

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 2 – 27 July 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

We have all enjoyed a fabulous first week back at school with students settling back into school routines quickly after the holidays.

Each term we choose a focus area for our Cool Card reward program to encourage students to demonstrate positive behaviours at school. This term we are focusing on friendship and will be rewarding students with a Cool Card any time we see them acting kindly towards others and being a good friend. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school where all students are accepted for who they are and feel valued and included. Friendships can have a major impact on student health and well-being, but it's not always easy for some students to build or maintain friendships. This term we will be helping students understand the importance of friendships in their life and what they can do to develop and nurture friendships.

Michelle Dalgliesh

Magpie season

We have had several reports of a magpie swooping around the car park and school playground. While the swooping season can be around July to November, the worst period tends to be August to November (springtime) and usually lasts 4 - 6 weeks while the chicks are in the nest. For the rest of the year, magpies and humans happily co-exist. We will put up our warning signs today and speak with students about magpie safety. Please be mindful during drop off and pick up times and keep a close eye on pre-schoolers.

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Mon- K/1 Ear Health Lesson	Virtual Education Week activities	Tues 11 Aug- P&C meeting 9.30am
Wed- Assembly (students and staff only)		Fri 14 Aug- 'Clubs' starts for students
Canteen open Wed & Fri		Proposed transition dates (on hold) 26/8- Teddy Bear's Picnic 8/9- First half day

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.

Event planning

At this stage, event planning for functions at the end of year such as the Year 6 farewell and Presentation Day continues to be placed on hold. The school has proposed plans in place considering best and worst case scenarios and will move forward with further organisation when the current restrictions have been revised.

Amazing Artwork

Congratulations to Angas in 4/5/6 whose amazing underwater artwork has been selected to be on display in the principal's office. The artwork features a turtle and is a collage of paint, oil pastels and crepe paper.

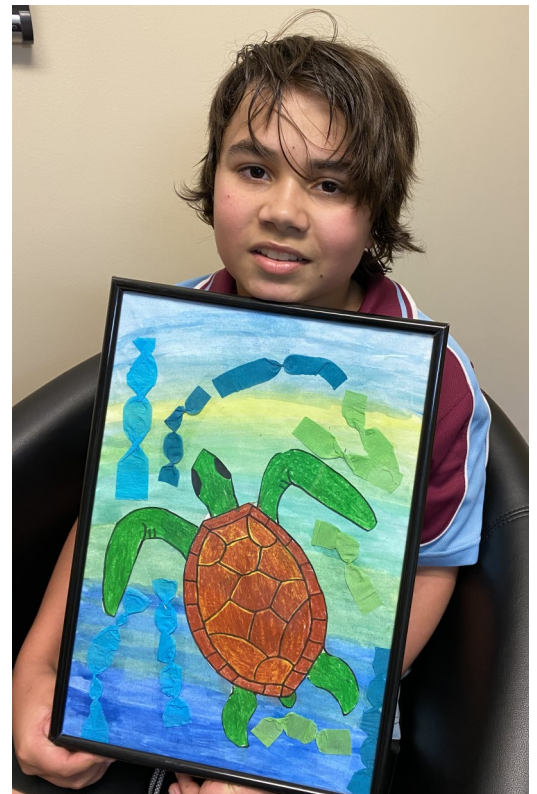
Clubs

This term we will be running Clubs every Friday afternoon during weeks 4-7. As current COVID restrictions prevent parents and volunteers from coming onto school grounds, Clubs will be organised and supervised by school staff. There will be a variety of selections for students to choose from including activities based on craft, building and technology. Students will be asked to select their first, second and third choice for Clubs activities and we will endeavor to provide everyone with their first choice if group numbers allow.

More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

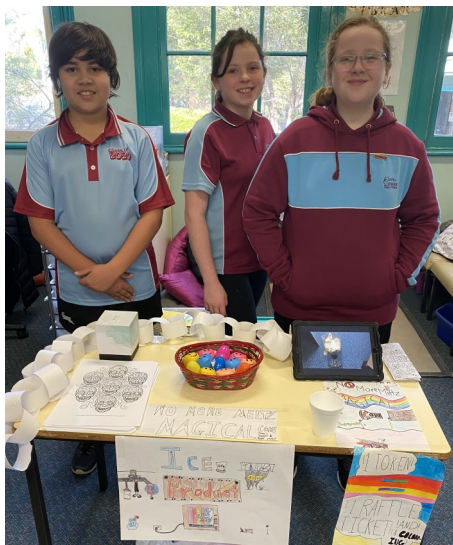
100 Nights Home Reading

Many of our students have been reading consistently and enjoying a range of library books and home readers. Huge congratulations go to Alice for successfully completing 100 nights of home reading. Last week Alice visited the principal to receive her free book and a cool card for her outstanding efforts. Well done Alice, keep reading!



Classroom news 4/5/6

In Term 2, 4/5/6 worked really hard on creating and advertising a crazy invention. They created The Pringle Picking Stick, The Butter Stick, a Dirt No More Mat, Face Masks and A Shoe Mop. In groups, they designed posters, brochures, videos and a prototype of their products. At the end of the unit we shared our work with other students at a class fair.



Ear Health Lesson

Today we had a visit from Samantha Green, the DoE Conductive Hearing Loss teacher. Mrs Green spoke to Kindergarten and Year 1 students about ear health, ear infections and hearing loss in a fun and informative session with puppets, nose blowing demonstrations, stories and a visit from the 'mucous monster'. Thank you Mrs Green!



Gumbaynggirr language lessons

This term, our school has Mr Dean Loadsman visiting every Friday to teach Gumbaynggirr language and culture lessons to students. Dean is a fantastic language tutor with the Gumbaynggirr Language Nest managed by the AECG. On Friday, students enjoyed their first lessons and the feedback was amazing!

I liked looking at the animal prints on the faces of the people. My dad taught me that too. - Yuluwirri

I liked the word for boomerang. I like boomerangs. - Hamish

I liked learning the names of the people in Aboriginal language. - Marley

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 11 August, commencing at 9.30am in the school hall. Interested parents are invited to attend!

We ask that attendees 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.

FREE furniture

2 x 2 seater sofas are available for pick up on a first in, first served basis. Please contact the school office to arrange a pick up time if you are interested.



Canteen Roster

Wednesday	Friday
29/7 Megan & Jenny	31/7 Ryanda & ?
5/8 Shelley & Alexa	7/8 Sue & Georgina
12/8 Ashleigh & Fran	14/8 Ryanda & ?
19/8 Karen & Jenny	21/8 Sue & Georgina



Make & Draw for Creative Kids Yr 3 - Y 6

Online course @ Grafton Regional Gallery
With Kerrie Howland

6 sessions + 3 live zoom

Starts August 6th

Cost \$100 or NSW Creative Vouchers accepted

And includes all materials.

Info/ Book: https://makedraw_creativekids_yr3-yr6.eventbrite.com.au

Kerrie Howland 'Understanding basic art methods and techniques in early education become tools one can explore throughout a life time of individual creative learning'