

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 1– 3rd February 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to all our returning families and a special welcome to the new families joining our school community this year.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care and education of your children. We look forward to a productive year filled with exciting learning experiences and new challenges.

We are very excited to be welcoming Miss Kim Howard to the teaching team as our 2/3/4 classroom teacher and Mrs Sharon McLaughlan in the role of School Learning Support Officer this year.

The beginning of the school year can be an anxious time for students (and parents) as they adjust to a new class, new teacher and new routines. Our staff are focused on ensuring student welfare and are committed to helping students settle quickly and happily into their new classes. If you have any concerns at all, please contact the school and we will work together to ensure every child has a positive, happy start to 2020.

Michelle Dalglish

Canteen

The canteen will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays for recess and lunch. A current menu is included on the back page of the newsletter.

Important dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Mon– Welcome Kindergarten!	Wed– Assembly 2.30pm Captains Induction	Tues 18 Feb– P&C AGM & General Meeting 9.30am
Tues- Information sessions Kinder 5.00pm 1/2 5.30pm	Fri– Small Schools Swimming Carnival	Thur 5 Mar– School Photos
Wed- Information sessions 2/3/4 5.00pm 4/5/6 5.30pm		

Welcome Kindergarten!



Information Sessions

Classroom teachers will be hosting information sessions after school this week to share specific information about their classroom expectations and routines. If you are unable to attend, information will be sent home with students.

Sessions are as follows:

Tuesday 4/2/20

Kinder 5.00pm

1/2 5.30pm

Wednesday 5/2/20

2/3/4 5.00pm

4/5/6 5.30pm

For families who are unable to attend these sessions, all relevant information will be sent home with students the following day. As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning, please contact the school office to make an appropriate appointment.

Supervision will be provided in the school hall for families who do not have childcare available at these times.

Uniforms

Thank you to those families who have collected their 'complimentary' school shirt. The students are looking absolutely fabulous in the new style. If you have not yet collected your child's 'complimentary' shirt, staff will select an appropriate size for your child and send the shirt home with students this week. If you would like to purchase additional shirts (\$28.00) or hats (\$8.00), they will be available for purchase from the school office.

School routines

Our school has two designated areas for parents to wait when collecting their students each afternoon. Parents may wait under the canteen area or at the bus shelter for their students to walk up from classrooms. We respectfully ask parents not to allow preschoolers to play on the fixed equipment and not to wait outside classrooms as this can be a distraction to student's learning. If you need to see your child's classroom teacher, please phone or visit the school office to make an appropriate appointment time, rather than trying to catch them in the morning when they are preparing for class or after school when they often have commitments scheduled.

Please note- Kindergarten parents will meet their kindergarten children outside Mrs Conyard's room during the first week of school, then transition to using the designated parent pick up points.

Small schools swimming

Those students who were successful in achieving qualifying times for the Small Schools Swimming Carnival at our school carnival in Term 4 will receive permission notes this week. The Small Schools Carnival will be held at the Grafton Olympic Pool on Friday, 14th February.

Leader Induction Assembly

This year we will continue to hold assemblies on Wednesday afternoons every second week if schedules and extra curricula events allow. Our first assembly of the year will be our special leader induction assembly where our captains, vice captain and sport captains will be officially inducted into their new roles and receive their badges. This assembly will be held on Wednesday, 12th February at 2.30pm. All welcome.

School maintenance

The Department of Education is currently completing several maintenance projects around the school. Work which is noisy or likely to impact student learning is completed during holidays and out of school hours as much as possible. Areas which are undergoing work will be fenced and identified to ensure the health and safety of our school community. We look forward to our new and improved buildings as programmed works are completed.

Violin program

This year we will be introducing a violin program at the school. There will be limited places available in the program and ongoing inclusion will be dependent on interest, dedication to practice and behaviour. An expression of interest will be sent home soon for students in years 3 and 4.

A great start in the library

A warm welcome back to all our students, indeed to all users of our beautiful school library. The school library will continue to play a significant role in the social, emotional and academic development of all the students in our school. Research continues to highlight the significant gains students can make when they are regularly engaged in reading. Recently I read that as little as 15 minutes a day of reading engagement can result in reading achievement above national averages. With that in mind the teachers and staff have started our school year encouraging all students to borrow from the library and to read both at school and home.

In our first week of class borrowing 93% of students at school borrowed from the library. No class fell below 90% of students who borrowed.... so well done to everybody. That is quite an achievement. Now we must set our goals to reading our borrowed books and developing a nightly reading habit of at least 15 minutes with a goal to increasing this to 45 minutes. Together the school and home environments can work to achieve these goals. Remember that all books read count towards the Premier's Reading Challenge (which you will hear more about as the year progresses).

And lastly...

Question: What is the tallest building in the school?
Give up?

Answer: The library. Because it has the most stories.
Mr Woolridge

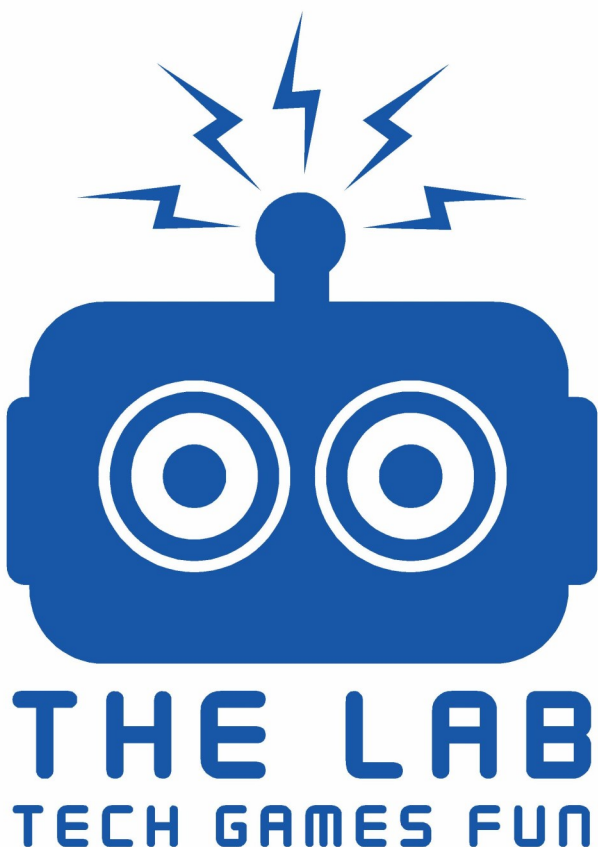
Classroom News - 4/5/6

In 4/5/6 we have been introducing the Rock & Water program. The program allows students to develop their confidence in identifying their feelings and emotions, as well as building on their strength and inner balance. We are really enjoying learning and playing the games involved.



Chess Board

A big thank you to our wonderful General Assistant, Mr Bebbington, who worked throughout the school holidays to complete refurbishments on the old pond area. We now have a new giant chess board! The 2019 year 6 students purchased a giant chess set as a parting gift for the school and we look forward to many lunchtime chess challenges in the future.



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Performance Dates:

Friday 26 June, 7:30pm

Saturday 27 June, 3:00pm

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Celebrate the wackiness in every family with our best-selling Broadway musical adapted for school-age performers! Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family whom her parents have never met. She confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before—keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY Young@Part® is the authorized 60-minute edition of the Broadway musical for schools and youth theatres. Through a series of workshops with industry professionals and actual kids, the Young@Part® musicals are tailor-made for younger actors. Song keys are changed where needed, songs and scenes are edited for time and content, while keeping the spirit of the original Broadway show intact. There are great parts for girls, boys and can feature any size ensemble/chorus, who are featured throughout the show.

Production Team

Producer: Clarence Valley Conservatorium

Director: Bronwyn Bennan

Music Director: Adam Willis

Cost

\$120 Per term for two terms (Creative Kids Vouchers accepted)

Ages

Open to students who are turning 8 in 2020 and up to 18

Production Schedule

Weekly Rehearsals: Thursday 5:30pm-7:00pm commencing February 13
Holiday Workshop: Tuesday 14 April 10:00-4:00 (including Shoppingworld performance)
Holiday Workshop: Wednesday 15 April 10:00-4:00
Rehearsal: Saturday 13 June 10:00-4:00
Rehearsal: Wednesday 24 June 6:30-8:00
Dress Rehearsal: Thursday 25 June 6:30-8:00
Performance 1: Friday 26 June 7:30pm
Performance 2: Saturday 27 June 3:00pm
Performance 3: Saturday 27 June 7:30pm

Auditions

Auditions are to be held Thursday 6 February between 5:30 and 6:30.
Auditionees will be required to:

1. Participate in a group singing exercise. Auditions for principle roles will also need to sing a short 16 bar song of their choice. (noted below with *)
2. Participate in group line readings.
3. Participate in a group dancing exercise.

Roles

Morticia Addams*: The matriarch of the Addams Family. Gender: Female

Gomez Addams*: The patriarch of the Addams Family. Gender: Male

Wednesday Addams*: Daughter. Gender: Female

Pugsley Addams*: Son. Gender: Male

Fester Addams*: Uncle. Gender: Male

Lurch*: Family's butler. Gender: Male

Grandma Addams*: Strong comedic timing. Gender: Female

Lucas Beineke*: Wednesday's love interest. Gender: Male

Mal Beineke*: Lucas' Father. Gender: Male

Alice Beineke*: Lucas' Mother. Gender: Female

The Addams Family Ancestors: strong male and female singers/dancers/actors who will be moving the story along through choreography, character work, and the moving of set pieces.

Further information is available by phoning the CVCon office on 6643 3555 or email cvccon@cvccon.com.au



Play netball in 2020!

Grafton Netball Association would love to see you at one of our sign-on days:

February 29 & March 7 12pm-2pm Bacon St netball courts

Alternatively, for 7yrs + please contact one of our clubs:

Northside Netball Club
Michelle 0467336194
Mboorman83@gmail.com

City Netball Club
Carlie 0439403038
c.jbullen@gmail.com

S&S Netball Club
Rhee 0419981511
rhee_1996@hotmail.com

Grafton Rhinos Netball Club
Sandra 0407493376
sjhastings7@yahoo.com.au

For 4-7 yrs we have the Net Program.

'Come and Try' days: March 21 & 28 - 12:30pm

Register online through www.graftonna.nsw.netball.com.au.

For further information contact Brooke 0437426070
or grafton.netball@bigpond.com

Active Kids Sports voucher accepted by all clubs and for the Net program.

YOUTH DROP IN CALENDAR

MONDAY

MACLEAN

Wherrett Park - Out Of The Box
3.30PM - 5.00PM

TUESDAY

GRAFTON

Market Square - Out Of The Box
3.00PM - 5.00PM

WEDNESDAY

MACLEAN

Wherrett Park - Out Of The Box
3.30PM - 5.00PM

THURSDAY

GRAFTON LGBTIQ GROUP

Market Square - Out Of The Box
4.00PM - 5.00PM

FRIDAY

YAMBA

Yamba Skate Park - Out Of The Box
4.30PM - 6.30PM

Weekly drop in service for free activities, advice, information and support for ages 12-25 years.
For more information, follow our social media pages 'Clarence Valley Youth Hubs' or call New School of Arts on 6640 3800



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TERM 1 2020 Workshops



Tuning in to Kids	'Tuning in to Kids' is an evidence-based six-week program that focuses on emotion coaching to respond to children in a supportive way. Recognising, understanding and managing our emotions and the emotions of our children is at the forefront of the 'Tuning in to Kids' program. Registrations due Friday 7/02/20	CRANES @ Grafton 5:30pm to 7:30pm February 10 - March 16
After the Storm	'After the Storm' is a six-week program run alongside the <i>Clarence River Domestic & Family Violence Specialist Service</i> to help parents who have experienced domestic and/or family violence to enhance parenting skills. Registrations due Friday 7/02/20	CRANES @ Grafton 9:30am to 12:30pm February 12 - March 18
Building Resilience in Children (0-6)	'Building Resilience in Kids' is a half-day workshop that provides information and strategies to build the resilience of children and their ability to learn from adversity. Suits parents with children aged 0 to 6.	CRANES @ Grafton 9:30am to 12:30pm February 13
Keep Calm and Stress Less	'Keep Calm and Stress Less' is a two-day workshop that provides information on how stress can affect our wellbeing and parenting, followed by communication strategies and self care.	CRANES @ Grafton 9:30am to 12:30pm February 20 & 27
Toddler Tantrum Toolbox	'Toddler Tantrum Toolbox' is a half-day workshop that provides an overview of toddler brain development to explain the difference between meltdowns and tantrums - followed by strategies to manage them.	CRANES @ Yamba 9:30am to 12:30pm March 3
Full Circle	'Full Circle' is a group that meets fortnightly to provide peer support for parents seeking access to or restoration of a child. Guest speakers will be invited regularly to provide the group with information and education.	CRANES @ Grafton 10:00am to 11:30am February 11 - March 10

CRANES' workshops are **FREE** of charge

Free childcare is also available at some venues

NOTE: To be eligible for our free workshops you must have a child in your care, seeking access to or restoration of a child or support someone who does.

Call CRANES for enquires or to register (no referral necessary)

VENUE	
CRANES - Grafton	11 Kemp Street, Grafton
Yamba - Treelands Drive Community Centre	24 Treelands Drive, Yamba

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CRANES' Family and Relationship Services is funded by the Dept. of Social Services

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REGISTRATION DAY 2020

Tuesday 4th Feb 2020, 4pm to 6pm
Grafton Public School Hall, Bacon St, Grafton
Classes commence Tuesday 11th Feb, 2020



CCPS Canteen Menu

2020 Term 1

RECESS ITEMS		LUNCH ITEMS (to be ordered)	
Raisin toast	0.20	Chicken crackles (5)	2.00
Ham & cheese muffin	0.60	Spaghetti bolognaise	3.00
Jelly and Custard	0.60	Fish burger (lettuce, mayo)	3.00
Jelly or Custard	0.30	Whiting fillet & salad (on a plate)	3.00
Fruit cup	1.00	Party pie	0.80
Pikelets	0.20	Mini sausage roll	0.80
Garlic Bread	0.20	Large sausage roll	1.80
Sippy milk straws	1.00	Hamburger (beef pattie & salad)	3.00
		Cheeseburger (beef pattie, cheese & sauce-tom/BBQ)	2.50
		Chicken burger	3.50
		Steamed dim sims	1.00
		Large hot dog	1.80
DRINKS		Half hot dog	0.90
Cold Milo	1.00	Toasted sandwich –chicken/ham and cheese	2.00
Bottled water	1.00	Toasted sandwich –Chicken/ham, tomato and cheese	2.50
Juice cup- orange	0.80	Pizza - ham, pineapple & cheese (Tomato base)	3.00
Juice cup- apple	0.80	Pizza -meat lovers (BBQ base)	3.00
Juice cup- apple/blackcurrant	0.80	Ham salad wrap (wholemeal or white)	3.00
Milk cup- chocolate	0.80	Chicken salad wrap (wholemeal or white)	2.00
Milk cup- strawberry	0.80	Ham & salad sandwich	3.00
Fruit smoothie- banana	1.00	Chicken & salad sandwich	3.00
		Egg & lettuce sandwich	3.00
		Salad sandwich	2.50
		Beef lasagne	3.50
		Fried rice	3.00
AFTER LUNCH			
Vanilla ice cream cup	0.50		
Frozen juice ice block	0.60		
Frozen milk - chocolate	0.60		
Frozen milk - strawberry	0.60		
Pineapple UFOs	0.20		
Frozen yoghurt ice block	0.60		