NOTICES HOME THIS WEEK

- Letter to some families re not having a student Immunisation Certificate

Blue and Red HATS now available from the office $5.00

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Items sent home will generally be colour coded.

- Pale Blue or White General Notices
- Orange Important Messages
- Bright Pink Fundraising
- Gold Excursion Incursion

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.

March
9th Wednesday Playgroup 9.15am – 10.30am
In BER Hall
14th Monday LABOUR DAY – No school for students
15th Tuesday CURRICULUM DAY – No School for students
16th Wednesday AGM and General Meeting of School Council at
3.45 p.m.
24th Thursday Last day of Term 1 - dismissal
at 2.30 p.m.

April
11th Monday 9.00 a.m. School resumes

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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Monday 7th March, 2016
at 3.00 pm
This assembly will be run by
Shania and Danish

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

As you are probably aware through recent media coverage, a number of schools across Victoria and Australia have recently received threats via automated telephone calls. Schools that have received threatening phone calls have had to enact their emergency management plan.

Although our school has not received any of these calls, we are taking them all seriously and as is normal practice, we have recently conducted a number of drills as part of their emergency management plan, including evacuations and lockdowns. Staff and students have consistently conducted themselves very well during these practice runs.

**School Council**
On Wednesday, March 16th we will be holding our School Council AGM which will finalise the responsibilities for the council members who have served over the past year. On the same day we also hold the first meeting of the new School Council. I would like to thank the 2 retiring members, Penny Sulimani and Tina Bottas for their dedication and support during their time on council. It was a pleasure working with you both and your input was highly valued by us all.

I would like to welcome our newly nominated members to Southern Cross Primary School Council, Kelsa Nagi and Mena Henriquez. Thank you for your willingness to give of your time to assist and support us in this very important role. We all look forward to working with you over the term of your office, as we strive to continue the excellent learning and teaching outcomes this school achieves.

**Parent Information Sessions**
Currently we are running our parent information sessions across the school. Thank you to the parents who have been able to attend. I am sure you have enjoyed the opportunity to learn about your child’s daily school life in more detail. If you have been unable to come along and would like to know more, please contact your child’s teacher to discuss this or to explore the possibility of finding a mutually agreed time for you to meet.

**Playgroup**
It is so lovely to see quite a number of parents attending our Playgroup sessions, giving their children the opportunity to play with other children whilst allowing parents to meet and get to know each other. If you would be interested in attending this group please contact the school office for details.

I wish you all a happy and healthy week ahead.

Averil Nunn
Principal

**Student Banking**
Due to an unforeseen circumstances, Debbie Mikkor from the Commonwealth Bank did not attend assembly on Monday, 22nd February. She will be attending assembly on Monday 7th March, when you will have the opportunity to open a Dollarmite Student account for your child if you wish. Don’t forget banking day is every **TUESDAY**.
Dear Parents/Guardians/Friends,

Our Playgroup is now up and running in the school hall on Wednesday mornings from 9.15 a.m. for one hour. So come along with your little ones and let them explore learning through play, as well as other activities such as story time, learning colours and the alphabet.

Hope you are able to join us for this fun session whilst watching your little ones make friends and you are socialising with school community members.

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Singh (Leadership & CHaTS Co-ordinator)
On Tuesday 23rd of February, our four I Sea I Care ambassadors Hale, Hayley, Alex and Daniel H attended Hallam Primary School to complete a workshop alongside 4 other Primary Schools in the program. The Ambassador program is designed for students to learn about what lives in our bays and waterways, and the many issues facing them.

At Hallam Primary School, our four ambassadors completed a ‘Peer Teaching’ workshop which was based around the theme of marine treasures. Hale, Hayley, Alex and Daniel H were taught a Marine Mysteries lesson, which they then had to practise and present themselves to the Grade 2 students.

The lesson was broken down into 3 activities. The first activity involved the ambassadors discussing various marine creatures and their features. Daniel H presented on the Moon Snail Egg Mass and learnt that this creature is not in fact a jelly fish! The next activity was called ‘Beach Combing’ and our ambassadors discussed the various objects that wash up on our shores. Hale presented on a beach sponge and learnt that it is six hundred million years old! Alex’s presentation was on a shell with a drilled like hole inside it and discussed that the hole was made from sea snails! And Hayley presented on the importance of placing rubbish in the bin due to pollution and saving marine life. The lesson concluded with the emphasis on protecting our marine life and what we can do to make this impact.

Our ambassadors had a wonderful day at Hallam Primary School and learnt so much information. They are highly looking forward to presenting the same lesson to our Grade 2 students!

Sandie Van Aken
I Sea I Care Ambassador