

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 3– 28th October 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In the coming weeks, students will be participating in a range of both formal and informal assessment activities, providing teachers with comprehensive data for writing Semester 2 reports. Our teachers use a variety of strategies to assess student learning, including observing work in class, diagnostic testing, analysing work samples and the achievement of learning goals throughout the semester. This enables teachers to develop a clear, comprehensive picture of your child's achievements and growth throughout this year. We look forward to celebrating with students and families, the learning progress and success of all students throughout this year.

Michelle Dalglish

P&C Jacaranda Disco

Wednesday 30th October 6pm - 7.30pm

purple/Jacaranda theme in the school hall

Student entry \$3.00 Pre-school/infant siblings free

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase

Important dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up in Term 4
Tuesday- Transition 1/2 day	4 - 7 Nov– Senior Excursion	11 Nov– Remembrance Day 10.30am in the school hall
Wednesday- Assembly 2.30pm P&C Jaca Disco 6.00pm	Tuesday– Transition 1/2 day	12 Nov- Book Fair
Thursday- No swim & gym Jacaranda Thursday School closing 1.00pm	Thursday– Swim & Gym K-2	4 Dec– Year 6 Farewell
Friday- Crazy Hair Day Yr 6 fundraiser		6 Dec– 2019 Presentation Day 9.45am
Saturday 2 Nov- Jacaranda Float Parade		9 Dec– K-2 Big Banana
		13 Dec– Swimming Carnival
		17 Dec– Christmas Carols

Crazy Hair Day-

This Friday, Year 6 are holding their next fundraiser, a crazy hair day! We are looking forward to seeing all the crazy, fun hair creations students come up with. Please bring along a gold coin, wear your craziest hairstyle and support our Year 6 students to fund their end of year activities.



Scholastic Book Fair-

Where: Coutts Crossing school hall

Date: Tuesday 12th November

Times: 8.30am - 9.30am

2.45pm - 3.30pm

The Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity to purchase books and other merchandise for your children, brothers and sisters or as gifts for others (remember that there are less than 60 days until Christmas). Students will have viewed the Book Fair books in the school hall and completed their wish list.

Scholastic rewards our school with additional free resources based on the value of purchases made through our Book Fair, so every purchase made makes a difference to our school and is greatly appreciated.

Please note that EFTPOS will be available.

Swim & Gym-

Students in K-2 had a wonderful time during their first session at swim and gym last week. The swim program is extremely important for building water confidence, water safety and developing beginning swimming skills. The gymnastics program provides a safe environment for children to experience a wide-range of movement activities which assist in developing co-ordination, self-esteem, physical, social and cognitive development.

There are only a very limited number of goggles available for students to borrow at the pool. If possible, please provide goggles and thongs for students to use each Thursday.



Jacaranda-

The school will be closing at 1.00pm this Thursday 31st October, for the Jacaranda half day holiday. Attending students will need to be collected at this time.

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 Friday.

Please ensure children have eaten and been to the toilet before boarding the truck. We expect the truck to return to Jacaranda Park at approximately 7.00pm.



2020 Staffing-

As we look forward to the future, the school is continuing to demonstrate consistent enrolment growth and as such we will be creating four classes again in 2020.

Miss Campbell has been offered a wonderful opportunity to work in a new role at Gillwinga PS for 12 months and we wish her all the best as she embarks on a new adventure at her new school next year. We are pleased to announce the rest of our talented teaching team including Mrs Conyard, Mr Woolridge, Mrs Moran and Miss Nay will be staying at Coutts Crossing Public School in their current roles next year. An Expression of Interest has been shared for a new classroom teacher to join our team for 2020.

Remembrance Day-

Coutts Crossing School would like to invite our families and community members to our Remembrance Day Ceremony on **Monday 11th November at 10.30am**. The ceremony will take place in our **school hall**.

We hope to see you there.



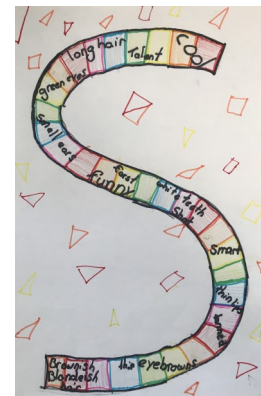
100 nights reading-

Congratulations to Lachlan on receiving his 100 nights reading reward last week!

Grandparent's Day-

Students and staff would like to send a huge thank you to all the grandparents, great grandparents and grand friends who joined us in celebrating 2019 National Grandparent's Day last Friday. It warmed our hearts to see our students and special visitors laughing together, sharing stories and engaging in fun activities.





Classroom news 2/3/4-

2/3/4 have been experimenting with the app BitMoji this term to create characters that represent ourselves. We first examined personality and appearance adjectives. We then made an adjective artwork describing ourselves and finally used our own ideas and observations from our classmates to create our BitMoji characters to resemble us. This week we turned our characters into reading detectives for a comprehension lesson. We will be using our characters throughout the term for our wellbeing check-ins, assessments and in as many creative ways as we can think of!

Uniforms-

I would like to personally thank the parents who volunteered their time to be part of our uniform committee, assisting the school in making decisions about our new school uniform design. It has been wonderful to hear the opinions and ideas of different parents and engage in collaborative discussion about the best uniform to meet the needs of our whole school community. We look forward to sharing further information about the new uniform, including photos and samples, very soon.

Buddies-

Students from years 4&5 have been supporting our new 2020 kindergarten students transitioning to big school as part of our 'buddy' program. We have been incredibly impressed by the maturity, kindness and patience of these buddies as they assist and work with our new young school friends.

We asked students- 'What is the best part of being a buddy?'

I have another student in the school that I can make friends with - Riley

I am exhilarated to show someone what our school is like - Jacqui

I like seeing how much they improve throughout the day and seeing them on their first day of Kindergarten - Georgia

I like getting them ready for their transition to big school - Traice

