

# Coutts Crossing Public School

# Newsletter



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Week 7 - 2nd September 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

One of the best parts of working in a small town is the sense of friendship and community support, which was very evident on Saturday morning at the Coutts Tavern. School staff hosted a BBQ and sold tickets to attend the annual Coutts Cup, raising money for our school. The weather was perfect and it was great to see everyone dressed up and looking fabulous, ready for a day at the races. Our school would like to thank the managers and staff of Coutts Tavern and Coutts Crossing General Store, Fuller's Bus Company, BNA Buses and the Clarence River Jockey Club for their ongoing support. Their kindness and generosity to our school is greatly appreciated. All monies raised will go towards purchasing new robotics equipment for our school, supporting our future focused teaching and learning programs. It was great to have this opportunity to meet members of our wider school community and we are already looking forward to the 2020 Coutts Cup!

*Michelle Dalglish*

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Tuesday– <b>P&amp;C Meeting 9.30am</b>	10 Sept– Musical rehearsal at SGHS Book Club orders due	17 Sept– Kindy 2020 Transition starts
Wednesday– Kindy 2020 Teddy Bear's Picnic <b>Assembly 2.30pm</b>	11 Sept– School Musical at SGHS	20 Sept– Dudley Jones Tennis
Thursday– Coutts Café CSI Parent Information Evening at SGHS 5.30pm	13 Sept– CSI 2020 applications close	27 Sept– Last day of Term 3 K-2 Tenpin Bowling
Friday- Luke Kennedy at Gillwinga PS Yrs 3-6 Tenpin Bowling 3-6		

## Classroom News - 1/2

Years One and Two have been studying small animals in their school and home environments. We all went on a 'schoolyard safari' to discover small animals that call our schoolyard home and explore their habitats. After finding some animals such as: moths; ants; snails; grasshoppers; praying mantises and spiders we have been investigating them further and learning how they move, feed and protect themselves. This has led to a better understanding of how their adaptations help them survive in their habitats.



## School Musical-

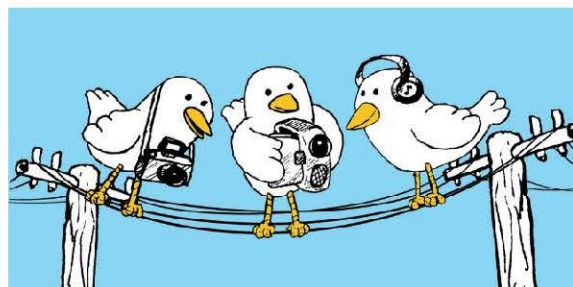
Last week notes were sent home with details regarding our school musical 'Birds of a Feather', being held at the South Grafton High School hall on Wednesday 11th September, show starting at 6.30pm.

A full dress rehearsal will be held at the SGHS hall on Tuesday 10th September. This will take place during the school day with bus travel provided. Please return permission slips this week.

# 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**

### Official welcome-

We are delighted to announce that Narelle Butcher has been permanently appointed, through a merit selection process, to the position of School Administrative Manager at Coutts Crossing PS. We are very excited to officially welcome Narelle to the CCPS team.

### Classroom volunteers-

There have been some changes to volunteer procedures at our school. Parent volunteers provide a valuable contribution to classrooms and at school events and students enjoy having their parents engage with school activities. However, due to privacy concerns, parent volunteers will now be invited to assist in their own child/ren's classroom only.

### Parent pick up areas-

Parents are reminded not to venture onto the playground areas, beside classrooms or the fixed equipment when arriving to collect their children from school in the afternoon.

There are 2 collection points for parents to meet their children after the school bell. One is beside the bus shelter and the other is the undercover area in front of the school canteen. Please support the school in ensuring afternoon pick up procedures are followed.

### Transition-

This Wednesday 4th September, Mrs Conyard and K/1 are hosting a Teddy Bear's Picnic for pre-schoolers getting ready to experience 'big school' next year, 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.

If you're unsure about your child's readiness for school, participating in the transition program and talking with teachers will help guide parents in making an informed decision about when to start school.

If you're joining us for the picnic on Wednesday, don't forget your teddy bear!

### Father's Day Breakfast-

Thank you to all the dads, grandads, uncles and wonderful male significant others who joined students and staff for our Father's Day breakfast last Friday morning. The BBQ breakfast provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to spend some quality time with the special males in their lives. We hope all fathers enjoyed a lovely Father's Day on Sunday.





### Coutts Café-

The next Coutts Café will be held this Thursday 5th September, where students will be cooking and feasting on quesadillas. Notes have been sent home with class time slots for parents to nominate as volunteers.

### Chickenpox notice-

We have had a reported case of chicken pox in the K/1 classroom.

*Chickenpox is an infection caused by the varicella virus. It cannot be treated with antibiotics. Treatment is usually to relieve the symptoms, which are commonly fever and a rash. The rash usually starts between 10 to 21 days after the first exposure to chickenpox.*

*Chickenpox is easily spread by direct contact with a person who has chickenpox, or by fluid droplets in the air when they cough or sneeze. A person with chickenpox is infectious to others from one to two days before the rash first appears until the last blisters have dried up.*

### P&C Meeting-

The next P&C meeting is being held tomorrow, Tuesday 3rd September, in the school hall at 9.30am.

Thank you to our P&C volunteers who sold Coutts Cup Calcutta tickets at the Coutts Tavern last Friday night.

Come along to the Coutts Tavern each Friday night through September for the raffles, with proceeds going to our P&C.

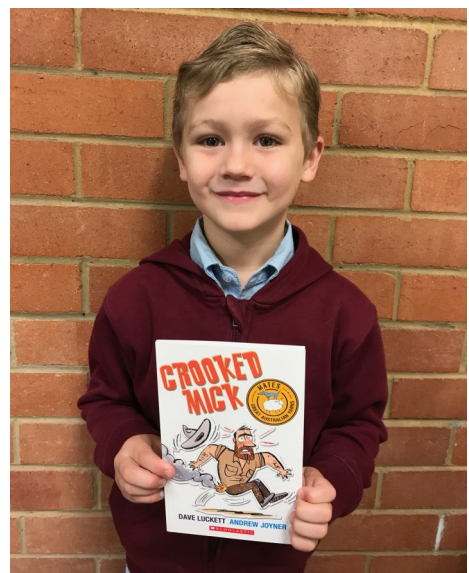
### Small School Big Impact-

Congratulations to our dancers on their wonderful performance at the SSBI concert last week. Thank you to our families who came along to enjoy the concert.



### 100 nights home reading-

Congratulations to Rush on achieving 100 nights home reading.



### **Tell Them From Me-**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26 August and 25 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 6th September.

### **You Can Do It-**

This week in YCDI lessons, kindergarten are learning how to work independently, ask for help when required and to be persistent when faced with a difficult task. Students in years 1-6 are learning to keep things in perspective and are learning about what they can do to help them calm down when they are feeling upset.

### **Coutts Crossing Rural Fire Service - Get ready Weekend**

Come to McIntosh Park on Saturday 14th September, 10.00am - 2.00pm.

Members of the Brigade will be present to very useful information as well as answer any questions, such as:

- How to make a fire plan?

- What to do in case of a bushfire?

- Permit conditions + many more

Also handouts for any children who come along. For further information contact Keith Taylor 66493274 or Shayne Solway 0414999861.

In support of one of our school families, Coutts Crossing Public School is helping with this local community fundraiser.

**Tickets will be available for purchase at the school office until the end of the term.**

We are also collecting donations for a gift basket to be included in the raffle. Donations of gift items can be left at the school office.



**Coutts Crossing  
Community  
Fundraiser  
TRENT GENDLE  
V'S  
LEUKAEMIA**

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE** - \$200.00 Wish Gift Card

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE** - \$105.00 Dolphin Marine Conservation Park  
Family Pass

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE** - \$65.00 Big Banana, Adult Big Bunch of Fun Pass

**4<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** - \$50.00 Coutts Crossing General Store Voucher

**5<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** - \$25.00 Holiday Coast Meats Voucher

**6<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** – Gift Hamper

**\$2.00 – 1 TICKET**

**\$5.00 – 4 TICKETS**

**\$10.00 – 8 TICKETS**



**RAFFLE DRAWN 3PM MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT COUTTS CROSSING  
GENERAL STORE, ALL WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE**





**TWO FREE COACHING SESSIONS FOR NEW RIDERS** to gain basic bike skills and confidence to ride on the BMX track. **Arrive at 9:30 for 10:00am - 11:30am session or arrive at 12:30 for the 1pm - 2:30pm session. SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER**

Ride In2BMX is a fun and engaging way to ride BMX as a sport during an introductory session at your local Clarence Valley BMX Club. Ride In2BMX is FREE and FUN event to attend. During Ride In2BMX, participants learn the basics of riding a BMX track from accredited BMX Australia coaches in an encouraging environment. All riders who take to the track are covered by BMX Australia's rider insurance.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF RIDE IN2BMX

- ❖ Teaches the basic skills needed to safely negotiate a track
- ❖ Conducted under the watchful eye of an accredited coach
- ❖ **Caters for all ages! We have riders as young as 2yrs old, through to 65+**
- ❖ Complementary BMXA Show bag
- ❖ Have lots of fun

#### WHAT TO BRING

- ❖ **A good working order bike** (Bike size can be from a 16 inch BMX to 26 inch mountain bike or strider balance bikes for the young ones)
- ❖ **Safety Gear**
  - Bike helmet (full face)
  - Long pants and long sleeve shirt, shoes and socks that cover the ankle, gloves.

*If you do not have some of the safety gear, ask at the canteen on the day as we do have a limited number of helmets and gloves to loan out*

#### ❖ Our Canteen will be open for light refreshments & Sausage sizzle

This is a great opportunity for anyone who rides a bike and is interested in having a ride on a BMX race track. Riders of all ages from 2 years & up can join in the fun and have a ride around the BMX track. BMX is not just for the boys - the number of girls riding and racing BMX bikes is on the increase throughout Australia. Our Track is home to the current World number 3, Tahlia Marsh!

The great thing about BMX as a sport is that the whole family can get involved, and all the family can do the same sport at the one place and time. Riders and spectators will experience the thrills and excitement of this family orientated sport.

**The Clarence Valley BMX Club is located at the corner of Abbott and Vere Streets in South Grafton. More information is available on the Clarence Valley BMX Club's Facebook page or call Club President Marnie on 0459837270.**



Come along and join in the fun!!

It's a game for everyone!!

Register at [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) to play!

Contact your local club for more details!

Brothers CC – Jo 0448864542  
 Coutts Crossing CC – Andrew 0418977996  
 GDSC Easts CC – Bret 0412621326  
 Souths Services CC – Tom 0488096707  
 Tucabia-Copmanhurst CC – Damien 0400488612  
 Westlawn CC – Toni Brien 0457764511  
 Lower Clarence – Trent 0468439328

Or contact the  
 Clarence River Junior Cricket Association  
 on 0427428893 for more details.



## GRAFTON

15.09.19 | 9AM | SEE PARK

# Out of the Shadows

**A walk to remember those lost to suicide**

You can make a difference by participating in Lifeline's Out of the Shadows - national suicide prevention walks held to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day.

Join us as we walk to raise awareness, remember those lost to suicide and unite in a commitment to prevent further deaths by suicide.

See below for details of events in your local area.

Centre:

Lifeline North Coast

Event Date & Time:

**9.00am Sunday 15th September 2019**

Meeting Point:

**See Park, Grafton**

Additional Information

We will be meeting at See Park, and heading to the Memorial at Market Square. Remember sun safety and to dress for the weather. We are inclusive and this event will be Auslan Interpreted

Contact Lifeline North Coast for more information: 6651 4093 or email [reception.northcoast@lifeline.org.au](mailto:reception.northcoast@lifeline.org.au)





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## Transition to School Program

### 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

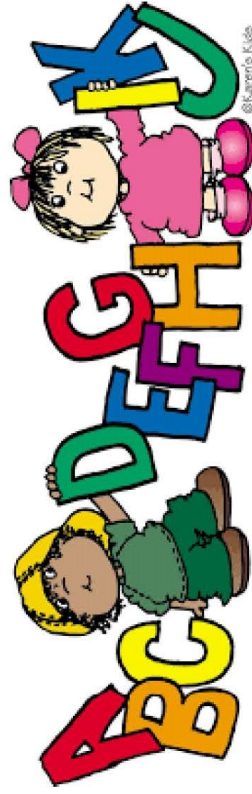
Term 4 Week 6 (19<sup>th</sup> November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

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



Mrs Conyard  
Kindergarten Teacher

We look forward to meeting you.

