



Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter

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Week 5 – 12th November, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Volunteers form an integral part of any school community. At Coutts Crossing we are very fortunate to have excellent volunteers who contribute to our school in many different ways.

Our wonderful Canteen Manager, Nicky McGilvery, has decided to step down from her position next year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nicky on behalf of students, families and staff. Nicky has done an outstanding job throughout the year and we are very grateful for the time and effort she has given to our school, ensuring our canteen is providing nutritious, delicious lunches for students. Expressions of interest are open for the position of canteen manager for 2019 and will close this Friday 16th November.

Michelle Dalglish

In the weeks ahead

This week	Week 6	Coming up
Monday- Remembrance Day Service	Mon-Fri- Swim School	4/12 SGHS Yr 7 Orientation
Tuesday 13/11- Kindy Transition full day + Parent Information Session commencing at 9.30am	Wednesday- Film Festival 4/5/6	5/12 Year 6 Farewell 2019 Captain speeches
Wednesday – Assembly 2.30pm (odd week due to excursions)	Thursday- P&C Meeting 22/11 9.30am	7/12 Swimming Carnival
Thursday- Year 5/6 cake stall		14/12 Presentation Day
		17/12 P&C Christmas Carols

Congratulations-

On Friday night, Mrs Conyard was honoured with a World Teacher's Day Award from the Australian College of Educators for her outstanding contributions to education. Our school is incredibly lucky to have Mrs Conyard as part of our teaching team. Well done Mrs Conyard and thank you for all that you do for Coutts Crossing Public School.



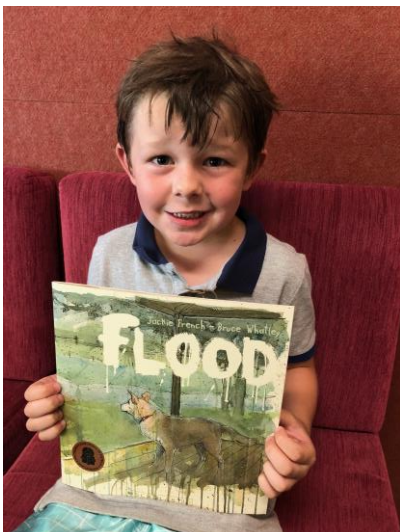
Excursions-

Last week was a busy one with our two major excursions on Wednesday for years K/1 and 3/4. The weather was warm but it did not stop everyone from enjoying their day. Check out our Facebook page for lots of photos.

Remembrance Day Services-

Thank you to the students and families who joined us in paying our respects at the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday morning. It was wonderful to see so many Coutts Crossing students representing our school. Special thanks go to Chloe and Lillie who laid the wreath on behalf our Coutts Crossing Public School community.

Today, Monday 12th November, the school community gathered at the Coutts Crossing Cenotaph to commemorate Remembrance Day. Thank you to our lovely community members who provided some hand-knitted poppies for our students.



Home Reading-

Congratulations to our wonderful home readers.

150 nights Lachlan Tweedie
 Charlotte Howard

Here is a photo of Mason with his new book for reaching 100 nights. Well done Mason.

Cake Stall-

Year 5 & 6 will be holding a cake stall this Thursday, 15th November. Students will be selling biscuits, cupcakes, slices etc. during recess and lunch.

Items will cost 50c to \$1.00.

Year 5 & 6 students are asked to bring in, if possible, baked goods for our students to sell throughout lunch and recess. Please label with ingredients as we have some students with allergies to eggs and nuts. Please also label any containers so they can be returned.

Clubs-

Mrs Conyard and Miss Suzanne have been having fun making pom-pom critters, French-knitting and finger-knitting with their groups during our Friday Clubs sessions. Thank you to Heidi for coming in to help out.

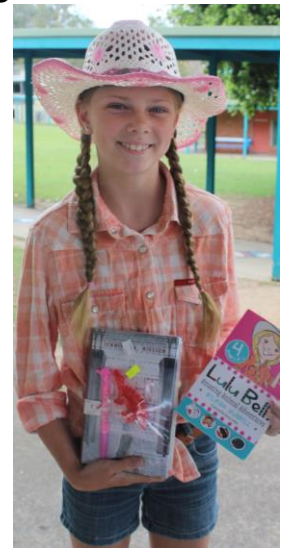


Book Fair & Book Character Parade-

Our annual book fair was very successful with over \$1100 in sales. The commission earned by the school will be used to buy books and resources for our students.

Thank you to all parents who supported our school by purchasing books and a very special thank you to Mr Woolridge for organising this wonderful event for our school.

The Book Character Parade was lots of fun, as always. It's great to see so many children getting involved. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch the parade.



Swim School-

Swim school starts next Monday, 19th November. Students who are participating in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program have each been given a note confirming their place. Please read the note carefully or contact the school if you have any questions about the program or what to bring.

Hats!-

We have introduced a new system for the borrowing of spare (yellow) hats at school. Students who don't have a hat will only have 2 days per term when they can borrow a yellow hat for use in the playground. The hats will now be kept in the office and student names will be marked off with each use. Hats need to be returned at the end of each day, when they will be washed before the next use. If there are no yellow hats available, or a student has used their 'allowance', indoor play will be the only option. We are hoping this will be a reminder to not only bring a hat to school, but look for it in their bag and keep track of it throughout the day. Maroon bucket hats are available for purchase at school for \$8.00.

Parent Online Payments (POP)-

From this Friday 16th November, parents will have the option to make online payments for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting \$ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' to cover items not covered in the previous headings, 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school Statement of Account.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name
- class
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

If you have any questions about the process or if you would like an updated Statement of Account, please contact the school office.

A message from the Croquet Club-

16 children have been playing croquet at Wajard Park in recent weeks. They have played competitively and the leading player will be awarded a trophy at the final assembly of 2018. The croquet club is impressed with their skills. For those who have played there will be a special treat on Sunday November 25th at 2.00pm. A competition for pairs, a child and parent, another trophy and lots of ice cream and cake.



U-DESIGN UNIFORM SHOP

Gate 3/Shop 18

170 North St, Grafton

Ph: 02 66432989

Price List –Coutts Crossing PS

Girl Shirt	\$30.00
Boy Shirt	\$30.00
Girl Skort	\$40.00
Boy Short	\$27.00
Girl Long Pants	\$40.00
Jacket	\$55.00
Sport Shirt	\$30.00
Sport Shorts	\$27.00

As at Sept 2018

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY:	10:00 A.M - 2:P.M
THURSDAY:	2:30 P.M - 6:P.M
SATURDAY:	9:00 A.M - 1:P.M

The shop is closed for a three week period during the Christmas/ New Year season.

For a three week period prior to the return of school each year the shop is open

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Canteen Manager Position

The Coutts Crossing Public School P&C committee are seeking Expressions of Interest from parents or community members who would like to take on the role of Canteen Manager in 2019.

The position is voluntary, with the canteen operating on Wednesdays and Fridays, for both recess and lunch. The role includes overseeing general canteen operations, ordering of stock, managing rosters and canteen finances. Training in the role can be provided. A volunteer Working With Children Check will be required (no cost).

Children of all canteen helpers receive half price lunches.

Please contact P&C President Suzie Gendle on 0400 132 707, or the school office on 66493225, by Friday 16th November, if you would like to be considered for this position.

Coutts Crossing Public School
P&C Committee



The Criterion Theatre Grafton
Presents

ROBIN HOOD
&
THE BABES IN THE WOOD

WRITTEN BY BEN CROCKER
DIRECTED BY MAREIA COWPER
MUSICAL DIRECTOR JENNY WORRELL

SHOW TIMES
22nd November 2018
25th November 2018
&
30th November
2nd December 2018

Tickets available via Sticky Tickets & Buckley's Music Group
Look us up on Facebook for more details & ticket link!
BYO CHRISTMAS NIBBLES & DRINKS - FAMILY FRIENDLY SHOW!



Kindergarten Orientation Meeting

Dear Parents/ Carers

We will be holding an information meeting on Tuesday 13th November in our school hall commencing at 9.30 am for those parents and carers of children who will be attending Kindergarten in 2019.

During this meeting I will be outlining the relevant information needed regarding your child's education at Coutts Crossing and give some insight into how together we can give your child the best possible start to their schooling.

After the meeting please stay for a cuppa and have a chat. The day will also be the final day of Transition for your child for 2018.

Please keep this day and time free as I would love to see you there.

Kind Regards
Jo Conyard

Facebook-

Don't forget to 'like' and follow our Facebook page, where we share our weekly newsletter, updates and photos of what we get up to at Coutts Crossing Public School.