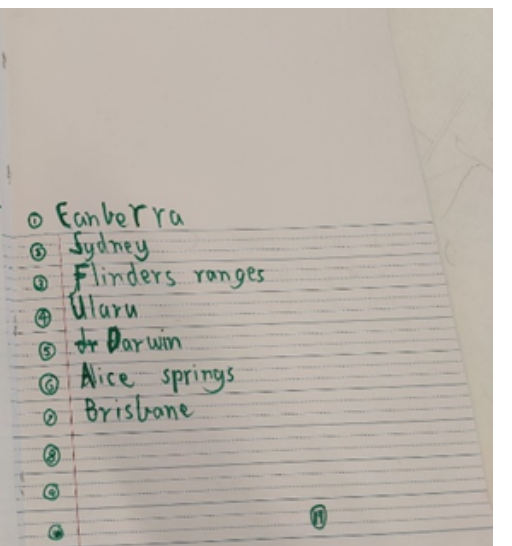
This term in Play workshop, children in year 1/2 are exploring their connections to places in Canberra, other areas in Australia, and around the world. Children are locating important places on different maps and are investigating the Indigenous connections to that area. They are posing questions about local areas and discussing whether they are natural, managed, or constructed. They have also been using different materials to recreate popular landmarks in Canberra.





WRITER'S WORKSHOP

This term in Writer's workshop, children are focusing on information reports. They are using their learning from the Play workshop sessions to help them write about places in Australia. This has provided an authentic opportunity to practise using proper nouns for capital letters. They have enjoyed planning future trips to visit different landmarks around Australia. The children have also used picture books and maps to write about familiar places and their connections to the area.



FROM THE P&C



COLOUR RUN

This term we will launch fundraising for the school Colour Run. Stay tuned for a letter coming home with your child in week 5 or 6 with details for how to create your online profile and start the fundraising fun. 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 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. scecsandc@gmail.com

ELECTION DAY – 19 OCTOBER 2024

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 closer to the day.

FREE UNIFORM CLOTHING

Size 4 school jumpers free to a good home!

The P&C has an excess of size 4 second hand jumpers. If your child could use one please help yourself. 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.

Everyone is welcome!

Kind regards

The Southern Cross P&C

