

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 9 - 25th March 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

There have been several reported cases of head lice at school recently. As many parents know first-hand, head lice can be an ongoing battle. They're contagious, annoying, and sometimes tough to get rid of. We understand that eradication of head lice can be extremely frustrating, time consuming and expensive for families. Nothing can prevent head lice but regular checks can prevent the spread. Head lice eradication is most effective if the whole school community works together to treat the infestation so we are requesting that all families check their child/ren's heads for signs of head lice and treat immediately if needed. Remember that you can help to reduce transmission of head lice by tying hair back or braiding and by checking your children's hair regularly. Thank you for your ongoing support to keep our students head lice free.

Michelle Dalglish

Important Dates

Wednesday 27th March

Kindy 'My First Year' photo in The Daily Examiner

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Wednesday– Coutts Café Yr 6 Farewell meeting 9.15am DEX 'My First Year' feature	Mon & Thurs– Student Conferences Wednesday– Assembly 2.30pm All week– parent interviews	9/4 P&C Easter Disco 6-7.30pm 10/4 Circus Challenge 11/4 Easter Hat Parade 12.30pm 12/4 Small Schools Cross Country

2019 NAPLAN testing-

This year Coutts Crossing is transitioning to online NAPLAN testing for Years 3 & 5. In coming weeks, participating students will participate in an online practice test which includes reading, conventions of language and numeracy. This will provide students with an opportunity to use the online platform and become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in NAPLAN online. Additional information will be forwarded to families of participating students.

Cross Country-

Congratulations to all students on a fantastic effort at the school Cross Country last Thursday. Students demonstrated great stamina and endurance, working hard to achieve their personal best despite the very warm day. Staff were extremely impressed with the sportsmanship and kindness students displayed with each other throughout the race, our school is really living up to it's motto of Co-operative and Caring. Thank you to the parents and community members who attended to encourage and cheer on students during the race. Students who were successful in making it through to the Small Schools Cross Country event on Friday, 12th April have received a note.

Check out our Facebook album for more great photos.

The winners were...

12 years	Oslo & Kirsten
11 years	Pedro & Megan
10 years	Kayden & Zara
8/9 years	Dakoda & Sara
6/7 years	Tobias & Sharla



Book Bank-

Representatives from Koppers, a sponsor of the Book Bank program, came to the school last Friday to present our Year 3-6 students with their Term 1 & 2 books. Thank you to Carol Bailey, Darrell Simmons and Kevin Brotherson for their continued support of this wonderful program.



Classroom News-

Harmony Day-

We have been learning about Harmony Day over the last week and most importantly why we celebrate it. Our research led us to draw the following conclusions:

"We all have to respect each other." - Eliza

"We have been learning about each other and helping people." - Mason

"We can learn about people and sing our song on Youtube." - Lane

"We care for people and don't make fun of others." - Rush

"Let people join in no matter what, even if their skin is different." - Jacob

"Diversity means that we are all different but that is okay." - Lucas

"On Harmony Day we treat people equal and we work together to make everything fair." - Skye

"Harmony Day is working together." - Xavier

"Give each other the same amount of kindness." - Hugh

"Harmony is being kind to everyone." - Freya

Last Wednesday we had a terrific time presenting our Harmony Day research to the rest of the school and performing the song 'Everyone Belongs'. We all decorated a hand with Henna and created a school Harmony Day poster with them. This was to demonstrate our commitment to creating a school environment that accepts everyone no matter what their culture or background is.



Coutts Café-

We are looking forward to our first Coutts Café for 2019 this Wednesday 27th March. Notes have been sent home seeking interest from volunteers. Please return the note by tomorrow (Tuesday) if you are available to assist.

Parent Interviews-

Interviews will be held for all classes in Week 10. Notes confirming interview times have been sent home. If there is a problem with your allocated time or you need to meet with a teacher outside of the scheduled times please contact the office so suitable arrangements can be made.

Absences-

We understand that sometimes being absent from school is unavoidable. The best way to let us know your child is absent is by phone or email (school), as soon as you know your child will be absent.

NSW DoE Compulsory School Attendance Policy

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 11th April - 12.30pm

Start putting together your hat creations for the
Easter Hat Parade!

P&C News

P&C stall-

Thank you to the organisers and volunteers who helped with the election day stall on Saturday. It takes a lot of time and effort in organising fundraising events (equipment & supplies, cooking, set up/clean up and serving) to raise money for our students. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Canteen-

When students order lunch and/or recess who are short of money or have left their money at home, we will still provide food for students. A notice will be sent home with outstanding amounts for payment by the next canteen day.

P&C Suggestion box-

Coutts Crossing P&C have placed a suggestion box in the school office. Please use the box if you are unable to attend a meeting but would like to contribute an idea or suggestion for our P&C. All contributions will be read and discussed at the next P&C meeting.



Easter Disco-

Save the date for the P&C Easter disco coming up on Tuesday 9th April, from 6-7.30pm in the school hall.

Easter raffle-

Don't forget to add your raffle donation to our collection box in the school office.

We hope to put together some great Easter baskets as prizes in the raffle. Tickets have been sent home with each family. Please return tickets and money to the school office by Wednesday 10th April, with a name on each ticket.

Thank you for your support!



The Criterion Theatre Crafton
Production of

OLIVER!

Book, Music & Lyrics by

Lionel Bart

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

Directed by

Desan Padayachee

Music Direction by

Dan Fahey

Performances

Thursday 28.03.19 7:30pm (preview)

Friday 29.03.19 7:30pm

Saturday 30.03.19 7:30pm

Sunday 31.03.19 2:00pm (matinee)

Friday 05.04.19 7:30pm

Saturday 06.04.19 7:30pm

Sunday 07.04.19 2:00pm (matinee)

Tickets available Online via Sticky Tickets or at
Buckley's Music Group, Prince Street Crafton.
Follow us on Facebook for further details!



NSW
GOVERNMENT

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

BRIGADE OPEN DAY AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

FOR RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES IN THE COUTTS CROSSING AREA

SATURDAY 06 APRIL 2019

**10:00 am – 2.00 pm | Coutts Crossing Fire Station - McIntosh
Way Coutts Crossing NSW 2460**

A combine local RFS and SES open day. This is an open invitation for the community to have a look at what their local RFS Brigade has to offer.

It is an opportunity for you to see how you can become a volunteer and give back to the community.

Specifically the open day will highlight:

- ▶ What the Brigade does for its community.
- ▶ What type of equipment the Brigades uses?
- ▶ What PPC would be issued
- ▶ Various static displays
- ▶ A demonstration of how to use the equipment, with hands on experience.
- ▶ Get to know your Brigade members



In addition to the above, an opportunity to speak with your local RFS Community Officer, Jack in how to join the brigade, what training is involved and how safe you would be.

Meet and
Greet with
Sausage
Sizzle



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the Coutts Crossing Brigade Secretary, Keith Taylor on 6649 3274 or Senior Deputy Captain Shane Solway on 0414 999 861 or search for the RFS Coutts Crossing Brigade on Facebook

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE

1800 NSW RFS

1800 679 737

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

PREPARE.

ACT.

SURVIVE

BUNNY POTS

FOR 5-9 YRS
MONDAY 16TH APRIL
10AM - NOON



ALL WORKSHOPS \$25

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS BOOK NOW!



CREATIVE FUN IN THE
HOLIDAYS.
CHECK OUT THE LATEST
EXHIBITIONS AND MAKE
SOMETHING TO TAKE HOME

WOVEN RIMS

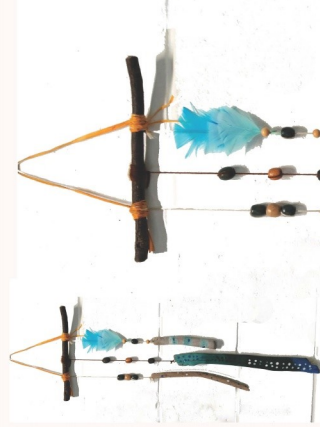
FOR 10-16 YRS
TUESDAY 17TH APRIL
10AM - 12:30



BOOK VIA LINKS ON
GALLERY WEBSITE OR
EVENTBRITE.COM.AU

DRIFTWOOD WINDCHIMES

FOR PRIMARY AGES
WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL
10AM - NOON



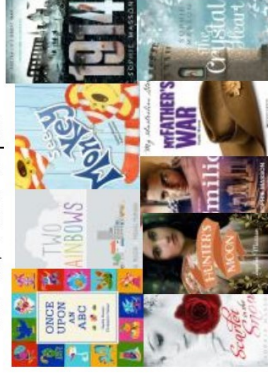
april school holidays @ your library

author visit

sophie masson

@ maclean

tue 16, 11am-12pm



3D animals in the librARy garden

@ grafton

wed 17, 10:30am - 12pm

ages 8+

poetry illustration workshop

@ yamba

tue 16, 2pm - 3:30pm

all ages

ozobot fun

@ grafton

wed 24, 10:30am-11:30am

ages 8+



cut copy paste zine

@ grafton

sat 27, 10am-12pm

ages 13+

@ iluka

fri 26, 10:30am-12:30pm

ages 6-12yrs



@ maclean

fri 26, 2:30pm-4:30pm

ages 13+



your library - your place

bookings essential

clarence
VALLEY COUNCIL

Grafton ph 6641 0100 | Maclean ph 6645 3611 | Yamba ph 6646 2811 | Iluka ph 6646 6542

Coutts Crossing Tennis Club News



In April our club will be bringing back weekly ladies social tennis, starting the first Thursday of the month at 9:30am. Now before the cries of sexism start I will say men are welcome to attend but that midweek ladies social tennis has traditionally been about sharing the responsibility of caring for each other's children to enable young mums to have a social day out and a game of tennis. It's also great for people returning from injury, beginners or people who don't feel up to competition. You can play as many or few games as you like! Bring a plate to share for morning tea. Tea & coffee provided.

Cost: Members \$2 Non members \$5

We are lucky enough to have a great variety of sporting facilities in our local area and I thought it might be good to highlight that council is rationalising their assets and "underused" facilities are being looked at to be repurposed or disposed of. Many of the sporting fields and facilities at Coutts were funded and built by the community on land donated by members of the community. Coutts offers tennis, squash, cricket, golf, soccer and croquet clubs.

We are so fortunate to benefit from all that hard work.

So if you have previously played sport in Coutts it might be time to think about returning, or if you want to learn to play our clubs are happy to help. Our tennis club plays a social comp. Monday and Tuesday nights, Saturday afternoon Comp and has social tennis Thursday mornings starting in April. Please think about getting out and joining one of our local clubs.

Enquiries call Bonnie 66494322