

# Coutts Crossing Public School

# Newsletter



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Week 6 – 1st June 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Students and staff had a fabulous first week back of full time face to face teaching and learning. There were some very tired children (and staff) by the end of the week as we all transition back to our new school routines. Our students have adjusted well to the additional hygiene protocols at school and have settled back into classrooms with a calm and focused approach to learning that we are extremely proud of.

At this stage, there are still strict COVID-19 restrictions in place regarding visitors at school. Only essential personnel are allowed on school grounds and parents and families are asked to continue with the current 'drop and go' procedures. If you need to contact the school, please do so by phoning or emailing the office, rather than visiting in person. Thank you.

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Moran is now officially a permanent teacher at Coutts Crossing Public School after securing a transfer from Cowper Public School. Mrs Moran has been teaching at our school since the beginning of 2019 and has become an integral member of our teaching team, so we are thrilled for her to gain permanent appointment at our school. Our students will benefit from Mrs Moran's expertise, dedication and passion and we welcome her to our Coutts Crossing family.

*Michelle Dalgliesh*

## Reminders-

Please remember to bring these items to school every day - lunch, recess, drink bottle, hat, jumper & fruit. Under current restrictions, parents should not be bringing these items to school during the day. Water bubblers are not available and the canteen will be closed until further notice.

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Mon-Fri Regular face to face learning  Fri- Netball for 2/3/4	Monday 8th June Public Holiday - school closed	

## Attendance

Thank you to parents who have kept their children home from school due to having cold/flu or respiratory symptoms. We appreciate your assistance in working together to ensure our school stays healthy throughout this current health emergency.

Please remember to keep in touch with the school so we can keep attendance records accurate. A simple phone call to the school on the morning of each absence will allow us to update student attendance and eliminate the need to issue attendance explanation slips.

## Awards

We are continuing to hand out awards via our virtual assemblies throughout the term. Congratulations to our classroom award winners from last week; from K/1 Noah and Alice, from 1/2 Jake and Bryce, from 2/3/4 Reece and Hugh, and from 4/5/6 Leo and Avalon.

Special congratulations go to Bryce who was also awarded his Bronze Award on Friday. Well done boys and girls, keep up the fantastic work!

As part of our normal assembly procedures, parents would usually be invited to attend when students are being presented with a special award and we appreciate that students may miss having their parents present. As such, those students who are awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award this term will be invited to a special morning tea celebration with parents when current restrictions are lifted.



## Classroom News

4/5/6 have been reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone on a Thursday afternoon as part of our reading for enjoyment unit.

We have loved listening to a variety of people read each of the chapters including Daniel Radcliffe and Alec Baldwin. 4/5/6 are beginning to love Harry Potter as much as Miss Nay.

We can't wait for next Thursday!



## Simultaneous Story time

Simultaneous Storytime was a big hit in classrooms last week as all students enjoyed the book, 'Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas'. Classes followed up with discussions about the text and fun craft activities based on the story.



## Gardening

Some of our students have started a school gardening group, assisting with gardening duties during lunch time each day.

Gardening is a healthy, fun activity for children, allowing them to experience the satisfaction of caring for something over time as they watch the gardens grow and flourish.

They are enjoying donning gloves and working with shovels and buckets to mulch garden beds around the playground.



## OC Placement 2021

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

New date for online applications- Parents must apply between **9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.

New test date - Wednesday **16 September 2020**

For further detailed information visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



## Netball

As we are not combining for whole school sport activities or having external sport coaches on the school site due to current restrictions, Miss Nay is delivering a netball program for all students in class groups throughout the remainder of the term.

The program will run each Friday afternoon and will involve non-contact activities and a focus on game development, ball skills and learning the basics of netball.



A BETTER START PROGRAM INITIATIVE



## YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



### You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood Intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers
- Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

#### EVENT INFORMATION:

We are running a number of sessions contact us to register

Date: Wednesday 3 June 2020  
Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

Date: Friday 5 June 2020  
Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Date: Tuesday 9 June 2020  
Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Date: Thursday 11 June 2020  
Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting

COST: Free

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