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- Pale Blue or White: General Notices
- Orange: Important Messages
- Gold: Excursion Incursion
- Bright Pink: Fundraising

March

3rd: Foundation students finish at 3.30 p.m.
4th: Pancake Day
5th: Breakfast Club 8.00 a.m.
7th: CURRICULUM DAY – No school for students
12th: School Council AGM 3.45pm
19th: Harmony Day
27th: Whole School Photos

Could all Parents please check their children’s hair, as lately there have been a number of cases of head lice. If children’s hair is checked on a regular basis, we hope that this issue will be kept under control. Thank you.

Foundation (Preps) attend school from 9.00 am – 3.30 pm from Monday, 3rd March

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please read this newsletter, as it is an important communication between school and home.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

**CHaTS Group**

Our wonderful CHaTS Group members met yesterday to discuss the plans and preparation for Harmony Day. We look forward to this sensational day each year and I would like to sincerely thank you all for the commitment and support that you continue to give to our school.

**School Council Elections**

Nominations for School Council have now closed. We have one parent position available and one DEECD position. There have been 2 nominations for the parent position which means we will have to hold a ballot. We will be sending home ballot papers with information about the candidates for you to read early next week. Please return you ballot paper to the office by the due date. I would like to thank the parents who have considered taking up the role. It is a very busy and responsible position where your input is highly valued. I look forward to the successful member joining us this year.

**School Uniform**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, there has been a delay in the supply of some of our uniform items. Apologies for this mishap, but hopefully articles should arrive in the first or second week of March. Whilst waiting for the orders to come in your child is permitted to wear a jumper, cardigan or windcheater in either red or navy if possible.

**Reminder** .... Carpark

Please do not drop off or pick up your child from the staff car park. Only those with a Permit are allowed to enter.

I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead.

Averil Nunn
Principal
BREAKFAST CLUB will commence next Wednesday, 5\textsuperscript{th} March, 2014 at 8.00 a.m.

BOOK CLUB REMINDER
all orders due by 12\textsuperscript{th} March

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
All students will have been given an envelope today, to be brought back to school on photo day, 27\textsuperscript{th} March. If you would like to purchase a photo package, please complete the details on the envelope and return it to school on photo day. If you would like a family photo to be taken, please collect an envelope from the school office.

PARENTS CORNER

Back into the Routine

Having a system or what most call a routine in place, help families organise themselves in order to easily spend some time together and have some fun. Every family whether planned or not has a unique routine they observe. Statistics have shown that by maintaining a normal daily routine, one can help to make stressful situations or change in the family become easier to deal with. Some children like and need routine more than others, but in general routines have many benefits for both child and parent. Daily routines for example help to set up body clocks, such as a regular time to go to sleep. This helps the body to fall asleep easily and have a better kick start for the child’s metabolism, energy and concentration for the next day...Plus you get some free quality time while they sleep.

Routines can also help to develop basic work skills and time management. Whether the child is given the task of tidying up, hanging washing, setting up the dinner table or even getting ready for a hobby or sport on time, all help the child in developing confidence, independence and responsibility.

As children become more and more accustomed to routine, they then require less instruction which means you won’t have to nag them as much. This will help you as the parent feel more organised and create a less hectic environment.

Keep also in mind that there are no rules to how many or what kind of routines you should have. What works well for one family may seem too restrictive to another. What is important to note is that it is well worth the effort in reflecting on what your family routines are and how you would like them to improve.
Harmony Day.......EVERYONE BELONGS......2014

Once again our Harmony Day celebration preparation at school has commenced. This year our Harmony Day celebration at school is Wednesday 19th March.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

On this day, students will be actively engaged in Harmony Day classroom activities in the morning as planned by their teachers followed by a feast of cultural food including Australian foods at 12.30pm. After lunch there will be an hour of whole school presentation on Harmony Day in the school hall.

More updates will follow in the upcoming two weeks....... A big THANK YOU to CHaTS Group for attending our discussion on Wednesday morning. We are proud to see the enthusiasm you share within the school community and the willingness to keep our Group blossoming.

Next scheduled discussion is on Wednesday, 12th March 2014. Please feel welcome to join us if you are available on this morning.

Mrs. A Nunn  
School Principal

Mrs. A Singh  
Co-ordinator (CHaTS)
Swimming Trials

On Friday 7th February, 19 students participated in the school swimming trials at Dandenong Oasis Swimming Pool. Mr Gallagher and I were very impressed with the student's behaviour and their positive approach to the trials, giving their best efforts. Thank you to Mrs Blackman and Mrs McKenna who along with Mr Gallagher transported the students to and from the swimming pool in their own vehicles. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Southern Cross Primary School at the District Swimming Sports on Thursday 27th February.

Marie 3\4A  Paige 3\4A  Zane 3\4A  Kevin 3\4B  Ben 5\6A  Jakin 5\6A
Adam 5\6A  Mina 5\6A  Anna 5\6B  Clarissa 5\6B  Connie 5\6B
Corey 5\6B

Hockey Victoria Schools Program Visit

On Tuesday 11th February, Hockey Victoria’s game development officers conducted free Hockey sessions for students from Grade 1 to Grade 4. The development officers provided students with a fun and engaging hockey experience. They also provided students with information on the local clubs and programs they can access to learn more about the game.
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Saturdays 9.00-10.00am
Saturdays 10.30-12.30pm
Saturdays 1.00-4.00pm
Saturdays 4.30-8.00pm
Thursdays 6.15-9.45pm
Wednesdays 7.00-9.30pm

All ages as of the 31st December 2014

*All classes commencing first week of Feb
Masters (20yrs+) starting 12-Feb

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