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.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Items sent home will generally be colour coded.

**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.

**GR. 3-6 BRIARS CAMP – 20-22 OCTOBER**

The final payment of $45 is due by 19th September for students who have not paid the Camp in full. We would appreciate all payments to be finalised by 19th September 2014.

**Date for your diary**

- **September**
  - 12th Friday: Footy Colour Free Dress Day
  - 19th Friday: End of Term 3 - dismissal at 2.30pm (or 1.30pm by Parents)

- **October**
  - 6th Monday: Start of Term 2 – 9.00am

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

- **Friday 19th September, 9.00am**

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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,

Welcome to the news this week.

**Market Day**

What an amazing day it was on Tuesday! The Market Day organised by our senior students was an outstanding success. The stalls they provided, the food that was available, the over-all running of the day and the happy friendly atmosphere were all testimony to what a sensational group of young people they are. I would like to congratulate all of the students, the teachers and the many parents who provided support in many different ways to make this day one to be remembered.

**NAPLAN**

We have again achieved very high results in both our Year 3 and Year 5 students across all areas of testing in NAPLAN. The way we teach our children and the encouragement we provide daily to learn through effort and persistence has embedded a strong foundation for future learning. Well done to all of you. Please see the results below.

I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead.

Averil Nunn – Principal.
What's Happening
Prep to Year 2

Preparing today's students for tomorrow
It might seem unbelievable, but in the not-too-distant future positions like this will be a reality. Victorian schools are partnering with parents to ensure every child is prepared for the jobs of the future.
The What's Happening series helps you to learn more about how it's being done.

During the first years of school, your child is encouraged to make sense of the world around them through real-life experiences. When they start school, they will develop more independence, as well as enhance their academic, physical, and social skills.

During the first years in primary school, teachers are focused on a safe and happy environment where students are valued, praised, and encouraged. Teachers work to support your child to learn.

In the classroom
The curriculum focuses on developing basic knowledge and skills in English and maths, as well as boost physical and social capabilities which form the basis for all future learning. Students are encouraged to express themselves and extend their thinking through the Arts.
Weekly activities and a clean classroom are important for your growing child. It is here that your child can develop positive attitudes to learning, foster friendships and learn to work with others.

During this stage, your child will become more aware of their local community.

Students at this stage
- develop basic literacy and numeracy skills
- develop fine and gross motor skills
- learn to work together in pairs
- participate in physical activities that build their personal
- express ideas and feelings through artwork

What you can do
To talk to your child about their day. Ask them, “What was your favourite part of school today?” “What did you find the most interesting today?”
- read books with your child, point out words on signs, and generally help them to enjoy reading
- talk to your children about the topics, themes and areas currently being covered in the classroom
- speak with your school to learn how they are covering the curriculum for your child to ensure your child is meeting the needs of your child and their peers.

It is important to remember that each child is different. Some children may find parts of their learning program more challenging than others.

Spend time with your child each day. Have you any questions about what your child is learning and how they are progressing.

To see how your child is being prepared for their future, visit education.vic.gov.au/futureready

Step-A-Thon

This year, Southern Cross Primary School is teaching 2 'Everyday Heroes'!

Zane (3/4A) and Zanda (1/2B) are participating in the 2014 ‘Step-a-Thon’ in order to raise money for kids that are from suffering from conditions like cancer, allergies, diabetes and heart disease.

Zane and Zanda are wearing pedometers to count the number of steps they take this week.

If you would like to sponsor Zane or Zanda, please place your desired amount into a clearly labelled envelope and hand it in to the office. Thank you for your support.
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DOVETON NORTH CRICKET CLUB Inc.
P.O. Box 169, Doveton VIC 3177
Ph (03) 9794 2709

Junior Registration Day
Saturday 20th September from 10:30am
@ Power Reserve, Power Road

JUNIOR PLAYERS REQUIRED!!!!

GIRLS AND BOYS
Milo In2cricket Program - Ages 6-9
Under 11 Friday Night Competition - Ages 9-11
Under 13 Saturday Morning Competition - Ages 11-13

All inquiries welcome
Mark Rhynhart on 0418 516 747

Turf and Synthetic grade cricket for Seniors
Everyone Welcome

Affiliated with the Dandenong District Cricket Association
All Supervising Adults have Working with Children Accreditation.
Follow us at dovetonnorthc.com.au for club details, location and information.

DOVETON SHOW
Sunday 21 September 2014
10am - 4pm
Myuna Farm, 182 Kidds Road, Doveton
0487 810 346
(Malway Ref: 90 I7)

www.dovetonshow.org.au

Entry by GOLD COIN DONATION

We encourage people to walk or catch public transport as there will only be disabled parking available on site. If driving please park at either the Robert Booth Reserve (adjacent to Myuna Farm) or Binda Reserve (opposite Myuna Farm).
Please follow marked pedestrian access to farm.

A smoke and alcohol free event.