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.

Dates for your diary

August
25th Monday District Athletics- Knox
27th Wednesday School Council meeting at 3.45 p.m. in staffroom

September
1st Monday Assembly in Hall
4th Thursday Father’s Day stall
7th Sunday Father’s Day
19th Friday End of Term 3- dismissal at 2.30pm (or 1.30pm by Parents)

GR. 3-6 BRIARS CAMP – 20-22 OCTOBER
Instalments of $35.00 are due 25th August, and $30.00 on 8th September & final payment of $45 to be made by 22nd September for students who have not paid the Camp in full. We would appreciate all payments to be finalised by 22nd September 2014.

Father’s Day Stall – Thursday 4th September
All orders must be received at the School Office by Tuesday 26th August.
Gifts- $5

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

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

Please see below the results of our Student Attitudes to School Survey. Our results always reflect the strength of our caring environment and again we have achieved outstanding results. The biggest majority of our students do enjoy coming to this school and feel very much a part of this community. As I stated previously, the external review team members commented that they “.. have not seen a school with such quality results. “We are very proud of the work we do and the results we obtain in all areas of teaching and learning. We look forward to receiving our NAPLAN results in the weeks ahead.

I wish you a happy and healthy week.

Averil Nunn - Principal

Attitudes to School Survey Results, Percentile 2014 - Years 5-6

SCOUT RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW DUE

It is now definitely the last call for all raffle books to be returned to school. Please return any unsold, partially sold and fully sold books NO LATER THAN TOMORROW (Friday 22nd August). All money raised will be used to purchase equipment for our school. The winners will be announced on 19th September 2014.

There will be a prize for the highest ticket seller.
STUDENT BANKING

All students who consistently bank each week from Tuesday, 19\textsuperscript{th} August, through until Tuesday 11\textsuperscript{th} November will be in the running for a prize from our school. Don’t forget to bring in your deposit book and money each week to participate.

Office Staff – Southern Cross Primary School

We are a group of parents who have small children and gather in the old gym every Wednesday from 9.15 – 10.30 a.m. We would like to invite all parents who have small children to come and join our friendly playgroup. Most of the children are the same age, playing and socialising, whilst learning to take turns and sharing toys. These activities are excellent preparation for starting school, as well as assisting in gaining more confidence. While the children are playing, parents can chat whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee. Come along. We will look forward to welcoming and seeing you next Wednesday at 9.15 a.m.

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VEGETABLE GARDEN

Our vegetable garden for term 3 is going extremely well. Our broccoli, carrots, parsley and cauliflower are growing great. We have been weeding the garden each week. The vegetables are growing healthy and strong. We go out into the garden every week with our buddies (Grade 5/6 mentor Grade (1/2) to see if the vegetables are growing and if they need weeding and watering.

We saw lots of worms. Worms help our veggie garden, WHY? The worms keep our soil nice and healthy. We are having lots of fun within our vegetable garden watching our vegetables grow while learning from one another. We would like to thank Mr G for making this possible.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Next Wednesday (27/08/14) we will be having another pancake day. With our pancakes we will be having ice-cream with fresh berries. We will also be serving juice, toast, milo and a variety of cereals. The cost for this week only will be $2.00 per student or $5.00 for a family of 3 or more. It would be great to see new faces. Doors open at 8am and thank you to all our Breakfast Club leaders who help out each week.
John Arbuckle presented an amazing Story of John Flynn- "THE MAN ON THE TWENTY DOLLAR NOTE".

His presentation was mainly portrayed through storytelling, interaction and drama.

It describes how and why Rev. John Flynn contributed so much to the development of outback Australia in relation to ministry, communication, transport, education as well as his most famous contribution to medical services through the Flying Doctor Service.

John Arbuckle (pictured with the school captains) also shared with us the difference between Dream and Vision.

Dream is merely wanting to be able to do something in life but not actually committing to it. Vision is having dreams and working hard to achieve it through perseverance, dedication and commitment.

Most importantly, there was a delicious breakfast for everyone and we enjoyed a variety of food which was yoghurt, muffins, croissants, quiches, fruit and drinks.

We also had a task to complete which was talking with a student from another school and finding 5 things that we had in common.

The presentation was indeed inspirational and there were few important insights that dawned on us.