

# NEWSLETTER

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2022 school year, the school's 37<sup>th</sup> year of providing learning and teaching experiences for the local community!

2022 promises to be another amazing year at CCS with many exciting things happening! Over the break we have been fortunate to complete some upgrades including new shade at preschool, new doors in the 5/6 unit and the brand new CCS Community Bike Track. The track is not yet finished so we do ask for the community to wait just a little longer until the signs are up and the fencing has been



removed. The SC boundary fence is now completed, maintaining community access to the basketball courts and tennis courts. This year we are also upgrading the SC science labs!

The designs for the new front office spaces have now been completed and we look forward to planning this work in the coming months. There is much to come and we are very excited to share this with you.

It has been an absolute pleasure to touch base with so many families over the past week. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our families who have recently joined the Caroline Chisholm community and look forward to getting to know you and your children. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our educators and students; I have already enjoyed hearing of the many adventures our students and families have had over the past six weeks.

#### **COVID Safety Assurance Plans**

Over the past few weeks we have provided quite a lot of information to families about the safety measures we are taking at CCS based on our Covid Safety Assurance Plan, rapid antigen test collection and a variety of procedures that are designed to keep everyone safe. We appreciate your support by taking some time to read through these. If you have any questions I encourage you to reach out. Please remember our first preference is that families do not enter the school grounds unless there is a previously arranged appointment or an emergency.

#### **RAT Collection Process**

My sincere thanks to all of our families for the support with the RAT collection for weeks 1 and 2. Our Directorate made the decision to provide these to families through a collection-based system rather than sending them home with children. This decision was made to ensure the tests were kept at the right temperature,

Friday 4 January 2022 TERM 1 WEEK 1

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### WEEK 2

MONDAY 7 FEB
CCS Board Nominations Open

**THURSDAY 10 FEB**JC House Captains Speeches

#### WEEK 3

MONDAY 14 FEB
Pelicans Photo Day

**TUESDAY 15 FEB**JC Photo Day

**TUESDAY 15 FEB** P &C AGM

**THURSDAY 17 FEB**Rosella Photo Day

**THURSDAY 17 FEB** SC Photo Day

FRIDAY 18 FEB
Last day for Scholastic Book
orders

MONDAY 21 FEB
CCS Board Nominations Close

between 2 and 30 degrees, and to ensure that they made it home safely. Using the signs in the car windows and the early access to the QR code meant that families did not have to wait more than a minute or two for the collection process to be completed. Using the JC car park for both campuses also meant that cars didn't need to queue for long as the wider space meant cars could pull in and out relatively easily which kept the line moving. I would like to thank our staff also who are working hard to establish positive and sound classroom routines and relationships with our students and who made time to support us to distribute 3000 RATs. We have also delivered 200 RATs through contactless means for families who are in isolation or who are working in the medical field supporting the ACT community; my thanks to staff who have assisted with these deliveries. We have a small number of supply left for families who are yet to collect them for weeks 1 and 2; if this is your family please contact the JC front office on 6142 3555 and we will talk you through the contactless collection process.

#### **Isolating or Quarantining**

A reminder to all families about those who may need to quarantine or self isolate to please ensure you are across the latest advice from ACT Health website. We encourage you to read through this information carefully and reach out if you have any questions or concerns: <a href="https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/">https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/</a>

Working together to follow these guidelines ensures we focus on the safety and wellbeing of our whole community.

#### Staffing 2022

Further into this newsletter you will find photos of our teaching teams for 2022. We have a number of new staff who have joined our team and I extend them a very warm welcome.

Our front office team on the JC this year is Debbie, Sara and Amanda; the team are available to support you during 8.00am and 3.30pm; for support beyond these hours we ask you to contact the senior campus front office. On the SC this year we have Heidi McDonald, Sharon Gosling, finance officer Beth Skinner and business manager Sonia Jamieson.

#### Junior Campus

Continuing in our JC deputy principal role is Nicky Smith. Joseph Jennings is working in our P-10 wellbeing deputy principal role and is also located on the JC. The JC executive team includes:

- Preschool to year 2 Jennifer Heywood and Nicky Smith
- Year 3/4 and 5/6 Smriti Sharma and Phil Perkins
- LSU Joseph Jennings

#### Senior Campus

Our senior campus deputy principals Shane Mitchell and Terrie McHardie continue in 2022. This year we have six executive on the senior campus including:

- Learning executive Tatjana Radulovich
- Teaching executive Gavin McClory and Hillary Swan
- Strategy executive Tarun Whan
- Wellbeing executive Michaley Phokos and Kim Rice

We ask that if you need to meet with a member of the executive, that a time is made through the front office; our first preference is for a phone or online meeting. As always, the team are happy to meet with you to provide any support you may require. Our meetings this year are on Monday (executive), Tuesday (campus specific) and Thursday (P-10) afternoons, these meetings are a priority as we focus on ensuring our practice is aligned with current research and student needs. We also value community partnerships and we will endeavour to be available after school to meet with families via phone and online meets.

#### **Keeping Up To Date**

We understand how important and complex it can be for families to keep up to date with school events throughout the year. To assist you to stay informed, we have a number of key channels that you can access:

- the calendar on the school website which you can sync with your calendar on your mobile devices, the school FaceBook page 'Caroline Chisholm School'
- emails directly to your nominated email address for events directly involving your child/ren
- the school newsletter which is published fortnightly (odd weeks) provides a wealth of information about shorter term events and updates which are noteworthy for the fortnight ahead; the newsletter is emailed directly to your registered email address and is also available for download from the school website.

We look forward to continuing to support families to remain informed and involved in our students' lives.

#### **Allergies and Nut Aware**

Caroline Chisholm is a Nut Aware School. This means that we ask that no nuts are brought to school, including in sandwich spreads, as a raw snack or within muesli bars etc. We know that families go to great lengths to check ingredients lists to avoid sending products with nuts to school, we greatly appreciate these efforts. We do have a number of children across the school with increased sensitivity to the smell of nuts and contact (rather than ingestion) with any nut based products. As such we ask that if your child has had a nut based spread or product before coming to school, that they wash their hands and face prior to leaving home. These actions significantly reduce the possibility of cross contamination. We do have a number of children with other allergies across the school also, class teachers will be in touch regarding any other foods to be aware of in your child's class. We take allergies very seriously, ensuring all staff are trained in the safe administration of auto injectors. We ensure that all action plans and necessary medications move with the relevant child as they move through the school. If you have a child with an allergy, please ensure all action plans are up to date, your contact details are accurate, and all medicines required are on site.

#### Get to know you interviews for the Junior Campus

Unfortunately our get to know you interviews for the JC will not go ahead this year due to the current impact of the pandemic. Instead, the Learner Profiles will be sent home for families to complete. These Profiles support us to get to know your children and assist us to meet their learning needs. You are then invited to return this profile to your child's teacher by sending it back to school with them. We look forward to learning more about your children and family over the coming weeks.

#### **Before School Supervision**

Before school supervision commences at 8.30 am when a school staff member commences playground duty. We encourage students to have a calm and quiet start to the morning and therefore do not permit running games or ball games before school and students are required to 'walk their wheels' as they enter school grounds. When students arrive, they should enter via the gates that have been designated and wait in the areas assigned to their grade levels. This assists us to ensure that students from the same cohort are in the same place and cross cohorting (mixing of different year levels) does not occur. This is in place based on advice from ACT Health. On JC the bell will ring at 8.55am and students will line up and move straight into their classrooms. This will ensure that we maximise learning time in the mornings when students are alert and well rested. On SC, students will move to their CC classroom by 9.00am.

#### Sign In/Out JC and SC

Each year we revisit procedures to ensure we are following the appropriate guidelines. If a student arrives late, (more than 5 minutes) or needs to leave early during the school day, parents and carers are requested to inform the relevant campus front office via phone or email <a href="mailto:chisholm.absences@ed.act.edu.au">chisholm.absences@ed.act.edu.au</a>

Students who are late or are leaving early need to attend the front office on their campus and sign in. Our current preference is that families ring the front office for early collection and the staff will support your young person to come out of the gates for collection.

#### **Student Attendance**

As part of the ACT Education Act; it is the school's responsibility to ensure students attend school on a regular basis. If your child is absent from school please ensure that you inform the school as soon as possible; the preference is to receive this information in writing. There are a number of options available including completing an absence slip at the front office, sending an email to your child's teacher or the front office, or a phone call to the front office. The school will send out daily SMS notifications to families when their child or young person is absent from school. Each term, any

unexplained absences will be sent home with a covering letter requesting information to explain the absence. Should you have any questions or concerns about this process, please don't hesitate to touch base.

#### Student Injury - Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained. As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion, you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted. This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage. The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

#### **Working with Vulnerable People – Volunteers in Schools**

We are currently limiting volunteers and visitors to the school grounds.

When the current Health restrictions change, we will continue to implement a volunteers and visitors sign in process at each front office. When you visit or volunteer at school, please make sure that you check carefully that you are signing into the correct folder. For those who hold a Working with Vulnerable People Card (WWVP), please make sure you have this card on you and that your number is recorded next to your signature. For volunteers and visitors without this card, you will need to sign into the non-registered folder. If you are a regular volunteer, that is volunteering more than 7 hours in a semester, you must have a WWVP card. If you exceed these hours you are in breach of the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 which commenced on 8 November 2012. This also puts the school at risk of breaching the act and being fined. We certainly appreciate all of our volunteers and your support in this matter is appreciated to ensure we are keeping all of our students safe. If you have any questions around the registration process, you can call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81. For more information: <a href="https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/">https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/</a>

#### **Parking and Car Park Safety**

A general reminder about parking and safety within our community. We understand that car parks are at a premium around 9.00 am and 3.00 pm daily. It is crucial that we continue to work together for the safety of our children. The bus zone is accessed each morning and afternoon by multiple buses, some of which are mini buses for special needs transport. It is crucial that the bus zones remain free of cars so that our students are able to safely access these buses. There is ample parking in the surrounding streets and the junior campus gates from the playground to the back car park are open morning and afternoon for your convenience. While these options require a short walk and a little more time out of the day, they are crucial to keep our community safe. Student safety is a priority for us all and I appreciate your cooperation with keeping our kids safe. A reminder also that the Children's Crossings are now in effect now that school has returned. They are highlighted by red flags with the words 'children crossing' on them. When the flags are displayed you must slow down and stop before the stop line if a pedestrian or cyclist (adult or child) is on or entering the crossing. You must not proceed until all pedestrians have left the crossing. You must not stop on or within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a children's crossing. Pedestrians are not to wave cars through, this opens up risks for all parties involved. We thank you in advance for your support to keep our community safe.

Safe School Travel in the ACT - Information Sheet 8

# Safety and children's crossings

Ensure that your child always uses the children's crossing – it is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a Children's Crossing:

- Drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross or are crossing, when the 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.
- Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing which is in operation at any time the crossing flags are in place. It operates whenever any pedestrians are using the crossing. This could be the start and finish of school days, during lunchtimes, or for excursions.
- Schools or the operators of these crossings should ensure that flags are



always removed when the crossing is not in use to reduce confusion for, or disrespect by, motorists.



Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jen.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION, MEDICAL FORMS AND ACTION PLANS**

At the beginning of each school year, we are required to update all student medical records. Attached with the newsletter is the Medical Form required to be completed for the new school year. This medical form will cover students for the year while at school or on excursions, however, if there are any changes to student information when going on an excursion a new medical form will need to be completed.

This is also the time for all Medical Action Plans and student contact information to be updated, this includes plans for any of the medical conditions ticked in the medical form and any change of address or contact details. Action plans need to be completed by a doctor and a copy needs to be sent into the school. If you have any new contact information please email at <a href="info@chisholm.act.edu.au">info@chisholm.act.edu.au</a>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Nicky.



For student absences please send an email to:

Chisholm.absences@ed.act.edu.au

# CCS TEAMS 2022

# **EXECUTIVE TEAM**



Jen Howard

**Shane Mitchell** 

**Terrie McHardie** 

**Joseph Jennings** 

**Nicky Smith** 



**Gavin McClory** 

**Hillary Swann** 

**Michaley Phokos** 

**Kim Rice** 

Tatjana Radulovich



Taz Whan



**Phil Perkins** 



Jennifer Heywood



**Smriti Sharma** 

# **SC ENGLISH TEAM**



Kira Omernik

Kaitlyn Catchpole Hillary Swann

**Adam Crowther** 

**Dylan Cannell** 

# **SC MATHEMATICS TEAM**



**Tatjana Radulovich** 



**Isaac Van Bockel** 



**Brahmjot Kaur** 



Safia Saboor

# **SC HASS TEAM**



Yooga Uthiakumar



**Jonathon Hartley** 

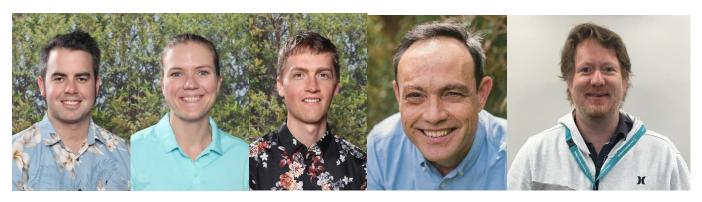


**Michaley Phokos** 



**Matthew Wray** 

# **SC SCIENCE TEAM**



Taz Whan

**Grace Rees** 

**Julian Pratley** 

**Damien Hoban** 

**Mark Eldridge** 

# **SC HPE TEAM**









**Jason Fleming** 

**Dan Downes** 

**Tanya Turner** 

**Kate Bindley** 

Jade Reid

# SC DISABILITY ED/ INCLUSION TEAM







**Livia Tigwell** 

**Danielle Van Kemenade** 

**Christopher Quill** 

# **SC ARTS TEAM**









**Cassandra Hoolihan** 

**Gavin McClory** 

**Laura Macafee** 

Miriam Miley-Read

# **SC VET / TECHNOLOGY TEAM**







**Timothy Hawke** 

Samantha Briggs

Kim Rice

**Adrian Davis** 

**Daniel Granado** 

# **SC ADMIN TEAM**



**Sonia Jamieson** 



**Grant Robinson** 



**Mark De Rooy** 



**Beth Skinner** 



**Kellie Edwards** 



**Sharon Gosling** 



**Heidi McDonald** 



Amanda Caddick



Joseph Knezevic



**Sean Gray** 



**Adam Taylor** 

# **SC LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS**



**Judy Mann** 



**Kimberley Mc Beth** 



**Anita Dhawan** 



Nikki Mann











**Bridget Brian** 

**Matthew Joley** 

**Chelsea Rolls** 

**Nick Simmonds** 

**Ashley Winn** 

# **JC PRESCHOOL TEAM**













Jennifer Heywood Nicky Smith

**Jodie Pang** 

Jill Downs

Sian Phillips

**Layne Hitchcock** 

# **JC KINDER TEAM**







**Nicky Smith** 



**Linda Hollier** 



Jordan Rodger

**JC 1/2 TEAM** 













Jennifer Heywood Nicky Smith

Marjorie Waugh Jessi-Lea Fruend Rachel Santos

**Sharon Stevens** 

# **JC 3/4 TEAM**



**Phil Perkins** 



**Smriti Sharma** 



**Andrea Irving** 



**Greta Mauerhofer** 



**Laura Condon** 

**JC 5/6 TEAM** 



**Phil Perkins** 



**Smriti Sharma** 



**Rachel Salter** 



**Alannah Riley** 



**Chloe Tsekenis** 



**Hannah Skinner** 



Jayne McDonald



**Hector Wilcke** 



**Adam Richmond** 

**JC LSU TEAM** 



**Joseph Jennings** 



Lydia Kepich



**Claire Shepherd** 



**Margaret Denne** 



Jacob Reid



**Bec Brown** 



**Sharon Stevens** 

# **JC RELEASE TEAMS**



Kristie Ryan



**Jodie Pang** 



**Joanne Herstik** 

# **JC ADMIN TEAM**



**Sonia Jamieson** 



Leonie OLoughlan



Sarabjit Kuar



**Debbie Brice** 



**Lyndon Burgess** 

# **YEAR 10 CAREER DEVELOPMENT**



# **Year 10 Meetings**

Each year I meet with Year 10 students and their parents/carers to help them prepare for their future beyond year 10 at Caroline Chisholm School. College enrolments open Term 2 on Day 1 after the Easter break so these meetings in Term 1 will provide information that will support student transition to college, an apprenticeship or employment. I will cover:

- college enrolment, courses
- disability support
- work experience "very good for the resume"! :
- university, CIT
- scholarships, financial support
- apprenticeships, ASBAS (Australian School Based Apprenticeships)
- employment, resumes, & cover letters
- volunteering opportunities
- safety course dates for anyone wanting work experience in construction

These meetings will be online, at the following link:



https://meet.google.com/oud-kmjm-zux

4:30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays commencing 31st January.

Anyone with queries after this initial meeting is welcome to make a time for an individual meeting.

I aim to catch up with each year 10 student and their parents/carers during Term 1. I will be able to offer other times, so please email me with days and timeframes that suit you.

Family members of students in other year groups are welcome to contact me also. I would be very happy to chat with you and your child about any of the above topics.

Ms Livia Tigwell, Career Development Teacher livia.tigwell@ed.act.edu.au

# YEAR 7 - 10 PARENT INVITATION TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Google has added the ability to invite parents / guardians to their son/ daughter(s) Google Classroom.

You can keep track of your student's classroom progress through guardian email summaries. You can choose the frequency of the emails—daily or weekly—and you can unsubscribe or remove yourself from Classroom at any time.

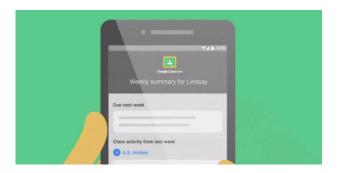
Guardian email summaries include:

Missing work—Work that's late at the time the email was sent

**Upcoming work**—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or work that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails)

Class activity—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers

As a guardian, you must receive and accept an email invitation before you can receive email summaries.



If you would like an invitation to start receiving the summaries, could you please go to this Google Form and fill in your details. If you have more than one child you can fill the form in multiple times.

# https://forms.gle/JNJbeBTow9CUCKEy6

Once your email address has been filled in by the teacher at school you will receive an invitation to your son/daughter(s) Google Classroom.

If you would like further information and instructions on how to accept an invitation, go to this link:

https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6388136?hl=en

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact the Front Office on 61423550.

Regards,

Gavin McClory

**ICT Coordinator** 

# **SCHOOL BOARD**

School boards work in partnership with the principal and school communities. They have specific responsibility for endorsing and overseeing the strategic direction and priorities of the school; monitoring and reviewing school performance; developing, maintaining and reviewing curriculum; approving budgets for the effective use of school resources; and management of financial risk. If you would like to work with other board members to ensure the school functions is in the best interests of its students, Caroline Chisholm School would be grateful for your nomination.

The following positions will be vacant on the Caroline Chisholm School Board in 2022:

- ♦ 1 student 2 year tenure if in Year 9, 1 year tenure if in Year 10
- ◆ 1 member of the school staff (does not have to be teaching staff), 2-year tenure
- 2 parent/carers, both a 2-year tenure

Nominations open: 11am Monday 7th February 2022

Nominations close 11am Monday 21st February 2022

Nomination forms may be collected from either the Junior or Senior Campus front office during normal business hours (8:30am – 3:30pm Monday - Friday).

You must submit your nomination before the closing date by either:

❖ Hand delivery to the box at the CCS Junior campus or Senior campus front office.

or

❖ Email to info@chisholm.act.edu.au with "CCS Board" in the subject space.

Appointments commence 1 April 2022. There are generally 2 meetings each term on a day to suit the members.

Further information: contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Livia Tigwell, on 6142 3547 (direct), 6142 3550 (switch) or email: <a href="mailto:livia.tigwell@ed.act.edu.au">livia.tigwell@ed.act.edu.au</a>

#### **P&C NEWS**

Hi CCS Community,

We're back again for another year. Returning to school or starting school for the very first time can be stressful for families, especially in the current situation, we appreciate the fact that it's tough, please if you do need support, don't forget to reach out to exec staff or the P&C we can direct you to the best place to go for help.

Canteens have returned for the new year. Lunch orders continue to be online only, and Senior campus is the only canteen with counter service at this time.

The Uniform shop was the place to be in January, thank you all for your support, and we apologise for the low stock in some cases, and appreciate your patience. The Uniform shop has now returned to regular trading hours, Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please make sure to book your appointment ahead of your visit https://square.site/book/LC40YMSR86D59/caroline-chisholm-school-p-c-uniform-shop-chisholm-act

If you have ordered online or you were waiting for an item, please make sure to check your messages, it may be ready for collection from the front office now.

Our AGM is coming up in Week 3. Due to current restrictions we will have to meet online, unfortunately that means no biscuits but it can mean PJs.

At the AGM all current roles are put up for re-election, do you have a special interest and would like top fulfil any of the roles in our P&C Committee? We'd love to hear from you. Please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:ccs.pandc.contact@gmail.com">ccs.pandc.contact@gmail.com</a> or find us on Facebook at Caroline Chisholm School P&C. If you'd like the link to the meeting, please use those same contact details as well.

A quick thank You to the current committee. We've had another incredible year, and I've been incredibly blessed to work alongside you all, in the uncertainty and online, and face to face, and online again. I couldn't ask for a more supportive bunch to work with. To think we started out the year with just a passion to help all our students have a good year, better than 2020, I think we achieved what we could and I'll keep many memories of 2021 with me. I do so wish we could have put on that fete, but it will happen one day, hopefully soon. Here's to an amazing 2022. Now fingers crossed we can have a disco everyone!

Many thanks,





Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

# To join Saver Plus, you must:

- $\mathscr{O}$  Be studying yourself <u>OR</u> have a child in school (can be starting school next year)

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms &



books &



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

# For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Kathleen Watson



CanberraSP@thesmithfamily.com.au



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Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

#### THE TUGGERANONG SOUTHERN CROSS BASKETBALL CLUB

The Tuggeranong Southern Cross Basketball Club (TSC) is trying to expand its grassroots reach so we are holding come and try days in early February for children born in 2013 and later.

A little about us....

We are the biggest basketball club on the southside of Canberra and cater for all levels of experience and interest. We provide a pathway from under 10s to adults and have a strong community core and values. Our mission is to promote a healthy and active lifestyle and encourage a lifelong love of basketball. We develop fundamental basketball skills in a safe and positive environment while also teaching valuable life lessons in responsibility, respect, leadership, sportsmanship and team work. Our focus is on enjoyment and participation in community-based sport but we also emphasise the importance of dedication, self-improvement and helping others in the community. Further information about our club can be found at <a href="Club Information - Tuggeranong Southern Cross">Club Information - Tuggeranong Southern Cross</a>.

