An inspiring community where the students shine!

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
LAST DAY
9.30 a.m.
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER

December
18th Friday Last day of Term School finishes 1.30pm

January
28th Thursday 2016 School commences for Years 1-6 at 9.00am
29th Friday Foundation students commence at 9.30 a.m. – 1.30 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.

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

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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.

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

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Dear Parents and Friends,

The excitement is building and the smiles are getting bigger on the faces of the children as they count down to Friday. Another year has flown by and we are frantically finishing off all of the paperwork and procedures that close off one year and open the door for the next.

Graduation was an absolute delight on Tuesday night as our class of 2015 celebrated the end of their years at Primary school. Of course they all looked sensational and they all presented their speeches showing their strengths in public speaking skills and confident articulation abilities.

Congratulations to all of the students who have graduated and special congratulations to the students who achieved academic and citizenship awards. Thank you for being a class of delightful, respectful and caring young people. I wish you every success in your years ahead in Secondary school and hope that you achieve the future you aim for.

On Tuesday night we had our last School Council meeting for 2015. I would like to thank all School Council members for their dedication to their role and for supporting our school throughout the year. Your participation is greatly appreciated by us all. I look forward to seeing you in 2016.

Staffing for next year will be as follows:
Principal – Averil Nunn  
Assistant Principal – Anne Robinson.  
Business Manager- Sue Jones  
Office Manager – Kaye Schendzielorz.  
Grade 5/6 Teachers – Leonie Lapthorne 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.  
Teacher Support – Lisa McKenna, Rhonda Smith, Daniel Topic and Sharon Christensen.

As you can see we have added Chinese and Health and Well Being. These are both government initiatives for 2016. Chinese and French will be studied for 1 semester each and will run concurrently. The year 3-6 students will start with Chinese while the F-2 students will be doing French. At midyear they will swap. Health and Well-Being will run all year for all grades and will include diet, growing food, cooking, exercise and general studies of good health practices. We are excited about the addition of these programs and look forward to the success they will add to student learning. I would also like to welcome Nikki Dymond and Meg McLaren to our staff; we look forward to you adding your expertise to our school. I would also like to wish Dave Sandell best wishes for his new life adventures as he leaves us. A welcome also extends to Sharon Christensen who is joining us in teacher support. We look forward to the addition of the wealth of her knowledge and experience in supporting the learning in our school.
A huge thank you goes to the CHaTS Group for the ongoing support they give to the school and for the delicious food they so often share. We all look forward to seeing you again in 2016 and again sharing Harmony Day with you all. If there are any new parents who would be interested in joining this group please contact us next year. New members are most welcome. Thank you also to all of our families in this school community. We have a beautiful school with wonderful parents who wholeheartedly support us.

Lastly, I would like to thank all staff in this school. Our wonderful office staff who keep the school buzzing each day with talents and tasks that far outreach their role statements are greatly appreciated. Our teaching staff, who are some of the most dedicated teachers, inspire learning in this school and achieve magnificent outcomes. Thank you to each of you. Our teacher support staff, who are dedicated to seeing our children achieve success but who also take on many roles across the school: your are priceless. Our Leadership Team who work together daily to drive the curriculum, the high expectations and the high performing results, I say a huge thank you. My Assistant Principal Anne who helps me steer this school in an ever growing and improving direction is a wonderful team mate. We work hard and well together and I thank you so very much for your ongoing support.

We have completed another highly successful year and again can feel very proud of what our students and we have accomplished. I wish everyone a restful, fun-filled holiday. For those of us celebrating Christmas I wish you a delightful and loving time with your families. To everyone I wish a Happy New Year and anyone who is celebrating anything over our break I wish you happiness and health in all you do. I look forward to working with you all again in 2016.

Averil Nunn
Principal

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**END OF TERM DISMISSAL**

On the last day of school – students are able to be dismissed at 1.30pm – **IF PARENTS ARE HERE TO COLLECT THEM.**

Otherwise – they will be dismissed at 2.30pm – when the School Crossing supervisors are in attendance.

**SCHOOL FEES / UNIFORM SALES**

The school office will be open for payment of fees and purchase of school uniform from 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th January, 2016.

**FIRST DAY OF 2016**

The first day of school for **Years 1-6 is Thursday, 28th January at 9.00 a.m.** and for **Foundation students it will be Friday, 29th January at 9.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.**
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