

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 5 - 27th May 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of attending an Educational Forum in Lismore to discuss the future of Education in NSW Public Schools. Mark Scott, Secretary for the NSW Department of Education, outlined our priorities moving forward and discussed our shared purpose to put students at the centre of everything we do. Moving forward at Coutts Crossing Public School, we will continue to focus on the individual child, on constant improvement in every classroom and on delivering opportunities for all students to succeed. If you would like to be more involved with the school or would like to hear more about the exciting things that are happening at school this year, come along to our P&C meeting next Tuesday. Hope to see you there.

Michelle Dalglish

Wooli Excursion K-2

K/1/2 students are looking forward to this Wednesday when they travel to Wooli Oval for the Mini Athletics and Traditional Games Day, hosted by Wooli Public School. **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.

Important Dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Monday– Student Conferences	Monday– Cricket Day	10 June– Public Holiday
Wednesday– K-2 Wooli Games Day	Tuesday– P&C Meeting 9.30am	18 June– Yr 5 TAS Day at SGHS
Thursday– Assembly 2.30 pm	Wednesday– Grafton Eisteddfod	19 June– Athletics Carnival
	Thursday– Clarence Valley Spelling Bee GRIP Leadership Coffs Harbour	2 July– Small Schools Athletics
		4 July– NAIDOC Day

Classroom News – 4/5/6

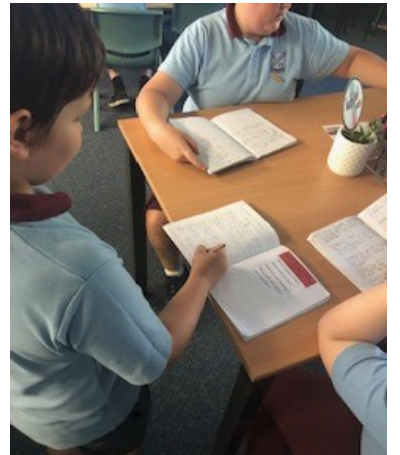
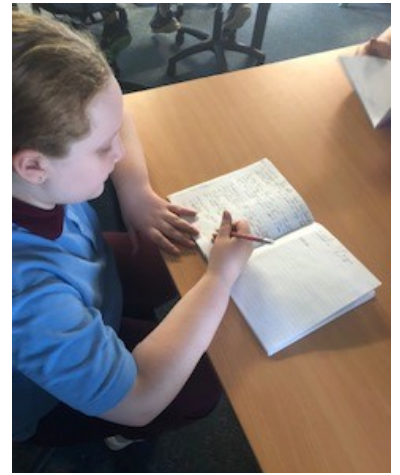
This term in 4/5/6 we have been learning about persuasive writing. We are learning to plan, draft and write persuasive arguments about certain topics. To achieve this, as a class we have used the approach of P.E.E.L to write a convincing paragraph. P.E.E.L stands for Point, Example, Elaborate and Link. This week our focus topic was 'should kids be allowed to eat fast food?'

Cricket-

We are now looking forward to a visit from Cricket NSW representatives next Monday, 3rd June. Unfortunately today's visit had to be rescheduled.

The day will include workshops for all K-6 students, participating in games designed to teach basic cricket skills. Thank you to Miss Nay for organising this great activity for our school.

Please wear sports uniform next Monday.



Clarence Valley Spelling Bee-

Congratulations to the Stage 2 & 3 students who will compete at the 2019 Clarence Valley Schools Spelling Bee, being held at Iluka Community Hall on Thursday 6th June. Teachers held a school spelling bee to select the best spellers to represent our school, under the same conditions as the Iluka competition.

Stage 2 spellers - Liegh & Georgia

Stage 3 spellers - Megan & Angas

There will be further opportunities to represent the school in spelling at the Premier's Spelling Bee in Term 3. Representatives will be determined through the same process closer to the event.

City of Grafton Eisteddfod-

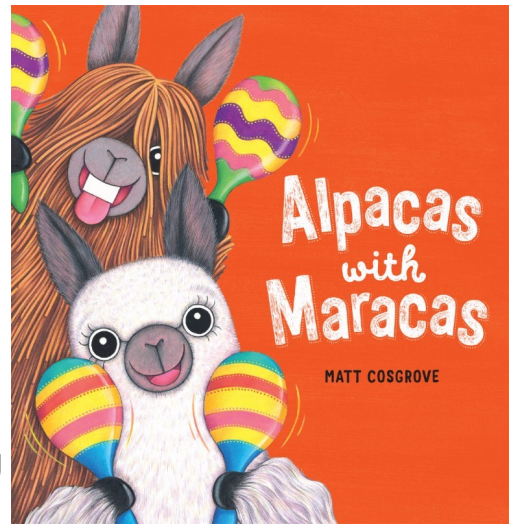
The Eisteddfod Schools Day for small schools is on Wednesday 5th June, commencing at 9.30am at the South Grafton High School hall. We have entered in the Small Schools Creative Dance & Choral Verse Speaking sections.

Students who are participating in these groups have received a permission note and program. Bus transport to/from South Grafton High School will be provided for students.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to join the audience. Parents, please note the NO photography or filming request as outlined on page 3 of the program.

It's Story Time-

Last week, our students participated in the National Simultaneous Story Time which saw well over one million students from all over Australia join together at 11am to read and enjoy 'Alpacas with Maracas', written by Australian author Matt Cosgrove. National Simultaneous Story Time celebrates the fun of reading and promotes the value of reading and literacy. Thank you to our preschool friends for joining us for this occasion and thank you to the Ross family for bringing along some very special guests to meet our students, two adorable young alpacas. Thank you Mrs Conyard for sharing your love of books and reading with us all.



National Reconciliation Week-

This week is National Reconciliation Week. It is a time for all Australian's to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This week students will be participating in classroom activities that focus on developing and strengthening respectful relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Debby Taylor will visit our school again in the coming weeks to again share her knowledge of Aboriginal art and culture. These artworks will be completed and displayed as part of our NAIDOC celebrations at the end of this term.

Art on show-

Liegh and Jesse are the latest featured artists to have their wonderful creations on display in Mrs Dalglish's office.



Wall art-

What a special surprise K/1 had this morning as we entered our bathroom. Thank you so much to Mrs Dalgliesh for coming in on the weekend to do such a special thing for us. It looks wonderful!

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)

SGHS Year 5 Transition Day-

Notes have been sent home today with Year 5 students.



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