

# Coutts Crossing Public School

# Newsletter



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Week 1– 14th October 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term Four. We do hope that you enjoyed some down time with your families in readiness for what looks like a very busy final term for 2019. We look forward to sharing time with our grandparents on Grandparents Day, K/1/2 begin their 7 week Swim and Gym program, our Transition to School program continues, P & C disco, Jacaranda Float, Scholastic Book Fair, senior excursion to Brisbane, swimming carnival, Year Six Farewell and Presentation Day. Staff will also be undergoing professional learning opportunities looking at Effective Peer Feedback, CPR and Anaphylaxis training. A busy and exciting term for all.

We also welcome back Mrs Dalglish from leave today. I'm excited to be back with my beautiful K/1 class this week.

*Jo-Ann Conyard*

## Important dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up in Term 4
Tuesday– Transition 1/2 day	Tuesday 22 Oct– Transition 1/2 day P&C Meeting 9.30am	30 Oct- Assembly 2.30pm P&C Jaca Disco
Wednesday– Updated canteen menu (see back page)	Thursday 24 Oct– Swim & Gym starts K-2	31 Oct- Jacaranda Thursday
Thursday– Waste Free Warrior Day (now every Thursday)	Friday 25 Oct– Grandparents Day	2 Nov- Jacaranda Float Parade
Friday– Dental checks K & 2 Senior excursion payment due Swim & Gym payment due		4-7 Nov- Brisbane Excursion 12 Nov- Book Fair

## Grandparents Day-

On Friday 25th October we will be holding a special day to celebrate and acknowledge the amazing jobs that our grandparents do in the lives of their grandchildren. We would love our grandparents to join us at 10.30am for classroom visits. We encourage grandparents to bring in a story or memorabilia to share with the students. If you are a little shy, then of course you need not worry, just come in and join us. We will then share recess together, serving a cup of tea with scones, jam and cream to our visitors. During recess olden day games will be set up for everyone to enjoy. After recess we will have a showing of our school musical 'Birds of a Feather' for you to enjoy. At this time, 11.45am, we would like to extend an invitation to our wider school community who may like to view our musical in the school hall.

## Dental Checks for Kindergarten & Year 2 -

This Friday, dental clinicians from Northern NSW Local Health District will visit the school. If you would like your child to participate, please return consent forms to school ASAP. Blank consent forms are available at the school office, if required.

## Swim & Gym-

The first Swim & Gym session for K/1/2 will be on next Thursday 24th October. Please refer to notes for what to bring. Please return outstanding permission notes and payment by this Friday 18th October.

## Senior Brisbane Excursion-

The Year 5 & 6 excursion to Brisbane is in Week 4, 4th-7th November. Please arrange final payment by Friday 18th October. Further notes including transport, medical and what to pack information will be sent home this week when details are confirmed.

## Smoothie Fundraiser- Thank you for supporting our Year 6 fundraiser



## Jacaranda Thursday-

Thursday 31st October is a half-day public holiday and the school will close at 1.00pm. Please note that students attending school will need to be collected at 1.00pm, as the afternoon bus will not be operating. Please return the notes that have been sent home, indicating if students will be attending school in the morning. This will assist with planning for the day.

## Jacaranda Float Parade-

All students are invited to climb aboard our big-rig entry in the Jacaranda Float Parade.

When: Saturday 2nd November, 5.15pm

Where: Jacaranda Park area, Prince St, Grafton

Wear: Students who are attending will be given their musical costume to take home on the Friday.

Notes with further details will be sent home this week.

## Classroom News - Library

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair returns to Coutts Crossing Public School in weeks 4 and 5 of term 4. Students will be given the opportunity to look over the books and make their wish lists. This offers a great opportunity to make some pre-Christmas purchases. More information about the times students will be given to look over the books and when purchases can be made will be advised to you shortly. All purchases made through the Book Fair provide a commission for the school which allows us to purchase further resources for our beautiful library.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has concluded for 2019. Congratulations to all students who read the required number of books. The Premier has been advised of all students who fulfilled the challenge requirements and they will be presented with their certificates when they have been forwarded to the school.

### Library Refurbishments

If you have not visited the school library recently please take the time to pop in when you are next at school. New 'whiteboard' workstations have been purchased as well as a new bright infants mat, computers have been upgraded, resources for lunchtime activities have been introduced and our library shelves continue to house the latest in children's fiction and non-fiction books.

## You Can Do It-

This week in YCDI lessons kindergarten are learning to express their emotions constructively in interactions with others. Students in Years 1-6 are learning to identify the differences between positive and negative relationships and ways of managing these.



## Year 5 students-

Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2021 will be available to complete online between 8 October and 11 November 2019.

Grafton High School is a partially selective high school.

For Year 7 selective high school entry, students are considered on academic merit. Academic merit is decided mainly by combining the results of the primary school assessments in English and mathematics and the Selective High School Placement Test. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held in March 2020. The test consists of reading, writing, mathematics and general ability components. Please contact the school office if you would like further information.

## K-2 Tenpin & Park Excursion— what a fun day!



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## Grandparents Day Invitation

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Come and join us on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am.

Share recess with your grandchildren and join in playing some olden time games.

A special viewing of our recent Whole School Musical 'Birds of a Feather' will be screened in the school hall at 11.45am.

If you have a special story from the past or some olden days memorabilia you would like to share with the students, please bring it along.



**National Grandparents Day**





## Coutts Crossing Transition Program Dates 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Below are the dates for Transition and times for transition 2019.

Term 3 Week 9 (17<sup>th</sup> September) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 3 Week 10 (24<sup>th</sup> September) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 1 (15<sup>th</sup> October) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 2 (22<sup>nd</sup> October) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 3 (29<sup>th</sup> October) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 4 (5<sup>th</sup> November) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 5 (12<sup>th</sup> November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

Children bring recess, lunch, water and something for Crunch and Sip

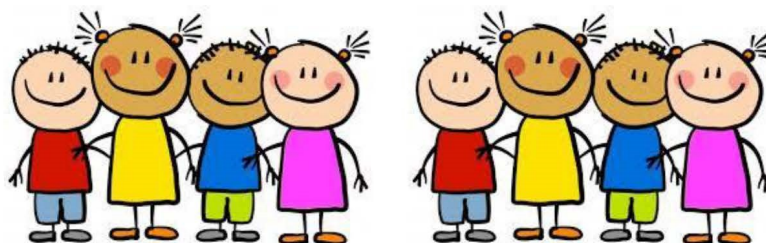
Term 4 Week 6 (19<sup>th</sup> November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

Term 4 Week 7 (26<sup>th</sup> November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

We will also have our Orientation Meeting for parents and Carers at 9.30 - 11.00 in our school hall on this day.

Kind Regards

Jo Conyard





# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### **Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

#### **The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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# CCPS Canteen Summer Menu

## 2019

RECESS ITEMS		LUNCH ITEMS (to be ordered)	
Raisin toast	0.20	Chicken crackles (5)	2.00
Ham & cheese muffin	0.60	Spaghetti bolognaise	3.00
Jelly and Custard	0.60	Fish burger (lettuce, mayo)	3.00
Jelly or Custard	0.30	Whiting fillet & salad (on a plate)	3.00
Fruit cup	1.00	Party pie	0.80
Pikelets	0.20	Mini sausage roll	0.80
Garlic Bread	0.20	Large sausage roll	1.80
Sippy milk straws	1.00	Hamburger (beef pattie & salad)	3.00
		Cheeseburger (beef pattie, cheese & sauce-tom/BBQ)	2.50
		Chicken burger	3.50
		Steamed dim sims	1.00
		Large hot dog	1.80
		Half hot dog	0.90
DRINKS			
Cold Milo	1.00	Toasted sandwich –chicken/ham and cheese	2.00
Bottled water	1.00	Toasted sandwich –Chicken/ham, tomato and cheese	2.50
Juice cup- orange	0.80	Pizza - ham, pineapple & cheese (Tomato base)	3.00
Juice cup- apple	0.80	Pizza -meat lovers (BBQ base)	3.00
Juice cup- apple/blackcurrant	0.80	Ham salad wrap (wholemeal or white)	3.00
Milk cup- chocolate	0.80	Chicken salad wrap (wholemeal or white)	2.00
Milk cup- strawberry	0.80	Ham & salad sandwich	3.00
Fruit smoothie- banana	1.00	Chicken & salad sandwich	3.00
		Egg & lettuce sandwich	3.00
		Salad sandwich	2.50
		Beef lasagne	3.50
		Fried rice	3.00
AFTER LUNCH			
Vanilla ice cream cup	0.50		
Frozen juice ice block	0.60		
Frozen milk - chocolate	0.60		
Frozen milk - strawberry	0.60		
Pineapple UFOs	0.20		
Frozen yoghurt ice block	0.60		