

Southern Cross School K-12

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From the Deputy

Literacy

Literacy is the foundation for learning. Our students are supported to develop their reading and writing skills through various programs both in the classroom and through individual support. In an effort to further promote literacy, this week students in years 3-6 have an opportunity to engage with Australian authors.

We are fortunate to have Samantha Turnbull visit our school to run a storyboard writing workshop with selected students. Mrs Sobecki has also organised for students to participate in Bookfest where we will connect to presentations by popular authors such as Jeff Kinney, Aaron Blabey, Jackie French and Leigh Hobbs. I encourage all students to visit our library and borrow books by these quality authors.



From the Deputy Continued

PSSA Rugby Union

Congratulations to Bennett Charlton, Reece Stanger, Kobi Courtney and Yimbukayi Buchanan-Kelly on being selected in the Ballina District Rugby Union team. The boys will compete in Casurina on Wednesday 7th June in the Far North Coast Zone Trials and we wish them all the best.



Sport at Southern Cross School

Oztag

Last Tuesday 23rd May Southern Cross School Year 3-6 boys and girls participated in the Rugby League and Oztag Gala Day at Kingsford Smith Oval.

The Year 6 tackle team played exceptionally well with standout performances by Bryce McIndoe and Aaron Latham, leaving the team to finish 3rd overall out of the six competitive teams that entered the competition.

The Year 5 boys played against teams of both Years 5 and 6 students in the same division to finish in 5th place. The year 5 boys are preparing for a big year in 2018.

Oztag Continued

In the non-competitive divisions the Year 3 and 4 students played in high scoring games with fantastic runs by the up and coming front rower Cooper O'Brien

Photos



Junior Oztag Team



Junior Girls Oztag



Senior Boys

Netball Gala Day

45 Southern Cross School students enjoyed the changes and highlights of playing netball on Tuesday 23rd May in Ballina against nine local primary schools. We sent five teams of Year 3 to 6 boys and girls to play netball at a Gala Day and to represent our school in the NSW Netball State Cup. Our competitive team won all except one of their games. All students expressed the fun and enjoyment of developing their netball and team skills. I am proud to pass on the praise that was awarded to our students for "always having fun and playing in the spirit of the game" from the Netball NSW organisers.

Netball Sports Ambassador Mrs Paula Copeland.



FNC Cross Country

Six students from Southern Cross School K-6 were chosen at Teven-Tintenbar Cross Country try outs to attend the Far North Coast Cross Country Championships. Students ran well and were great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to Millie Crowe and Cindy Cook, for being selected to compete at the Regional North Coast Championships at Murwillumbah on Friday 9th June.



Hockey Skills

Wednesday 31st May was the first day of our 3 day intensive hockey coaching with Mr Tony 'Molly' Meldrum, the Hockey Development Officer for this area. This is a 'Sporting Schools' initiative and Hockey is the focus for Term 2.

Years 4-6 participated in 30 minute drill/skill sessions and all students showed improvement after a relatively short time.

We are all looking forward to the next two sessions to be held on Wednesday 21st June and Wednesday 28th June.



Creative Arts

Creative Arts at Southern Cross School K-6 offers students an opportunity to discover a variety of art forms through dance, music and visual arts, where they learn to appreciate, make and perform. Regular learning experiences that are thoughtfully planned, sequenced and related are essential for developing students' skills and knowledge and understanding within the art forms. They also contribute to the development of the whole child. Southern Cross School K-6 is committed to encouraging Creative Arts within our learning environment.

Dance

Learning in Dance involves students exploring elements, skills and methods through the integrated practices of dance routine, performance and appreciation. The body is the instrument used to communicate and uses combinations of the elements of dance to express emotion and narrative through movement. There are a number of students who are part of our dance group. Every week we dance together and are excited for our upcoming performances.

Years 3-6 dance students are in preparation for the Coastal Kids performance held at Ballina RSL on 1st August, daytime performance 9:45am to 2:00pm and the evening performance from 5:30pm.

The K-2 concert will be happening in Term 3 on the 5th of September, and the junior dancers are looking forward to showcasing their talents.



5T performed a fantastic dance and chant sequence at 3-6 Assembly Friday 2nd June. Without any music accompaniment they remembered the whole routine sequence and narrative. See a video of their performance on the **online Newsletter**: <http://scschickiba.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

Concert Band and Combined LSTT Band

The Concert Band Program is run by teachers Fiona Clarke and Mark Whitney, and has been operating at Southern Cross School K-6 for over 10 years. The members of the Concert Band get to perform at a variety of school and community functions throughout the year. Southern Cross Band members also have the opportunity to be part of a larger ensemble Combined LSTT Band which is currently made up of students from Southern Cross School K-6, Lennox Head Public School and Teven- Tintenbar Public School. **Watch a video of the Concert Band practice on the online Newsletter**: <http://scschickiba.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

Upcoming performance

In Week 8 of this term the Band will be taking part in an informal concert so they can share what they have been working on so far in 2017.

When - Thursday, June 15th 2017.

Time - 6.30pm Start.

Where - Lennox Head Public School Hall.

Notes regarding this performance have been sent home, if for some reason your child cannot attend please let us know.

The Band program also gives students in Years 3 to 6 an opportunity to try an instrument they may not normally have had experience with. In this program students may learn a variety of Brass or Woodwind Instruments such as Trumpets, Flutes, Clarinets and Saxophones, and enjoy a series of free lessons. Lessons take place during school hours, and for this trial period the student is allowed to take the instrument home with them.

At the end of this trial period a student may continue lessons on that instrument if they wish and, after mastering basic skills, will be eventually invited to play in the Concert Band.

For further information about the instrument trial program you contact Ms Clark at Southern Cross School.

Art

The Creative Arts K-6 is one of six key learning area syllabuses for the primary curriculum. Art is an integral part of the Creative Arts K-6 syllabus, and is related to the different Stage a student is enrolled.

Early Stage 1 has been exploring many ways to make portraits.



Stage 1 has also been hunting down monsters in their Literacy and Visual Arts.



The Multi-categorical class are studying Colonial Australia, and completed a mixed media collage.



Art Continued

Stage 2 has been exploring Australian Landscapes.



Stage 3 students have been investigating Bushfire Mitigation in Geography and Visual Arts, and experimented with painting effects and collage.



Snaketails

At the Snaketails show on Wednesday 31st May, students learnt about all the different types of snakes and reptiles. The presenter brought three types of lizard, a turtle and five types of snakes with him: Red-bellied Black snake, Brown snake, Tiger snake, Fierce snake and a huge Olive Python.



The presenter told us about how the Aborigines thought that a snake was a god and called it the Rainbow Serpent. He also taught us how to act if we see a snake. We all got to pat the Olive Python at the end of the show. Written by 6W.



Sneeze Safe

With the change in weather all the students are being exposed to colds and flu. Southern Cross School K-6 has a Sneeze Safe behaviour which they practice, see 3C showing how to sneeze safe in the video in the online Newsletter:

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Live Life Well @ School

Did you know that only 5.4% of Australian children eat enough vegetables?

What can you do to help?

Pack a container of vegetables (not fruit) for your child to eat on the day

Easy vegetables to pack include cucumber, celery sticks, capsicum strips, carrots, cooked corn on the cob and cherry tomatoes.

Keep serving up the vegetables at home!



Upcoming Events

Assemblies

Assembly K-2 Thursday 8th June 11.30am
Assembly 3-6 Friday 9th June 2.15pm

Dress Like A Pirate Day

Friday 9th June is SRC 'Dress Like A Pirate Day', bring a gold coin donation and join in the fun.

Public Holiday

Monday 12th June Queens Birthday public holiday

3-6 Athletics Carnival

Thursday 22nd June, 3-6 Athletics Carnival to be held at Southern Cross School K-6 Oval. Parents and carers are welcome to attend and cheer on the students.

Hockey Skills

Hockey Skills Wednesday 21st June and Wednesday 28th June

Responsible Pet Show K-2

Monday 26th June
9.20-10.00 Year 1
10.15-10.55 Year 2
11.35-12.15 Kindergarten

NR Science and Engineering Discovery Day

Wednesday 28th June to be held at Southern Cross University-Lismore campus.