

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 5– 24th February 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The first half of the term has absolutely flown by and teachers have been very impressed by how well students have settled into their new classroom routines for 2020. This week, teachers will be conducting their first student-teacher learning conferences for the year. These conferences allow every student to have one on one time with their teachers to set individual learning goals and receive explicit feedback about how they can improve. The conferences also provide a wonderful opportunity for students to discuss any concerns they are having at school. Conferences are held twice a term throughout the year and encourage students to be actively engaged in their learning journey.

Michelle Dalglish

Hat reminder

We have had a high number of students not bringing their school hats and relying on the use of the yellow spare hats. Students are only permitted the use of a spare hat twice per term. Please remind students to bring their school hat each day and keep it in their school bag before and after breaks.

Important dates

| This Week | Next Week | Coming Up |
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| Wed– Assembly 2.30pm | Tue– P&C meeting 9.30am | Tues 10 Mar - Year 6 Sports Day at SGHS SGHS Yr 7 2021 Information Session |
| Thur– MNC Swimming | Thur– School Photos The Big Veggie Crunch | Wed 11 Mar– Assembly 2.30pm |
| Waste Free Warrior Day is each Thursday! | | Fri 20 Mar– Harmony Day Coutts Café Action Against Bullying Day |
| | | Thur 26 Mar—Cross Country |

Assembly

Please join us for this week's assembly at 2.30pm on Wednesday 26/2/20, in the school hall. Student leaders who did not receive a badge at the induction ceremony will receive their badges at this assembly. K/1 will be presenting a very special item for your enjoyment. Come along and see how clever our kinder students are and just how much they've grown in only a few short weeks at big school.



At last week's assembly our 2020 Captains, House Captains and SRC representatives were officially inducted into their roles and received their badges.

P&C AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C AGM and first P&C meeting last week, it was wonderful to see some new faces at the meeting. Thank you to the outgoing committee members for their work throughout last year and congratulations to the newly elected committee members.

President- Ryanda Ellis

Secretary- Cory Fallon

The Treasurer and Vice President positions are currently vacant and will hopefully be filled at the next meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 9.30am in the school hall. All welcome.

Canteen

The P&C is currently looking for any parents who would like to volunteer in the school canteen this year. There are many benefits of volunteering in a school canteen, including the opportunity to meet and mingle with other parents and reduced price lunches for your child on the day you volunteer. Students love seeing their parents take an active role in our school community, so if you are interested in being part of our Coutts Crossing canteen volunteer team, please contact the school office and let us know your availability. No experience necessary- all training provided! P&C is also looking for a passionate person to manage canteen duties including purchasing, menus, and rosters.

School Photo Day

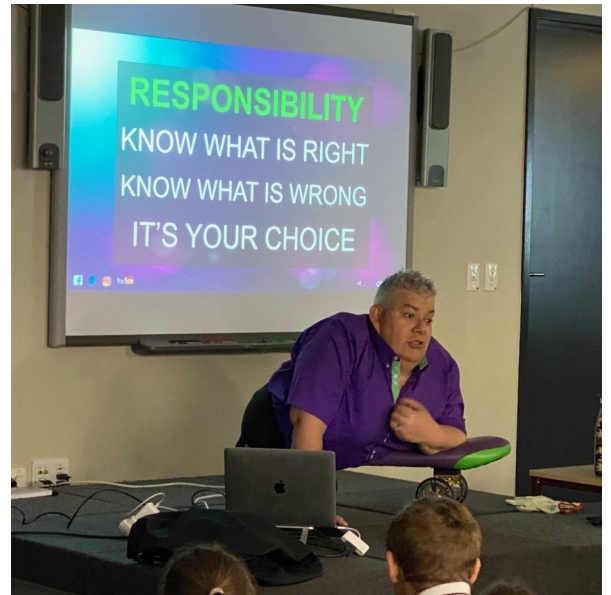
The 2020 official school photos, for individuals and class groups, will be taken on Thursday 5th March. Each student has been given an order envelope to return on the day. Envelopes can also be held at the office if returned prior. Please follow the instructions on the envelope for ordering and payment.

Spare envelopes are available at the office if required.

Sibling/family envelopes (only for children attending the school) can be collected from the school office.

John Coutis

Students in years 3-6, along with students from Ulmarra PS, had an amazing visit with inspirational speaker John Coutis on Friday. John's key messages to the students were, to treat people the way you wish to be treated; to be responsible for your choices; the importance of goals because they give us direction, purpose and strength; to be kind; and to never give up. His final message to our students was, 'Don't let anyone tell you what you can't do– show them what you can do!'



Impetigo

With the abundance of insect bites our students have received recently, the risk of developing impetigo (school sores) is increased. If you suspect your child has impetigo, please see your doctor, commence treatment and cover sores before returning to school.

Enrolment information– IMPORTANT!

Please remember to let the school know if any of your contact details change. Particularly for our Kindy students, we have some enrolments still needing to complete their records. For each student we need:

Birth certificate

Immunisation History Statement

Medical information eg asthma plan, ASCIA plan

If you're unsure if you have records outstanding, please contact the office.

Clarence District Swimming

Congratulations to Megan who represented the school at the Clarence District Swimming Carnival at the Grafton Olympic Pool last Thursday. Megan swam very well and we congratulate her on her great efforts and fantastic sportsmanship! Megan has qualified to represent Clarence District at the Mid North Coast level this Thursday, competing in the open 100m freestyle and 50m senior backstroke events. Well done Megan!



Violin lessons

Thank you to those students who have returned their expressions of interest to participate in violin lessons at school. Lessons begin this Thursday at lunch time in the school hall. All necessary equipment is being provided by the school. The violin group is now full, although if you are interested on being included on a wait list, please contact the school office.

Professional Learning

On Tuesday, teaching staff will be undertaking Professional Learning with renowned Child Psychologist, Dr John Irvine. Dr Irvine will be improving teacher's knowledge and understanding of children's emotions and how we can support students to better manage anger and reduce anxiety. Teaching staff will be learning about how best to implement Dr Irvine's wonderful program, the Worry Woo- Developing Emotional Intelligence Program for students.

A special thank you to Mr Frank Potter, Executive Director, School Performance, Rural North Operational Directorate, for providing our school with this wonderful program and organising this professional learning opportunity for bush fire affected schools.

Classroom News - K/1

K/1 had lots of fun last week working in groups playing a variety of number games. Our games included recognising the dice pattern of numbers 1 to 6, as well as practising one to one counting when matching a number to its count. Playing these games help cement their understanding of what a number is, and how it can be represented.



Waste Free Warriors

What is Waste Free Warriors?

Waste Free Warriors have lunches that contain only items that are eaten, composted or recycled. They do not contain wrappers or packaging that will be thrown in the rubbish bin.

Being a Waste Free Warrior reduces the amount of 'stuff' that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill. Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food, as they may last from pre-school through to high school and beyond, providing long term cost savings and environmental benefits.

This year at Coutts Crossing School we encourage our students to participate in Waste Free Warriors each Thursday. Whilst we have dedicated this day to show students the importance of becoming environmentally aware and become waste free at school, we do encourage students to be waste free warriors each and every day.

Last week all students participated in a waste audit to measure our waste so we can focus on areas for improvement.



School Fees

An annual general voluntary contribution fee of \$50 is levied for each student, with a reduced fee for siblings. This money is used to purchase all resources needed for each student and subsidise or cover additional school activities and excursions. Coutts Crossing Public School has always strived to minimise any cost of education for students. The payment of voluntary contributions will allow the school to continue to offer special opportunities to students that would otherwise not be accessible or affordable.

Fees can be paid online via our website, or by cash or cheque at the school office. We understand that at the start of the year other expenses have been a priority, such as uniforms and school photos, so we ask that school fees be paid by the end of Term 1.



SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Year 7 2021 Transition Evening



South Grafton High School invites families of Year 6 students to our information evening.

Tuesday 10th March, 2020

5:30pm - 7:00pm

@ South Grafton High School Hall

www.sthgraston-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

All Year 6 students and parents are invited to attend:

Year 6 into 7 Transition Information Night

Tuesday 10th March

5.30-7pm

South Grafton High School Hall

The aim of the evening is to provide students and their parents with an opportunity to learn about the transition process and develop an understanding about their child's high school experience.

It is an opportunity to meet the principal and Year Adviser as well as gain information about the curriculum, special school programs and extra-curricular activities, which are available to your student.

Student scholarships and Platinum class selection will be explained. Important details surrounding the culture of the school including welfare, support, achievements and other opportunities will be discussed. There will also be an opportunity to take a tour of the school and view our facilities.

Regards,

Ms. Pizarro

Principal

South Grafton High School



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Year 6 Sport Transition Day

Date: Tuesday 10th March 2020

Time: 10am to 2pm

Venue: South Grafton High School

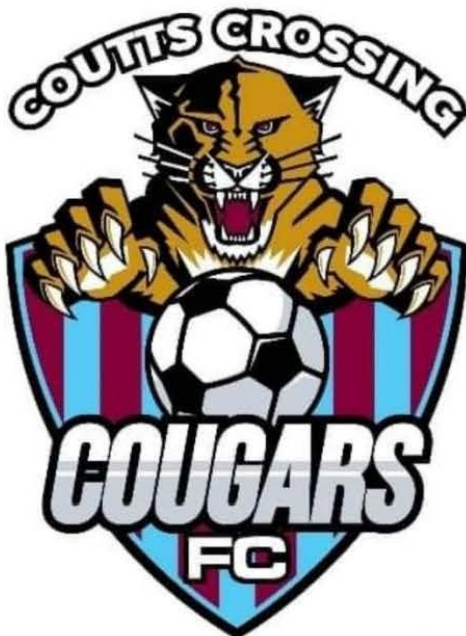


Students will participate in a variety of team building games and sports.

The aim is to support students with the transition to High School and to build connections across the students.

Students are to wear full school sports uniform. They are to bring a hat, sunscreen, lunch and water. Canteen Facilities are available.

For more information please contact Mr Smith at South Grafton High School - 66421466



[Coutts Crossing Cougars Football Club](#)

Just a quick reminder that registrations are open for the 2020 soccer season and can be found at www.playfootball.com.au

Coutts Crossing Cougars Football Club is a great club with a family atmosphere for all ages

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us on 0407668599 or couttscougars@gmail.com

With thanks

Coutts Crossing Cougars F.C