February 28, 2013

School Hours and Break Times
Playgrounds supervised from 8:45 a.m. and from 3:30 -3:45 p.m.
Students arrive 8:50, Classes start promptly at 9.00 a.m.
Morning Recess is from 11am – 11:30am. Lunch 1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 5:30 p.m.

28th
Term 1 finishes at 2.30 p.m.

**April**

15th
School commences for Term 2

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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FOR YOUR INFORMATION!
Items sent home will generally be colour

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

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

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

Swimming Carnival

I would like to congratulate the students who represented Southern Cross Primary School in the Swimming Carnival last Friday. Seven students took part and every one of them came home with a place ribbon. Please read Mr Altubes’ report later in this newsletter.

Southern Cross Primary School Staff Car Park

A reminder to parents that you are not to enter the school car park to drop off and pick up children. As I have stated before, this is a Department regulation to ensure that there are safety procedures in place for all. There is no insurance cover in our car park therefore if you happen to hit a child, parent or other car the consequences could be horrific. We have observed several parents driving in over the last week and many of them have done so in a dangerous manner. The only time you are authorised to come into that area is when administration staff have personally requested that you come to pick up your child during the school day due to illness. The Bylaws Officer will be attending the school and anyone found parking in prohibited areas will be fined. Please adhere to these rules for the safety of all. Thank you to the parents who continually observe the correct procedures and work with us to keep our school a safe place.

School Council Election

Last week I informed you that we had vacancies on our School Council. Pleasingly we have had more people nominate than there are positions available. Therefore on Monday you will receive further information on the next stage of the process.

I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead.

Averil Nunn
Principal
**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.

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**LOST PROPERTY**

There are many items of lost property in the Office area. Could parents please mark all items of clothing so that lost articles can be returned to the rightful owner if they are found.

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**Autumn 2013**

School Holiday Program

St Paul Apostle South Primary School

Holiday program dates

Tuesday 2 April to Friday 12 April

Location

9 William Hovey Drive, Endeavour Hills VIC

Bookings close: Friday 15 March

**Hours & Fees**

7.00am - 6.00pm
Extend based: $60*
Incursion day: $79*
Most families pay between $11.77 - $37.80**

**Ask us how to get HALF OFF your fees**

The 50% Child Care Rebate is NOT income tested!

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All **Foundation** students will have their photo taken next **Monday, 4th March at 9.15 a.m.**

It would be appreciated if all students could please be at school on time and in full school uniform.

The envelope provided by the photo company must accompany them when they have their photo taken, so do not forget to enclose correct money and send with your child on Monday.

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**Happy Birthday to Marie Evans last week. Congratulations!**

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**Don’t Forget**

Happy Birthday! Oooopull

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**Lost Property**
Congratulations to our District Swimming Team on their performance at the District Swimming Carnival last Friday. All Seven swimmers performed extremely well at the Carnival which was held at Noble Park Swimming Pool. Southern Cross competed against other schools in the Endeavour Hill District and overall Southern Cross came 5th. The Swimming Team would like to thank both Miss Rutgers and Mrs Smith for not only coaching them on the day, but also transporting them to and from the venue.

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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)