

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 8 – 30 November 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

Summer is well and truly upon us and we are expecting the hot weather to continue throughout this week. Please ensure students have water bottles and hats every day to assist them to stay cool and hydrated during playground activities. Supervising teachers will recommend students play in the shade during hot weather and refrain from overly active playground games. As part of our risk management procedures, during days of extremely high temperatures, the school will also offer additional indoor, air conditioned areas for passive play during lunchtime.

Michelle Dalgliesh

2021 School Captains

This Wednesday our year 5 students who wish to nominate for School Captain next year will be delivering speeches at our school assembly. The students have been working hard writing their speeches and we wish them luck for Wednesday. This year we have four outstanding candidates who would all do an outstanding job representing our school core values. Good luck boys and girls.

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Monday 30/11 SGHS Yr 7 2021 Orientation Day	Mon 7/12 Big Banana excursion K-2	Tues 15/12 Swimming Carnival K-6
Tuesday 1/12 Kindy & Year 1 - Swim & Gym (final Swim & Gym)	Tues 8/12 - Year 6 Farewell	Wed 16/12 Last school day for students
Wed 2/12 - 5.30pm Kinder 2021 Parent Info Session	Thurs 10/12 K-2 Presentation 9.20am	Fri 29/1/21 First 2021 school day for students years 1-6
Wed 2/12 Assembly - Year 5 leadership speeches	Fri 11/12 3-6 Presentation 9.20am	Wed 3/2/2021 First 2021 school day for Kindergarten students
Canteen open - Wed & Friday		

Kinder information session

Mrs Conyard will be hosting a parent information session for our 2021 kindergarten families this Wednesday at 5.30pm in our school hall. Mrs Conyard will be outlining everything you need to know about starting kindergarten at Coutts Crossing Public School and the kindergarten classroom. This will be a great opportunity for parents to get to know our wonderful kindergarten teacher, Mrs Conyard, and ask any questions about what to expect as the school year begins in 2021.

We are looking forward to welcoming new and current families to our school.

Swim/Gym

Tomorrow will be the final swim & gym session for our kindergarten and year 1 students. Supervising teachers and swimming instructors have been extremely pleased with the improvements made by our students throughout the program. Thank you to all the staff and gym and swim instructors at the South Grafton Pool and Gym Centre for their patience and expertise.

If possible, it would be wonderful if families can provide ongoing opportunities for students to continue swimming in the coming months in order to practice and consolidate the skills they have learnt during our school swimming program.

NSW Government Kids Vouchers

The Active Kids program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year. Families may use their Active Kids vouchers for swimming lessons. Families can apply for Active Kids vouchers here-

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

With school holidays coming up, families might be looking for ways to keep their children entertained with creative activities. Families can also apply for Creative Kids vouchers which may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

Families can apply for Creative Kids vouchers here-

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

School Drive Subsidy

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school. If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive to a pick up point or to school, you may be eligible for the subsidy. To find out if you're eligible, or to apply, visit transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Information about the subsidy is also shared on enrolment where the home address indicates a school bus is not available nearby.

K-2 Big Banana Excursion

On Monday 7 December our K-2 students will enjoy an excursion to the Big Banana Water Park and Emerald Beach playground. Permission notes and payments are now due. Please refer to notes for what to bring. Please also note the **early departure time of 9.00am** as the bus will not wait for late arrivals.

Swimming carnival

Our annual school swimming carnival is only two weeks away. Permission notes will be sent home today and families are reminded that all children are expected to attend. There will be no supervision provided at school. All children will travel by bus in to the carnival at 9.10am and return to school by 3.10pm. Our carnival is a fun day for students and will include competitive events, novelty events and free time (including the water slide).

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 restrictions, parents and spectators will not be able to attend this years carnival.

Permission notes are due back to school by Friday, 11 December.

Presentation Day

Our annual school Presentation Day has been divided into two ceremonies this year, with a **K-2 Presentation Day** on Thursday 10th December at 9.20am and **3-6 Presentation Day** on Friday 11th December at 9.20am.

With limited capacity in our school hall due to current COVID restrictions, we are not able to invite any special guests to our ceremony this year. Community attendance is also limited to ONE family member for each child who is receiving an award, therefore attendance at both Presentation Days will be by invitation only. Invitations will be sent home today with students who will be receiving awards.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause families, however we are hoping that restrictions will continue to ease in the near future and 2021 may bring some return to normalcy.

Year 6 Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our mufti and hot dog fundraiser. Year 6 raised \$150 to go towards their end of year activities and school gift.



Classroom news - K/1

K/1 have had a great week with Mrs Baker. Along with the usual classroom learning routine, our creative students got started on their end of year Christmas craft activities. They also had fun singing some Christmas songs. They can't wait to bring home their creations for Christmas.



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair tally has been finalised. We are pleased to advise that the school has earned \$358 in rewards to go towards school resources. Thank you!



Student Banking

The CommBank School Banking program will no longer be offered at our school. This decision has been made due to the low participation rate (prior to COVID restrictions) and changing mandatory requirements in coordinating the program.

P & C - Canteen

Recess & lunch — BY ORDER ONLY

No ice creams available for the rest of the year.

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

The current canteen menu will continue through this term. A new menu will be available soon for Term 1, 2021.

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday	Friday
2/12 Sue	4/12 Fran & Talei
9/12 Krystal & Ashleigh	11/12 Ryanda
16/12 Canteen closed	