Whole school swimming classes will be held in Term 4. Wednesday 2nd November to Friday 11th November, 2016. Forms will be sent home shortly. $80 per student

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
MONDAY, 29th August, 3.00 p.m.

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 WEEK
• Reminder Yr3-6 camp & No Breakfast Club

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
Items sent home will generally be colour coded.

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

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Dear Parents and Friends,

**Child Safe Standards**
The safety of the children we teach is, of course, front and centre in the work we do in our school every day.

We are also governed and regulated by legislation and policies regarding our responsibility to conduct ourselves in a particular way and to ensure people coming into our schools have the appropriate checks and balances.

The DET states: 'We know that schools are safe places for children and that principals and teachers work hard to protect all students from abuse and neglect.'

The stories and information from the state government’s ‘Betrayal of Trust’ inquiry have led the government to believe that the whole community must have a very clear and strong focus on these issues to ensure that history does not repeat itself. I’m sure you understand and support this.

All organisations who work directly with children will be required to undertake considerable additional work to ensure they are compliant with the Child Safe Standards. This can only be a good and beneficial move to ensure everyone in our community has responsibility for the safety of our children.

Safety for our children also includes being aware of potential risks in our neighbourhood. Although there is not a specific threat to our students, I would like to ask parents to discuss with children an agreed response to any risk that may apply to them when they are not at school. This can also include walking to and from school. We often remind children to make sure that they do not linger in the streets and if they are ever approached or see anything that they feel is unusual, to always tell their parents and also the school. I would appreciate it if you could also have this discussion with your child/ren.

**Our Happy Campers**

Yesterday our group of happy campers left on the bus for their exciting adventure exploring the Pioneer Village at Swan Hill. During their trip they stopped at Marong for a break and a stretch of the legs. We have checked in with them several times and all is going well. We have seen a few photos and everyone looks fine and the sun is shining.

**Athletics**

Congratulations to all of the students who took part in the District Athletics on Monday. You did an amazing job representing the school and your efforts were sensational. Thank you also to the staff who attended on the day.

**Enrolments**

Could I remind parents who have younger brothers or sisters of children who are currently attending Southern Cross, and who wish for them to attend Foundation in 2017, to please complete the enrolment before the end of Term 3. We have many children enrolling at present and we are holding lots of tours. The Foundation class is almost full and we are planning staffing for next year to provide the best educational opportunity for your child in their first year of school. It would be greatly appreciated if you could complete this process now. If you need an enrolment form, please contact the school office.

I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead.

Averil Nunn
Principal
This term, grade 1/2 students have been learning about procedural texts. Procedural texts are important as they tell us how to do something. We used our experience of making fairy bread to write a procedure. Sprinkling the 100’s and 1000’s was the best part.

What’s happening in Grade 1/2?

Students have also been practicing giving clear and detailed instructions through teaching each other how to tie their shoelaces! Some students were successful!
Greetings to all mums and friends and welcome to another exciting school week for this term! Our CHaTS gathering is scheduled on Monday 29th August, 2016 in the school staffroom at 9.15am. Please diarise this date and hope you are able to join us on this morning. There will be a light morning tea served.

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Singh
(Leadership and CHaTS Co-ordinator)

Currently there are two large tubs of lost clothing in the First Aid room needing to find homes.

If your child has lost items, please check this area, as most of these items have no names and they will be recycled at the end of term.

Please remember to mark your child’s clothing, as it is easier to return when named.