

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 4 - 12th August 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Many thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate Education Week and Book Week last Thursday. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community. Students and staff were delighted to have so many of our families visit the school and spend time exploring our learning environments. This week is National Science Week and we have a range of science activities planned for students and staff throughout the week. This years theme is Destination Moon: more missions, more science. This theme is a way for teachers and students to discover past missions to the Moon and space programs that have solved some of the seemingly unsolvable problems. Mr Woolridge has fun science tasks planned for the whole school including futuristic activities involving augmented reality.

We invite parents to join us for our exciting annual event on Thursday afternoon at 2pm, the Paper Plane Challenge. There is also an adults/parents competition, so start test flying those paper planes and we look forward to seeing you there!

Michelle Dalglish

Important Dates

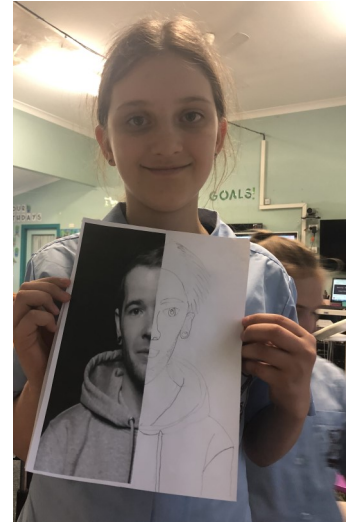
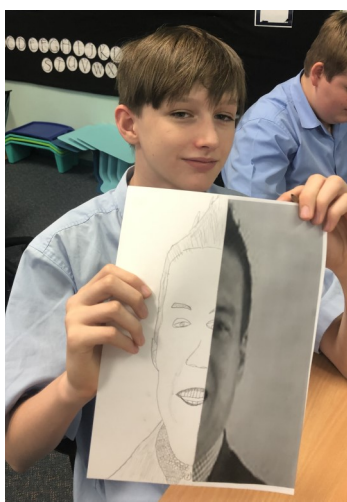
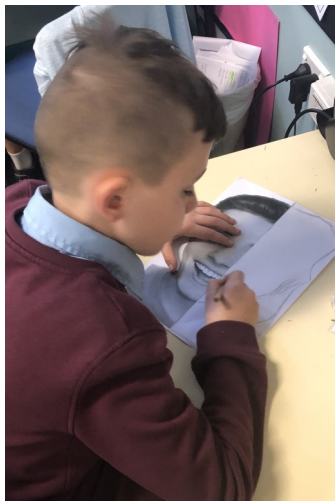
| This Week | Next Week | Coming Up |
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| Tuesday- Last day for online ICAS payments, if sitting | Mon/Tues- Conferences | 28 Aug- Small Schools Big Impact Concert |
| Wednesday- Kids' Party Confidential Show | Wednesday- Assembly 2.30pm | 30 Aug- Coutts Cup Calcutta |
| Thursday- Paper Plane Challenge 2.00pm | Thursday- Book Bank PJ Day gold coin donation | 31 Aug- Coutts Cup Race Day |
| Friday- Tenpin Bowling 3-6 | Friday- Tenpin Bowling 3-6 | 4 Sep- Kindy 2020 Teddy Bear's Picnic |
| Sunday 18 Aug- 5pm Vietnam Veterans Service | | 11 Sep- School Musical at SGHS |
| | | 17 Sep- Kindy 2020 Transition starts |
| | | 20 Sep- Dudley Jones Tennis |

School uniforms-

Thank you to all the families who have returned their completed uniform survey to school. We are interested in hearing from the whole school community on this issue and as students are at the forefront of our decision making processes, staff have surveyed students to get their feedback about whether they would like to change the uniform. There are still families who have not responded to the survey yet and as this decision will impact everyone, we urge all families to have a voice on this issue. Surveys are due back at school by this Friday, 16th August. Survey results will be shared in next weeks newsletter. We look forward to hearing from everybody!

Classroom News -

To start Term 3 off, 4/5/6 have been work on their skill of sketching. They have been learning the techniques of feathering and solid shading. The task was to choose their favourite celebrity and sketch the other half of their face. The final results were outstanding.



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.

Tenpin Bowling-

This Friday all students in years 3-6 will be participating in Tenpin Bowling lessons at Grafton Tenpin Bowl. Permission notes are now due. Any students without a permission note returned by Friday will remain at school and participate in regular classroom activities.

Gift Donations-

This week the school will be collecting donations for a gift basket to be raffled as part of a local community fundraiser for Trent Williams. Donations of gifts would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office.

Kids Party Confidential-

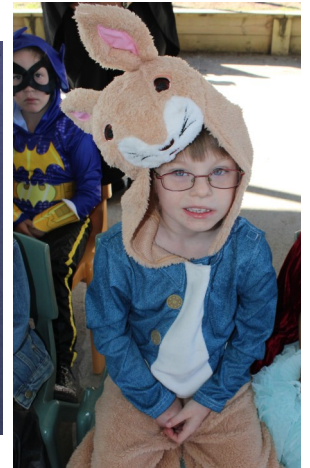
We are very excited to have comedian Sean Murphy performing for the whole school on Wednesday, 14th August at 2pm. Sean's show Kids' Party Confidential teaches students strategies for stimulating creativity and is a hilarious insider's guide on how kids can create their own excitement and fun. All costs for this incursion will be covered by the school.



PJ Fundraiser-

Next Thursday 22nd August, Year 6 will hold their first fundraiser for the year, a PJ day. For a gold coin donation, students will be allowed to wear their favourite PJs to school. We do ask that PJs are appropriate for the weather conditions and provide adequate coverage to meet school sun safe requirements. Year 6 will be holding another fundraiser in the final week of this term. Thank you for supporting our Year 6 students as they raise money to help cover the costs of their farewell festivities at the end of the year.

Book Character Parade- see our Facebook album for more photos.





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
Saratons Theatre

For more information
call Lawrence PS on
66477354

Small School Big impact-

Tickets are now on sale at the Saraton Theatre! All are welcome to come along and support our dancers and performers from small schools across the Clarence Valley.

External Validation-

On Tuesday, our school will undertake the Department of Education's External Validation process. This provides an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgements about their practice – and the evidence that underpins them – with a panel of peers.

School self-assessment is a key component in the school planning and reporting cycle. As a reflective process, the school regularly collects, analyses and evaluates a range of qualitative and quantitative evidence to inform their overall performance in relation to the desired improvements in the school plan. We are looking forward to the External Validation process and discussing all the wonderful things that are happening at Coutts Crossing Public School.

Father's Day Breakfast-

To acknowledge the importance of our dads, grandads and all significant males in our lives, we will be hosting a Father's Day breakfast on Friday 30th August. This will be a wonderful opportunity for dads, grandads and uncles to share some special time with their children. A BBQ breakfast will be served between 7.30am and 8.30am in the COLA. Notes have been sent home with students today. To assist with catering, please return notes to school by Monday 26th August.

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!



Canteen Manager position-

Our school canteen is looking for a new canteen manager.

The Coutts Crossing Public School P&C committee are seeking Expressions of Interest from parents or community members who would like to take on the role of Canteen Manager, commencing immediately.

The position is voluntary, with the canteen operating on Wednesdays and Fridays, for both recess and lunch. The role includes overseeing general canteen operations, ordering of stock, managing rosters and canteen finances. Training in the role can be provided. A volunteer Working With Children Check will be required (no cost). Children of all canteen helpers receive half price lunches.

For more information please contact P&C president Emilie Orams on 0437914245.

Written applications may be handed in to the school office. Applications close 3.00pm, Friday 16th August.

Changes to the Canteen Winter Menu-

Please note there have been some items removed from the current canteen menu, mainly recess items. The updated menu is on the back page of this newsletter. Menus are also available at the school office or the canteen if required. When we transition to the summer menu in September, all students will receive a copy.

You Can Do It Program-

This week in YCDI lessons our kindergarten students are learning how to communicate with confidence and stand up to bullies. Students in years 1-6 are learning how to express emotions appropriately, the benefits of mindfulness, what resilience means and when it's important to be resilient.

100 nights home reading-

Congratulations to James on achieving 100 nights home reading.



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



Coutts Crossing Public School Transition to School Program

Our Transition to School Program will run each Tuesday
commencing on Tuesday 17th September.

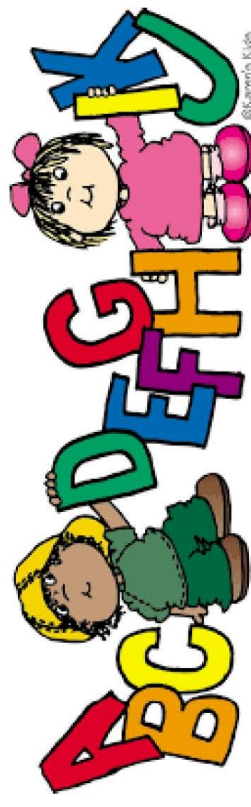
Time: 9.10am - 12.10pm

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 Transition Program Dates 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Term 4 Week 5 (12th November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

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

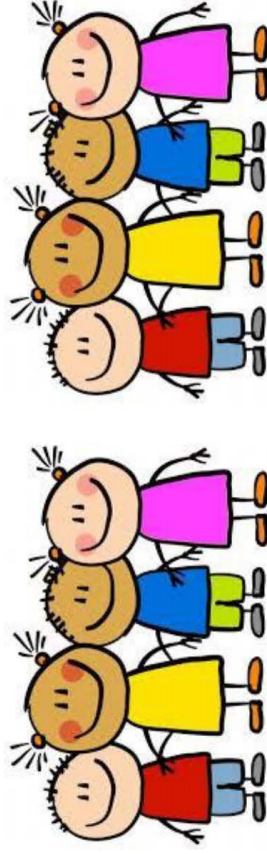
Term 4 Week 6 (19th November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

Term 4 Week 7 (26th 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 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 - CEPS 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

CCPS Canteen Winter Menu 2019

| RECESS ITEMS | | LUNCH ITEMS (to be ordered) | |
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| Raisin toast | 0.20 | Chicken crackles (5) | 2.00 |
| Ham & cheese muffin | 0.60 | Spaghetti bolognaise | 3.00 |
| Jelly and Custard | 0.60 | Fish burger (lettuce, mayo) | 3.00 |
| Jelly or Custard | 0.30 | Whiting fillet & salad (on a plate) | 3.00 |
| Fruit cup | 1.00 | Party pie | 0.80 |
| Pikelets | 0.20 | Mini sausage roll | 0.80 |
| Garlic Bread | 0.20 | Large sausage roll | 1.80 |
| Sippy milk straws | 1.00 | Hamburger (beef pattie & salad) | 3.00 |
| | | Cheeseburger (beef pattie, cheese & sauce-tom/BBQ) | 2.50 |
| | | Chicken burger | 3.50 |
| | | Steamed dim sims | 1.00 |
| | | Large hot dog | 1.80 |
| DRINKS | | Half hot dog | 0.90 |
| Cold Milo | 1.00 | Toasted sandwich –chicken/ham and cheese | 2.00 |
| Bottled water | 1.00 | Toasted sandwich –Chicken/ham, tomato and cheese | 2.50 |
| Juice cup- orange | 0.80 | Pizza - ham, pineapple & cheese (Tomato base) | 3.00 |
| Juice cup- apple | 0.80 | Pizza -meat lovers (BBQ base) | 3.00 |
| Juice cup- apple/blackcurrant | 0.80 | Ham salad wrap (wholemeal or white) | 3.00 |
| Milk cup- chocolate | 0.80 | Chicken salad wrap (wholemeal or white) | 2.00 |
| Milk cup- strawberry | 0.80 | Ham & salad sandwich | 3.00 |
| Fruit smoothie- banana | 1.00 | Chicken & salad sandwich | 3.00 |
| | | Egg & lettuce sandwich | 3.00 |
| | | Salad sandwich | 2.50 |
| | | Beef lasagne | 3.50 |
| | | Pumpkin soup | 3.00 |
| | | Chicken noodle soup | 3.00 |
| | | Fried rice | 3.00 |
| AFTER LUNCH | |  | |
| Vanilla ice cream cup | 0.50 | | |
| Frozen juice ice block | 0.60 | | |
| Frozen milk - chocolate | 0.60 | | |
| Frozen milk - strawberry | 0.60 | | |
| Pineapple UFOs | 0.20 | | |
| Frozen yoghurt ice block | 0.60 | | |
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