

Southern Cross School K-12

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We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people, who are the traditional custodians of the land that Southern Cross School stand on. We would also like to pay respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to any Aboriginal people.

From The Deputy

Welcome to Term 3 which promises to be another busy term with lots of learning and many exciting events. I hope all families had a relaxing and safe holiday.

This Thursday we are holding our Athletics Carnival for Years 3-6 on the school oval. We hope that many parents and carers are able to join us on the day. A program of events is available and has been sent home with students. Thanks to Mr Layzell and staff for their efforts in organising the carnival. Successful students will qualify to participate in the District Athletics Carnival to be held on Friday 4th August at Geoff Watt Oval, Alstonville.

Student reports were sent home with students last term. If you have not yet received your child's report, please contact the office. Parents and carers have the opportunity to discuss these reports and their child's progress with teachers at the Parent Teacher Evening. This will be held on Monday 31st July and Tuesday 1st August in the school gym. Bookings can be made through the parent portal and anyone having difficulty making a booking should contact the office for assistance. If for some reason you are unable to attend at the time you have booked, please notify the school in advance.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to those students who have already completed the challenge by reading 20 books. A reminder that you have until midnight **25th August** to complete reading your 20 books, so it is still not too late to log on and record your books.

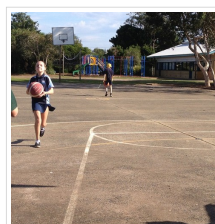
Don't forget that Mrs Sobecki is always willing to help students find books from the Premier's Booklist in our library and Mrs Marchant can assist with entering books onto student reading logs.

Premier Sporting Challenge

Premier sporting challenge was conducted by Ballina Coast High Schools' Year 9, Mr Moore and Mr Smith.

Lennox Head Primary School, Ballina Primary School and Southern Cross School K-6 students were mixed up into teams with Year 8 peer leaders from Ballina Coast High School. Six different sporting activities were included: AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Touch Football and Soccer.

All students displayed excellent sportsmanship and had a fantastic day meeting and competing with other school students and being athletic. Mrs Finlay



NAIDOC Activities

On **Friday 30th June** we celebrated NAIDOC Week by having activities from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Each stage participated in activities designed to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, language and culture. Stage one rotated through activities including story writing, listening to a story, Bundjalung language puzzles, boomerang appreciation, and traditional games. Stage two walked from Skennars Head to Angels Beach along the walking path and read Aboriginal cultural stories. Stage three participated in traditional games and painting activities. Our students enjoyed playing, laughing, creating, learning, and using our Bundjalung resources.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2f-aEARbIY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toIBhLo5mWg>

The Northern Rivers Science and Engineering Discovery Day

In the last week of Term 2 thirty two enthusiastic Year 6 students competed in 'The Northern Rivers Science and Engineering Discovery Day', which is a much anticipated event on our Year 6 calendar. The increasingly popular event is held at Southern Cross University in Lismore, which in itself is an inspiration to the participating students. Each team of 4 students completes 2 set challenges during the day and are mentored and scored by university staff and students. Our Year 6 students must be congratulated on their cooperative and problem solving skills which combined to make the Southern Cross School students the winners of the day. All students can be justly proud of their performance and achievements.

For students who are interested the SCU Robotics Hub meets every Thursday 3.30pm to 5.30pm at Southern Cross University, Lismore Campus, Level , A Block.



G'Day Asia

Students from Kinder to Year 6 were treated to a very enjoyable show. The very entertaining presenter and his puppets and props all combined to teach us about a variety of Asian cultures and interesting historical facts. Several students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the performance in a variety of roles from Japanese Emperor to Chinese Dragon. Each stage of the show enhanced our understanding of our neighbours.



Hockey

Our school has had intensive hockey coaching with Mr Tony 'Molly' Meldrum, the Hockey Development Officer for this area,

since Wednesday 31st May. This is a 'Sporting Schools' initiative and Hockey was 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.

The last two sessions were held on Wednesday 21st June and Wednesday 28th June. Thank you to Mr Meldrum for his patience and skill training our students. All students enjoyed the team experience and learning the physical skill of playing hockey.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RJbdGPDJZI>

Bree Wins Cooking Award

Bree in Year 4 competed in NSW Country Womens Association ANZAC Biscuit cook off. There were specific instructions and the biscuits were judged on the size, uniform shape, ingredients, colour and texture. Bree put extra love in and came 6th in the NSW! Congratulations Bree, an amazing effort.



Assembly

3C does the Sneaky Peak Hip Hop dance for a Brain Break in class, and they showed us at the Assembly Friday 23rd June. Take a look at the video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pr8DE6T1m5M>

Kindergarten 2018

It is that time of year when we start to prepare for our 2018 student intake into Kindergarten.

The Teddy Bears' Picnic is the 1st transition to school activity to be held at Southern Cross School K-6 on Thursday 3rd August at 12:15pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for students entering school to become familiar with teachers and the school environment.

The Parent Information Evening is on Tuesday 8th August at 6pm in the Kindergarten classrooms. The night will provide an overview of Southern Cross Schools' programs and facilities. Students do not need to attend this evening event, they will attend transition days which commence in mid-October.

Parents enrolling their child/ren in Kindergarten in 2018 at Southern Cross School K-6 may contact the office on (02) 6686 0503 for enrolment paperwork and to book their child's place in the '2018 Kindergarten Transition Program'.

Students are encouraged to use both Reading Eggs and Mathletics as homework and as a way to consolidate learning occurring from class. If you are unsure of your child's password please email kristin.piccoli@det.nsw.edu.au.

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Kindergarten 2018

INFORMATION NIGHT 6:00pm Tuesday 8 August

Enrolments are now being taken.

We invite parents and carers to attend an information evening in our Kindergarten classrooms.

Children will be invited to Orientation Visits in Term 4. Please see dates overleaf.



PLEASE PHONE 6686 0503 IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION

SOUTHERN CROSS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten 2018

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC 12:15pm Thursday 3 August

Students beginning Kindergarten in 2018 (at any school) are invited to attend our

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Thursday 3 August
Kindergarten Classrooms

Bring your favorite teddy bear, hat, drink bottle and food.
Join in with our story time, activities and picnic.



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Kindergarten 2018- Important Dates

Kindergarten 2018 Information Night	Tuesday 8 th August, 2017	6:00pm
Enrolment Forms due	Friday 15 th September, 2017	3:00pm
Parent Orientation Session	Friday 20 th October, 2017	9:30-11:00am
1 st Kindergarten Orientation Session	Friday 20 th October, 2017	9:30-11:00am
2 nd Kindergarten Orientation Session	Friday 27 th October, 2017	9:30-11:00am
3 rd Kindergarten Orientation Session	Friday 3 rd November, 2017	9:30-11:00am
4 th Kindergarten Orientation Session	Friday 10 th November, 2017	9:30-11:00am

Mathletics and Reading Eggs Top 10

We will be publishing the top 10 Mathletics and Reading Eggs students in each fortnight.

The Top 10 Mathletics lists are devised from the students with the most Mathletics points for the fortnight. Students receive Mathletics points by completing Mathletics learning tasks. All students who achieve more than 1000 points within a week receive a Mathletics award in class.

The Top 10 Reading Eggs lists are selected from students who regularly use the program and complete 'maps' with accuracy. Students go to a new map each time they complete 10 levels. All students who complete a 'map' receive a Reading Eggs awards in class.

Here are the links to log on to the programs at home:

<http://readingeggs.com.au/login/>

<https://community.mathletics.com/signin/>

Mathletics Top 10

Isabella C - 2L
Lara D - KP
Caleb B - 2L
Jennifer A - 3C
Luke A - 1V
Gianna C - KC
Millicent G - 2L
Daniel B - 1V
Bramhroop D - 1/2
Beau W - KP

Reading Eggs Top 10

Garry M - SCS
Tyson N - 2L
Braydon F - SCC
Cindi C - 3/4R
Tarjarn K - KC
Blake H - 3C
Oliver D - KB
Summa H - 3F
Jake K - SCB
Jazz S - KP

Upcoming Events

Athletics Carnival

Thursday 20th July

Homework Centre

Returns 26th July

Coastal Kids Concert

Monday 31st July (rehearsal)
Tuesday 1st August (performance)

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday 31st July and Tuesday 1st August

Parent/Teacher Interviews are held in the Gym, bookings are made online via the parent portal (please contact office if any you have any difficulties making a booking)

Education Week

31st July - 4th August (look for updates about activities on the Southern Cross School website and facebook).

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Wednesday 2nd August

Kindergarten 2018

Teddy Bears' Picnic 3rd August

Parents Information Evening 6pm 8th August

Assemblies

Assembly K-2 Thursday 3rd August

Assembly 3-6 Friday 4th August

District Athletics Carnival

Friday 4th August at Geoff Watt Oval, Alstonville.