

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 8– 2nd December 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is great to be back at school after a few weeks sick leave. I am extremely grateful for everyone's kind words and well wishes while I was recovering, and for Mrs Conyard's outstanding leadership in my absence. Thank you.

I was extremely impressed by the excellent captains speeches presented by our year 5 students at last week's assembly. All students spoke with passion and demonstrated the values of a school captain and they can be justly proud. As with last year, the captains positions will be elected on merit, rather than based on gender. Join us at our presentation day this Friday at 9.45am as we celebrate our achievements throughout the year and hear the announcement of our School Captains for 2020.

Michelle Dalglish

Important dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Tuesday– P&C Meeting 9.30am SGHS Yr 7 Orientation 9.00am	Monday– K-2 Big Banana excursion	16,17,18 Dec– School shirts for sale \$28.00
Wednesday– Year 6 Farewell @ GDSC 6pm	Tuesday– Coutts Café	17 Dec– Christmas Carols 6pm
Thursday– Swim & Gym K-2	Thursday– Final Swim & Gym K-2	18 Dec- Last day for students
Friday– 2019 Presentation Day 9.45am	Friday– Swimming Carnival	28 Jan– Office open for information and school shirt sales
		29 Jan– Years 1-6 start Term 1
		29-31 Jan– Best start appointments for Kindergarten students
		3 Feb– Kindergarten first day

2020 class organisation-

Next year, we will be running four classes as below:

Kindergarten- Mrs Conyard

1/2- Mrs Moran

2/3/4- Miss Howard

4/5/6- Miss Nay

Instructional Leader, Teacher & Librarian- Mr Woolridge

Please be assured, teaching staff spend many hours deciding on student placement in classes ensuring every student is in the ideal environment to support their individual learning needs so they can grow and thrive.

Welcome Miss Howard-

Next year, we are excited to announce we will be welcoming Miss Kimberley Howard to our teaching team. Miss Howard has worked at our school in recent years and is familiar with our students and staff, our school context and our school values. Miss Howard has been working at Westlawn Public School throughout 2019 and we are thrilled to be welcoming her back to work with us at Coutts Crossing for 2020.

2019 Presentation-

The school community is invited to join us for the 2019 Presentation Day ceremony this 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.

Families of students receiving a special award have been contacted by teachers.

Big Banana-

K/1/2 will be heading to the Big Banana next Monday 9th December for their major excursion. The permission note and payment of \$20 is now over due.

Please refer to the notes for details of the day and what to bring.

Industrial Action-

This Thursday, some teachers will be attending Teachers Federation meetings. As such, there will be minimal teacher supervision at Coutts Crossing Public School from 8.30am–11.00am. The school will remain operational throughout the day and classes will return to normal as soon as possible after meetings finish. Swim and gym for K-2 students will go ahead as per normal.

Kindergarten 2020-

Thank you to parents who came along to our information session for 2020 Kindergarten enrolments. If you couldn't make it and have any questions please contact the school. A 2020 Handbook will be available to pick up during the last week of school, along with sales of school shirts from size 6 upwards.

Please return outstanding enrolment forms along with the following documentation -

- Birth certificate

- Immunisation history statement (myGov)

- SRE letter

- Proof of address

- Any relevant court documents

- Any relevant medical documents e.g. asthma action plan

Records update-

Following a recent audit of our school records, this week students in K-5 whose records are incomplete have been given a note advising of documents outstanding. This could be a birth certificate, immunisation statement, or both. Information on obtaining a copy of these documents is included in the note. We appreciate your follow up in providing the documents to the school, when available.



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

Semester 2 Reports-

Student reports are currently being finalised and will be sent home with students next week.

Reports provide an overview of student progress each semester and are based on a wide range of formal and informal assessment measures. We will not be holding formalised parent/teacher interviews this term. If you would like to speak with your child's classroom teacher to discuss their report, please contact the office to make a suitable appointment time.

Impetigo-

We have had some cases of impetigo (school sores) reported recently. Please keep an eye out for any unusual sores and if impetigo is diagnosed please keep children at home until treatment has commenced and sores can be completely covered. Thank you.

2020 school shirts-

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 school wear 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.

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



Big River Public Schools Film Festival-

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Last Wednesday, students involved in making our school film, 'Guardians', travelled to South Grafton High School to attend the Big River Public Schools Film Festival and awards ceremony. Films from 8 schools across the Clarence Valley entered a range of films and the quality of production was very high. Coutts Crossing was awarded a trophy for the 'Best Special Interest Film'. Thank you to Mr Woolridge and Miss Nay for all their hard work assisting students to complete the film under very difficult circumstances while the school was being impacted by surrounding bush fires.

Congratulations to all Coutts Crossing film makers!



Classroom news1/2-

Swim and Gym

Years One and Two have learnt many new skills at gymnastics and in the pool during Swim School. We have all had a lot of fun too! All of our instructors have commented on how much progress we are making. We still have a couple of weeks to go yet so imagine what we'll be capable of by the end! Thank you to Paula for the terrific gym program and to all of our swimming instructors for helping us develop vital swimming and water safety skills.



Scholastic Book Fair-

Thank you to Mr Woolridge for organising the 2019 Scholastic Book Fair. We appreciate the support from our school community as we raised over \$400 in resources for our school.

Swimming Carnival-

Notes were sent home last week with details of our upcoming swimming carnival being held at Grafton Pool on Friday 13th December, along with students from Cowper Public School. The day will include competitive events, novelty events and some fun on the waterslide. Please return completed permission notes, with the appropriate boxes ticked for your child.



Christmas Carols-

Students and staff are getting very excited for our upcoming Christmas Carols evening on Tuesday 17th December, starting at 6.00pm. Students are encouraged to come in Christmas themed clothing so start keeping an eye out for those Christmas clothing bargains! We look forward to seeing you there.

3/4 Excursion-

Students in Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a day out in Grafton last Friday. They went to Grafton Regional Library for a fun and engaging show presented by 'The STIG', an Illustrator of many well-known children's books, followed by a library tour. The next stop was Grafton Jungle Gym for lunch and some play time. They also received a gift bag and voucher from the Jungle Gym. Thank you!



Coutts Café-

The Coutts Café will be open for students next Tuesday 10th December, to practice the skills they have gained at the café throughout the year. They will be creating and tasting some Christmas treats. The menu is designed to allow students to independently design and make their own treats. We will not be needing any parent helpers on this occasion.

Thank you-

Chris from Coffs Harbour Hardwoods in Glenreagh dropped in last week with a donation of 50 seedlings. The Spotted Gum and Red Ironbark trees will be passed on to families whose properties and environments have been affected by fire. Thank you Coffs Harbour Hardwoods!



Ham Wheel Day and Monster Raffle

Sunday 8th December

Coutts Tavern

From 12.00 noon

The Kangaroo Creek Coutts Crossing Charity Sports Club is organising this event with proceed going to the Nymboida Bushfire Appeal.

The Coutts Tavern Show and Shine will also run on the day with proceeds going to Nymboida and Coutts Crossing RFS.

If anyone is available to volunteer an hour or two of their time to help on the day please contact Don Bowles 0428425096 or Karen McLennon 0427992707.



What's on

EVENTS AT
GRAFTON SHOPPINGWORLD
SUMMER 2019/20



SANTA PHOTOS

SAT 30 NOV - TUE 24TH DEC
DAILY

Visit Santa, pick your photo pack & take your Santa photos home instantly thanks to White Rabbit Foto and Grafton Shoppingworld. For Santa photo times please see Page 5 for further details or visit our website www.graftonshoppingworld.com.au



HOLIDAY TRADING

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER
XMAS DAY - CENTRE CLOSED

THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER
PUBLIC HOLIDAY BOXING DAY SALES

WEDNESDAY 1ST JAN
NEW YEARS DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please see our website:
www.graftonshoppingworld.com.au
for Christmas Trading Hours.



GIFT WRAPPING

MON 2ND - TUE 24TH DECEMBER
DAILY

Simply purchase your gift at Grafton Shoppingworld then see our Gift Wrap volunteers from the Salvation Army to have your presents beautifully wrapped for a donation. For Gift Wrapping times please see Page 9. For further details or visit our website: www.graftonshoppingworld.com.au



FREE HOLIDAY FUN - WEEK 1

MON 6TH - SAT 11TH JANUARY

FUN RIDES
10AM - 2PM DAILY

**THE PROFESSOR SILLY SHOW
& KAZOO WORKSHOP**
SHOW 11AM | WORKSHOP 12:30PM
(Please note this event will not run
on Mon 6 Jan)

JETTS KIDZFIT WORKSHOP
11AM (9-13 YRS)



FREE HOLIDAY FUN - WEEK 2

MON 13TH - SAT 18TH JANUARY

**FACE PAINTING
WITH ART BY TRUDY**
10AM - 2PM DAILY

**CLARENCE VALLEY
CONSERVATORIUM PRESENT:
KIDS MUSIC SESSIONS**
11AM & 1PM DAILY



FREE HOLIDAY FUN - WEEK 3

MON 20TH - FRI 25TH JANUARY

THE GREAT LEGO CHALLENGE

HEATS: 10:30AM (3-7 YRS)
11:30AM (8-14 YRS)
12:30PM (3-7 YRS)
1:30PM (8-14 YRS)

SAT 26TH JANUARY
FINALS: 11:30AM (3-7 YRS)
12:30PM (8-14 YRS)

FOR DETAILS ON ALL SESSIONS PLEASE VISIT: WWW.GRAFTONSHOPPINGWORLD.COM.AU