It Takes a Village to Raise a Child

We want all of our students to be safe. We have a safe drop-off zone at the front of our school. Parents/carers can drive in and drop their child off. However, it is a 2 minutes zone where you cannot leave the vehicle. There is also a driveway, which you cannot park across, for emergency vehicles and deliveries only. There is a sign indicating exit and entry points that you cannot park near.

Please keep our children safe. Follow the road rules. A council ranger comes regularly to book individuals who leave their car, park illegally or do the wrong thing. Support what is law. Support keeping our kids safe and support each other in the community to take care of our young people and behave responsibly and respectively. Encourage your children to use the paths to enter the school safely.

Our top carpark is for staff only. It provides access for deliveries and is a drop off/pick up for our Support Centre students. Do not park in this area. Do not park in disabled car parks.

The car park located opposite the East Ballina Shopping Centre is available for student drop off/pick up and is a safe area.

We know that it is a busy time and most people are trying to do the right thing. If everyone abides by the rules, we will have a much safer and happier beginning and end to our school day. What we do, what we allow, we teach.

Excursions

Students have the opportunity to attend a wide range of excursions and the organisation for these is considerable. It is important that we adhere to the closing date for payment and permission notes. There are a number of administrative tasks which need to occur after the final list of students is confirmed, all of which take time and need to be accurate to ensure your child’s safety.

Effective immediately, all permission notes and monies for all excursions are to be handed to the office/organising teacher by the return date indicated on the permission slip. This will be at least two days prior to the excursion. Notes and money will not be accepted later than the due date.

There may be times when excursions are cancelled due to lack of numbers but hopefully these will be minimal. The decision about whether the excursion goes ahead will be made on the closing date for notes and money. Students will be informed if the excursion is cancelled and money refunded.

Please help us by ensuring your child has permission notes and money to the office by the due date.
K-6 News

Welcome to an exciting and busy year at Southern Cross School K-12. We have Parent/Teacher evenings and interviews coming up this term with dates to be confirmed. There will be a K-6 disco in terms one and three this year, with our newly elected SRC working on dates and themes. School photos will be held in the coming weeks with information to be sent out soon. Along with the regular events of term one we will be introducing new sports, such as NRL and Netball, as part of the Sporting School program.

As part of the school improvement programs we have been introducing Inquiry based learning to Years 3 and 6. Our staff common room has been converted to an open learning space to accommodate this program.

We have replaced the damaged soft fall in the main playground and will be looking at further inclusions to our wonderful play areas through the SRC and P&C this year.

Our teachers have been working diligently to ensure that we have had a successful and positive start to the year for our students. They are working under the guidance of our new executive structures which provides consistency and support for our students and staff. Mrs Marchant will be the Assistant Principal (AP) in charge of curriculum. Mrs Piccoli is the new AP in charge of Literacy and Numeracy, Mrs White is the relieving AP for Administration and Mr Porter is the relieving AP in charge of Student Wellbeing.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning team continues to develop clear and high expectations for our school, as well as re-designing our school student merit and wellbeing process. This will be unveiled over the coming weeks once students have had further input into the process and naming of the new mascot.

Keep an eye out for important dates on our online calendar as well as reminder notes sent home with students.

Alan Orchard
Deputy Principal K-6

Primary Swimming Carnival

Despite the rain the carnival progressed sensationaly due to the hard work and professionalism of our teaching staff. Efforts from Peter Charlton and Adam Walo brought our swimming carnival into the 21st century with the creation of a school database, digital timing system, expert refereeing and co-ordinating the computer recording system allowing the carnival to finish in reduced time.

The students demonstrated fitness and skills in the pool, many swimming in a broad variety of strokes and events, whilst displaying superb sportsmanship, congratulating and encouraging from the pool and sidelines.

The highlight of the day for me was having so many boys and girls participating and competing in the individual medley consisting of all four key strokes over 200m (which is no easy feat) in good spirit and time.

- Brett Layzell

Year 10 Agriculture News

Year 10 Agriculture has taken delivery of 10 day-old Australorp chicks. Students will be raising these chicks and learning about animal husbandry and handling throughout their course. They have an assessment task that involves weighing the chicks and keeping an eye on their weight gain. When they are old enough, these chickens will be introduced to the chicken coop at school in the anticipation of their egg production. Australorp chickens can produce up to 250 eggs per year. Eggs will be sold and the funds generated back into Agriculture to replenish the stock and their feed.

We are very excited about the great things happening in Ag this year including the Cows Create Careers program after its huge success last year.

If there is anyone who has some baby animals that we could borrow to look after for a few weeks, could you please contact me at school. We would love to look after and learn about pigs, goats or sheep.

Cassie Middleton, HT Science
Y7 and Y8 Catch-Up Vaccinations

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All Year 7 students will receive an A4 pack this week which includes a consent form. Consent forms must be received back at school by Monday 29th February to participate in the program. Students will be offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please email kirrily.myers@det.nsw.edu.au with any questions. Thank you for your support of this program. Ms Kirrily Myers, Vaccination Coordinator

Year 10 Science Assessment

Year 10 students should currently be working on an assessment task for Science due on Wednesday 2nd March. It is an inquiry task, assessing students’ ability to plan and conduct a scientific investigation. Students are required to process and analyse their findings and submit a typed science report. Students are encouraged to submit drafts to their teachers for feedback to maximise their efforts. Teachers are particularly looking for original and innovative ideas. Good luck Year 10.

7-12 Sport News

The following sporting events are on the calendar in the next four weeks.

- FNC Open Boys and Girls Volleyball (Murwillumbah) – Friday 12th February
- FNC Swimming Carnival (Mullumbimby) – Tuesday 16th February
- FNC AFL Trial and Gala Day 9 (Byron Bay) – Friday 19th February
- FNC Touch Football Trial (Murwillumbah) – Thursday 26th February
- FNC Football Trial (Lennox Head) – Friday 25th February
- FNC Rugby League Trials (TBA) - Tuesday 1st March
- FNC Basketball Trials (Byron Bay) Thursday 3rd March

John Moore, PD/H/PE
OnStage Drama Excursion

HSC Drama attended the annual OnStage excursion and experienced a range of theatre and media events. Thank you to our P&C association, as well as students and staff who gave generously towards the cost of this excursion.

Highlights from the trip included:
* Watching the awe-inspiring STC production of ‘The Secret River’
* Watching OnStage, OnScreen and Writers OnStage, three presentations of the top scoring Drama HSC Individual and Group projects from 2015
* Visiting the Media Centre and Nicholson Museum at Sydney University
* Engaging in a high-energy workshop at Belvoir Street Theatre
* Participating in a live news read in the Sydney University television studio.

Opens Volleyball

The Opens Boys and Girls school Volleyball teams travelled to Murwillumbah to compete in the FNC knockout. The boys won their first two games against Kingscliff and Ballina, which saw them progress to the final. In the final the boys came up against a strong Murwillumbah High School team. Our boys played an outstanding game. However they were defeated by 3 points in the final set.

The girls won their first game against Kingscliff High School 2-0. The second match against Wollumbin required more aggression and confidence, eventually winning to progress to the final against Murwillumbah High School. Our girls did us proud, easily winning the match to become Zone Champions. From the seven players, five were selected to represent the FNC at the North Coast trials in Byron Bay, and two shadow reserves. The team consisted of Kate Goodman (captain), Jessie Kernaghan, Adelle Stafford, Rachael Laurenson, Amba Gardnir, Sarah Rishworth and Georgia Farley.

Congratulations and good luck girls.

7-12 Swimming Carnival

We held our 7-12 swimming carnival on 5 February. It was a great day, with many students and teachers dressing up in fancy colours to support their houses. The day was filled with both competitive and non-competitive events, as well as a staff vs student relay race.

Congratulations to Ulm house, who took out the house points championship. Congratulations also to the following age champions:

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K-6 Canteen News

Welcome back everyone, especially to all the new families joining Southern Cross this year.

There have been a few price changes as follows:
- Chicken Nuggets - $3.50
- Pies - $3.20
- Sausage Rolls - $2.60
- Mighty Cool milk (small) - $2.00
- FM milk (large) - $2.20
- Crazy lemon (small) - $2.20
- Glee - $2.20
- Poppers - $1.50
- Fruit cups & TNT's - $0.80
- Chips - $1.20
- Paddle pops - $1.40
- Icy Twist - $1.10
- Moosies - $1.20
- Fruit Straps - $1.20

New Items on the menu are:
- Turkey, cranberry, sprouts & cheese on a fresh roll - $4.50
- Super Value Burger deal - $6.00
  Chicken/Beef/Vegie burger with the works + a glee/mighty cool milk/crazy lemon
- Sushi Deal - $4.50 (fridays only)
  Chicken/Tuna/Vegie sushi with soy sauce + a glee/mighty cool milk/crazy lemon
- Frozen Yoghurt (strawberry/mango & watermelon/chocolate) - $2.50

We look forward to seeing and serving you at our wonderful canteen, where the majority of our food is home-made, healthy and made with love.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help out in our canteen, so if you can spare a few hours once a week/fortnight/month, please contact Leisa on 6686 0503 or 0402 015 717.

The P&C greatly appreciates your help & support.

What is 100WC?
It is a creative writing challenge that takes place once a term. Each term a prompt is given, which can be a picture or a series of individual words, and you must use 100 words to write a creative piece.

Cash prizes of $50 will be awarded at assembly for the winners of Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8), Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10) and Stage 6 (Years 11 & 12).

"Knowing that there are people out there who read my text encourages me to write more." – Jennieva

Due Dates: Friday Week 8 of each term

New High School Update

At both Ballina High School and Southern Cross School K-12 students are at the centre of everything we do. With this in mind we are investigating the possibility of combining Year 7 in 2017 and are putting together a team of teachers who will be developing a new approach to the delivery of the curriculum. This approach will be hands on, tailored to each child’s strengths and focus on authentic real world problems. We invite all parents to an information evening on Thursday 10 March to find out more about this exciting initiative. The information evening will begin at 6pm and will be held in the Southern Cross School K-12 gym. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

On Monday 29 February we are having the first meeting of our cross school uniform committee. No decisions have been made as to what the uniform will look like. This is your opportunity to have input into the planning process. The meeting will be held at Southern Cross School K-12 library from 6pm. The agenda is as follows:
- Welcome
- Purpose of uniform
- Guiding principles
- Process
- Discussion of samples
- Next step

If you wish to attend please RSVP by Friday the 26th of February to Suzanne.page@det.nsw.edu.au

Remember, if you have any questions please contact me and I will endeavour to find an answer.

Sue Page, Deputy Principal Strategic Directions
School Photo Day is Friday 26th February
Have your child’s school memories captured forever

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us on:

admin.gcnr@msp.com.au  p 07 5668 9110          f 07 5520 2900

Ensure your order is placed by photo day to avoid any late fees.
Ordering online using your child’s Unique Shoot Key is the easiest, safest and most secure way to order. If you do not know their Unique Shoot Key, please call our office on the number below.
Sibling photography envelopes are available for collection from your school office. Please read them carefully as appointments are limited.
If enclosing payment inside an envelope, please ensure the correct money is provided as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders are accepted.
Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Please indicate on the child’s envelope that contains all sibling payments the names of the children you are paying for.

For Locations and Registrations visit www.australiansoccerclinics.com.au or phone 1300 002 934

**A message Ballina Shire Council - no apologies, no excuses**

When it comes to child safety, Ballina Shire Council makes no apologies for ensuring infringement notices to drivers who break the law in and around school zones. Illegal parking in school zones puts children at risk and endangers lives. Parking distances in school zones carry heavy fines and loss of demerit points.

**Safe Parking in School Zones**

As a community we need to ensure that children have safe passage home from school. To improve road safety around schools, we need your assistance to understand the parking restrictions at our school and teach our children to be safe around traffic.

Always supervise a child and hold their hand when crossing the road.

Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars, buses and pedestrians. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations.

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in and around school zones.

**Picking up your children after school - have a plan**

- When and where will you be after school?
- Where should your child wait?

Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle while it is in traffic, even if you are stopped, they should wait until you have parked.

**Important signs around schools**

- **NO STOPPING** - Fine exceeds $519.00 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

- **NO STOPPING** - Fine exceeds $519.00 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

- **BUS ZONE** - Fine exceeds $310.00 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

**Trivia Night - a Year 12 fundraiser**

When: 5:30pm, 18th March
Where: Southern Cross School K-12 Gym
Cost: $5 per person
Bring: Food, non-alcoholic drinks, gold coins
How: Get a team of 8 or less people together and email the school at sthcross-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your members and team name.

**Young Writers Group**

Do you love to write?
need help with your writing for school projects, or just want to learn new skills?
Join local author Jessie Blackadder for an expedition into the writing world.

**Thursday 3 March**
Lismore Library meeting room (ground floor)
5.00pm - 6.30pm
For high school aged participants.
Light refreshments will be provided - please book your place.
Free!
For bookings talk to the staff at the library or phone us on 6621 2404.

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* The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at:

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

If you have any queries or questions please feel free to contact the school on 66860503 or email kirrily.myers@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you for your support of this program.
Ms Kirrily Myers (Vaccination Coordinator)
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 date: Thursday Feb 18 from 5.00pm- 6.00pm at the Ballina Courts, Kingsford Smith Park, Owen St, Ballina.

Ballina RSL All Saints Netball Club aim to provide a fun netball experience for players of all abilities by promoting positive behaviours and participation in team sports. Our teams participate in the Ballina Netball Association Winter Competition which is played each Saturday (excluding school holidays) from March through to early September. We provide a friendly and supportive environment for our players, coaches and umpires.

New players and volunteers are always welcome.

Please contact us if you would like more information: ballinarslnetball@gmail.com

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

http://rlsallsaintsnc.nsw.netball.com.au
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