



Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter

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Week 6 – 27th August, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The school is currently reinforcing our 'Safe People, Safe places' (stranger danger) messages with all students. We would appreciate if you could support this message at home. I have included in this newsletter some information about stranger danger and key points for you to discuss with your child to ensure they make safe choices and know what to do if approached by a stranger.

Michelle Dalglish

In the weeks ahead

Week 6	Week 7	Coming up
Monday- Yr 4 NAPLAN online Tuesday- Yr 2 NAPLAN online Year 4 SGHS CAPA day Thursday- P&C Meeting 9.30am Friday- Father's Day Breakfast Pies Drive delivery Coutts Cup Calcutta Saturday- Coutts Cup Races	Monday- NAIDOC activities Wednesday- Teddy Bear's Picnic Friday- NRL Gala Day	14 th Sept- NC Athletics 18 th Sept- Kindy Transition morning 19 th Sept- P&C Disco

Contact details-

IMPORTANT – Please complete and return the contact details advice on the last page of the newsletter. It is important that we have the correct contact details for your child. Thank you to parents who have already returned the note.

Reminder-

There will be no Wednesday assembly this week due to staff attending Professional Learning.

Farmer Fundraiser-

Everyone who dressed up as a farmer for our drought support fundraiser looked fantastic. Thank you to all who donated. By the end of the day we raised \$140, which was doubled to \$280 by the Coles Aussie Farmers Drought Relief appeal.



P&C Father's Day Pie Drive-

Orders have been placed! Thank you to everyone who supported this P&C fundraiser. The Pie Drive raised over \$260.00.

The delicious Hanks Pies will be delivered to school on Friday 31st August and will be available for pick up at the school canteen from 3.00pm. Please contact the school if you need to make other arrangements.

Father's Day Breakfast-

To acknowledge the importance of our dads, grandads and significant males in our lives, we will be having a Father's Day Breakfast at school on Friday 31st August. Breakfast will be served between 7.30am and 8.30am.

To assist with catering, we have sent home an order form for return. Please note the correct date for the breakfast is 31st August – this Friday!

Orders were due for return today, however late orders can be sent in by Wednesday.

Legacy-

2nd – 8th September is Legacy Week. We currently have Legacy fundraising merchandise for sale in the school office - badges \$2, pens \$5, wristbands \$3.

Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families suffering after the injury or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service. We currently care for around 60,000 beneficiaries, with 96% of them being elderly widows throughout Australia.

End of day routines-

Please let the school know by sending in a note or by phone call if there are any changes to student's usual home time routine. We can then pass this information onto the teacher on bus duty and relevant bus drivers to ensure a safe and smooth transition from home to school.

Acts of Kindness-


Our students have been embracing our Term 3 cool card focus, kindness. Students have been performing random acts of kindness in classrooms and the playground. Please enjoy the following examples of fabulous students and staff spreading kindness around our school:

- *Farmer's friends - Callum Ross donated \$10 from his family and Charlotte Brenton donated \$15 from her own pocket money.*
- *Callum, Luke, Angas and Pedro helped Mrs Butcher, putting rubbish in the skip bin.*
- *Zara found and handed in some lost property.*

Naidoc Day-

Parents are invited to join us for our NAIDOC Day activities.


Students can wear red, yellow and black. Please pack recess and lunch, if preferred.



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NAIDOC Day!

Monday, 3rd September 2018



11.20am Welcome to Country – Aboriginal students

11.25am 'Because of her we can' - Beris Duroux

Timetable (11.35-1.10pm)

Time:	K/1	2/3/4	4/5/6
11.35-12.05	Aboriginal Dance	History/Artifacts	Rock painting
12.05-12.35	Rock painting	Aboriginal Dance	History/Artifacts
12.35-1.05	History/Artifacts	Rock painting	Aboriginal Dance

1.10-2.00pm Lunch
Kangaroo sausages and kangaroo mini-burgers
Lemon Myrtle drink

2.00-3.00pm Afternoon Session
Traditional Aboriginal games – students will rotate around 3 activities.

Why Reading Each Day is Important?

For many families, it's the same daily, after-dinner routine: play and relax, then bath, books, and bedtime. It is so important that parents read with children. Here are just three reasons to read with your child every night:

1. Time together.

The number one reason for reading each night is quality time together. Period. Life gets nuts when kids come to school. But carving out that small amount of time—even if it's 10-15 minutes, which is just enough time to read to your child and for your child to read to you—is totally worth scheduling into your day.

2. Listening to fluent reading.

If you choose to do the reading, then this time together allows your child to listen to what fluent reading should sound like. The more your child hears what fluent reading should sound like, the better! It reminds them how their reading should sound.

3. Talking about texts.

It doesn't need to be an in-depth discussion about characters, plotline, or style, but you may be surprised at how your conversations evolve after you read together for some time.

Many children are not taking advantage of our school Home Reading program. Please encourage your child to read their home reader to you each night and continue to change them regularly. The benefits are countless.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Jo Conyard

Stranger Danger-

Key messages for children:

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know is aware of where you are at all times. Always walk straight home or to the required destination. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are a lot of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call Triple Zero (000) and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you!' This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

Dudley Jones Tennis-

Students in years 2-6 have been enjoying weekly tennis lessons with coach, Gemma Albert. They have been improving their coordination and have been quickly picking up the skills and rules associated with serving and playing tennis. From this week onwards, Gemma will be working with staff to select students to participate in the Dudley Jones Tennis competition on 21st September. Students selected to play in Dudley Jones will have additional practice during lunchtimes in the week leading up to the competition.



Coutts Crossing Primary School

Transition to School Program

Coutts Crossing Primary School would like to invite all Pre School age children to a

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Come along to our school and spend some time having fun with our Kinder and Year One students, then stay and share a picnic with us.

Date: Wednesday 5th September

Time: 9.30 - 11.00

Please bring: Morning tea and a drink, a blanket (optional) and don't forget Teddy.
Parents welcome.



Coutts Crossing Cup



Calcutta

Join us at Coutts Tavern for the Coutts Crossing Cup Calcutta
on Friday 31st August—
\$2 tickets on sale from 6pm
Calcutta drawn at 8.00pm

Race Day

WHEN: Saturday, 1st September, 2018

WHERE: Grafton Racecourse

TIME: Buses leave Coutts Tavern at 11.00 am
and will return after the last race

COST: \$15.00 per person

WHICH INCLUDES:-

Sausage Sizzle at the tavern - 10.00am
Bus to the racecourse & return
1 free drink at the racecourse

Update contact details-

Please complete and return so we can ensure the school has the correct contact details for your child.

Student name/s	
Home phone number	
Mobile contact 1	Name
	Number
Mobile contact 2	Name
	Number
Email	
Home address	
Mailing address	
Emergency contact 1	Name
	Number
	Relationship
Emergency contact 2	Name
	Number
	Relationship
Additional information /other parent contact	

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