

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 7– 25th November 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we move into the last few weeks of 2019, our staff and students are getting very excited about end of year activities. Please keep our weekly newsletter handy, as it's a great reminder of what's coming up.

Wednesday 18th December is the last day of term and students are required to attend school each day until that date. These days are compulsory and any non-attendance is recorded as an absence or partial absence. At a recent meeting with the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer, a few attendance concerns were raised with the school. On a positive note we would like to extend our congratulations to the students and families of class 2/3/4 where there was not one single absence recorded in their class for the entire week. A first for a very long time at our school. Well done 2/3/4.

We look forward to the return this Wednesday of Mrs Dalglish. A huge thank you to our families for the support you have given me while I have been in the Relieving Principal position. It has definitely been a challenging time for us all. Thank you also to Mrs Baker for teaching K/1 during this time. Look out K/1, I'm back!

Jo-Ann Conyard

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up in Term 4
Tuesday- Book Fair Kindy Orientation full day & meeting 9.10am Wednesday– Big River Public Schools Film Festival @ SGHS Assembly 2.30pm 2020 Captain speeches Thursday– Swim & Gym K-2 Friday– 3/4 excursion	Tuesday– P&C Meeting 9.30am SGHS Yr 7 Orientation 9.00am Wednesday– Year 6 Farewell @ GDSC Thursday– Swim & Gym K-2 Friday– 2019 Presentation Day 9.45am	9 Dec– K-2 Big Banana excursion 13 Dec– Swimming Carnival 17 Dec– Christmas Carols 6pm

Transition to School-

Tomorrow, Tuesday 26th November, will be the final day of our Transition to School program. Parents and carers of our 2020 Kindergarten class are reminded that we will hold our Orientation meeting tomorrow in our school hall from 9.30am - 11.00am. Join us for a cuppa from 9.10am.

Scholastic Book Fair-

Tomorrow, Tuesday 26th November, will be the last day to purchase books from the Book Fair.

Times: 8.30am - 9.15am, 3.00pm - 3.30pm

School Vandalism-

This weekend we saw the second incident of vandalism at our school. Last Monday after our return from being non-operational for a week, Kim our cleaner was greeted on Sunday to toilet paper being thrown up into our trees and seats upended. On Monday, staff were greeted with a disgusting mess down in our K/1 toilets, and graffiti on walls and windows, but the saddest part was that all the taps in the toilet were left running for over 24hours. This weekend, our vandals returned to rip plants out of the gardens, upturn seats and turn our water tank tap on. Considering our water shortages of late, this is a very sad situation that has occurred. We are asking that all parents please have a chat to your children about respecting property, and if you or your children are aware of either weekend's incidents, please come forward to let us know.

Captain's Speeches-

At this Wednesday's school assembly, our year five students who have nominated for positions as Coutts Crossing 2020 School Captains, will be presenting their speeches to our school community.

Congratulations-

Congratulations to Charlotte who was successful in gaining a position in the highly competitive Opportunity Class at South Grafton High School for 2020.

Congratulations also go to Georgia, Angas, Jacqui and Callum on their acceptance into the Clarence Science Initiative program for 2020.

Year Six Bake Day-

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 bake sale last Friday by supplying delicious treats or purchasing from the stall.



3/4 Excursion-

Students in years 3 & 4 will travel to the Grafton Regional Library this Friday, 29th November, for a show by Stig Wemyss, the narrator of all the Andy Griffiths books, and a library tour. This will be followed by a visit to Grafton Jungle Gym and a special lunch. Please refer to notes for further details. Permission notes and payment are now due. **The bus will leave school at 9.00am sharp.**

Big River Public Schools Film Festival-

This Wednesday our film-making teachers and students will be attending South Grafton HS for the showing of all films in this year's Big River Public Schools Film Festival. Many thanks to Mr Woolridge, Ms Nay and all students involved, who even through a bushfire event, managed to complete an amazing film. The film will also be shown at this Wednesday's school assembly.

Year 7 2020 Orientation SGHS-

An orientation program for all incoming South Grafton High School Year 7 students and their parents/carers will be held at the SGHS hall on Tuesday 3 December, 2019. Students attending SGHS next year should have received a letter with full details of the day.

Year 6 Farewell-

The 2019 Year 6 Farewell will be held at the Grafton District Services Club function room on Wednesday 4th December, from 6.00pm. RSVPs and payment for Year 5 & 6 students attending, along with their invited guests, are now due.

We are looking forward to a lovely evening celebrating our Year 6 students and their primary school journey.

2019 Presentation-

The school community is invited to join us for the 2019 Presentation Day ceremony on Friday 6th December, commencing at 9.45am.

Our special award presenters are invited to stay for morning tea in the staff room following the presentation. The ceremony is expected to conclude at approximately 11.00am, and families are welcome to stay and spend the recess break with their children. The canteen will operate for recess and lunch as normal.

Big Banana-

K/1/2 will be heading to the Big Banana on Monday 9th December for their major excursion. Permission note and payment of \$20 is due this week.

P&C Meeting-

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 3rd December at 9.30am. All welcome!

A new look-

Following consultation with our school community a final uniform change for 2020 onwards has now been confirmed.

The new unisex shirts will be available for sale at school in the final week of this term (16,17,18 December) for \$28 each.

A special order for size 4 shirts will be available in 2020, hopefully arriving by the start of Term 1.

Each student will receive a free shirt (paid by the school) at the start of the 2020 school year, to assist in making this transition.

Black shorts and skorts are available from a number of local retailers in their schoolwear range. If not available in store, they can be ordered over the counter or online. Girls and boys will have the choice to wear their preference of either shorts or skorts.

The colour of jackets or jumpers will still be maroon at this stage. The future school supply of additional items (bottoms, jackets) is still being investigated and any further changes or updates will be advised.

School hats are available at the school office at any time for \$8.00 each.

Please note there is an extended transition period and current school uniforms can still be worn.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about these changes.



Local suppliers of
black 'bottoms'

Best & Less
Big W
Target
Lowes