

# Coutts Crossing Public School

# Newsletter



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Week 7 – 31st August 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

This week we are fortunate to have clinicians from Royal Far West visiting our school to deliver the Storm Birds program for some of our students. Our community has endured a difficult time over the past year, with bushfires, floods and COVID-19 impacting all our lives in one way or another. The Storm Birds program supports students to build resilience in these uncertain times and better understand and manage their attitudes, feelings and behaviours. Our staff are also participating in professional learning to improve our capacity and understanding to better support our students. There are also opportunities for parents to learn more about how to support their children through sessions being held at the Nymboda Hall (see attached flyer). Building a network of strong, supportive relationships is vital in assisting students after such large scale events and the challenges we face in their wake. Please contact the school as soon as possible to register interest if you would like to attend a parent information session as numbers are limited.

*Michelle Dalgliesh*

## Kindergarten transition

Although we are not able to begin our kindergarten transition program this term due to current restrictions, we are inviting our new kindergarten students to book an individual tour of the school and classroom with their 2021 kindergarten teacher, Mrs Conyard. If you have a child ready to start kindergarten next year, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can arrange an enrolment meeting and visit.

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

## Paper Plane Challenge

The eagerly awaited results of our Paper Plane Challenge are here!

### 2020 Champions

Kinder Harper 14 Metres

Year 1 Izaak 12 metres

Year 2 Tyler 13 Metres

Year 3 Jacob 9 metres

Year 4 Jesse 18 metres

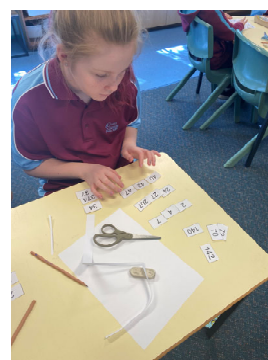
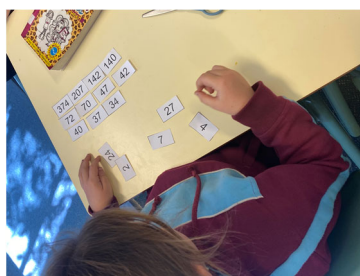
Year 5 Tyson 14 metres

Year 6 Riley 11 metres

Congratulations to the overall winner, Jesse and thank you to Mr Woolridge for organising this fun annual event.

## Classroom news - 4/5/6

Last week 4/6/5 worked with Mr Woolridge during maths to look at the different ways we can arrange and group numbers. The students explored and examined each others way of arranging their number sort. Students grouped their numbers into ascending and descending order, into place value and based on a digit that was displayed in the number. They finished the activity off by explaining their way of thinking mathematically.



## Aboriginal Culture Group

Our students have been really enjoying their weekly lessons with Dean Loadsman, learning more about Aboriginal language and culture.

Our Aboriginal students have been working with Dean on the creation of a traditional Aboriginal container or dish called a gulung. The gulung was carefully cut from the bark of a gum tree at school and then ochre was used to treat the scar on the tree so it will not suffer any long term effects.

The gulung was traditionally a commonly used item to gather food or for carrying tools. The students will be continuing to work with Dean over the coming weeks to complete the gulung and decorate it with Aboriginal art so it can be displayed at school. It has been a wonderful experience for our Aboriginal students to be able to learn about and engage with their culture in meaningful ways.

Thank you Dean.



# Kindergarten 2021

## New Enrolment Tour

Come and have a tour of our school, come and see our Kindergarten classroom and meet Mrs Conyard, our Kindergarten teacher.

Please call our school office on 66493225 to book a time. Time allotments will be 15 minutes. A more comprehensive parent evening meeting will be scheduled in term four.

Times available are as follows:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 3.15pm - 4pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9.15am - 3.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 3.15pm - 4pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm - 4pm

Can't wait to see you!

Mrs Conyard

### Rainbow Day- Friday 18th September

Students and staff may come dressed in the colours of the rainbow for a bright and happy day. Special rainbow themed treats and lunch order packs will be available to order from the canteen. Please be aware, normal canteen menu will not be available on this day.

Recess and Lunch order forms will be sent out by the end of this week. Orders and payment due back no later than Wednesday 16th.

### Canteen

**Recess & lunch  
BY ORDER ONLY**

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday	Friday
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





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## *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.