

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 11 - 8th April 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As term 1 draws to a close, I'd like to thank our families for working in partnership with us to make Coutts Crossing Public School a wonderful place for students to learn and grow. Students have been working consistently throughout the term, engaging in learning activities and working hard to achieve their individual learning goals. This week, students will be rewarded for their efforts with a visiting Circus Challenge on Wednesday morning. Students will enjoy a circus show followed by separate infants and primary workshops where they will have the opportunity to try out their own circus skills!

We are encouraging all students to keep reading through the upcoming school holidays. As parents and carers, you create the home context for reading and set the tone for how reading is valued. The right book infused with fun, laughter and love goes a long way in creating life-long readers, so please join us in encouraging students to read for fun during the holidays.

Have a happy, safe and enjoyable break! Students return to school on Tuesday 30th April.

Michelle Dalglish

Important Dates

This Week	Week 1 Term 2	Coming Up
Tuesday- Easter Disco 6.00-7.30pm	Tuesday 30/4- Term 2 starts for students ANZAC Service at the Coutts Crossing Cenotaph 10.45am	Thursday 25/4- ANZAC Day South Grafton 10.30am at New School of Arts
Wednesday- Circus Challenge	Friday 3/5- Bake Sale orders and money due for return	Tuesday 7/5- P&C Meeting 9.30am
Thursday- Easter Hat Parade 12.30pm	The first newsletter for Term 2 will be issued in Week 2. The Week 2 assembly will be on Friday 10th May.	Friday 10/5- Mother's Day assembly Bake Sale orders to pick up
Friday- Small Schools Cross Country Last day of Term 1		

ANZAC Day Service at South Grafton-

Our school will take part in the ANZAC Service being held at the South Grafton Cenotaph in Thursday 25th April. Students should meet at the New School of Arts at 10.30am, ready for the march to start at 10.50am. Please wear full school uniform, including a school hat. We would love to see as many students as possible representing our school on this important day.

Home time safety-

To assist students in the transition to new home time arrangements in Term 2, this week staff will begin encouraging walkers and bike riders to use the gate to James McIntosh Park to enter and exit the school. A bike rack will be relocated to beside the canteen during this week so students will not have to walk their bikes across the school grounds each day. For parents who park outside the school on Armidale Rd south of the bus zone, students will be escorted through the bus shelter by a teacher. For parents who park outside the school on Armidale Rd north of the bus zone, students will be escorted through the small gate near the senior classroom by a teacher.

Small Schools Cross Country-

The Clarence Small Schools Cross Country event is scheduled for this Friday 12th April at Barnier Park, Junction Hill. Please arrive by 9.30am. Good luck to those students who were selected to participate.

Easter Hat Parade-

Staff and students are getting very excited about our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 11th April at 12.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful creations students come up with for their Easter hats this year. If your child is unable to make an Easter hat at home, please contact your child/ren's teacher so we can provide an alternate option. Families are invited to join us for this fun event and to stay on afterwards and enjoy lunch with staff and students.

Preschool visit-

Today our 1/2 class visited Coutts Crossing Preschool with Mrs Moran, Mrs Dalglish and Mrs Moloney. Our 1/2 students were very excited to have another opportunity to present their beautiful Harmony Day performance for a new audience. The pre-schoolers were thrilled with their 'big school' visitors and we look forward to having our preschool friends join us at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday.



Coutts Crossing PS ANZAC Day Ceremony

Please come and join our school community at 10.45am on Tuesday 30th April for our ANZAC Day ceremony.

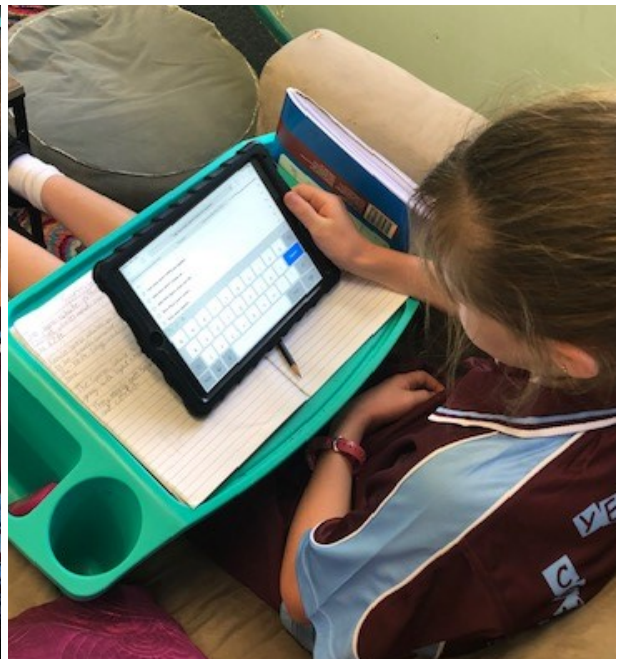
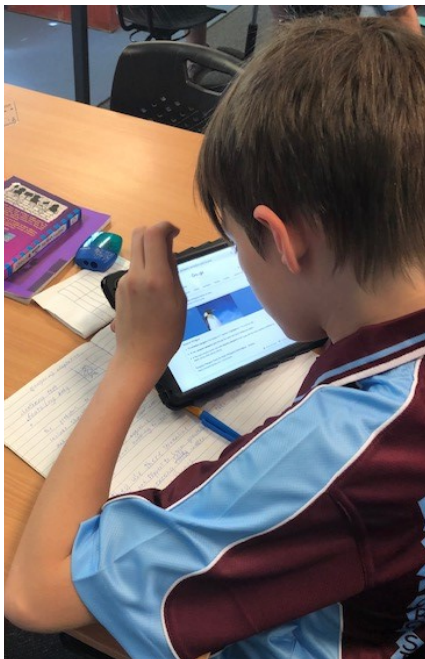
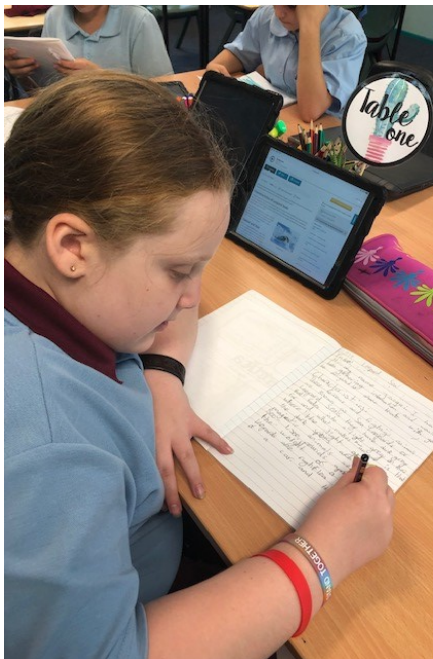
Students are invited to bring in flowers or memorabilia to place on the cenotaph during the service.

Lest We Forget



Classroom News-

Throughout this term 4/5/6 have been exploring and researching different facts about animals of Antarctica. During the unit students were given the opportunity to choose an animal to research and learn about their habitat, life span, diet and appearance. With this information the students are going to create an informational video on their Antarctic animal using iMovie and a green screen. The students are very excited to begin filming their informational videos. A big thank you to Mr Woolridge for allowing us to borrow his green screen.



Vegetable Week & The Big Vegie Crunch-

Last week our school took part in the Big Vegie Crunch, crunching together with thousands of other NSW primary school students. Thank you to Woolworths Grafton for their donation of yummy vegetables.



Circus Challenge-

This Wednesday 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).

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.

Surveys-

Thank you to the families who have returned their community surveys already, we appreciate our families taking the time to provide us with this valuable feedback. Survey information will be compiled and results will be shared in the first newsletter of Term 2. All feedback is welcome and surveys are due back by Friday, 12th May.

K/1 Reminder-

If you have not already done so could you please send in with your child the 'Family Tree' note that was sent home a few weeks ago along with a family photo for our History unit.

WiFi upgrade-

Last week, our school underwent a WiFi upgrade as part of the Connecting Country Schools Program. Every learning area was provided with a new WiFi modem and the school now has 2 external modems to provide WiFi access to our outdoor COLA areas. This upgrade enables our school to provide flexible learning environments for students, utilising digital technology to enhance learning across all curriculum areas.

Head lice reminder-

Don't forget to continue regularly checking students hair for signs of head lice. After initial treatment, it is often necessary to retreat hair to thoroughly remove lice. The key is patience and persistence.

Tennis-

The Coutts Crossing Social Tennis Club would like to invite students to join them for tennis practice during the upcoming school holidays on Thursday mornings at 9.30am. This is a wonderful opportunity for students who are interesting in the Dudley Jones Tennis competition later in the year. Students must be supervised by a parent. Call Bonnie with any enquiries on 66494322.

Easter raffle-

Donations for the raffle are being collected at the school office until tomorrow, 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!



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Easter Disco

Put your dancing shoes on!

The P&C Easter Disco is on tomorrow night!

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.



Our Year 6 students are looking very smart in their new commemorative shirts !

Mother's Day Bake Sale

The P&C is fundraising with a Mother's Day Bake Sale, delivering delicious sweet pies and cakes for Mother's Day.

Each family has been given an order form.

Extra order forms are available at the school office.

Please return order forms and money no later than Friday 3rd May.
Orders will be ready for collection Friday 10th May, on school pick up.

A fabulous treat or gift idea for Mother's Day!

Thank you for supporting the Coutts Crossing Public School P&C.



With the support of our SRC, Coutts Crossing Public School is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Collect stickers from Wednesday 1st May until Tuesday 25th June. A collection box will be located in the school foyer.



LADIES SOCIAL TENNIS

Coutts Crossing Courts
THURSDAYS 9:30am

Beginners Welcome!

Need to borrow a racquet? Call Bonnie 66494322