

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 6 – 16 November 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

Thank you to those families who returned completed parent/carer surveys to school last week. We had an overwhelming response, with 61% of families participating. Data from the surveys has been collated and the responses are included in graph form in this newsletter. We are very happy with the feedback responses received from our community and in the spirit of continuous improvement, we will strive to build on these results into the future. Our school captains, Traice and Megan, drew the winning name for the prize draw at this morning's assembly. Congratulations to Chelsie-Lee's family who were the lucky recipients of the \$100 Target gift card.

Thank you again to everyone who participated, your feedback is both valued and appreciated. Staff and students also completed surveys which will provide the school with valuable feedback to inform our future school planning.

Michelle Dalgliesh

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Tuesday Kindy & Year 1 - Swim & Gym	Tuesday 24/11 Kindy & Year 1 - Swim & Gym	Monday 30/11 SGHS Yr 7 2021 Orientation Day
Kindergarten 2021 transition Full day 9.20am-3.00pm (final transition day)	Tuesday 24/11 P&C Meeting 3.30pm	Wed 2/12 - 5.30pm Kinder 2021 Parent Info Session
Friday NAIDOC activities	Thursday 26/11 Year 6 fundraiser Mufti & hot dog day	Mon 7/12 Big Banana K-2
Canteen open - Wed & Friday		Tues 8/12 - Year 6 Farewell
		Thurs 10/12 K-2 Presentation Day
		Fri 11/12 3-6 Presentation Day
		Tues 15/12 Swimming Carnival K-6

2021 Classes

Quality teaching and learning programs, delivered by excellent teaching staff, have ensured our school has continued to grow in recent years. I am delighted to announce in 2021 we will be creating a fifth class at Coutts Crossing Public School. This means smaller class sizes and greater opportunities for individualised support for all our students. An Expression Of Interest for a classroom teacher has been shared and we look forward to welcoming a new teacher to our passionate and talented CCPS team next year.

NAIDOC Day

This week, students will celebrate NAIDOC Day with a variety of activities on Friday. NAIDOC Day is an important opportunity to reflect and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Australia's First Nation peoples. We are lucky to have our Gumbaynggirr language tutor, Dean Loadsman attending this special event to share his knowledge and expertise. Students will rotate between activities based around Aboriginal art, history and culture. **All students are invited to come to school wearing red, black and yellow on Friday** in recognition of our NAIDOC Day celebrations.

Swimming Carnival

Great news! Our annual swimming carnival will go ahead at the end of this term on Tuesday 15th December. The safety of our students, staff and community is paramount and we will have a COVID safety plan in place to ensure all current DoE and NSW Health guidelines are strictly adhered to. As in previous years, we will be joining with Cowper Public School and the focus will be on fun, sportsmanship and having a go. Cowper students and Coutts Crossing students will be seated separately at the event. The carnival will be restricted to supervising staff and students only.

P&C Meeting

Under the current COVID restrictions, we are now permitted to hold P&C meetings on site after school hours. There will be one final P&C meeting this year at 3.30pm on Tuesday 24 November in the school hall. We will be finalising P&C issues for 2020 and discussing new Strategic Directions for the next school planning cycle. All welcome.

Stronger Program

Today our girls in years 4-6 will enjoy their final zoom session as part of the Stronger Program with the Believe team! Today they are learning about hygiene and self care. This has been a wonderful initiative, providing the girls with opportunities to come together and support each other as they learn and grow. The girls will continue to meet with Miss Nay each Monday at lunchtime to follow up and expand on the things they have learnt throughout the Stronger Program this term.

Classroom news - Library

Book Week was again a very exciting time at Coutts Crossing P.S. The theme this year was 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. Students have been busy reading about the amazing creatures in our world, making curious creatures in the classroom and creating curious creature displays for the library. Our library window display has the letters in the theme decorated with different characters and objects from the world of literature and these were unveiled each morning at assembly. Together we were able to unravel each mystery letter- fantastic work boys and girls!

Book Week culminated in our character parade. It was quite a scene on Friday morning when the students arrived in their fantastic outfits. Well done everybody- you looked amazing. A special thank you to our senior students who enthusiastically embraced the parade.

The Premiers Reading Challenge Certificates have arrived at school. Congratulations to all the students who qualified for the challenge. The certificates will be handed out to the students this week.

The Scholastic Book Fair has come and gone. Once again the school community strongly supported the fair. In the coming weeks we will be able to advise you of the commission the school has earned as a result of all the purchases made. This commission will be used to purchase resources for the school.

A quick reminder for overdue books. Overdue notices are sent home weekly. Please ask your child to check their rooms, under their beds etc for these resources.

K-2 Big Banana Excursion

On Monday 7 December our K-2 students will enjoy an excursion to the Big Banana Water Park. A permission note with all the details will be sent home with K-2 students today.

Kindergarten 2021 - Parent Information Session

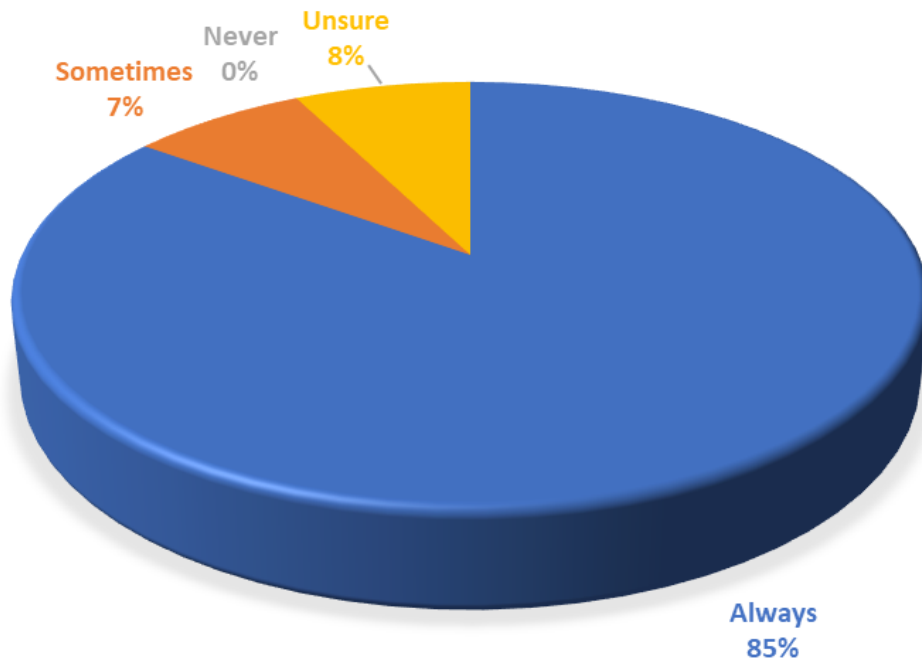
Parents and carers of our Kindergarten 2021 students are invited to attend an information session on Wednesday evening, 2 December, commencing at 5.30pm in the school hall.

Congratulations to Chelsie-Lee and family on winning the survey gift card draw.

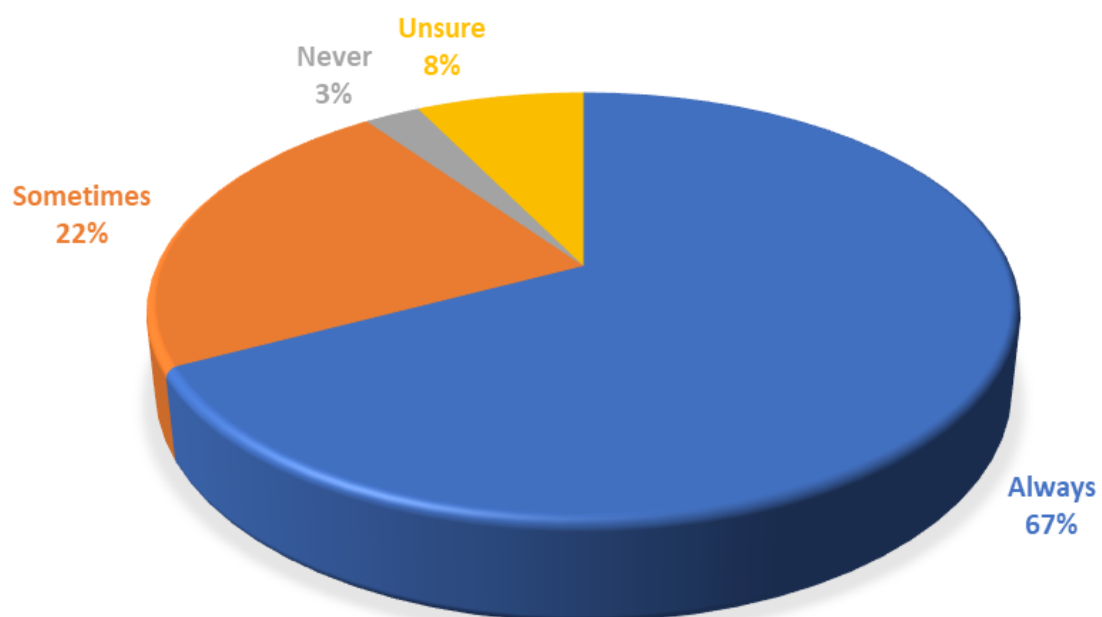


2020 Parent Carer Survey Results

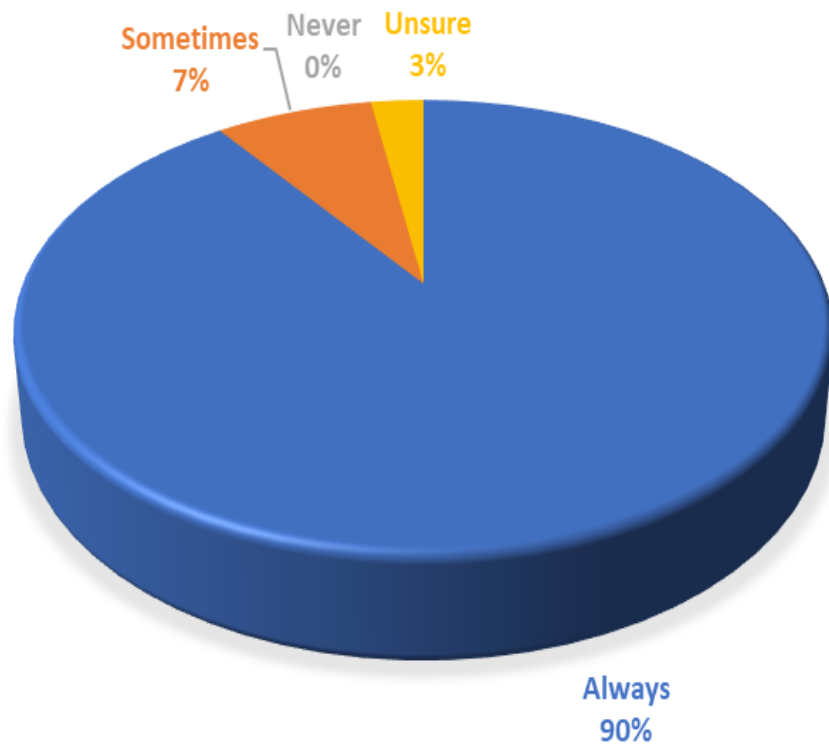
1. SCHOOL STAFF HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR MY CHILD'S LEARNING



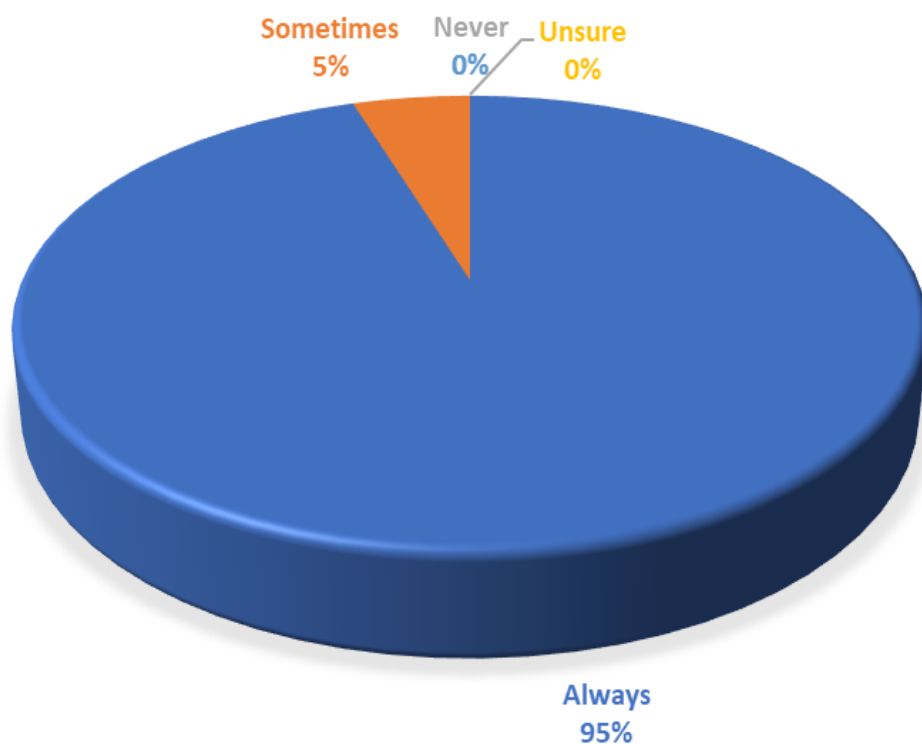
2. I AM WELL INFORMED ABOUT MY CHILD'S PROGRESS IN ALL AREAS OF LEARNING AND WELLBEING



3. EVERY STUDENT IS KNOWN, VALUED AND CARED FOR



4. THE TEACHERS AND PRINCIPAL RESPOND POSITIVELY WHEN I COME TO THEM WITH A CONCERN



Year 6 Fundraiser

On Thursday 26th November our Year 6 students will be holding a fundraiser to go towards their end of year function and farewell gift.

The day will be a mufti day and a hot dog lunch pack will be available. Orders will be sent home with all students this Friday, for return by Tuesday 24/11.

Remembrance Day

On 11 November we held a special ceremony to commemorate Remembrance Day. During the ceremony we held a minutes silence and talked about the importance of the day and why we make a special effort to remember and acknowledge our history.



Book Character Parade

Thank you to our parents and carers for assisting their students with costumes for this year's Book Character Parade. Staff were very impressed with the very imaginative costumes and overall enthusiasm of all students K-6.

Thank you to Mr Woolridge for organising this fun event each year. Hopefully next year we will be able to welcome our school community to come along and join in the fun.

Special congratulations go to our class winners:

K/1- Archie and Hayley D

1/2- Ruby and James C

2/3/4- Danae and Asher

4/5/6- Lachlan and Liegh

Check out our Facebook page for more photos.



Canteen

Recess & lunch — BY ORDER ONLY

Please ensure order bags are marked with as much information as possible, also indicating if an order is for recess or lunch.

Current sippy straw flavours include - choc-mint, cookies & cream, banana, chocolate, strawberry.

The current canteen menu will continue through this term.

Next P&C Meeting —
Tuesday 24 November 3.30pm

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday	Friday
18/11 Georgina & Talei	20/11 Sue & Ryanda
25/11 Georgina & Yvonne	27/11 Ryanda & Kirsty
2/12 Sue	4/12 Fran & Talei
9/12 Krystal & Ashleigh	11/12 Ryanda
16/12 Canteen closed	

Book Character Parade

