

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 10 – 29th June 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had a few enrolments throughout this term and I'd like to give a very warm welcome to the new families joining our school community.

At this stage, we do not know what restrictions will be in place at the beginning of term 3. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page and school website during the holidays for any updated information.

After a very challenging term, we are all looking forward to a relaxing holiday break. I wish all our families a safe and happy Winter holiday and I hope everyone has the opportunity to relax and spend time with family whilst enjoying this lovely Winter weather.

Michelle Dalglish

Curriculum review

As you may have seen in the media recently, the results of a NSW Curriculum Review have been released. The Curriculum Review investigated whether what we teach is adequately preparing students to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. We are very excited to hear the proposed new curriculum will be de-cluttered so teachers can spend more time focusing on deep learning and ensuring all students build a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy.

This Week	Coming Up
Friday 3rd July - Fun sports day Last day of Term 2	Tuesday 21 July - Students return for Term 3
Canteen open Wed & Fri	Thursday 23 July - Violin group recommences
	Friday 24 July – ICAS notes due (Yrs 2-6)
	Monday 27 July - K/1 Ear Health Lesson
	Tuesday 28 July - P&C meeting 9.30am

Sports Day

Students and staff are looking forward to a fun day of House group sports activities on Friday. Don't forget to try and wear your house colours!

Blaxland House - Yellow

Orara House -Red

Goolang House- Green

Blaxland

Goolang

Orara

Assembly

On Wednesday, it was fantastic to have our whole school come together for our first and last fortnightly assembly for term 2. Congratulations to classroom merit awards winners- from 4/5/6 Angas



and Eli, from 2/3/4 Rush and Freya, from 1/2 Ruby and Mia, and from K/1 Evie and Max. Special congratulations go to our students who have been working consistently across all areas and have managed to achieve their Bronze Awards - Hamish, Tayla, Jack, Ruby, Oliver, Yuluwirri, James, Jake & Hayley.

Students who have received their Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards will be invited to attend a special celebratory morning tea with their parents when current restrictions regarding visitors to school are lifted.

Champion writers

Students from 2/3/4 have been constructing individual digital books with Mrs Donoghue. They have worked hard to create illustrations and use descriptive writing to tell the adventures of two fun characters, a blue and a pink crayon. Mrs Dalglish was lucky enough to have Jesse, Silvia and Milla visit her office to share their fantastic stories. Their clever narratives and excellent use of punctuation was very impressive! Well done kids!



School jumpers

We have had many students arriving at school in the morning without a jumper. Most mornings it has been getting down to 5 degrees at school and it is extremely cold for students before they go into class. The school has been issuing a large amount of spare jumpers to students to ensure they are comfortable before school. Please ensure that ALL students have a maroon school jumper each morning when they come to school.

International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (2-6)

ICAS notes have been sent home with all students in years 2-6 today. If you would like your child to participate in ICAS testing this year please refer to the note for details. The online payment due date is Sunday 26 July. We ask that you complete payment and return permission slips by Friday 24 July.

Classroom News - Library

The library continues to be a busy learning space even through these unusual times. All classes continue to use the library for borrowing and returning of resources. The students have been developing knowledge and skills using the library cataloguing system. Students have been querying the 'ORBIT' catalogue to locate resources of their choosing and then using this knowledge to find the books in the library. The senior classes have been asked to complete scavenger hunts in the library to sharpen their ability to use the junior fiction, fiction and non-fiction areas. We will be investigating how the Dewey Decimal system operates and orders the non-fiction collection.

You may have heard the students discussing our focus on skip counting and times tables, as well as a focus on the Oxford 500 spelling list and our skill development in phonics (sounds). I am pleased to report that all students are making progress in these areas.

The Premier's Reading Challenge will operate again this year with slightly amended rules. Key changes include:

- All students will be able to include 10 choice books on their 2020 Student reading records.
- All students will be able to include books read as part of collaborative reading with teachers or parents/ carers, either in person or online.
- Students who do not complete the Challenge in 2020 will not be disadvantaged from achieving cumulative PRC awards in the future.

The challenge ends on Friday, August 28. I will update the reading records for all students in Kindergarten through year 2. Students in years 3 through 6 will need to input their reading records themselves. After these have been input I can validate them so they receive their certificates at the completion of the challenge. I am happy to assist all students in updating their online reading records.

Enjoy your break and please remember to keep reading.

There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book. —Frank Serafini

Cool Cards

The Cool Card box has once again been full, with many students across the school being awarded Cool Cards for demonstrating our school core values. Congratulations to Myah and Dimity who were the Cool Card draw winners at assembly last week.

Student Bankers

The weekly CBA student banking program will NOT be recommencing at CCPS until further notice.

Canteen

Are you interested in volunteering in our canteen?

Please contact the school office if you would like to find out more.

No experience necessary! We will roster you on with experienced volunteers so you can learn the ropes. The children love to see a familiar face behind the canteen counter!



Canteen Roster

Wednesday	Friday
1/7 Krystal & Fran	3/7 Ryanda & Kirsty
Term 3 - 22/7 Karen & Jenny	24/7 Sue & Yvonne
29/7 Megan & Krystal	31/7 Ryanda & Kirsty
5/8 Shelley & Alexa	7/8 Sue & Georgina
12/8 Ashleigh & Fran	14/8 Ryanda & Kirsty



2020 Young Guns

Commencing:
Saturday 25th July
9:30am

Got a Little Soccer Star???

South Services Gunners are seeking Girls and Boys
3-4yrs & nervous 5yr olds to be future Soccer Stars

Cost - \$50
8 week season
Shirt Included

Multi-Skills Training
and Fun Games!!
Lead By Professional Brazilian
Futsal Coach Renan Fenerich

For Registration Form Please

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