Due to a significant number of hat sales recently, the school has RUN OUT OF STOCK. In the meantime if your child does not have a hat, please bring one from home until we advise that our stock has been replenished. Thank you.

February
9th Tuesday Pancake Day
16th Tuesday School Council meeting at 3.45 p.m.
29th Monday Foundation students – finish at 3.30pm each day for remainder of year

March
24th Thursday Last day of Term 1 - dismissal at 2.30pm

School Hours and Break Times
Playgrounds supervised 8:45 – 9.00 a.m. and 3:30 -3:45 p.m.
Students arrive 8:50 a.m.
Classes start promptly at 9.00 a.m.
Morning Recess is 11 – 11:30 a.m.
Lunch 1:40. – 2:30 p.m.
School finishes at 3.30 p.m.

For your information
Items sent home will generally be colour coded.
- 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.
Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter for the year. We have had a magnificent start to the year and the children have all settled quickly and are keen to reignite their learning. Thank you to all parents who have supported us in making this smooth start possible.

SWIMMING TRIALS
This morning we had a small group of children try out for swimming competitions coming up soon. Best wishes to all of those students in your efforts to gain a place to represent our school.

SCHOOL FEES
Thankyou to parents who have paid their fees. Could I give a little reminder that they are due and we look forward to them being paid as soon as possible. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak with the ladies in the office.

ASSEMBLY
We will be holding our first assembly next Monday at approximately 3.00pm in our school hall. If you are free you are most welcome to attend.

HOAX PHONE CALLS TO VICTORIAN SCHOOLS
I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days.
Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.
Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.
The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.
If you have any questions please contact me at school.

ASBESTOS AUDIT
As part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling will be installed at our school.
The labels remind work contractors to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register.
Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. At Southern Cross Primary School there is minimal asbestos, and it is in confined areas which are not accessible to students and/or any other visitors to the school.
The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe.
We are taking this extra step as a precaution for the safety of all persons who enter our school for any works being conducted.

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

2016 STAFF

Staffing for this year is as follows:
Principal – Averil Nunn
Assistant Principal – Anne Robinson.
Business Manager- Sue Jones
Office Manager – Kaye Schendzielorz
Grade 5/6 Teachers – Leonie Laphthorne and Laura Harrison (Flanagan)
Grade 3/4 Teachers – Leigh-Ann Schouw, Sandie Van Aken and Meg McLaren
Grade 1/2 Teachers – Angeline Singh and Nikki Dymond
Grade Foundation (Prep) – Karlie Hunter
Visual Arts/ Music – Jenny Graham
Chinese / Health and Well Being – Kristina Krikas
Phys. Ed / French – Andrew Altube
Teacher Support – Lisa McKenna, Rhonda Smith, Daniel Topic and Sharon Christensen

Averil Nunn
Principal
There is a lot of excitement building up within our school community, as this year we are thrilled to introduce two new programs into our curriculum, they are, Chinese and Health and Wellbeing. These programs have been directed by the Department of Education and are mandated programs that are required to be taught in schools.

What a great prospect for our students to be exposed to another language within our school. The students will be learning two LOTE languages Chinese and French.

**Chinese**

This semester the Middle and Senior Primary students will be introduced to Chinese. The students will be given the opportunity to learn various aspects of the Chinese culture that has enriched our society since the 1850’s such as food, dance, celebrations, language etc...

**Health and Wellbeing – Gardening**

This year we will be rolling up our sleeves in revamping our garden beds, planting various herbs and vegetables that the students will harvest and have the opportunity to cook amazing healthy meals. This coincides with our Wellbeing program, which involves, learning about finding balance within one’s self in practicing healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle.

**Gardening Gloves**

This term our students will be clearing the garden beds and preparing them for next terms planting. Each student requires a pair of gardening gloves. We would greatly appreciate it if parents could support this program by purchasing a pair of gloves for your child/children. The gloves need to be clearly labelled with your child’s/children’s name in them. The gloves will be kept at school.

**Volunteers- Paving**

We have quite a few pavers that we would like to have them layed down around the garden beds. These pavers will provide a cleaner area when the students are attending to them.

If there are any parents who are available during school hours that are able to cope with the labour of digging and setting down the pavers I would love to hear from you. Please make a time to see me to discuss this further.

I greatly appreciate your support and I’m looking forward to working together in supporting and celebrating your child/children’s personal growth and success.

Kristina Krikas

Leadership Team, Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator & Chinese Teacher

**Student Banking**

If you have a Commonwealth Bank student banking account banking through school will commence next Tuesday, 9th February, 2016. If you would like to open an account for your child please contact the school office staff.
COME N’ TRY CLASSES
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP

WHEN
TINY TOTS (3-5YRS) SATURDAYS 9.00-10.00AM
TINIES (5-7YRS) SATURDAYS 10.30-12.30AM
SUBJUNIORS (8-10YRS) SATURDAYS 1.00-4.00PM
JUNIORS (11-13YRS) MONDAYS 4.30-7.30PM
INTERS (14-16YRS) THURSDAYS 6.15-9.45PM
SENIORS (16YRS+) TUESDAYS 6.30-10.00PM
MASTERS (26YRS+) WEDNESDAYS 7.00-9.30PM (STARTING 10TH)

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A special time for our dolphins too ..

Recent surveys have found young calves with our resident bottlenose and spinner dolphin communities.
So while summer and the Christmas period is a great time for us on the water, we need to remind boaters to do the right thing and stop the dolphin watching rules.

*2016 Challenge*

Our main goal this summer is to increase awareness and prestige, and even the dream with our Summer Challenge: The "Challenge" is a race to see which of the many people is able to complete the "Victorian" famous marathon swim.
Check our website for the coming events for details.

Seal Rocks Trip
New Ambassadors on their first swims over to Seal Rocks in Western Tas.

More thanks to Whale and the care of the Navy for our amazing day!

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