

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 4— 4th November 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I will be taking leave for the next three weeks in order to undergo and recover from shoulder surgery. Mrs Jo-Ann Conyard will be Relieving Principal in my absence. Please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Conyard if you have any concerns during this time.

I would like to personally thank all the families and students who joined us on Saturday to participate in the 2019 Jacaranda Float Procession. Our dedicated staff battled windy conditions while decorating the float but the final result was worth all the hard work.

This is a wonderful community event for us to be involved in and I was very proud to see our school students having fun representing Coutts Crossing Public School, parading in front of a crowd of thousands. Well done everyone!

Michelle Dalgliesh

Important dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up in Term 4
Mon-Thurs - Senior Excursion	Monday— Remembrance Day 10.45am in the school hall	22 Nov— Year 6 Bake Sale
Tuesday— Transition 1/2 day 9.10am— 12.10pm	Tuesday— Book Fair— times in newsletter Transition full day 9.10am - 3.10pm	29 Nov— 3/4 Excursion to Grafton Library & Jungle Gym
Thursday— Swim & Gym K-2	Thursday— Swim & Gym K-2	3 Dec— SGHS Yr 7 Orientation
		4 Dec— Year 6 Farewell
		6 Dec— 2019 Presentation 9.45am
		9 Dec— K-2 Big Banana excursion
		13 Dec— Swimming Carnival
		17 Dec— Christmas Carols 6pm

Attendance-

In line with the Department of Education's Attendance Policy, the school closely monitors the attendance of all students. A review of Term 3 attendance data has identified a number of students with a high number of partial absences (late arrivals). Regular attendance at school is essential for students to maximise their potential. At Coutts Crossing Public School, school begins at 9.10am. If your child arrives at school after 9.10am they should be escorted to the office and signed in by their parent/guardian. When students arrive to school late, they are missing the beginning of each morning's literacy session, significantly impacting their learning. Their tardiness also disrupts the learning of other students in their classes when teachers must divert their attention away from regular teaching time and respond to the educational needs of late students by repeating instructions. Please support our school and your child's learning by ensuring they arrive at school on time every day. Letters of concern have been sent home with students with a high number of partial absences.

Scholastic Book Fair-

Thank you to Mr Woolridge for organising another wonderful book fair for our school. The fair is all set up and ready to go in the school hall! Students will visit the hall during this week to make a wish list. The books will be available for purchase on Book Fair Day Tuesday 12th November.

Where: Coutts Crossing school hall

Date: Tuesday 12th November

Times: 8.30am - 9.30am

2.45pm - 3.30pm

Scholastic rewards our school with a generous commission to purchase resources, so every purchase makes a difference to our school and is greatly appreciated.

Please note that EFTPOS will be available.



Crazy Hair Day-

Thank you to everyone who came to school with crazy hair last Friday to support our Year 6 students. Over \$70 was raised.



Classroom news 4/5/6-

The senior class has been focusing on improving their writing skills. Every Monday, the students plan and write a descriptive paragraph on a different setting. Their learning intention is to focus on the five senses using a variety of similes and metaphors throughout their writing. This week's art lesson was based around the Grafton Jacaranda festival. We created our own version of the Jacaranda tree using different art techniques.

Senior excursion-

Miss Nay and our year 5/6 students embark on their senior excursion to Brisbane today. We wish them all the best for safe travels, good weather and four days of fun-filled adventures making new friends and special memories.

Photos and updates will be posted on the school Facebook page.



Remembrance Day-

Coutts Crossing School would like to invite our families and community members to our Remembrance Day Ceremony on **Monday 11th November at 10.45am**. Please note the ceremony will take place in our **school hall** this year.

Big Banana K-2-

Students in K/1/2 will travel to the Big Banana in Coffs Harbour for their major excursion on Monday 9th December. Permission notes will have further details.

P&C Jacaranda disco-

Everyone had a great time at the P&C Jacaranda Disco last week. Thank you to Coutts staff for providing supervision, games and music and to P&C volunteers for providing refreshments.



Jacaranda-

Thank you to our hard working staff on a great team effort decorating the Jacaranda Float this year. Students had lots of fun singing along to songs from our recent school musical as we paraded along the streets of Grafton.



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