

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 6 – 24th August 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

Once again, we have had to make some adjustments to our school procedures in line with revised COVID restrictions. Thank you to our parents who have been so understanding and flexible in regards to the new expectations. I understand that requiring students who display any COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms to be tested, and receive a negative result before returning to school, may be inconvenient for some families. However, these guidelines for schools were updated to reflect the latest NSW Health advice and all schools are required to adopt these changes to ensure school communities remain safe inside and outside the school gate. Fingers crossed, if we all continue to support each other through the remainder of this term, Term 4 may see life beginning to return to normal.

Michelle Dalgliesh

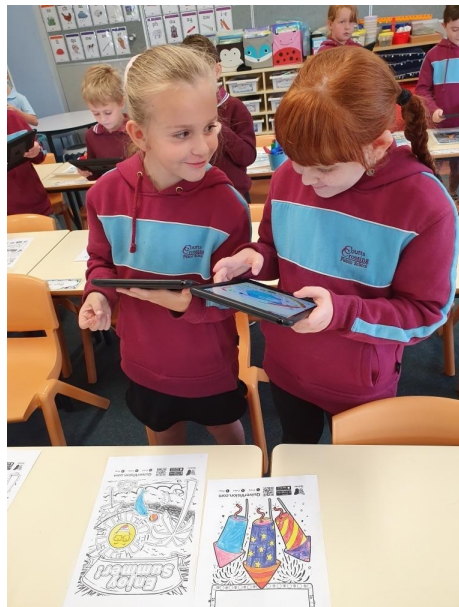
Clubs

Unfortunately, due to new COVID guidelines restricting activities that involve students mixing across stage groups, we have postponed our Friday afternoon Clubs program until further notice.

Lake Ainsworth

Under current COVID restrictions, school camps remain on hold for the remainder of Term 3. Sadly, this means we have had to cancel our senior excursion to Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre. As Lake Ainsworth is booked out by schools years in advance, we were not able to postpone the camp. Teaching staff will investigate other options for an excursion in Term 4, in line with COVID restrictions at the time.

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Canteen open Wed & Fri	Royal Far West visit	Tues 8 Sept - SGHS Principal and Year Advisor visit with Year 6



Science Week

It was very gratifying to see the whole school engage with science week. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought science to the forefront of the world's attention. It will be science that solves this global problem. Classes engaged with science facts, science documentaries, science art and craft, augmented reality, 'the stroop effect' and lots more.

Paper Plane Challenge

At Coutts Crossing PS the arrival of Science Week marks the beginning of the Paper Plane Challenge. The Paper Plane Challenge did not escape the intrusion and disruption of COVID-19. So undeterred by the restrictions we all face, we decided to hold the challenge in each class separately. But alas, the unseasonal high winds affected our flight schedule as well. To those many hundreds who are waiting for the results, I can assure you we will have them in time for next week's newsletter.

Classroom news - Library

Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder that the challenge ends on Friday, August 28. I will update the reading records for all students in Kindergarten through year 2 and process their application which will make them eligible for a PRC certificate in Term 4. Students who complete their 4th year of the challenge receive a Gold Certificate. All students in years 3 through 6 will need to input their reading records themselves. After these have been input I can validate them so the students can receive their certificates at the completion of the challenge. I am happy to assist all students in updating their online reading records.

Mr Woolridge

Great work 2/3/4!

Students from 2/3/4 have been developing their research skills in class, finding factual information to include in information reports about their favourite animals.

Freya, Myah, Milla, Asher, Kayne and Jayda visited the Principal's office to share their reports. Mrs Dalgliesh was amazed by the interesting facts and great presentation of their work! Keep up the outstanding effort 2/3/4!



Royal Far West Visit

We are getting very excited about our visit from Royal Far West clinicians next week. Please read the flyer (back page) regarding an opportunity for parent support and information sessions. I encourage our parents to engage in this excellent opportunity to gain knowledge about how to best support our students during these uncertain times. A very thorough COVID Safety Plan has been established for the visit to ensure the ongoing safety of everyone involved in the program. If you have any questions about the program or would like to participate in a parent session, please contact the school to register your interest as places are limited due to social distancing guidelines.

Canteen

In order to comply with current COVID restrictions, we have moved to an 'order only' system for both recess and lunch. Students who wish to purchase from the canteen at recess or lunch may only do so by placing an order. Students will not be permitted to line up and make purchases from the canteen at either break. Thank you to our amazing canteen volunteers for their flexibility and willingness to adapt to the new system with minimal fuss. If students are purchasing both recess and lunch, families are asked to send the orders in two separate paper bags to assist canteen staff in managing orders. Thank you for your assistance.

Recess & lunch - BY ORDER ONLY

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday	Friday
26/8 Megan & Jenny	28/8 Ryanda & Kirsty
2/9 Shelley & Fran	4/9 Sue & Georgina
9/9 Ashleigh & Krystal	11/9 Ryanda & Kirsty
16/9 Karen & Jenny	18/9 Sue & Georgina
23/9 Megan & Sonia	25/9 Ryanda & Kirsty



Royal Far West
Children's health, country-wide

In-community visit: Nymboida & Coutts Crossing



Are you a parent/carers who would like some extra information & support in helping your child?

Dealing with the impact of the bushfires and now COVID-19 over the last 12 months has been difficult for many children and families in rural and regional areas.

A small team of clinicians from Royal Far West will be visiting Nymboida & Coutts Crossing Community/School from Monday 31st August – Friday 4th September providing a range of support activities as part of their Bushfire Recovery Program.

In addition to providing school sessions for some students, RFW staff are also providing sessions for parents/carers.

Where: Nymboida Community Hall

When: Session 1: Tuesday 1 September, 4-6pm / Session 2: Thursday 3 September, 11am-1pm

*You can attend one or both sessions as they will have a different focus.

For whom: Parents/Carers (you are welcome to bring children however you will be required to supervise them during this time)

What will be discussed & the aims:

- Provide brief education about what children need after experiencing a community trauma.
- Share simple techniques to support children's anxiety or changes in behaviour (e.g. aggression, increased clinginess, unsettledness).
- Help parents to support their children to understand and express emotions in appropriate ways

The Clinicians from RFW will be following all the COVID-19 policies, procedures and advice from Health and Education during their visit. The RFW Team are looking forward to connecting with the community.

To register your interest:

Please contact Nymboida or Coutts Crossing School (where your child attends) to register your interest, as numbers will be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.