Items sent home will generally be colour coded.

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February**

- 22nd: District Swimming

**March**

- 4th: Staff, Leadership & Foundation Photos (Grade 1-6 Photos to be Taken later in the year)
- 8th: Curriculum Day – No School for Students
- 19th: HARMONY DAY!!
- 20th: Twilight Sports 5:30p.m.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION!**

Please take note of the Curriculum days that School Council has approved for 2013:

- Friday, 8th March, 2013
- Friday, 7th June, 2013
- Monday, 4th November, 2013

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

Welcome to the news this week.

**Student Leadership Badge Presentation**
On Monday we presented our Student Leaders with their badges at a special assembly attended by many of their parents. We also invited Councillor Rosalie Crestini from the City of Casey to attend and help with this celebration. Rosalie spoke about leadership and wished our leaders success in their roles throughout the year. We are very proud of these student leaders and I look forward to working with them in their respective roles.

**Head Lice**
I would like to give a general reminder to parents to check their child/ren’s hair for head lice. Sometimes across the year we do find small outbreaks and a letter will come to you if your child’s grade is affected. Unfortunately, it is an inconvenience which I know we would all rather do without, but it is a problem that needs immediate attention. Please check your child’s hair regularly and if you do find any trace of head lice in your child’s hair be sure to treat it before returning to school. Thank you for your support.

**District Swimming Sports**
On Friday we have 8 students representing the school in the District Swimming Sports. They are Ben, Corey, Mina, Jakin, Anna, Tamlyn, Clarissa and Natasha. I would like to wish them success in their efforts and thank them for proudly representing Southern Cross Primary School.

**Curriculum Day**
Don’t forget that there is a Pupil Free Day on **Friday 8th March**, followed by a **Public holiday on Monday 11th March**. **DO NOT** send your children to school on this day. Teachers will be undertaking Professional development and planning throughout the day. Also please take note of our other Curriculum days on Friday 7th June and Monday 4th November, 2013.

I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead,
Averil Nunn
Principal.

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2013 school year! A special greeting to those families who are beginning their association with Southern Cross Primary School.

The start of the year has been a great one for both the staff and students. We are now looking forward to working with your delightful children and watching them grow their brain and strengthen neuron pathways, develop their talents and be challenged in all areas both personally and academically.

This year we continue to include and provide stimulating learning opportunities for your children. Our engaging and exciting school based programs have taken off enormously well. Circle Time, Mindful meditation, Growing Your Brain and Tribes (starting soon) are effective programs that aim to bring students together and allow them to work as a community by helping and supporting each other. Through this daily and consistent approach students become more tolerant of each other and also learn to solve their own differences and issues.

We are proud to announce that the Grade 1/2 Class Captains for Term 1 are Daniel Henriques and Tatiana Mu. Congratulations!

Personal Belongings:
Please label your child’s belongings so they can be easily recovered if misplaced or lost.

Grade 1/2 Teachers:
Grade 1/2A: Mrs. Singh
Grade 1/2B: Mrs. Crawford/Ms Robinson
Library & Education Support: Ms. McKenna
Music/Drama: Mrs. Graham
Art: Mrs. Graham
P.E.: Mr. Altube
ICT: Mrs. Crawford & Mrs. Singh
French: Mr. Altube

TEACHERS WITH SKILL AND FAITH

Our Integrated topic this term is:

MINIBEASTS

Our Language Program consists of a variety of learning experiences which include: Journal Writing, Listening Exercise, Spelling and Sounds, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading Activities, Listening and Speaking, Enhancing presentation skills and handwriting.

Maths this term focuses on addition and subtraction, odds and even numbers, shapes, skip counting and recognising patterns, measurement, doubles, halves and quarters and multiplication number sentences. In our maths games students explore and learn strategies required for solving mathematical problems.

Once again we are trying to encourage students to have a bottle of WATER on their tables each day as we all dehydrate quickly during the warmer weather. Also a healthy snack of fresh or dried fruit or vegetables will further encourage healthy eating habits in our younger students. Please feel free to contact us if there are any queries or concerns. We are all more than happy to have a chat.

January: Iman, Sahar, Jonathan, Callum and Blake

February: Sharmi, A.J, Tariq, Ai

March: Rihana, Omed, Melina, Skye, Aryan, Daniel H, Daniel G.
5/6 Natural Disasters!! - Floods

5/6A was recently given the task of saving live stock (an egg in our experiment) from a flood. We had to create a device to hold the egg and make it float for at least 30 seconds in a tub of wave-filled water. It was interesting to see how everyone approached the task with different ideas and used their brains in different ways. Tamlyn, Mustafa, Olivia, Anna and Kameron were successful in saving their live-stock-egg!

Pancake Day!!
Recipes! Recipes! Recipes!

CHaTS Group is collating a RECIPE BOOK! If you have a special family recipe that you would like to share with us please forward the details of your chosen cuisine to the school office or to Mrs Singh. It could be an Appetiser/Entrée, Soups/Starters, Main Courses, Desserts/Sweets or Cakes/Baking. Please print your name clearly as it will be included in the book to acknowledge your contribution.

Thank you for your continuous support!
Mrs Singh (CHaTS Group)

HEAD LICE

As there have been a number of cases of head lice in the school recently, could all parents please check their child/ren’s hair regularly to ensure the eradication of this pest. Thank you.
Hello Everyone! Welcome back to another exciting school year. A warm greeting to all our new families who have partnered up with Southern Cross Primary School. Congratulations!

**News Update:** Together with the CHaTS Group (Community Harmony and Team Spirit) we are celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday 19th March here at school. Harmony Day is Australia’s annual celebration of cultural diversity. We'd like to invite you to participate in Harmony Day. This is a colourful celebration that everyone at school participates in and enjoys. Thank you to SCPS Community.

Our Harmony Day Theme for 2013 is **Many Stories – One Australia.** It recognises that each Australian has a unique story and there are more than 22 million stories we can share. In sharing our stories we can learn, understand and respect each other.

There will be activities happening at school on this day from 10am to 12.30pm. More information and detail about this sensational event will be made available to you in the coming weeks. Keep reading the newsletter!

**Put it in your 2013 diaries! Hope you are able to join us on this wonderful event!**

Mrs. Singh (Co-ordinator, CHaTS Group)