

# Coutts Crossing Public School

# Newsletter



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Week 3 – 26 October 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

In the coming weeks, students will be participating in a range of both formal and informal assessment activities, providing teachers with comprehensive data for writing Semester 2 reports. Our teachers use a variety of strategies to assess student learning including observing work in class, diagnostic testing, analysing work samples and the achievement of learning goals throughout the semester. This data enables teachers to develop a complete picture of your child's achievements and growth throughout this year. We look forward to celebrating with students and families, the learning progress and success of all students throughout this year.

*Michelle Dalgliesh*

## Swim & Gym

Swim & Gym begins tomorrow for all students in kindergarten and year 1. Outstanding payments are now due, please contact the school office to arrange payment if you have not already done so.

This program is an important part of many students emerging water confidence and fundamental movement skills and we are looking forward to watching our students' skills improve over the duration of the program.

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

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Tuesday Kindy & Year 1 - Swim & Gym  Canteen open Wed & Fri	Tuesday Kindy & Year 1 - Swim & Gym  Kindergarten 2021 transition Half day 9.20am-12.00pm	Tuesday 10/11 & 17/11 Kindergarten 2021 transition Full day 9.20am-3.00pm  Friday 13/11 Book Character Parade NAIDOC activities

## Classroom news - K/1

K/1 have been delving into the world of colour during our art lessons. We began by looking into the beginning of colour and discovered what are the three primary colours. We then mixed these colours to see what secondary colours can be made, and finally we looked at what are considered warm colours and cool colours. We certainly discovered that the world of colour is an extremely fascinating place to explore more deeply.

Did you know that bulls are colour blind? They charge the red cape because it is moving, not because it is red.



## Kindergarten Transition

Kindergarten transition begins next Tuesday! Mrs Conyard is getting very excited about welcoming our new students into the kindergarten classroom for their first official day at big school.

We recommend all pre-schoolers attend a before school health assessment before they begin kindergarten in 2021. This *Before School Assessment* is part of the early childhood health and development screening routine which is recommended for every child. The comprehensive check up includes hearing and vision screenings and can help ensure your child is well prepared and supported to enjoy a successful start at school.

## Before School Assessments

Grafton Community Health School Health Nurse Service - ph. 66418702

Grafton Community Health, Arthur Street, Grafton

8.00am – 5.00pm (Mon-Fri)

## 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, so **start getting your book parade outfits ready!**

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!



Senior Excursion

Students in years 3-6 had a fabulous time at Coffs Coast Adventure Centre last Friday. Students participated in a range of activities and challenges designed to build self confidence and develop skills in communication and teamwork. After participating in group activities, all the students came together to complete a challenging, fun and very muddy commando course where they had to help each other and work together to ensure everyone made it through successfully. Supervising staff were very impressed by the way students demonstrated their teamwork and collaboration. A fun day was had by all. Check out our Facebook page for more action-packed photos.



Stronger Program

This week, girls in years 4-6 will be participating in the first of 4 sessions as part of the Stronger program. The Stronger program is developed by a company called Believe, who has a mission to give the next generation of women the tools and confidence to face the world, feeling stronger. The first session is based around building confidence and self esteem. We look forward to the girls engaging in these practical, fun, and supportive mentoring sessions.

Canteen

Recess & lunch — BY ORDER ONLY  
Current sippy straw flavours include - choc-mint, cookies & cream, banana, chocolate, strawberry.  
The current canteen menu will continue through this term.

Helpers needed!

We need two or three more volunteers on the roster to keep the canteen open two days per week - particularly for Wednesdays. Please consider if you have just a couple of days free each term to help out. If you would like to volunteer in the canteen please contact the school office.

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday	Friday
28/10 Shelley & Georgina	30/10 Ryanda & Kirsty
4/11 Yvonne &	6/11 Sue & Kirsty
11/11 Fran & Karen	13/11 Ryanda & Georgina



## Paint Draw & Sketch for Yr. 5 – Yr.8

The 3 live zoom sessions are on 29th Oct, 12th Nov, 3rd Dec. Please Note: Younger children may join if parents can assist.

This purpose built online course encourages strong foundational skills in colour mixing, composition and scale, painting, drawing and more. Over 6 weeks you will learn how artworks are made and the basic skills and techniques to continue creating your own work at your own pace, in your own space.

Each week an online lesson will be emailed to you. Plus there will be 3 live zoom sessions to connect with your teacher and the rest of the class. In the zoom sessions there will be a small fun exercise. All materials are included and can be collected from the Grafton Regional Gallery upon registration.

## Art After School T4

### Paint, draw & sketch

Yr. 5 - Yr. 8

6 x prerecorded lessons  
over 6 weeks  
3 live zoom sessions  
29th Oct – 3rd Dec

\$100 per child or  
NSW Creative Kids Voucher



**THE UNIT is a Technology Club where high functioning kids on the Autism Spectrum can explore their technology interests at their own pace in a safe environment, with support from professional I.T. mentors.**

*(No diagnosis or referral required)*

**THE UNIT is not a classroom. THE UNIT provides a social venue where kids can blend in, be understood and not be judged.**

**2-Hour Sessions each Saturday.**

**New School of Arts, South Grafton.**

**For ages 9 to 17**

**phone or text: 0419 610 917**

**email: b.carnaby@bigpond.com**

*(NDIS and 'Creative Kids Voucher' friendly)*

your library  
your place

you're  
invited

skateboard & scooter racks  
**THE BIG LAUNCH**  
4-5pm Wed 28 Oct  
at Grafton Library

grab your friends, your board  
& your library card  
and roll over ...

free ice cream from the  
*I Scream* cart

chalk painting

live deck painting by  
local artist Kade Valja

10 padlocks to giveaway  
(first 10 library members  
with boards) join your library now

