



Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter

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Week 8 – 18th March, 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At last, we have been enjoying a few showers of much needed rain. These showers will hopefully continue throughout the week and bring some relief to those desperately in need of water.

Representatives from Koppers Wood Products, a sponsor of the Book Bank program, will visit the school on Friday to present our Year 3-6 students with their Term 1 & 2 books. This is a wonderful program for our students and we are very grateful to the business sponsors for their continued support. Thank you Mrs Conyard for organising this program, giving our students access to fantastic new books to read.

Michelle Dalglish

In the weeks ahead

This week	Next week	Coming up
Wednesday 20/3- Assembly 2.30pm Harmony Day	Wednesday- Coutts Café Year 6 Farewell meeting	9/4 P&C Easter Disco 6-7.30pm
Thursday 21/3- Cross Country 10.45am Book Club orders due	Friday- Book Bank Saturday- Election day cake stall	10/4 Circus Challenge 11/4 Easter Hat Parade 12.30pm 12/4 Small Schools Cross Country

Harmony Day-

This Wednesday, students may wear something orange to school to celebrate Harmony Day. All classes will be participating in classroom lessons celebrating Australia's great multiculturalism and focusing on inclusivity and appreciation of other cultures. Mrs Moran and class 1/2 will be leading a special Harmony Day presentation at Wednesday's assembly. Community members are invited to join with teachers and students and wear orange to our assembly to show support for this very special day.

Cross Country-

Our school Cross Country event will be held this Thursday 21st March at 10.45am weather permitting. If it is raining, or the course is too wet and slippery, the event will be postponed to the following Thursday 28th March. All students will be walking the course on Tuesday to familiarise them with the track and revise the expectations of Cross County events. Please ensure students have joggers, hat and water bottle with them on Thursday.

P&C info-

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's P&C meeting. Emilie Orams was nominated and accepted the position of Vice President. Thank you Emilie. The P&C Easter raffle and disco is coming up. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details of P&C events. The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th May.

P & C Easter Raffle chocolate donation-

Please support the P & C's Easter Raffle and donate Easter themed chocolate or goods to create fabulous prizes. Donations will be collected at the school office. Raffle tickets will be sent home for each family (5 each). The winners will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade at school on 11/04/2019. Thank you for supporting your school's P & C.



Election day stall-

The P&C will be holding a cake stall and sausage sizzle next to the Coutts Crossing hall on election day, this Saturday 23rd March. We are asking for donations of cakes and slices to sell, and volunteers to help for an hour or two on the day. The stall will run from 8am to approx. 2pm. Please call Heidi 0427876588 or Sonia 0418687968 if you can help out during the day.

Please send in cakes/slices to school on Friday, or drop them off at the stall on Saturday morning. Please list ingredients for home-made items– a template is available to help with this (see back page). Copies will be available at school on Friday or at the stall.

Year 6 Farewell-

Year 6 parents and P&C members interested in planning the Year 6 Farewell are invited to come along to the school hall on Wednesday 27th March at 9.15am. Please contact the school if you would like to help with planning but cannot get to the meeting.

Coutts Café-

Next Wednesday 27th March will be our first Coutts Café for 2019. Coutts Café encourages all students to develop an understanding of where food comes from and to be involved in food preparation, making healthy food choices and exploring a variety of new tastes. Parents and carers are invited to participate and assist with their child's class. Notes will be sent home this week seeking interest from volunteers, please return the note as soon as possible if you are available to assist.

Bullying. No way!-

Last week our students took part in classroom and whole school activities and discussions for the National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence.

Each student received a wristband and got together to sing 'Speak Up', a song that has become a favourite around the school and at home. You can find the song on Youtube by searching Speak Up by Tom Curtin.



Classroom News-

K/1 and the 'You Can Do It' Program

This year our school has introduced the 'You Can Do It' Education program which runs from Kindergarten to Year Six.

The 'You Can Do It' program teaches your child a number of different skills he or she needs to know to be successful and happy, not only this year but during your child's years in primary and secondary school. By 'successful', we mean your child doing the best he/she can. By 'happy', we mean your child will like himself/herself, have friends, work hard in what he or she is learning in school, help others in need, and make school and home a safe and clean place to live and learn.

The five key areas that research shows are the most critical to teach, to model and to acknowledge with children are **Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along** and **Resilience**. These five foundations are at the core of the 'You Can Do It' program.

As a part of the K/1 program the students are introduced to five new friends - **Connie**

Confidence, Oscar Organisation, Gabby Get Along, Ricky Resilience and **Pete Persistence**.

Through these characters the five critical foundations begin to become a part of the students' lives. We are enjoying having these five new classmates in our K/1 room.



Parent Interviews-

Interviews will be held for all classes in Week 10. Notes will be sent home this week to confirm the day/time parents have been allocated for interviews. If you need to meet with a teacher outside of these times please contact the office so suitable arrangements can be made.

Year 6 into Year 7 2020-

High school expression of interest forms need to be completed and returned on or before 19th March, regardless of the choice of high school next year. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance with completing the form.

The Box-

This morning at school, a giant box covered in vines and foliage magically appeared in the playground. The box was covered in warning signs indicating precious cargo may be inside and to the delight and amazement of our students, a variety of jungle sounds could be heard from within the box. What could possibly be inside the box? Where did it come from?

Writing activities are most meaningful when based on authentic experiences students can connect and engage with. All students will be participating in creative writing activities, constructing imaginative texts based on the box. We look forward to sharing some of their writing with you in coming weeks.



Scholastic Book Club-

Book Club orders are due this Thursday. We will be ordering from one issue in Terms 1, 2 & 3, with the Scholastic Book Fair being held in Term 4. A percentage of Book Club sales is returned to the school to order classroom resources and library books. If you would like to order please refer to the back page order/payment instructions and place orders either online or at school by Thursday 21st March.

Ingredients template for the cake stall

<u>Ingredients List</u>					
SR / PL Flour	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sugar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Milk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baking Soda	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coconut	<input type="checkbox"/>	Egg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Butter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="text"/>		
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