

# Coutts Crossing Public School

# Newsletter



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Week 1 – 21 July 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back for Term 3. After a trying first Semester, we have our fingers and toes crossed for a settled term of teaching and learning.

Our whole school community including parents, students, teachers, support staff and our cleaner must be congratulated for the flexibility and commitment they have shown this year.

As we begin another term with COVID-19 restrictions in place, non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. Please remember we are only a phone call away if you need to make contact with the school. I understand these restrictions can be frustrating for families, however we must continue to follow the Department of Education's guidelines. If your child needs to be collected from school early due to being unwell, or for a specialist appointment, or you need to drop something off to your child (ie if they have forgotten their hat) please phone the office to make necessary arrangements. We will continue to work with our community to meet everyone's needs during these challenging times.

We are expecting this lovely winter weather to continue for some time, with cold mornings and beautiful warm days so please ensure all students wear a school jumper (labelled with family name) to school each morning.

*Michelle Dalgliesh*

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Friday 24 July – ICAS notes due (Yrs 2-6)	Monday- K/1 Ear Health Lesson	Tues 11 Aug- P&C meeting 9.30am *date change*
Canteen open Wed & Fri		Tues 8 Sept- Proposed transition start date

## Attendance

Please remember to **keep children at home if they are unwell**. We appreciate your assistance in working together to ensure our school stays healthy.

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.

## Kindergarten 2021 Transition

Transition activities have been planned to kick off with a Teddy Bears Picnic later this term. We have received recent advice from the Department of Education to put transition plans on hold for now, in line with current COVID-19 restrictions, with updates being provided throughout the term.

We are hopeful that we will get the green light to put our plans into action!

Further information will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

## Vouchers

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal's 2020 Back to School Bushfire Response Program has launched a grant program to support local families. The grants are being distributed locally by Social Futures. Our school has been identified as having students from a bushfire affected community, enabling us to apply for vouchers to distribute to our students.

We are very pleased to announce that our school has been issued with a voucher for every returning student in Term 3. The vouchers are provided to assist students in rural bushfire-affected communities to have items required for school. Vouchers are to be used by students and their families to purchase essential school items such as uniforms, clothing, shoes, school bags and school stationary items.

The vouchers are in the form of \$50 Target gift cards and will be sent home with students this week.

Thank you to the generosity of the team at Social Futures, allowing us to have a voucher for every returning child. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

## Drink bottles

As we are still not able to use the bubblers at school students must come to school with a drink bottle every day. It is extremely important for students to stay hydrated throughout the day to ensure their general health and wellbeing. Any drink bottle or recycled water bottle is sufficient for use at school and students are able to refill bottles in classrooms during the day if necessary.

## School jumpers

Please ensure that ALL students have a maroon school jumper each morning when they come to school so they can keep warm on these cold mornings.

## International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (2-6)

ICAS notes were sent home with all students in years 2-6 last term. If you would like your child to participate in ICAS competitions 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.

## Lake Ainsworth senior excursion

The major excursion for Years 5 & 6 to Lake Ainsworth Sport & Recreation Centre is scheduled for week 10 of Term 3. We are hopeful the excursion will go ahead but at this stage we have been advised overnight camps are on hold until further notice. Please still plan for the cost of the excursion as the advice may change during the term.

## Violin lessons

Due to the ongoing risk of COVID-19, violin lessons will not recommence this term. The violins have been safely tucked away and we look forward to commencing lessons again as soon as we are able.

## Education Week

This year, Education Week will look a little bit different in schools as we participate in a virtual celebration of Public Education in NSW. The theme this year is 'Learning Together', recognising the partnership and collaboration between home and school in ensuring the best outcomes for students. During week 3 (3/8 - 7/8) parents will be able to visit each classroom 'virtually' through a range of short videos which will be shared via our CCPS Facebook page. We look forward to giving families a virtual window into our classrooms during this time.

## P&C Meeting

The P&C meeting due to be held next week has been postponed to Week 4, **Tuesday 11 August**, commencing at 9.30am in the school hall.

We ask that members attending maintain physical distancing and go to the school office on arrival to sign in and complete the *External Visitors to School Site* form.

Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.

## 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!

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday	Friday
22/7 Karen & Jenny	24/7 Sue & Yvonne
29/7 Megan & ?	31/7 Ryanda & Kirsty
5/8 Shelley & Alexa	7/8 Sue & Georgina
12/8 Ashleigh & Fran	14/8 Ryanda & Kirsty

# CCPS Canteen Menu

## Terms 2 & 3 2020

RECESS ITEMS		LUNCH ITEMS (to be ordered)	
Raisin toast	0.20	Chicken crackles (5)	2.50
Ham & cheese muffin	0.80	Spaghetti bolognaise	3.00
Jelly & custard	0.60	Beef nachos	3.00
Jelly or custard	0.30	Beef lasagne	3.00
Rice cake	0.60	Fried rice	3.00
Fruit cup	1.00	Party pie	1.00
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 & sauce- tom/BBQ)	3.00
Banana bread	0.60	Cheeseburger (beef pattie, cheese & sauce- tom/BBQ)	2.50
Popcorn or rice wheels pkt	0.60	Chicken burger	3.50
		Steamed dim sim	1.00
		Large hot dog (inc sauce - tom/BBQ)	1.80
DRINKS		Half hot dog (inc sauce - tom/BBQ)	0.90
Cold Milo	1.00	Toasted sandwich - chicken/ham & cheese	2.00
Milk cup - chocolate	0.80	Toasted sandwich - chicken/ham, tomato & cheese	2.50
Milk cup - strawberry	0.80	Pizza - ham, pineapple & cheese (tomato base)	3.00
Fruit smoothie - banana	1.00	Pizza - meat lovers (BBQ base)	3.00
Juice cup - apple/blackcurrant	0.80	Ham & salad wrap (wholemeal or white)	3.00
Juice cup - orange	0.80	Chicken & salad wrap (wholemeal or white)	3.00
Juice cup - apple	0.80	Ham & salad sandwich	3.00
Bottled water	1.00	Chicken & salad sandwich	3.00
		Egg & lettuce sandwich	3.00
		Salad sandwich	2.50
		Sauce sachet – tomato or BBQ	0.20
AFTER LUNCH			
Vanilla ice cream cup	0.80		
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		

Canteen is open on Wednesdays and Fridays for recess and lunch.  
 Students are to put lunch orders in the classroom basket at the start of the day.  
 \* Please send lunch orders to school in a paper lunch bag \*