New Kids on the Block!

Welcome to 2016 at Southern Cross School K-12! Amid crisp uniforms, energetic voices of 900 students, and the timetables directing footsteps, we prepare for a world of learning.

We welcome Kindergarten students, Year 7 and Year 11 as they enter a new phase of their schooling. We welcome students, staff and new families, and hope they embrace the K-12 philosophy of our school.

Pictured with our Kindergarten students of 2016 are: Kristin Piccoli (Assistant Principal K-6 and KP class teacher), Llewenna Butt (KB class teacher), Principal Janeen Silcock, Deputy Principal K-6 Alan Orchard, and KT class teacher Deidre Tolley.

Have Your Details Changed?

Moved house? Got a new phone? Perhaps you have a new email account. If any of your living details have changed in recent months, please complete the form attached later in this newsletter and return it to our front office. This will ensure you receive mail at the correct address, remain updated with events at our school, attendance of your students, and are contactable when necessary.

School Bell Times

Classes commence for all students from Kindergarten through to Year 10 at 8:55am. Students in Years 11 and 12 have flexible timetables, and need to sign in as soon as they arrive each day at the senior sign-on desk.

If your student arrives at school late for class, they need to firstly sign in at the front office. Please provide a note including their name, class, date, and explanation of their lateness. Alternatively, come in with your child and our office staff will update the attendance.

The school day ends for Kindergarten to Year 6 at 2:55pm, and at 3:25pm for Years 7-12.
We commit every day to doing the best we can in our school. Our School Plans in K-6 and 7-12, along with Distance Education, publicly affirm this commitment. These will be loaded as drafts on our website once finalised. We are focussed on:

1. Excellence in Learning
2. Excellence in Teaching
3. Excellence in Leading

We aim to provide the best quality education for all our students. Working with parents/carers allows us this opportunity.

Over the next few weeks there are many opportunities to become involved. Swimming carnivals, welcome breakfasts, P&C meetings, open days, parent/teacher meetings, and a Year 7 2017 information evening. We are a vibrant community and thank you in advance for helping us keep students at the centre of all we do. I look forward to meeting with you over the next year.

Janeen Silcock,
Principal

3-6 Swimming Carnival

Remember to pack swimmers, towel, sun protection and any other swimming equipment. Year 3-6 students are not expected to attend school on Friday 5th February. However, minimal supervision will be provided for those unable to make other arrangements.

New Playground Surfacing

A new soft-fall surface will soon be laid beneath the play equipment.

K-6 School Banking

Student banking is collected each Thursday from their classrooms, commencing tomorrow.

Important Dates

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- Swim Carnival
- P&C Meeting
- Homework Centre Assembly
- Swim Champions Assembly
- Study Day
- Parent Info Evening
- School Photos

For more details, refer to our website calendar.

K-6 Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC.

Captains: Millie Grant Frost and Nicholas O’Neill
Vice Captains: Keira Schenke and Toby Luke

SRC members: Grace Pateman, Mia Grant, Paige Reeves, Ella Toole, Penny Trease, Nina Aboitiz, Lola Bonnell, and Katerina Photiou

Librarians: Sarafina Daley and Chloe Pratt

Sport House Captains: Back row - ULM Madison Smith, Laila Barnes, Felix Greig, Dakota Wyatt-Peters SMITH Zac Toole, Lucan Cook, Jo Trease, Lily Drinkwater WARNER Levi Meldrum, Lochlan Hardy, Ryah Whitby, Kelsey Thurlow

New Combined High School Update

2016 promises to be an exciting year as we begin the transitioning process for the new school, which will open in 2019. I am sure that many of you share the same questions that the staff at both schools have including:

- Who will be the Principal?
- What will the school be named?
- What will the uniform look like?
- What will the buildings look like?
- How will the learning take place?
- How will the build impact on my child?
- How will the transition take place?

Over the year we will endeavour to seek clarity around these questions and more. In the next newsletter there will be two survey monkey links. One will be to continue the naming process for the school and the other will be to begin the process of designing the uniform.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact suzanne.page@det.nsw.edu.au or ring Southern Cross School K-12 on 6686 0503.

ARTEXPRESS Success!

ARTEXPRESS recently featured works by Winona Jolliffe who completed her Higher School Certificate at Southern Cross School Distance Education. ARTEXPRESS is an annual series of exhibitions of exemplary artworks created by New South Wales visual arts students for the HSC examination.

Winona’s drawing is entitled ‘Half Hope, Half Agony’, and will be exhibited at the Glasshouse Port Macquarie. Winona’s artwork is one of two selected from this school’s students ... a great result!

ARTEXPRESS showcases the best works of art completed by students from government and non-government schools across NSW as part of the 2015 HSC. Students whose works have been selected for the 32nd year of ARTEXPRESS exhibitions should be justifiably proud of their achievements, as are we.

To view more of Winona’s art, go to http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

7-12 English Faculty News

2016 has begun in earnest in the English faculty with new Head Teacher, Zoe Tiernan, who arrived from Kingscliff High School at the start of Term 4 last year, instituting a range of program changes in line with the new syllabus prescriptions.

Also the faculty is establishing a school reading program for Stages 4 and 5. Entitled ‘Hook, Line and Sinker’, the program is designed to support our students to develop positive reading habits. There is a letter in the mail to parents that provides more detail.

We believe it is essential that students are provided with opportunities to select their own reading material that is aligned with their own interests. We will allocate regular time in class for students to read material that they have selected.

We would like students to spend ½ hour each day reading at home. They will need your support to develop a regular reading habit. This support may include a reminder that they need to read each night, the provision of a quiet space to read and a reminder to put their novel back in their school bag each morning.

On a more personal note, Mr Angin and his wife are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a son they have named Ilyas. Mr Angin is on leave until Monday 8th February and is replaced by Miss Bayliss.

Mr Parmenter is replacing Ms Chigg while she is still on maternity leave.

Term 4 2015 Activities Week

Students in Years 7-10 were involved in Activities Week. Students participated in various activities run by teachers for three days of relaxed fun to finish off the year including canoeing, cycling, Christmas cooking, a shopping trip to Robina, Star Wars movie marathon, waterslides, ten-pin bowling, cinema visits, walking to Lennox and craft. This allowed both teachers and students to enjoy a different environment together.
Changes to Attendance Procedures Years 11 and 12

As there is no roll call for students in Years 11 and 12 this year the new procedures are as follows:

   On arrival to school each day students in Year 11 and 12 must swipe/sign in at the front office. If students do arrive late for their first period they are still required to sign in at the front office before proceeding to class with a late slip.

   Students who have Periods 1 and 2 as study periods or attend classes at Ballina High School must still sign in at the front office on their arrival to Southern Cross School K-12.

This process will ensure that students attendance is accurately marked. If this process is not followed students will be marked as absent on those days and text messages will be sent to parents.

Student Payments

A reminder to students to please make payments at the front office before period 1, during recess, or during lunchtime. The office is open between 8:15am and 3:30pm for parents/carers

Warm Welcome to Year 7

Day one was full of fun as seen on the faces of our Year 7 students. Some are pictured below with their Year Adviser Mr Tarrant.

7-12 Sports Captains

Congratulations to the students pictured below: Jack Hayden and Savannah Frick (Warner), Lucy Croft (Lyon), Georgia Wheatland (Ulm), Grace Lewis (Smith), Tom McEvoy (Lyon), George Johnson (Ulm), and Liam McClintock (Smith).
STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE
Please complete and return to front office if your details have changed

Student Details

Name: ___________________________ Year: _________ Roll Class: _________
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Students Residential Address: ___________________________
Students Correspondence Address: ___________________________
Date Changed: ___________________________

Family email address: ___________________________

Parent/Carer 1

Name: ___________________________ Relationship to student/s: _________
Phone: home: ___________ work: ___________ mobile: ___________
Residential Address: ___________________________
Correspondence Address: ___________________________
Signature Parent/Carer 1: ___________________________ Date: ___________

Parent/Carer 2

Name: ___________________________ Relationship to student/s: _________
Phone: home: ___________ work: ___________ mobile: ___________
Residential Address: ___________________________
Correspondence Address: ___________________________
Signature Parent/Carer 2: ___________________________ Date: ___________

Emergency Contacts (other than parent/carers listed above):

1. Name: _________________________ Ph/Mobile ___________ Relationship _________
2. Name: _________________________ Ph/Mobile ___________ Relationship _________

If your family structure has changed, please ensure that both Parent/Carer 1 & 2 have signed this form

Office use only: Yr 10, 11, 12 copy to enrolments for BOS / ERN / Bus  SASS N'letter Dist List / Email Dist
School Banking is fuelling financial education.

Each term, the School Banking program will be sharing with parents, key articles and fun financial activities from The Beanstalk. The Beanstalk is our online resource designed to help parents bring money to life for their children. Check out this term’s articles and activity below.

**Money and maths**
Whether your child is or isn’t the biggest fan of maths, you can make sure their financial literacy develops strongly with fun money lessons. One tip is to get your child to sort a mixed pile of coins into individual $2, $1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c piles. Then, challenge them to make a dollar in as many different combinations of coins as they can think of. Read on for more tips at [commbank.com.au/moneyandmaths](http://commbank.com.au/moneyandmaths)

**How to teach your kids to save**
Teaching your children to save is important, but what is the best way to go about it? One tip is to help them set their own savings goal. By choosing their own goal, they will be more motivated. Plus, it will help make it a fun experience for them. Read on for more tips at [commbank.com.au/savingsgoals](http://commbank.com.au/savingsgoals)

**Activity: Money Maze**
Help your child develop their addition skills with this fun maze. More Money Mazes can be found at [commbank.com.au/moneymaze](http://commbank.com.au/moneymaze)

Make sure you keep an eye out for more fun financial education from the School Banking program in next term’s School Newsletter.
Device Specifications/Minimum System Requirements

The BYOD program allows students to bring their own computing device to school each day to assist with their learning. Students are required to connect to the designated wireless network supplied by Southern Cross School K – 12 using only their own designated school account. The department network employs the use of an Internet filter as a technology protection measure. Students must not connect to any other network, wired, wireless or cellular, at school. If you have wireless internet at home, you will not need to purchase a 3G or 4G plan in addition to the laptop/tablet.

Following is a table recommending appropriate devices for school. Whilst other devices (such as Android devices) are available, in all likelihood they will not connect to the Department's internet.

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IMPORTANT NOTE:
The DEC wireless network installed in high schools only operates on the 802.11n 5GHz standard. Devices without this standard will not be able to connect to the Department internet. Make sure you ask this question before you buy a device for BYOD: “The NSW Department of Education has a 5GHz (n) wireless network that uses a full range of channels. Will this device connect on all channels in the 5GHz range?”
Dear Parents of Year 10 Students

Year 10 students have the opportunity to participate in two separate weeks of work experience during this year.

Work experience is a fantastic opportunity for students to try out a job they are considering aiming for in the future, to get a better appreciation of working life, to network locally for part time and casual positions and to build employment skill sets. We highly recommend your students involvement in this program.

The following points should be noted:

- **Students are required to find their own placement.** Approaching employers, providing a resume and following up leads is all reflective of a real job search and is an important learning task for students who are often engaging in this process for the first time. The careers advisers are there to provide support and assistance at all times.

- **We encourage students to “think big”**. Options are wide and varied and not restricted to our local area.

- **The preferred dates for work experience are noted below, however we are flexible, allowing certain students to do work experience outside of these times.**

- **Students work a normal working week for their place of employment.** The placement is considered part of their schooling and any absences from work need to be communicated to the school & employer.

- **All students will be provided with documentation Term 1 to plan in advance for this experience.** These documents also sit on our careers website (see the link below):
  

- All documentation should be fully completed and handed in to your careers adviser two weeks prior to the placement however we prefer it by the end of term 1 so placements are locked in.

- Students on discipline lists are not eligible for work experience.

- Placements involving work on job sites will require a White Card. This can be done online (approx. 4 hours) for $40.00 [https://www.whitecardonlinesexpress.com.au/](https://www.whitecardonlinesexpress.com.au/)

- Students are expected to catch up on all school work missed during work experience week.

- All general information has been given to students so they can start organising work experience. Please contact either Ms Ryan or Miss Middleton if you would like additional information.

- **Work experience can be challenging, fun and a huge learning experience for students.** Every year we enjoy hearing about these rewarding experiences.

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**Week 5A Term 3**

**Monday 15 August to Friday 19 August**

(For students NOT attending Ski Trip)

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**Week 9A Term 4**

**Monday 5 December to Friday 9 December**

(all other students)

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**Donna Ryan (Careers Adviser), email: donna.ryan@det.nsw.edu.au, Phone: 02 66 880503**

**Lee Middleton (Careers Thurs/ Friday only) email: lee.middleton1@det.nsw.edu.au**

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**VISIT OUR CAREERS WEBSITE: [www.southerncrossk12careers.com](http://www.southerncrossk12careers.com)**
LENNOX HEAD NETBALL CLUB SIGN ON DAY
COME AND JOIN THE FUN
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!!!

Register and pay online at www.lennoxheadnc.nsw.netball.com.au

Lennox Head Netball Club
Saturday 13th February
9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Ballina Netball Courts

For further information go to:
website:  www.lennoxheadnc.nsw.netball.com.au
facebook:  www.facebook.com/LennoxHeadNetballClub
email:  Leanne Rodgers at l.rogers@bigpond.com

Come and Try Netball
Ballina Netball Association is hosting FREE Come and Try Clinics for participants aged 10 years or older.
If you are interested in playing Netball and would like to see what it’s all about, come down and give it a try for FREE
Clinic dates: Thursday Feb 4, 11, 18 from 5.00pm-6.00pm at the Ballina Courts, Kingsford Smith Park, Owen St, Ballina.
LSTT Lessons for 2016

Lessons for Southern Cross School K-12 primary students will remain on a Thursday this year. Lessons for 2016 will commence tomorrow, Thursday Feb 4 (regardless of swimming carnival).

A lesson time will be given once class lists and timetables have been decided.

Band Rehearsals

Monday rehearsals for Junior and Senior Band will commence Feb 8. Thursday morning band rehearsals for Primary students will commence Feb 11.

Fees

Invoices for fees will be sent home at the end of next week. Please do not make any payments until you have received your invoice.

Thank you,
Fiona Clarke.