

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 6 - 26th August 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

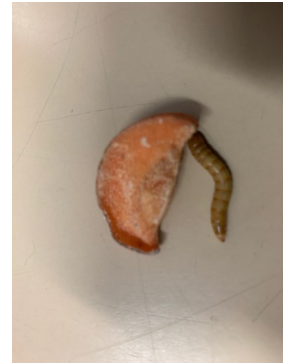
This week is School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff Recognition Week, a time to acknowledge and thank the often unsung heroes in our public schools. We are very lucky at Coutts Crossing Public School to have an absolutely amazing SAS team including Narelle Butcher (School Administration Manager), Elaine Niland (School Administrative Officer), Susanne Gardiner & Nicola Moloney (School Learning Support Officers) and Warren Bebbington (General Assistant). SAS staff work in school offices, in classrooms and libraries, and maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings. They are often the ones to tend to students when they unwell and they ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community. I would like to personally acknowledge and thank all our SAS staff for the valuable work they perform and their contribution to supporting great teaching and learning outcomes in our school. We couldn't do it without you!

Michelle Dalglish

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Wednesday– Small Schools Big Impact Concert	4 Sep– Kindy 2020 Teddy Bear's Picnic Assembly 2.30pm	11 Sep– School Musical at SGHS
Friday– Father's Day Breakfast Tenpin Bowling 3-6 Coutts Cup Calcutta from 6pm	5 Sep– Coutts Café CSI Parent Information Evening @ SGHS 5.30pm	13 Sep– CSI 2020 applications close 17 Sep– Kindy 2020 Transition starts
Saturday 31 Aug– Coutts Cup Race Day 10.00am Bus to races 11.00am	6 Sep– Luke Kennedy @ Gillwinga PS Yrs 3-6 Tenpin Bowling 3-6	20 Sep– Dudley Jones Tennis

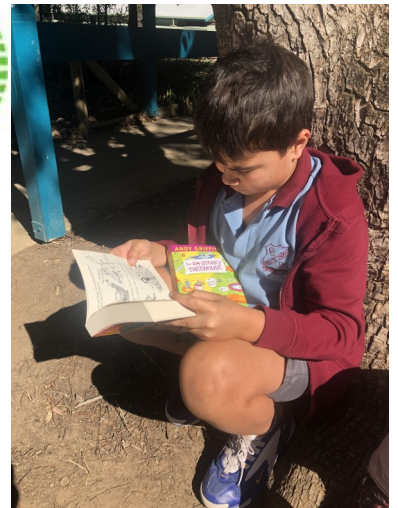
Classroom News - Library

This term K/1's science focus has been living things. We have been looking at life cycles and what living things need to survive. In order to create a 'hands on' element to the unit of work, we welcomed many mealworms into our classroom, where we decided to take on the responsibility of taking care of them and ensuring that all their needs were met. In return the mealworms agreed that we could watch and witness the amazing changes that would occur in their life cycle. At the moment our mealworms are continuing to grow, and with each and every growth spurt, they shed their exoskeleton. Soon we are hoping that they will begin the next stage of change and form into pupas and finally into darkling beetles. We have also planted sunflower seeds and alfalfa sprouts to watch their growth and changes. Incorporating this into our literacy, we also read the story 'Alexander's Outing'. As Alexander was a duck, we then researched all about ducks and each child wrote an information report on ducks. A busy time in K/1 looking after and learning about all our living friends.



Book Bank-

Last Thursday, Darrell, Franca and Kevin from Koppers visited the school to distribute all students in years 3-6 with a book to take home as part of the Book Bank initiative. Koppers kindly donates money to purchase these books so our primary students can have a book of their choice to read and enjoy. This is a very special project and the students and staff of Coutts Crossing Public School are incredibly grateful for the ongoing kindness and generosity of Koppers. Thank you for supporting our students and encouraging a love of books and reading in our school.



Coutts Café-

The next Coutts Café will be held on Thursday 5th September. Notes will be sent home with class time slots for parents to nominate as volunteers.

Magpie Safety-

It is that time of year again and our resident magpie has started to swoop. We are installing appropriate signage to remind students to be watchful and will monitor the situation closely to see if it becomes more aggressive. All students should wear hats at all times in the playground and be vigilant walking to and from the carpark for the next few weeks.

PJ Fundraiser-

Last Thursday, students in year 6 held a PJ Day fundraiser to raise money to help cover the costs of their farewell festivities at the end of the year. Thank you to all families who supported this fun event. Year 6 raised \$77.20. The next fundraiser will be a 'Smoothie Bike' fundraiser in week 10 of this term.



Clarence Science Initiative-

CSI is an exciting program open to all students in Years 5 & 6 (2020) from across the Clarence Valley.

What is CSI? - A program for students gifted in science, mathematics and technology. The program will link young scientists with science in action and will complement the school curriculum.

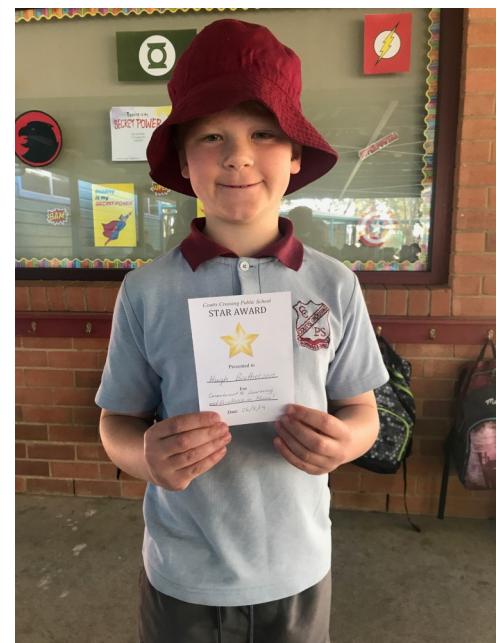
CSI students attend South Grafton High School one day each fortnight for one school year.

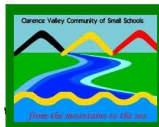
An information evening will be held for interested parents and students at the South Grafton High School Library on Thursday 5th September, 5.30pm - 6.00pm. A flyer has been sent home with year 4 & 5 students.

Piano Star-

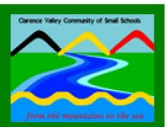
Congratulations to Hugh in Year 2 who sat his very first piano exam recently. Hugh was awarded an A+ (High Distinction) for his *Piano Leisure Preliminary* exam, an outstanding effort. The creative arts is a fundamental part of our school curriculum and we are incredibly proud of Hugh's efforts and achievements in this area. Hugh has been awarded a Star Award for his commitment to learning and excellence in music.

Well done Hugh!





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 available at the Saraton Theatre. All are welcome to come along and support our dancers and performers from small schools across the Clarence Valley. Best wishes to our dance crew for the show this Wednesday!

Reminder- The school is still collecting donations for a gift basket to be raffled as part of a local community fundraiser for Trent Gendle. Donations of gifts would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office.

Transition-

Students in K/1 are getting very excited about their pre-school friends coming to visit for transition activities. Next Wednesday 4th September, Mrs Conyard and K/1 are hosting a Teddy Bear's Picnic at school. This event presents a wonderful opportunity for pre-schoolers to experience 'big school' for a morning before transition activities officially begin on Tuesday 17th September. If your child is ready to begin kindergarten next year, come along to our Teddy Bear's Picnic and experience the cooperative and caring learning environment provided at Coutts Crossing Public School. All welcome.

100 nights home reading-

Congratulations to Oliver on achieving 100 nights home reading.



Luke Kennedy visit-

Next Friday 6th September, students in years 3-6 will be travelling to Gillwinda PS for a very special presentation. Motivational speaker and mental health advocate, Luke Kennedy, will be delivering a presentation about developing confidence, resilience, mental health and motivation. Luke is one of the most sought after guest speakers in the country, and reports from all schools state that he leaves a huge impact on students and the school community. Topics covered in his student talk include::

- Bullying
- Mental Health/Self-care
- Resilience
- How to be yourself and stop worrying what other people think

Permission notes will be sent home with students this week and are due back to the school office by Thursday, 5th September. Following the presentation students will attend their last session of tenpin bowling.



Lunch orders-

A reminder that all students should place lunch orders in the morning on canteen days. This enables canteen workers to make healthy lunches and have them ready to be delivered to classrooms in time for the lunch bell so all students can eat together under the COLA. Students who have additional money to spend on snacks will only be permitted to go to the canteen to purchase items after all students are released by the teacher on duty. Items available for purchase from the canteen during the lunch break are snack foods and should only be consumed after students have eaten their lunch.

You Can Do It-

The You Can Do It program supports the wellbeing and social emotional development of our students.

This week in YCDI lessons, kindergarten are learning about what persistence means, the importance of being persistent and the relationship between persistence and success.

Students in years 1-6 are learning to use positive self-talk to stay calm and solve problems, to recognise their emotions and to understand that their thinking affects their feelings and behaviour.

Coutts Cup-

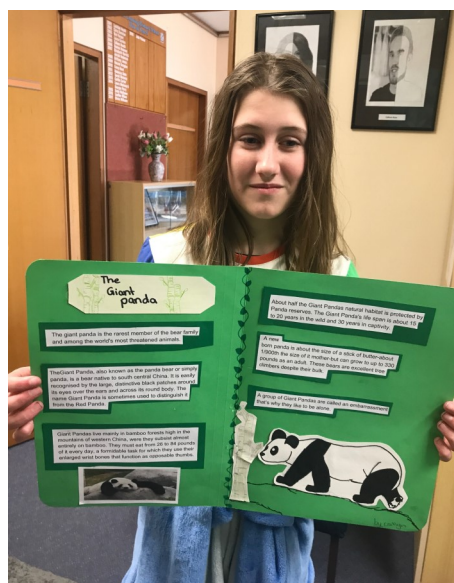
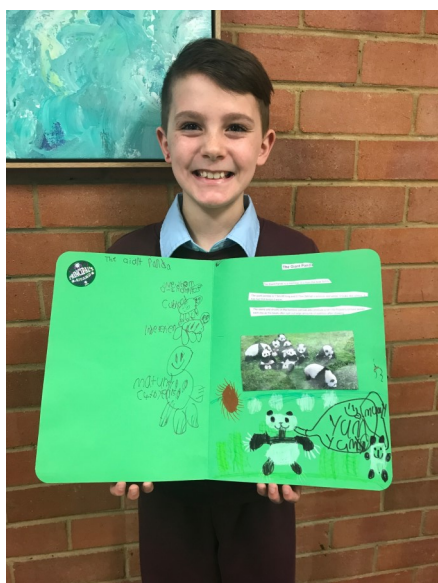
Why not join staff and community for a BBQ sausage sandwich at Coutts Tavern this Saturday morning from 10.00am and purchase your tickets for the Coutts Cup. The Coutts Cup Race Day is a fun day out for the whole family, and a fundraiser for our P&C. Tickets are \$15 and include bus transport, entry to the races, a sausage sandwich and a free drink ticket for use at the racecourse.

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. If you haven't already sent in your orders (due today), please return ASAP.

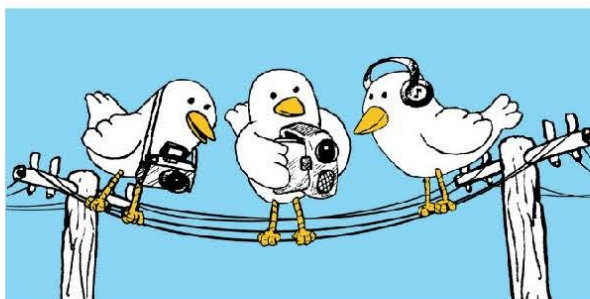
Star students-

Class 4/5/6 have been working hard to improve their research skills and informative writing. William and Caitlyn completed outstanding information reports about the giant panda with interesting, well written facts and excellent presentation. Congratulations on your efforts Caitlyn and William.



BIRDS OF A FEATHER

**11TH SEPTEMBER
6.30PM
SOUTH GRAFTON
HIGH SCHOOL**



**GOLD COIN ENTRY
AT THE DOOR
PERFORMERS FREE
REFRESHMENTS FROM
6.00PM**

**A MUSICAL BY
COUTTS CROSSING PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

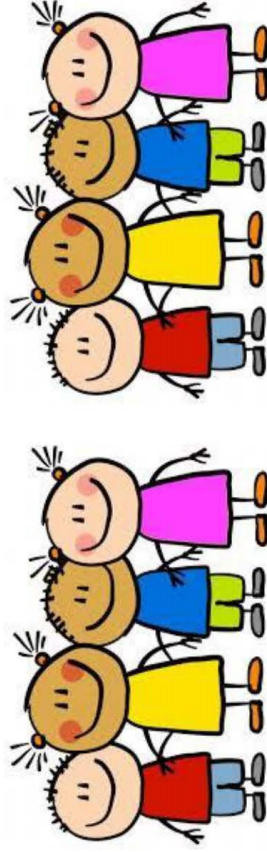
Term 4 Week 6 (19th November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

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