

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 1 - 23rd July 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 3. I hope all our families have enjoyed a relaxing holiday. During Monday's Staff Development Day, teachers participated in professional learning to improve their understanding about how to equip students for the future. Teachers learnt about the key skills and competencies that young people will need in order to be future-fit and a range of practical strategies for making classroom learning relevant for the next generation of learners. Teachers are looking forward to engaging students with these new ideas throughout the term.

Term 3 is shaping up to be quite busy with lots of special events including the school musical, Small Schools Big Impact Concert, Education Week, Book Week and the start of kindergarten transition activities. We are looking forward to a very productive term.

Michelle Dalgliesh

Important Dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Welcome back for Term 3	Thursday 1 Aug– Yr 4/5/6 Writer's Festival at the Saraton Friday 2 Aug– Clarence District Athletics	6 Aug– Year 4 CAPA Day at SGHS Responsible Pet Program K-2 P&C Meeting 9.30am 7 Aug– Assembly 2.30pm 8 Aug– Open Day & Book Character Parade 9.45am 28 Aug– Small Schools Big Impact Concert 30 Aug– Coutts Cup Calcutta 31 Aug– Coutts Cup Race Day 4 Sep– Kindy 2020 Teddy Bear's Picnic 11 Sep– School Musical at SGHS 20 Sep– Dudley Jones Tennis

Classroom News-

On the last day of term 2 Kindergarten celebrated their 100 days of being smarter. To look back at these little people on their first day of 'Big School' and to see what they are doing, learning and accomplishing now is just amazing. From learning to write their name to writing stories, from counting to 5 to forming addition and subtraction number sentences, from being able to recognise their name to now reading texts. I am so very proud of their achievements thus far and look forward to witnessing their progress throughout the remaining year.

Well done Kindergarten.



Byron Writer's Festival-

Miss Nay and 4/5/6 students will have the opportunity to connect with Australian authors through the Byron Writer's Festival Primary School Days Program. Next Thursday, 4/5/6 students will visit the Saraton Theatre to participate in an inspiring fun-filled and creative session with Zoe and Georgia Norton lodge, co-creators of Elizabethella, and Illustrator Tony Flowers. Notes were handed out today and are due back to the school before next Wednesday.

International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (2-6)-

Reminder- If you would like your child to participate in ICAS testing this year, please contact the school office this week.

Education Week and Book Week-

Our school will be celebrating Education Week and Book Week together this term. This year's Book Week theme is 'Reading is my super power'. On Thursday morning, 8th August (week 3) we will host our book character parade and open classrooms from 9.45am. We look forward to families joining us for this special event and invite parents to join their child/ren for recess after open classrooms.

Start getting your book character costume ready for Thursday 8th August

NAIDOC Day-

Students enjoyed a fun day learning about Aboriginal art, language and culture on NAIDOC Day during the last week of term 2. Many thanks go to our special guest presenters Debby Taylor, Kaleesha Morris and Cate Duroux and parent helpers Hayley Sacco and Yvonne Tweedie for their assistance preparing our delicious BBQ lunch. A great day was had by all.



South Grafton High School Year 4 Creative and Performing Arts Day

Date: Tuesday 6th August 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 artwork, music and dance.

The aim is to support student's 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 also be available.

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

TERM 3 2019 Workshops



Black Box Parenting Program	'The Black Box Parenting Program' is a ten-week program that is a non-blaming way to get parents thinking about how they interact with their children and how to manage some of the challenges of parenting after experiencing family violence.	CRANES @ Grafton 9:30am to 12:00pm 25th July to 26th September
Tuning in to Kids	'Tuning in to Kids' is an evidence-based six-week program that focuses on emotion coaching to respond to children in a supportive way. Recognising, understanding and managing our emotions and the emotions of our children is at the forefront of the 'Tuning in to Kids' program. Bookings essential by 14th August There is one session each week for six weeks	CRANES @ Grafton 9:30am to 12:30pm 21st August to 25th September
Managing Anger in Children	'Managing Anger in Children' is a half-day workshop that discusses the emotion of anger and strategies for parents to address this anger.	CRANES @ Grafton 9:30am to 12:30pm 7th August
Building Resilience in Kids	'Building Resilience in Kids' is a half-day workshop that provides information and strategies to build the resilience of children and their ability to learn from adversity. Suits parents with children aged 0 to 6.	CRANES @ Grafton 9:30am to 12:30pm 12th August CRANES @ Maclean 9:30am to 12:30pm 26th August
Full Circle	'Full Circle' is a group that meets fortnightly to provide peer support for parents seeking access to or restoration of a child. Guest speakers will be invited regularly to provide the group with information and education.	CRANES @ Grafton 10:00am to 11:30am 22nd July to 16th September

CRANES' workshops are **FREE** of charge

Free childcare is also available at some venues

NOTE: To be eligible for our free workshops you must have a child in your care, seeking access to or restoration of a child or support someone who does.

Call CRANES for enquires or to register
(no referral necessary)

VENUE	
CRANES Grafton	11 Kemp Street, Grafton
Maclean	Maclean Tafe - Woombah Street, Maclean

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