

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 3 - 13th May 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It can be a stressful time for our students in year 3 & 5 who are sitting NAPLAN testing this week. NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development, but it is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are only one of many sources of information we use to measure student academic progress at school. Teachers are continually assessing student growth and development using a range of both informal and formal strategies to ensure they are meeting every student's individual learning needs. To reduce anxiety, we will be encouraging students to eat well, rest well, sleep well and stay calm during NAPLAN testing week as it is simply another way schools gather information about numeracy and literacy proficiency.

Michelle Dalgliesh

Kindness-

This term our Cool Card focus is 'kindness'. School staff will be handing out cool cards whenever they see students being kind to each other or demonstrating kindness at school. We love rewarding kind behaviour at school, so we look forward to the Cool Card box overflowing by next assembly.

Important Dates

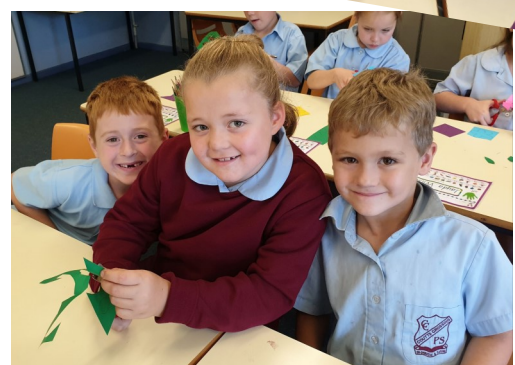
| This Week | Next Week | Coming Up |
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| 14,15,16 May- NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 | Monday- Last day for Wooli lunch orders K-2 | 29 May- K-2 Wooli Games Day |
| Friday 17 May- Walk Safely to School Day Stewart House entries due | Mon/Thurs- Student Conferences | 30 May- Assembly 2.30 pm |
| Saturday- P&C Election Day Stall | Wednesday- Simultaneous Storytime | 4 June- P&C Meeting 9.30am |
| | | 5 June- Eisteddfod Schools Day |
| | | 19 June- Athletics Carnival |
| | | 2 July- Small Schools Athletics |
| | | 4 July- NAIDOC Day |

Clarence District Cross Country-

Congratulations to Megan, Sara and Kirsten on qualifying to represent Clarence Small Schools at the Clarence District Cross Country event held at the Junction Hill course last week. Megan and Kirsten both finished in 12th place in their age group and are now on the reserve list for the Mid North Coast Cross Country. Well done!

Classroom News – 1/2

We hope that all of our mums enjoyed a beautiful Mother's Day on Sunday! Year 1 and 2 were busy last week creating cards, potting plants and writing texts for our mums.



NAPLAN-

This week students in year 3 and year 5 will sit NAPLAN testing at school.

The timetable for NAPLAN is below:

Tuesday- Writing

Wednesday- Language Conventions and Mathematics

Thursday- Reading

Friday- Catch up for any students who have missed testing during the week.

Wednesday Waste Free Warriors-

Don't forget each Wednesday we are Waste Free Warriors! We appreciate your support in reducing our waste and sending children to school with re-usable packaging. We conducted a waste audit last week and will compare the findings as we continue this initiative and hopefully improve our results, while learning about how we can help our environment.

Drama Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Georgia, Flynn and Riley who performed in the Individual Drama Eisteddfod at Grafton last Friday. They achieved some excellent results and we are very proud of their creative efforts.

Riley 1st Verse Speaking - Own Choice – 12 years & under

Flynn 1st Verse Speaking - Nursery Rhyme in Costume – 8 years & under

HC Verse Speaking - Light Verse – 8 years & under

Georgia 1st Write and Read Own Poem or Prose – 10 years & under

HC Verse Speaking - Own Choice – 10 years & under

Grafton Show Honours

Congratulations to Hugh on his achievements at the Grafton Show. Hugh entered sections with the results of his hard work in the garden. As you can see in the photo below, Hugh was awarded with many prizes, including Junior Champion.



Uniform-

Thank you to all our families who have been ensuring students are wearing school uniform every day.

We have many jumpers without names in our lost property at the moment. Please ensure all jumpers are labelled with student names so we can easily reunite misplaced clothing with owners. This is particularly important at this time of year when students are needing jumpers for the chilly mornings and removing them as the day warms up.

Speech Therapy Program-

Students who underwent speech assessment with SPOT4KIDS last term will participate in a speech therapy program at school this term.

Speech therapy group lessons will start this week and continue on a weekly basis throughout the year with speech therapist Elle-Lace Ambrose.

We are very excited to offer this wonderful program, supporting the ongoing speech and language development of our students.

P&C-

At the recent P&C meeting, some changes occurred within the P&C Committee. The school would like to thank Suzie Gendle, Cory Fallon and Hayley Sacco for their outstanding years of service volunteering on the P&C.

Your hard work and commitment to fundraising at Coutts Crossing Public School has had a positive impact on our students and has been greatly appreciated. Thank you.

We would like to welcome new committee members:

P&C President Emilie Orams
P&C Secretary Ryanda Ellis
P&C Treasurer Heidi Simpson

HIGHLAND DANCING GRAFTON

Contact: Jacaranda Highland Dancers

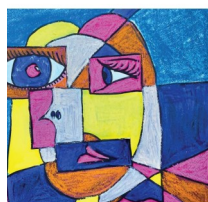
Lessons in South Grafton.

Kristina 0432 214 241

Anne 0427 445 338

Facebook: Jacaranda Highland Dancers

Cost: per week (3 – 6 years \$7)
(7 years and above \$14)



ART AFTER SCHOOL...

8 WEEK COURSE 10 years & over

- CLAY FACE POTS starts 14 MAY
- PORTRAIT PAINTING starts 15 MAY
\$130 / \$30 with Creative Kids Voucher

3 WEEK COURSE K-Y2

- PAINT & 3D PORTRAITS starts 13 JUNE
\$60 / \$0 with Creative Kids Voucher

All booking details, times and class information on Facebook or Eventbrite @graftonregionalgallery or Gallery website graftongallery.com.au

For information on Creative Kids go to servicessw.gov.au



BOOK NOW FOR TERM 2



WHERE AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN

P&C Election Day Stall

The P&C will be holding a cake stall and sausage sizzle next door to the Coutts Crossing hall on election day, this Saturday 18th May.

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. Copies will be available at school on Friday or at the stall.

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