

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 7– 9th March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all our families for ensuring students were in full school uniform for school photo day last Thursday. The students looked wonderful and we are very excited to see our photos when they are delivered.

Please remember to update your contact details with the school office if you change address or get a new phone number. It is essential for the school to be able to contact you if your child becomes sick at school or in the event of an emergency.

I will be on leave for the remainder of this week to undergo further surgery on my pesky shoulder. If there are any urgent concerns or issues in my absence, please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Conyard. I look forward to being back at school with two functioning arms next week!

Michelle Dalglish

Year 7 2021

Today Year 6 students will receive their expression of interest forms for Year 7 2021—*Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school in 2021*. Please complete and return the forms to the CCPS office no later than Friday 20th March,

Important dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Tues- Year 6 Sports Day at SGHS SGHS Yr 7 2021 Information Session Eisteddfod dance try-outs Wed– Assembly 2.30pm Waste Free Warrior Day is each Thursday!	Fri 20 Mar– Coutts Café Harmony Day Action Against Bullying Day Year 7 2021 EOIs due	Thur 26 Mar- Cross Country Tue 7 Apr- Small Schools Cross Country Easter Disco 6.00pm Thur 9 Apr- Easter Hat Parade Last day of Term1

Attendance

Although we understand that sometimes students are not well enough to attend school, regular attendance is critical for every student to achieve their potential. Every school day a child shows up is another day of learning and developing new skills. Each school day they miss leaves a gap in their learning and missed opportunities. If your child must miss a day of school, please notify the school office immediately so our records can be updated. Thank you for helping us to boost attendance rates and for making school attendance a priority for your family.

Dance

We are pleased to announce that Miss Amanda from Ashley Albert Performing Arts will be visiting our school during the coming months to run an Eisteddfod Dance Program. There will be try outs with Miss Amanda at lunchtime on Tuesday this week for any interested students in years 2-6. Selected students will participate in weekly lessons preparing for an Eisteddfod dance performance in June. We look forward to Miss Amanda sharing her expertise with our students. Miss Howard will also be starting a general dance group, open to all interested students, later in term 1.

Harmony Day

Students will be celebrating Harmony Day and National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence next Friday, 20th March, with a range of activities across classrooms K-6. As part of our focus on promoting harmony, kindness and diversity, students will be encouraged to **wear something orange** to school if they have something orange readily available in their wardrobes.

UNE Discovery Voyager

Our students had a fantastic time discovering science through the activities 'Eating Energetics' and 'Living Latin'. Students from K-6 had the opportunity to observe incredible experiments and participate in hands-on explorations. Thank you to the scientists from UNE for this wonderful learning experience.



The Big Veggie Crunch

Our school took part in The Big Veggie Crunch last Thursday, as part of Vegetable Week, an initiative of the Healthy Kids Association promoting and influencing healthy food choices for children. It was great to see students tasting and testing a range of vegetables. Thank you to Mrs Conyard for organising.



SENA testing

Over the next 2 weeks students in years 1-6 will participate in individual SENA (Schedule for Early Number Assessment) testing with their classroom teachers. SENA testing provides valuable information about each student's numeracy development which supports teachers to program for the individual needs of each child. SENA testing will be completed again in term 4, assisting teachers to track student numeracy progress over time.

Bike safety

Recently we have had several students riding their bikes to and from school without wearing helmets. Rules state that a bicycle rider on roads and road-related areas must wear an approved bicycle helmet securely fitted and fastened. We encourage all our students to wear bike helmets when riding at all times as the helmet helps protect children's brains from impact in the event of a collision or fall.

Classroom News - 4/5/6

This term in 4/5/6 we have been looking at different types of abstract art and how pop art plays a role in certain artworks. We have also been learning about cool and warm colours and the effects they have in art. Last week we re-created an abstract portrait of our landscape of the countryside. The end results have been amazing.



Volunteers

Volunteers play a very special role in our school community and we are always grateful for the contribution made by our generous parent and grandparent helpers.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have completed their Declaration for Child Related Work Volunteers Form (formally known as Appendix 5). Any community members who wish to volunteer within the school in either the canteen, P&C or in classrooms, must complete a Declaration for Child Related Work Volunteers form, available from the school office, and return it with photo ID in order to comply with DoE Working With Children Check procedures. If you have completed an Appendix 5 for volunteering previously, there is no need to complete a new form.

Reminder- Our school has CCPS Parents and Volunteers Guidelines which clearly outline the expectations from parents and volunteers at our school. These guidelines are available electronically on our school website or paper copies are available from our school office.

P&C NEWS

Canteen helpers

A roster will now be printed in the newsletter each week. Please contact the school office if you would like your name added to our list of canteen helpers or if you need to make a change to the roster. If you are new to volunteering at the school, please see the volunteer requirements above.

Easter Disco

The P&C will be holding an Easter themed disco on Tuesday 7th April, starting at 6.00pm. Entry is \$3.00 per student, pre-school aged siblings free of charge. There will be snacks and drinks available to purchase on the night. Come along for lots of fun and dancing.



Easter Raffle

As part of the Easter Hat Parade celebrations on Thursday 9th April, the P&C will be running an Easter raffle. We kindly ask if families could please make an Easter related donation towards the prizes. Items can be left in the basket in the school office. Tickets will be sent home with each family during the coming week and will need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 8th April.

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday	Friday
11/3 Megan & Karen	13/3 Ryanda & Georgina
18/3 Shelley & Alexa	20/3 Sue & Fran
25/3 Megan & Karen	27/3 Ryanda, Georgina & Kirsty
1/4 Krystal & Ashleigh	3/4 Sue