

# Coutts Crossing Public School

# Newsletter



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Week 3 - 5th August 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we are celebrating Education Week, a statewide, annual event to celebrate NSW public education. The theme for 2019 Education Week is *Every student, every voice*. It is a celebration of student empowerment and how the NSW public education system gives students the skills they need in order to have and express a voice during their own educational journey and as engaged global citizens. At Coutts Crossing, we are celebrating Education Week and Book Week together with a book character parade and open classrooms. Join us on Thursday as we celebrate our students and their power to shape the world.

*Michelle Dalglish*

## Y-PEP

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, students K-6 will be participating in Livestream Child Protection Workshops which supplement the schools current PDHPE and Child Protection programs. These workshops present a great opportunity for families to follow up at home with discussions about stranger danger and making safe choices.

## Important Dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Tuesday– Year 4 CAPA Day at SGHS Responsible Pet Program K-2 P&C Meeting 9.30am  Wednesday– Assembly 2.30pm  Thursday– Open Day & Book Character Parade 9.45am	Tuesday- Last day for online ICAS payments if sitting  Wednesday– Kids' Party Confidential Show  Thursday- Paper Plane Challenge  Friday– Tenpin Bowling 3-6  Sunday 18 Aug– 5pm Vietnam Veterans Service	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 17 Sep– Kindy 2020 Transition starts 20 Sep– Dudley Jones Tennis

## School uniforms-

This year, we have had many families enquire about changing our current school & sport uniform to a single unisex polo shirt and shorts/skorts. The benefits of changing to a polo shirt are reduced costs, ease of laundering and they are more comfortable for our students to wear every day while participating in daily fitness activities, lunchtime games and sport. A sample polo shirt is available in the school office for families to view and feel.

It is important to know that if the decision is made to change uniforms, any changes would be phased in over a 3 year time frame and to support families with the associated costs of purchasing new uniforms the school would also commit to purchasing one polo shirt for every child.

We would like to hear the thoughts and opinions of all families on this issue before making any decisions. A survey about our current school uniform has been sent home with students today. Please complete the survey and return to the school office by Friday, 16th August.

## Classroom News -

This week 2/3/4 had a visit from some three and four day old ducklings, thanks to Milla and Rush. We learnt how the duck eggs were kept in an incubator, how they had to be turned regularly to make sure they are warm on all sides, and that they use a hook on their bill to hatch from the egg.

This term students across the school will be focusing on writing informative texts so students in 2/3/4 began an information report on, you guessed it, ducks! Ask your child to tell you one of the other interesting facts we researched together in class!

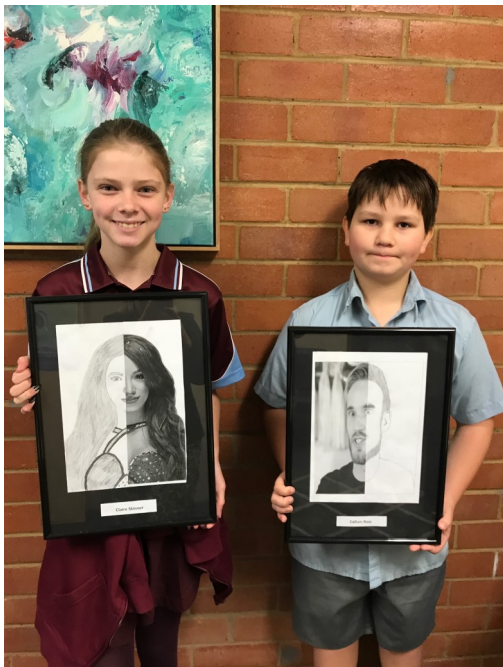


## Art works-

Class 4/5/6 have been learning about drawing techniques and improving their skills in pencil drawing. Callum and Claire completed some outstanding artworks which are now on display in Mrs Dalglish's office for the term. Well done artists!

## P&C Meeting-

The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow, 6th August, at 9.30am in the school hall. All welcome!





## Book Character Parade & Open Classrooms

Join us for this special Education Week and Book Week event this Thursday morning, 8th August.

The Book Character Parade begins at 9.45am under the large COLA where students will celebrate their love of books through creative costume displays. Then join your child to visit classrooms and

experience their daily learning environment first hand. Ask your child to take you on a tour to see our updated library space and have fun with our superhero photo booth. Stay on and enjoy recess with students and staff to complete a fun filled morning at school. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Lunchbox survey-

Students in Kindergarten and Year 6 will be participating in a NSW Health audit of school lunchboxes this month. The study is completely anonymous and information collected will assist Northern NSW Local Health District to study people's food choices. Please return outstanding permission notes to school ASAP.

## Sporting stars!

Congratulations to Kirsten and Sara who proudly represented Coutts Crossing Public School at the Clarence District Athletics Carnival at Junction Hill on Friday.

Kirsten jumped 2.86m and achieved a personal best, while Sara came 4th in her heat. Great effort girls!

## Vietnam Veterans Day-

We invite our students and community to attend the 2019 Vietnam Veterans Day Service.

Date: Sunday 18th August 2019

Time: 5.00pm

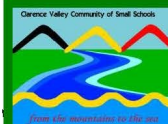
Where: Memorial Park, by the river opposite The Crown Hotel in Grafton

This service will be different to past years as there will be no march.

Children will gather behind the Veterans in the park.

Students should wear full school uniform.





# Small Schools



Chatsworth Island P.S.  
Copmanhurst P.S.  
Coutts Crossing P.S.  
Cowper P.S.  
Gillwinga P.S.  
Harwood Island P.S.  
Iluka P.S.

Proudly presents  
The

## BIG IMPACT Concert

Lawrence P.S.  
Nymboida P.S.  
Palmers Island P.S.  
Tucabia P.S.  
Ulmarra P.S.  
Wooli P.S.

Wednesday 28  
August, 2019

The Saraton Theatre  
Prince Street  
Grafton

6:30pm start

\$5.00 per seat  
Tickets on sale at the  
Saraton Theatre

For more information  
call Lawrence PS on  
66477354

### Small Schools Big Impact-

The Eisteddfod dance group will be performing at the SSBI Concert at the Saraton Theatre on the evening of Wednesday 28th August. Tickets will go on sale this Wednesday 7th August, for \$5 each. All are welcome to come along and watch this showcase of Clarence Valley small school performances.

A note with further details for our performers was sent home last week. Please return permission slips to confirm attendance at the concert ASAP.

### School Sport-

This term, the school has been fortunate to receive a grant from Sporting Schools to deliver additional sporting opportunities for students. During the term, students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will travel by bus to Grafton Tenpin Bowl to participate in bowling lessons and games. All associated costs will be covered by the Sporting Schools grant and school funds, so we are pleased to announce this program will be free for all students. K-2 don't miss out, with a fun day at Grafton Tenpin Bowl planned for the end of term.

### Thank you-

Coutts Crossing students and staff would like to thank Yvonne Tweedie for all her hard work and dedication in our school canteen this year. Her delicious, healthy home-baked meals have made canteen lunchtimes very special for both students and staff. Yvonne has volunteered many hours cooking and working in the school canteen and we are very appreciative of her constant generosity and outstanding cooking skills. Thank you Yvonne.



## Fresh for Kids-



For the next several weeks, our school will participate in the 'Fresh for Kids' canteen campaign which encourages students to eat more fresh fruit at school. On Wednesdays and Fridays, teachers will hand out a sticker to students if they bring Crunch & Sip to school. When they have received 2 stickers, they can take them to canteen on Fridays to trade the stickers for a special fruit scented, stamper pen. There are four different pens to collect during the promotion. Don't forget your Crunch & Sip!

## Kids' Party Confidential-

*Kids addicted to screens?*

*Sean Murphy can help! Kids' Party Confidential is a hilarious guide to how children can create their own excitement without screen-time. Harnessing the power of imagination, Sean leads the audience on a roller coaster ride of costume creation, balloon bending and a bold re-invention of Happy Birthday to You. Children laugh, adults cheer and no-one looks at pass-the-parcel the same way again!*



This show will be held in the school hall for all students in K-6 on Wednesday 14th August. The performance will be covered by school funds with no payment required by students.

## 100 nights home reading-

Congratulations to our readers who have achieved 100 nights home reading this year. When students reach 100 nights they receive a special book prize from Mrs Dalglish and a photo on the library 'wall of fame'.

Ruby, Bryce, Jacob, Hayley D and Lucas have all reached their 100 nights goal. Last week Lucas was very excited to select a book about paper plane making so he can practise in preparation for next weeks paper plane challenge at school. Good luck Lucas and keep up the great reading everyone!





# LACHY HAMILTON TRIO

Lachy Hamilton was awarded the James Morrison Academy of Music's "Excellence in Performance" award upon graduating in 2018 and is an "up and coming musician on the Australian jazz scene to keep an eye on" – James Morrison

Join us for jazz night at the Clarence Valley Conservatorium featuring  
Lachy and his trio.

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Tickets: Adult \$25   Concession \$15   Students \$5  
available online or at the door

[www.cvcon.com.au](http://www.cvcon.com.au) | [cvcon@cvcon.com.au](mailto:cvcon@cvcon.com.au) | 6643 3555



WHOLESALE

CLARENCE VALLEY  
CONSERVATORIUM



# YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FORUM

Monday 12th August 2019 5:30–7:30pm  
Grafton District Services Club



Topics for Discussion

KEY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, BARRIERS FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT, IDEAS FOR  
CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

TO REGISTER CALL 6640 3800 OR REGISTER AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.STICKYTICKETS.COM.AU/90503](https://www.sticktickets.com.au/90503)



## Coutts Crossing Transition Program Dates 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Below are the dates for Transition and times for transition 2019.

Term 3 Week 9 (17<sup>th</sup> September) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 3 Week 10 (24<sup>th</sup> September) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 1 (15<sup>th</sup> October) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 2 (22<sup>nd</sup> October) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 3 (29<sup>th</sup> October) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 4 (5<sup>th</sup> November) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 5 (12<sup>th</sup> November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

Children bring recess, lunch, water and something for Crunch and Sip

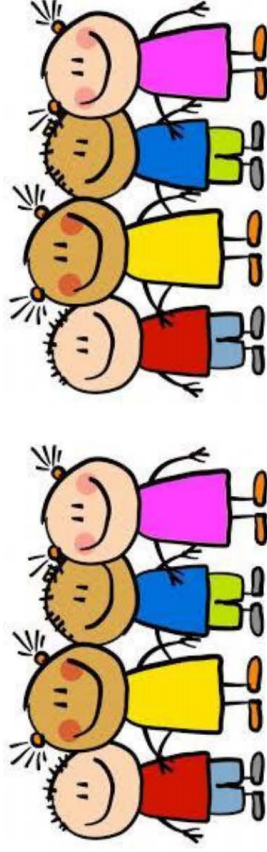
Term 4 Week 6 (19<sup>th</sup> November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

Term 4 Week 7 (26<sup>th</sup> November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

We will also have our Orientation Meeting for parents and Carers at 9.30 - 11.00 in our school hall on this day.

Kind Regards

Jo Conyard



# Coutts Crossing Public School Transition to School Program

Our Transition to School Program will run each Tuesday commencing on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

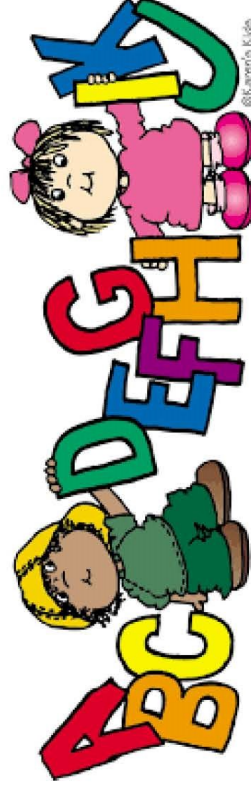
Time: 9.10am - 12.10pm

Children will need to bring a hat, little lunch, water and a piece of fruit or vegetables (to eat during our Crunch and Sip time).

Please call our school office on 66493225 to let us know if your child will be joining us for this great opportunity in getting ready for 'Big School'.

We look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Conyard  
Kindergarten Teacher



@Karen's Kids

# Coutts Crossing Cup



## Calcutta

Join us at Coutts Tavern for the Coutts Crossing Cup Calcutta  
on Friday 30th August—  
\$2 tickets on sale from 6pm  
Calcutta drawn at 8.00pm

## Race Day - CCEPS P&C Fundraiser

- WHEN:** Saturday, 31st August, 2019
- WHERE:** Grafton Racecourse
- TIME:** Buses leave Coutts Tavern at 11.00 am  
and will return after the last race
- COST:** \$15.00 per person
- WHICH INCLUDES:-**
- Sausage Sizzle at the tavern - 10.00am
  - Bus to the racecourse & return
  - 1 free drink at the racecourse

# Coutts Crossing Public School Transition to School Program

Coutts Crossing Public School  
would like to invite all  
Pre School age children to a

## Teddy Bear's Picnic

Come along to our school and spend some time  
having fun with our Kindergarten students, then  
stay and share a picnic with us.

Date: Wednesday 4th September  
Time: 9.30 - 11.00am

Please bring: Morning tea and a drink, a blanket  
(optional) and don't forget Teddy.  
Parents Welcome

