

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 2 – 19 October 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

I am very pleased with the settled manner in which our students have returned to school after holidays.

This term is starting to get busy already with excursions, our swim and gym program and kindergarten transition beginning in the coming weeks. It is important to please read all newsletters and keep an eye your emails to ensure you are up to date with what is happening at school each week. Our school Facebook page is also a fantastic way to stay connected with what is happening at school, as staff regularly post information about events and photos of the learning activities taking place in their classrooms.

Have a fantastic week!

Michelle Dalgliesh

School Safety

Reminder- In order to minimise risk to students, we ask families not to send students to school with canned goods for recess or lunch. Last week, we had an incident where a student cut their finger on the sharp edge of a can lid. Please ensure canned items are emptied into a plastic reusable container rather than sending cans to school. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students safe at school.

THIS FRIDAY 23/10 - CANTEEN CLOSED

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Friday - 3-6 excursion to Coffs Coast Adventure Centre	Tuesday 27/10 K-1 Swim & Gym program	Tuesday 3/11 Kindergarten 2021 transition 9.00am-12pm
Wednesday - Assembly (students & staff only)		Friday 13/11 Book Fair & Book Character Parade
Canteen open Wed ONLY		NAIDOC activites

Classroom news - 4/5/6

At the end of last term, 4/5/6 were learning about the features within a procedural text. Students were able to choose to create a procedure on Origami, Lego construction or loom bands. Once they selected their topic, they then had to research and create a step by step procedure on how to make their item. Students also had to include a goal, materials list and what the end product would look like.

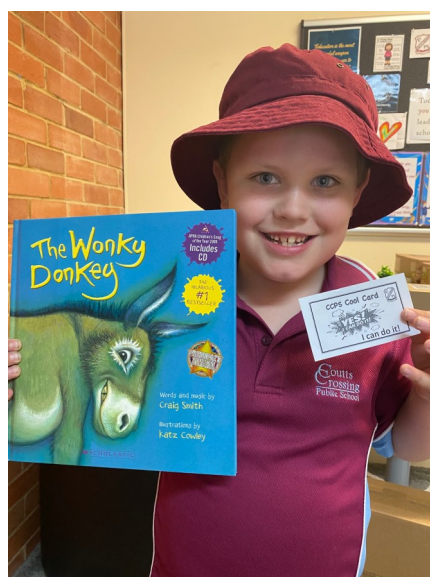


Book Week

This year's Book week theme is *Curious Creatures*, *Wild Minds* and our school will be celebrating throughout week 5 with a book fair and book character parade on Friday 13th November.

Unfortunately, parents and visitors will not be permitted to attend, however we will be loading lots of photos onto our school Facebook page so families can share in the fun!

Our amazing school librarian, Mr Woolridge, has been busy in the library, preparing for book week with some amazing visual displays and themed book collections.



100 nights reading

Congratulations to Harper and James on achieving 100 nights reading. Great work Harper and James!

Student Hats

We have had many students arriving at school each day without hats. Students must wear a school hat every day whilst in the playground, if they do not have a hat they must stay under the top COLA. The school has a limited number of yellow spare hats we issue to students who have forgotten to bring a hat and these are thoroughly laundered after each use. Students are able to borrow a spare hat only twice per term and at the moment we do not have enough yellow hats to meet demand. We recommend students keep their school hats in their bag at all times when they are not being worn, so they do not get lost.

Primary Excursion

All permission notes are now due. Students who have not returned permission notes will be required to stay at school.

REMINDER- The bus will leave Coutts Crossing Public School at **8am sharp**. The day will run to a very tight schedule in order to fit in as many activities as possible at Coffs Coast Adventure Centre. The bus will not be able to wait for late arrivals.

Please ensure students **bring a towel and change of clothes, including old shoes** in a plastic bag so they can participate in the commando course. Students who do not bring a towel, change of clothes and old shoes for the commando course will not be able to participate in that activity as they need to be clean to travel home on the bus.

Please also pack a hat, food for the day and a water bottle.

Swimming

Swim and gym begins for all Kindergarten and Year 1 students on Tuesday 27 October. Please ensure permission notes are returned by this Friday 23 October.

Each Tuesday students will need to bring swimmers, towel, goggles and thongs in a durable plastic bag.

Cool Cards

Each term our school selects a specific positive behaviour from our school core values to promote through the cool card rewards program. This term our cool card focus is "Fair Play". School staff will be handing out cool cards to students who demonstrate good sportsmanship, teamwork, fairness and kindness during group activities. Congratulations to Jay and Jace who were the first recipients of a Fair Play cool card for demonstrating patience, resilience and mate-ship during a fun game of chess in the school library!



'Stronger' Program

Beginning in week 3, all girls in years 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in a tailored workshop series designed specifically for tween girls aged 9-12 years. The sessions will be delivered online via Zoom video call and will involve a mixture of practical and discussion based activities designed to reduce anxiety and improve confidence & self-esteem, develop positive friendships, and learn self care/ personal hygiene.

End of year celebrations

The current Department of Education COVID restrictions allow the school to move forward with planning our end of year celebrations with strict guidelines in place. Our Year 6 farewell is able to go ahead under the same restrictions in place for year 12 formals. The school has made a booking at the South Grafton Golf Club for Tuesday 8 December and more information will be shared with families in the coming weeks as a COVID safety plan is developed with the venue. At this stage only year 5 & 6 students and school staff are permitted to attend.

Modified Presentation Day plans are underway for the end of the year and further information will be shared with families after COVID restrictions are reviewed later in the term.

Canteen


Recess & lunch — BY ORDER ONLY

The current canteen menu will still be available until further notice.

Helpers needed!

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen please contact the school office.




Canteen Roster	
Wednesday	Friday
21/10 Fran & Krystal	23/10 No canteen (3-6 excursion)
28/10 Shelley & Karen	30/10 Ryanda & Kirsty
4/11 Georgina & Yvonne	6/11 Sue & Kirsty
11/11 Fran &	13/11 Ryanda & Georgina



Navigating Teen Mental Health

AND ONLINE SUPPORT

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



Join Our Healthy Clarence and The Black Dog Institute for a one hour presentation for parents and carers of young people.

Learn how to spot early warning signs of mental health issues, when and where to seek help and how to support a young person they care about.

To register, contact Giane on 6640 3800 or email ourhealthyclarence@nsoa.org.au

21st October 2020
7.00pm - 8.30pm
Grafton, Yamba,
Maclean & Online