

## Southern Cross School K-12

Creating Successful Futures



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### From the Deputy

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Athletics Carnival. It was great to see everyone trying their best and having lots of fun. Qualifying students will now go on to compete at the District Athletics carnival on Friday 4th August at Alstonville and we wish them all the best. Congratulations to Warner House who were the Champion House for Athletics.



This week we are celebrating Education Week with the theme of "I learn, We learn." We have many activities planned and hope that parents and friends are able to join us. A list of events is included below.

### Education Week Events

**Thursday 3rd August:**

- Stage 2 open Classrooms 9:45-11:00am
- Support Centre Open Classrooms 10:30am
- Support Centre Parent Morning Tea 11:00am
- K-2 Assembly 11:30am
- Kindergarten 2018 Teddy Bears' Picnic 12:15 – 1:00pm
- Stage 1 Open Classrooms 12:15 – 1:00pm
- Stage 3 Sustainability Expo (Science) 1:45 – 2:55pm

### Literacy and Numeracy

#### Stage 1: KC Interactive Writing Learning Experience

KC has been developing their writing skills through engaging in interactive writing lessons each day. Students are actively participating in the writing process and work together to compose and write a simple or complex sentence about a given topic. The students are called upon to identify and record initial and final sounds, search for words in dictionaries and recognise how many parts are in a multisyllabic word. In this video we are discussing writing about 'Horton Hears a Who'. Mrs Crowley

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0W2zIfLWZ94>

#### Stage 2: The Hot Seat Interview

Our class 3F has been reading Extra Time by Morris Gleitzman. As a part of our English activities, we created profiles of the characters in the book and then we discussed what makes a good interview. Students were then asked to interview each of the characters 'Live from the Faulks Studio'. We had lots of fun putting the characters into the 'Hot Seat'. Mrs Faulks

#### Stage 2: Adventures with Rowan of Rin

3C is going on an adventure with Rowan of Rin. We are writing in our diary after every chapter. We are not sure where this adventure will lead, however we are very excited. Mrs Copeland





Noah C –KB  
 Saxon L – KP  
 Josephine B -3F  
 Seth – SCJ  
 Summa H - 3F  
 Archie D - KC

## 3-6 Athletics Carnival

With better weather this term, we were able to conduct our 3-6 Athletics Carnival with great success on Thursday the 20th July. The students turned out in fantastically colourful costumes to support their houses ranging from morph suits (look it up) to tutus. Student participation and sportsmanship were at an all-time high making it an enjoyable day for everyone.

I would like to congratulate all of our 2017 Athletics carnival age champions and runners up.

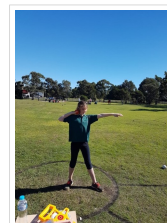
## Stage 3: Literacy and Numeracy

In Stage 3 we have a wide variety of learning activities, which include explicitly taught elements such as: Spelling Mastery and 'Envision' mathematics program.

The students also engage in cooperative learning activities related to literacy units, which include: writing, reading, and responding activities. We are currently doing a unit of work called 'Heroes and Villains' which is exploring the life of Ned Kelly and requires students to form an opinion as to where he sits on the hero to villain continuum. What would your opinion be?

In numeracy students engage in practical activities to illustrate mathematical aspects. For example for fractions we used blocks, magnets, concrete materials, and written follow up activities to reinforce the theory. *Mrs White*

	Boys		Girls	
	Age Champion	Runner-up	Age Champion	Runner-up
Seniors	Aaron Latham	Jake Topper	Millie Crowe	Emily Mckeown-Mathews
11's	John Dodgson	Vaughan McKay	Zoe Nisbet	Penny Trease
Juniors	Mason Martin	Ethan Ebert	Chelsea Smith	Holly Mansfield



## Mathletics and Reading Eggs Top 10 Students

### Mathletics Top 10

Luke P - 3C  
 Taj R - 3F  
 Oscar P - 3F  
 Freya C - 3C  
 Lara D – KP  
 Caleb B - 2L  
 Isabella C - 3C  
 Cassius P - 1V  
 Ethan E - 4WF  
 Mattew C - 1G

### Reading Eggs Top 10

Sari F –KP  
 Michael W - 3C  
 Braydon F – SCC  
 Oliver D – KP

## Senior Girls Touch Football Team

On Wednesday the 19th of July, the Year 6 Girl's Touch Football team played against Ballina Public School. The girls played a great game with Emily and Zoe both scoring a try. Sadly they came to a loss with Ballina Public winning 4-2. All girls played a fantastic game putting in 100% effort and all displayed great sportsmanship. Well done girls!



## Spud in a Bucket Competition

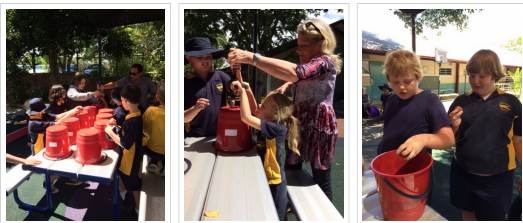
Last term the K-6 support centre students participated in the Bunnings 'Spud in a Bucket' competition with other local schools.

Each support class had 2 buckets to grow the potatoes in. Students prepared the buckets, planted the seed potatoes and cared for them over the term as they grew. The aim was to grow the heaviest, roundest and funniest shaped potato.

### Results:

1. **Heaviest spud 32g - SCC**
2. **Roundest spud - SCM**
3. **Funniest shaped spud - SCB**

Southern Cross School won the heaviest spud award and received a Bunnings Gift Card to spend on more plants for our vegetable garden area.



## K-6 Working Bee

Our school Library would appreciate help covering new books.

Parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends are all most welcome.

**When:** Friday 18th August, 1:30-3:00pm

**Where:** K-6 Library

Please contact Mrs Piccoli on 6686 0503 if you have any questions.



## NAPLAN 2018 and beyond

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment. A fact sheet is available for parents and carers to help understand the transition process.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test will be held at Southern Cross School K-6 between 14th August and 22nd September this year, led by Mrs Piccoli and Miss Tuck.

## Changes to Administration

Southern Cross School K-6 will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **4th September 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

### Direct deposits:

As of **18th August 2017**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before **18th August 2017**.

### EFTPOS payments:

We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **25th August and 6th September 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **25th August, 2017**. From **6th September 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.

### Cash and cheque payments:

Between **29th August 2017** and **6th September 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **29th August 2017**. (From **6th September 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before).

## Online payments (make a payment tab on Website):

As of **25th August 2017**, payments to our current online payment facility will cease. You will not be able to use the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system until **Wednesday 6th September**.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact the school administration office on 6686 0503.

## Partners in Learning Parent Survey

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This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement.

Completing this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school, such as: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online, on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 21 August and 13 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are truly appreciated, and they support our school planning.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available below:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

**Mrs Piccoli – TTFM Coordinator**

## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability - NCCD

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Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving. Reasonable adjustments reflect the assessed individual needs of the student, and are provided in consultation with the student and/or their parents and carers. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting teaching methods) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as other students. Please see the attached Fact Sheet for more information about the process.

[https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/2017\\_-\\_nccd\\_-\\_fact\\_sheet\\_for\\_parents\\_and\\_carers\\_v5.pdf](https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/2017_-_nccd_-_fact_sheet_for_parents_and_carers_v5.pdf)

If you have any further questions about the process please contact Mrs Piccoli or your child's Classroom Teacher.

## Upcoming Events

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### Education Week "I Learn, We Learn"

**31st July - 4th August** - see above for list of events on Thursday 3rd August.

### Scholastic Book Club Orders Due

**Wednesday 2nd August**

### Kindergarten 2018

**Thursday 3rd August** 12:15pm to 1:00pm Teddy Bears' Picnic in K-6 Hall

### Byron Bay Writers Festival

**Thursday 3rd August:** Ballina RSL Club will host this student event with writer Tristan Bancks doing talks.

### Assemblies

**Thursday 3rd August** 11.30am K-2

**Friday 11th August** 2.15pm 3-6

### District Athletics Carnival

**Friday 4th August:** at Geoff Watt Oval, Alstonville.

### North Coast Creative Arts Camp

**Sunday 6th August to Friday 11th August:** Selected Students

### Kindergarten 2018

**Tuesday 8th August 6:00pm:** Parents Information Evening

### Dental Checkups

**Monday 7th August and Tuesday 8th August:** Dental Checkups K-2

### Kindergarten Currumbin Excursion

**Friday 11th August:** Kindergarten to visit Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary 7:00am to 5:00pm

### Naplan

**14th August and 22nd September**

## **Year 6 to 7 Transition**

**Thursday 17th August:** "Get to Know You" transition day for year 6 students going into year 7. Team building activities to support transition to high school.

## **K-6 Working Bee**

**Friday 18th August,** 1:30-3:00pm in K-6 Library