

# Coutts Crossing Public School

# Newsletter



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Week 10 - 1st April 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all families who have made appointments to attend parent teacher interviews this week. Student learning potential is maximised when there is a positive partnership and good communication between home and school. These interviews provide an excellent opportunity for families to stay updated about their child's learning progress and discuss any concerns with their child's classroom teacher. Parents who are unable to attend interviews this week may contact the school to arrange an alternate time or arrange a phone interview.

*Michelle Dalglish*

## Important Dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Mon & Thurs- Student Conferences	Tuesday- P&C Easter Disco 6-7.30pm	Thursday 25/4- ANZAC Day South Grafton
Wednesday- Assembly 2.30pm	Wednesday- Circus Challenge	Tuesday 30/4- Term 2 starts for students ANZAC Service at the Coutts Crossing Cenotaph 10.00am
Thursday- The Big Vegie Crunch	Thursday- Easter Hat Parade 12.30pm	Tuesday 7/5- P&C Meeting 9.30am
All week- Parent interviews	Friday- Small Schools Cross Country Last day of Term 1	Friday 10/5- Mother's Day assembly

## Assembly-

This week marks the first awards assembly since our STAR awards system was amended and moved to an annual cycle. Students have been enjoying the new system, being rewarded for excellence across a range of extra curricula activities and demonstrating our school's core values. Congratulations to the students who will be receiving their Bronze Awards at this assembly.

## School Safety-

We have been working with RMS and local council to review procedures and examine how to make our school a safer space for the whole school community as students arrive and depart from school. As part of this process we have decided to make some changes to minimise risk to students in our carpark area.

### FROM TERM 2-

We are requesting all students walking or riding bikes to and from school enter and exit school grounds through the gate to James McIntosh Park. There should be no students entering or exiting the school through the school carpark gates, this is an area for CARS ONLY.

Each afternoon, a classroom teacher will escort all riders and walkers to the gate at James McIntosh Park to see them safely on their homeward journey. The bike rack will be relocated to the rear of the canteen to facilitate this change.

Parents utilising the school car park each afternoon can collect their students from the grassed area beside the carpark or the undercover area in front of the canteen if raining. This will ensure all students are closely supervised as they enter the car park area.

Those walkers who currently enter and exit the school through the bus shelter each day will continue to be supervised and escorted across the road by the classroom teacher on bus duty.

Teachers will begin to trial the new routine with students next week.

Thank you to all families for assisting us to maintain a safe environment for our school community.

## Classroom News-

2/3/4 - This term in History students have been learning about the original inhabitants of Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Students have been learning about local Gumbaynggir language, dreamtime stories, totems, food sources, tools, art and shelters.

This fortnight students have been focusing on what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples used from the land to make shelters and how location had an impact on the materials used for shelter. Students planned and then designed their own shelter using natural materials they gathered from around the school.



## Vegetable Week & The Big Veggie Crunch

Only around 5% of NSW children eat enough vegetables. To help our community do better, our school will be taking part in The Big Veggie Crunch (part of Vegetable Week) Thursday 4th April. Each class will have the opportunity to taste a variety of vegetables to further encourage our students to eat more vegetables in their daily diet.

Primary schools across NSW will be joining together to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables simultaneously. Last year 50,260 students crunched together.



## Circus Challenge

On Wednesday 10th April our school will enjoy a show and workshops with performers from Circus Challenge.

The Day begins with a whole school show, followed by circus skills workshops for years 3-6 (1 hour) and K-2 (30 minutes).

The Circus Challenge show is something you need to see to believe! Inspire your students to pursue their goals with persistence, focus and flair - this is not just clowning around, your students will see, hear and learn from professionals about what it takes to achieve their dreams.

YOU ARE THE STARS! Whether it's super hero teachers performing outrageous routines with a giant unicycle, hula-hooping juniors or juggling feats performed by senior students; this show is about students taking on the starring roles!

MAKING LEARNING FUN! The show is the catalyst for motivating students to step outside their comfort zones and try new things. The show is all about; PERSISTENCE, PROBLEM SOLVING AND TEAM WORK. IT'S PHYS-ED, PERFORMING ARTS AND RESILIENCE DEVELOPMENT ROLLED INTO ONE.

NO Clowns, NO animals, NO Scary Stuff. This is a modern, comedic, skills based show. Light, Fun, Joy and Laughter.

There is no cost to students and parents are welcome to come along and watch the 45 minute whole school show, starting at 9.15am.

CSI students - attending the Circus Challenge is optional. The senior workshop should conclude by 11.10am.



## Speech Therapy Program-

We are pleased to announce our school speech therapy program is now underway with assessments complete and scheduled visits set to begin in Term 2. Our school is working with SPOT4YOU speech therapists to address the individual needs of many of our students, to improve their capacity to communicate effectively and better engage with learning opportunities.



### Easter Hat Parade-

REMINDER- It's time to get busy making an Easter hat creation ready for our Easter Hat Parade next week. The parade starts at 12.30pm next Thursday 11th April. See you there!



### Coutts Café-

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the first Coutts Café for 2019. See our Facebook album for more great photos.



### Long term permissions-

Today each student has received a long term permission note. Most students will have permissions in place already, however some of these permissions have changed and now need updating. ALL students need to return a signed note, to enable participation in some school activities.

### Celebrating art-

The latest artwork featuring on the wall in the Principal's office is by Bryce from K/1, with his wonderful crayon creation titled 'My Hairy Bear'. Congratulations Bryce!



### School grounds-

We have had a few incidents of students coming onto school grounds after hours and on weekends. We are hopeful that Coutts Crossing students are not involved, however it would be appreciated if parents can remind students that they are not permitted on school grounds after hours or on weekends for any reason.



### P&C Easter Disco-

The Easter disco coming up next week on Tuesday 9th April, 6.00pm - 7.30pm in the school hall. Student entry is \$3.00, pre-school age siblings & infants free. Snacks & drinks will be available for sale.

### Easter raffle-

Donations for the raffle are being collected at the school office until Tuesday 9th April. We hope to put together some great Easter baskets. Please return raffle tickets and money to the school office by Wednesday 10th April, with a name on each ticket. Thank you for your support!

