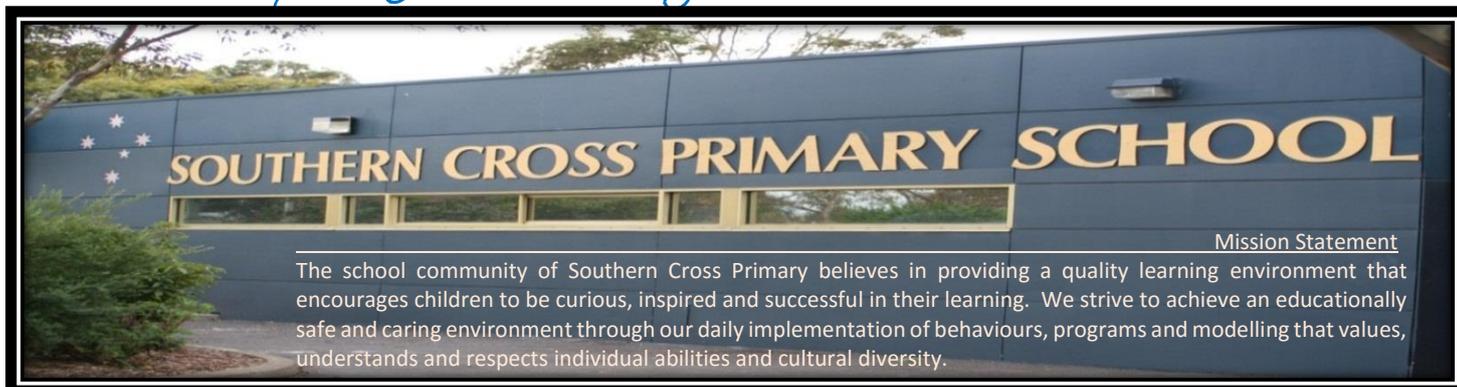


Southern Cross News letter

12/10/2017

An inspiring community where the students shine!



Mission Statement

The school community of Southern Cross Primary believes in providing a quality learning environment that encourages children to be curious, inspired and successful in their learning. We strive to achieve an educationally safe and caring environment through our daily implementation of behaviours, programs and modelling that values, understands and respects individual abilities and cultural diversity.

October

Dates for
your diary

17 th	Tuesday	School Council 3.45 pm
18 th	Wednesday	2018 Foundation Transition 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm
20 th	Friday	Footy Day
20 th	Friday	Interschool Sport Vs Mossgiel Park (away)
25 th	Wednesday	2018 Foundation Transition 2.30pm – 3.30pm
27 th	Friday	Whole School Disco
27 th	October	Interschool Sport Vs James Cook (away)



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.

Notices Sent Home This Fortnight

- Swimming
- Footy Day

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Items sent home will generally be colour coded.



Pale Blue or
White
General Notices



Gold
Excursion
Incursion



Orange
Excursion
Incursion



Bright Pink
Fundraising

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What's happening in Our



Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to School for Term 4. We hope you all had a great break with family and friends. As we begin this Term, it is an exciting time as students are coming to the end of their current year.

Family Leave

This term we said goodbye to Mrs Laura Harrison who is taking family leave to have a baby. We wish her all the best and cannot wait to meet her newborn baby. We would like to welcome back Miss Hobson, who has worked at Southern Cross Primary previously. She will be working with Miss Turner and the lovely students in our Foundation classroom.

Hats

As per the Sun smart directive, students must wear a school hat at all times when outside. Hats can be purchased at the office for \$5.00.

Swimming

Our swimming program will be held at Oasis Dandenong, commencing Monday 8th November – Friday 17th November. We have been fortunate to receive a Grant to subsidise the cost of swimming lessons. The total cost of the Swimming program is \$50.00. If families are currently receiving the Camps, Sports & Excursions fund, the Swimming can be covered. Confirmation of your child's attendance in the swimming program must be returned to the Office by Wednesday 18th October to enable us to organise numbers for the Pool.



We all need to learn to swim because it is a life skill. Giving a child the gift of learning to swim is priceless.

Footy Day

We will be holding our annual Footy Day on Friday the 20th October.

11.30am-12.45pm Whole school to meet in the courtyard:

TRIBE's leaders taking TRIBE's groups for an AFL clinic (no rotation, same group for the whole time)

Location: Various areas around the school **IF WEATHER PERMITS!**

12.50pm-1.15pm

Parade (Court Yard or Hall)

Lunch: As it's a special day students have an option to order hotdogs or pies from the canteen BUT all orders must be in no later than next Tuesday 17th Oct.

DAY FOR DANIEL

Wear Red, Educate and Donate. Day for Daniel is Australia's largest child safety awareness and education day.

Our goal is to make Australia a safe place for all children. Register your school, business or event to participate and we will send you a resource kit!

We have a donation box in the Office if you would like to donate.

Make sure you donate for Day for Daniel and join Bruce and Denise in Australia's Biggest Child Safety lesson.

Averil Nunn
Principal

Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergy Action Plans

Students who have allergies, are anaphylactic or who have asthma are required to have an Action Plan which is completed and signed by a Medical Practitioner and returned to the school.

Asthma Action Plan

Parents must provide the school with an Asthma Action Plan completed by the student's medical practitioner for students who are diagnosed with Asthma. The plan must outline the students known triggers and the emergency procedures to be taken in the event of an asthma flare-up or attack.

Anaphylaxis Red Action Plan

ASCI Action Plan is provided to children who are at risk if anaphylaxis to any allergens. This Plan describes the student's allergies, symptoms, and the emergency response to administer the student's Adrenaline Autoinjector should the student display symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction. It is the responsibility of Parents to provide the school with a prescribed personal Adrenaline Autoinjector.

Allergic Reactions (Green) Action Plan

An ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions (green plan) should be completed by the student's medical practitioner and a colour copy provided to the school by the student's parents or guardians.

The ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions (green plan) outlines the student's known mild to moderate food, insect or medication allergies and the emergency procedures to be taken in the event of an allergic reaction.

OSHC Weekly Program

Beginning Monday 09/10/17 to Friday 20/10/17.



Monday – Spring mural, spring collage/scenery

Tuesday – Paper butterflies (origami), 3D cardboard houses

Wednesday – Glittery tape art, fuzzy sheep

Thursday – Black paper chalk creations, cat masks

Friday – Let's get physical in Spring!

New students are welcome to OHS.

**If you need care for your child/ren after school hours, please contact Annie
on 0499 044 929**

Thank you

Why is it so important for my child to learn to swim?

ALL PARENTS SHOULD READ THIS ARTICLE!

As most people are aware, Australia is a country that is surrounded by water which means that many of our summer activities are based around water. This also means that the number of deaths relating to drowning in water is higher than many other countries. Often families that don't participate in water based activities (families that may not go to the beach or the local swimming pool) are the families that are at a higher risk. This is because your children might not participate in water based activities now, but as they grow up and become independent adults they may choose to go to the beach with their friends or take their children to the pool, and this is where problems occur.

If we continue to not give our children the opportunity to learn to swim, we are continuing on this cycle. In Australia, in the past 10 years, 2,725 people have drowned. This year for the second year in a row the number of children drowning has increased and drowning in our country as a whole is up 12% on the 5 year average.

Males are four times more likely to drown than females, and of children aged 5-9 years of age more drowning occurs in spring. This is because swimming skills are not practiced over winter enough. It is important to also understand that not all drowning occurs at the beach and through swimming. Last year's drowning statistics show that 25% of drowning for children aged 5-9 occurred from the child falling into water and not having an ability to save themselves.

School Swimming is the most affordable way for your children to be given the opportunity to learn the basics of survival swimming.

Swimming as a sport is like no other sport. It increases lung capacity, is generally good for children who suffer asthma and is excellent for a child's physical, social and emotional development. There are currently studies underway which are proving that children who participate in formalized swimming lessons are more confident, have better language skills and appear to be more sociable and well developed than children who do not attend swimming lessons.

Most importantly, we all need to learn to swim because it is a life skill. Giving a child the gift of learning to swim is priceless.

