

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 4 - 20th May 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our teachers are looking forward to taking on the role of 'student' tonight. This evening, teaching staff will be participating in a professional learning workshop with Sharon Gale, a Literacy and Numeracy Strategy Advisor for the Department of Education. Sharon will be training staff to implement Learning Intentions and Success Criteria effectively in everyday classroom practice. Using Learning Intentions and Success Criteria can help students engage with their learning in meaningful ways, understand what they need to learn and assist them to reflect on their own learning progress. As educators, our teachers are lifelong learners and are always excited about opportunities to improve their teaching practice and learn new strategies which can enhance student literacy and numeracy outcomes.

Michelle Dalgliesh

Uniform-

Thank you to all our families for ensuring students are in full uniform each day. The mornings are beginning to get chilly and students are requiring a school jumper each morning. Currently we have 15 unlabelled school jumpers in our lost property basket which have been unclaimed since last Winter. This week, they will be laundered and added to the school clothing pool. If anyone is missing a jumper, please check lost property this week.

Important Dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Monday- Last day for Wooli lunch orders K-2	Monday- Cricket NSW activity K-6, wear sports uniform	4 June- P&C Meeting 9.30am
Thurs- Student Conferences	Student Conferences	5 June- Eisteddfod Schools Day
Wednesday- Simultaneous Storytime	Wednesday- K-2 Wooli Games Day	18 June- Yr 5 TAS Day at SGHS
	Thursday- Assembly 2.30 pm	19 June- Athletics Carnival
		2 July- Small Schools Athletics
		4 July- NAIDOC Day

Classroom News – 2/3/4

Students in 2/3/4 made these native Australian bird artworks after reading the dreamtime story 'How the birds got their colours'. Students worked hard painting, cutting and collaging to achieve this wonderful effect.



Wooli Excursion K-2

On Wednesday 29th May our K/1/2 students will be going to Wooli Oval for the Mini Athletics and Traditional Games Day, hosted by Wooli Public School. This will be a fun day for our infants students to mix with children from other schools and enjoy a day of activities together.

The bus will leave Coutts Crossing at 9.00am. Activities start at 10.00am so the bus will need to leave on time. Parents are welcome to attend and meet at Wooli Oval. It is recommended that spectators bring a chair.

Students who have not already returned a lunch order will need to bring lunch from home. Please refer to permission notes for further details.

NAPLAN-

We have now completed all 2019 NAPLAN testing at Coutts Crossing Public School. Fortunately we did not encounter any difficulties using the online testing platform and all tests were delivered without incident. Well done to all our year 3 & 5 students for working hard to do their best.

Student Teacher Conferences-

Over the next week classes will be running the first student teacher conferences for Term 2. These conferences provide opportunities for teachers to spend one on one time with each student to discuss their progress towards personalised learning goals, provide explicit feedback to students about how they can improve and allow students to discuss any issues they may be experiencing. Conferences will be held again in week 9, enabling teachers to provide ongoing individualised support to students, helping them to learn and thrive at school.

Cricket

We are looking forward to a visit from a Cricket NSW representative next Monday, 27th May, as they deliver a free cricket skills program for our students. Please wear sports uniform next Monday.

It's Storytime

This Wednesday the whole school will get together in the hall for National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). NSS is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year the selected book is *Alpacas with Maracas*, written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove. We look forward to welcoming our friends from Coutts Crossing Pre-School to share NSS with us.

Eisteddfod-

The Eisteddfod Schools Day for small schools is coming up on Wednesday 5th June. We have entered in two sections—Small Schools Creative Dance & Choral Verse Speaking. Primary students who are participating in these groups will receive a permission note this week when a program is available. A timing guide, dress requirements and other details will be included in the note. Bus transport to/from South Grafton High School will be provided.

SGHS Platinum

Reminder from South Grafton High School - Year 7 2020 Platinum Class applications are due at SGHS by Friday 24th March.

A copy of application information is available at the Coutts Crossing school office, if required.

P&C fundraisers

Thank you to our P&C members for your hard work in fundraising for our students. The election day stalls have raised \$593.30. The Mother's Day Pie Drive raised a profit of \$83.60.

A special thank you to Dave & Kim for the use of your property to set up the election day stall. To our volunteers who have helped with the many jobs required to make these events a success, thank you!

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 4th June at 9.30am.

Earn & Learn-

The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion runs until 25th June. A collection box is located in the school foyer and in front of the store in Shoppingworld. We have spare sticker sheets at school, or you can just drop the stickers into the box and our SRC students will do the rest. Thank you for your support!





South Grafton High School Year 5 Technology and Applied Studies Day

Date: Tuesday 18th June 2019
Time: 10am to 2pm
Venue: South Grafton High School
(Please meet at front of hall)



Students will participate in a variety of activities such as computers, cooking, textiles and wood/metal work.

The aim is to support students with the transition to High School and to build connections across the students.

Students are to wear full school sports uniform. They are to bring lunch and water. Limited Canteen facilities will be available.

For more information please contact Mr Youman or Mrs Dewberry at South Grafton High School - 66421466



Beginning Strong

Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2020?

Then this day is for you!



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's before school screening assessment day is being held at the

**Child and Family Health
Centre near Market Square
Thursday 6th June 2019**

9.30am—1.00pm

Children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian

Bring your blue book

Goodies bag

FREE BBQ

Fun games

For more information contact

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