

# Newsletter

20/2/2020

*An inspiring community where the students shine!*

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



## February

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Prep – Gr. 4 Gymnastics  
Program - Melbourne  
Sports Institute

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

Assembly 9.15am  
(Leadership Badge Presentation)

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

School Council 3.45pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

CHaTS Group – 9-10am  
Pancake Day

## March

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Foundation students  
begin their **full week** at  
school

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

**CURRICULUM DAY** –

Students NOT required at school

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

CHaTS Group – 9-10am

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Harmony Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Assembly 9.15am

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

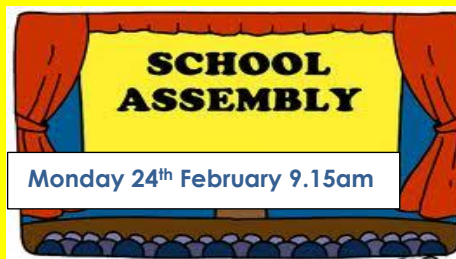
School Council AGM

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

CHaTS Group – 9-10am

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

End of Term – 2.30pm



## School Hours and Break Times

Playgrounds supervised 8:45 – 9.00 a.m. and 3:30 -3:45 p.m.

Students in Class 8:50 a.m.

Teaching 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

All Newsletters, Notices, Excursion forms and general information will be sent through FlexiBuzz.

**If you have not currently set up FlexiBuzz App. on your phone, please call into the Office to obtain instructions.** *Thank you.*

## Notices Sent Home This Fortnight

- FlexiBuzz App Information
- Pancake Day Order Form
- Gr. 6 Polo shirt Order Form
- Optical Glasses for Prep Students
- Yr 5/6 Cricket District Gala Day

## PLEASE NOTE

Parents are reminded to remain **outside** the school buildings when dropping off or collecting students, as this is an Occupational Health & Safety issue and also it becomes very disruptive to all the classrooms.

# What's happening in Our



*From the desk of our Principal*

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the newsletter for this week.

In my last newsletter I spoke about how well the children have settled into school. This continues with a high degree of engagement clearly apparent in all classrooms. Students are keenly involved in their learning and teachers are all feeling the positiveness in the atmosphere in their classrooms.

The Foundation students have also settled in very well and have been arriving for school each day with happy faces and a contentment to be here. Likewise our new students have quickly settled and feel very much a part of our Southern Cross Primary School community.

## **Assembly**

On Morning we have assembly at 9.15am. This week we will be presenting the class captains with their badges and also our Senior school student Leadership students will be receiving their badges. This will indeed be an exciting assembly and I look forward to working with all of these student leaders throughout the year.

I also have a special presentation for each of the Foundation students which I am sure that they will enjoy very much.

I look forward to seeing any parents who are able to make it to our assembly on Monday.

## **Office Manager**

I am sure that many of you will have met Jane Faulkner who is so competently running our office while Rhonda Smith is on leave. It has been a pleasure to have Jane working with us and her high level of professionalism has been greatly appreciated. A huge thank you goes to Jane who will remain with us until Rhonda returns.

## **Averil Nunn**

**Principal.**



**PLEASE** remember to label your child's uniforms clearly so that jumpers and jackets can be returned to them easily.

Sewing nametags into the seams or using indelible permanent ink will ensure that your child's clothing has a good chance of NOT going astray.



As many of you may now be aware, I have taken over the role of Acting Assistant Principal in Anne Robinson's absence. We have had a fantastic, but extraordinarily busy start to the year, getting to know the new faces around SCPS.

As part of the role of Acting AP, I will now oversee all student welfare matters. If your child is seeing any additional providers, or if you have any student welfare/wellbeing concerns or questions, as always, we ask that you ensure you have discussed this with your child's class teacher in the first instance and then don't hesitate to contact me for further support. We will be scheduling this term's Student Support Group Meetings (for those who require them) for the second last week of term.

We have been tracking our student absences closely and would like to remind parents to re-familiarise themselves with our attendance policy, which is available on our school website. Please ensure you are logging any absences on FlexiBuzz, with our office staff or in your child's diary so we can ensure we have reported any absences to the Department of Education and Training accurately. Also, please do your best to make sure your child is at school, on time, each day.

**Remember, every day counts!**

I have already taken a number of School Tours for Prep enrolments for 2021! Prospective parents have been very excited by our beautiful new Foundation Centre and they always make lovely comments about how articulate and respectful our students are, at all year levels.

Our staff have also been busy with a range of Professional Development sessions on a wide range of topics to make sure we deliver the curriculum in the most consistent and engaging ways possible!

I look forward to an exciting 2020 and working with you all throughout the rest of Term 1 and beyond!

**Leonie Laphorne**  
**Assistant Principal (Acting)**



## YLV – Before & After School Care

Child care subsidy is available for all the families. Breakfast and afternoon snacks are provided.  
Program Times: Mornings from 6.45 am. Mon to Fri during school term (*excl. all Victorian public holidays*).  
Afternoon 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm Mon to Fri during school term (*excl. all Victorian public holidays*).  
**Please feel free to speak to Shani on 0499 044 929 for more information.**

**Welcome to another exciting week of before and after school care program**

Activities include for the week 17/02/20	Activities include for the week 24/02/20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Challenge games (ball and cup race)</li><li>Paper craft ( paper flower)</li><li>Cling film art</li><li>Mentos and coke science experiment</li><li>Watch your favourite movie with pop corn</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Playdough making with different colours</li><li>Marbling with oil</li><li>Create a beautiful pencil topper</li><li>Straw maze activity</li><li>Outdoor sports/games</li></ul>

## AMBULANCE COVER



This is a reminder that schools **do not** provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance and any other transport costs.

Our school will always endeavour to contact parents in the first instance if a student requires medical assistance in the event of a serious injury.

However if parents or emergency contacts cannot be alerted, the school will have a duty of care to call the Ambulance service to attend to your child.

Given the high costs of Ambulance fees, please consider contacting Ambulance Victoria on 1800 64 84 84 or go to their website <https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au> to register for immediate cover and financial peace of mind.

**This is also a timely reminder to ensure that your CONTACT DETAILS are UP TO DATE – call the office to register any changes today.**



### *Planning a holiday or other leave from school?*

Please know that parents are required to inform the school in writing and in advance so that teachers can prepare work for your child/ren if required and the office can update the roll accordingly.

**PLEASE use FlexiBuzz** to communicate with the school or contact the office directly **AS WELL AS** speaking with your child's teacher. We want to ensure that the school has registered your child's absence appropriately and our records are updated to ensure we optimise your child's learning.



Did you know that only 2.5% of children aged between 5-14 **do not** eat enough fruit and vegetables? (Dept. Health's National Action Plan for Health of Children 2020)

So let's see if we can all put some fresh fruit, carrot or capsicum sticks, mini cucumbers and a healthy dip like hummus into lunchboxes over the next few weeks.

Remember winter is on its way and building our immune systems with fresh fruit and vegetables may help reduce the risk of colds and coughs.

