



Newsletter

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Week 9 – 12 Sep 2022

Dear parents and caregivers,

This will be the final newsletter issued for term 3.

We are looking forward to some special events before term ends including a visit from the Variety Club's Postie Bike Dash, Jeans for Genes Day, Jump Rope for Heart Day, and a Parent Café. It is going to be a very busy 2 weeks!

As we approach the end of term 3, I would like to wish all our Coutts Crossing families a happy school holiday period and hope everyone enjoys some time to rest and relax.

Michelle Dalgliesh

PUBLIC HOLIDAY- 22 September
"National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty The Queen"
SCHOOL NON-OPERATIONAL

Reminder – There is no staff development day at the beginning of term 4. Students and staff return Monday 10 October

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly Wednesday 2.15pm• P&C meeting Thursday 2.10pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeans for Genes Day Monday 19 Sep• Postie Bike Dash Wednesday 21 Sep• Parent café Wednesday 21 Sep 3.30pm-5.30pm• PUBLIC HOLIDAY Thursday 22 Sep• Jump Rope For Heart Day Friday 23 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School holidays 26 Sep– 7 Oct• Students return Mon 10 Oct• Kindergarten Transition Begins 18 Oct• Swim/Gym Begins 20 Oct• Yr 6 transition day (Small schools) 20 Oct

Public Holiday

The Prime Minister has announced a public holiday on Thursday 22nd September to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth, as part of a national memorial service to be held in Canberra. The school will be non-operational on this day. Normal school operations will resume on Friday 23rd September.



Parent Café

Our school is working with New School of Arts Family and Engagement Support Worker, Michael Ada, to host a Parent Café for our families.

Parent Cafes were developed in the United States to bring parents together to talk about the highs and lows, funny moments, celebrations, struggles and frustrations, trials and tribulations of being a parent...Now we are pioneering the idea in the Clarence Valley for the first time in Australia!

There are no experts, we are all parents supporting each other; mums, dads, grandparents and carers. Parent Cafes are safe, confidential and non-judgemental.

We all draw from different skills, experiences and ideas as parents. Parent Cafes are opportunities to listen to one another and add new strategies and ideas to our own parenting toolboxes.

Parent Cafes focus on five protective factors- Relationships, Communication, Resilience, Support and Knowledge. The stronger the protective factors, the better outcomes for our children. Parent Café asks questions that generate meaningful, authentic reflection and create opportunities for parents to share real life experience.

The Parent Café will take place on:

Wednesday 21st September 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Numbers are strictly limited, please contact the school on 66493225 or Michael on 66403800 to reserve your spot. **Free childcare available!**

Arrival at school

We are still experiencing high numbers of students arriving at school very early raising safety and wellbeing concerns.

The school day begins at 8.40am when a teacher begins playground duty and there is active supervision in place. There are a limited number of children who arrive prior to 8.40am via bus due to schedules and arrangements are in place for those students.

No children should be arriving at school prior to 8.40am each day.

Coutts Cafe & Formal Friday

Students, teachers, and families enjoyed a fabulous day last Friday. Coutts Café was a great opportunity for students to learn about food preparation and cooking, as they prepared different hors d'oeuvres to align with the 'formal' theme for the day. Everyone wore formal attire to raise funds for year 6 and students enjoyed walking the red carpet in a fun fashion parade to conclude the day. Special thanks to Miss Howard for preparing the Coutts Café menu and ingredients and to all the parent volunteers who assisted on the day.



Assembly

The next whole school assembly will be held this Wednesday 14 September at 2.15pm. Visitors must sign in using the QR code at the school office on arrival. Kindergarten and class 1/2 are presenting a class item together. We are also looking forward to delivering special awards celebrating student excellence across the school.

Cool Card focus

This terms cool card focus is kindness, and it has been wonderful to see the cool card box overflowing each week. Congratulations to recent Cool Card draw winners, Aurora, Braxton, Cody, Freya, Jayda and Jesse. Keep up the great work kids!



Jacaranda

Schools have been informed by local council that the designated half-day public holiday for Jacaranda does not include schools outside of Grafton City. This has impacted the small school's community who have previously enjoyed supporting the Jacaranda Festival through participation in marches, performances, and the float procession. As we are not included, unfortunately, the school will no longer participate in planned Jacaranda festivities.

We understand many families will take advantage of the local public holiday in Grafton and continue to participate in Jacaranda Thursday activities.

Swimming Carnival

As many families may be aware, the Grafton Olympic Pool will remain closed for repairs over the summer. This will impact our annual School, Small School and District Swimming Carnivals. Be assured, we have been exploring alternative options to ensure these carnivals go ahead. Our school will join with a other small schools for a school level swimming carnival on 2 February, 2023 at the Maclean Olympic Pool.

Amazing Artworks

Mrs McLennan has been teaching children the fine art of drawing and inspiring everyone to embrace their personal creativity. Students across the school have been creating amazing artworks, showcasing their growing artistic skills and a love of colour and fun. Thank you Mrs McLennan and well done kids.



Bushfire Season

The Department of Education has worked with the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) to align our Bushfire and Grassfire Risk Register with the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS).

Our school has been assessed as being Category 1 (extreme risk).

This means that throughout the bushfire season, when the NSW RFS has declared a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (on the AFDRS) for the following day, the department will direct our school to become non-operational.

Our school may also be directed to become non-operational ahead of a higher-risk day by the department on advice from emergency services or the State Emergency Operation Centre, even if a Catastrophic FDR has not been declared.

P&C Fundraising

P&C volunteers have been busy raising fund for our school and students.

Thank you to families who supported the P&C, by ordering a special 'fried rice' lunch on Friday. Students were thrilled with the opportunity to enjoy delicious fried rice at school. P&C raised \$144

The next P&C meeting will be held Thursday 15 September at 2.10pm in the school hall. New members are welcome to attend.

Jeans for Genes Day

The school will participate in Jeans for Genes Day on Monday 19 Sep. Students may come to school wearing denim jeans or jean shorts on Monday. Students should wear usual school shirts, jumpers, shoes, and hats.

Please send students with a gold coin donation which will be sent to Jeans for Genes- Children's Medical Research Institute to help scientists find cures for genetic diseases.

SRC will be selling blue cupcakes for sale for \$1 at recess and lunch to support jeans for Genes Day!



Kindergarten Transition

Teachers, parents, and children had a great time at the Teddy Bears Picnic last week. Kindergarten enjoyed playing with their new preschool friends and are very excited about the upcoming transition days.

Is your child starting school in 2023?

Register now for our Kindergarten Transition Program.

Tuesday 18 October	1/2 day 9.20am -12.20pm
Tuesday 25 October	1/2 day 9.20am -12.20pm
Tuesday 1 November	1/2 day 9.20am - 12.20pm
Tuesday 8 November	Full day 9.20am - 3.00pm
Tuesday 15 November	Full day 9.20am - 3.00pm
Tuesday 22 November	Full day 9.20am - 3.00pm



Holiday Reading

Please encourage your child to continue reading every day during the upcoming holidays. Reading at bedtime is a calm, relaxing way to end each day and provides opportunities to practice and consolidate the reading skills students have learned at school.



3/4 classroom

Due to staffing availability, Mrs Moran will be team teaching with Mrs Oxenbridge on the 3/4 class throughout term 4. Mrs Moran has been assisting in this classroom throughout the year, and the children have enjoyed benefiting from the innovative practices and different teaching strengths and teaching styles of both teachers.

Class news 2/3

This term, 2/3 have been learning about the structure of information reports, and how to write their own. This includes an introduction, body paragraphs and a conclusion to summarise what was learnt about the topic. To finish the term, each student has picked an animal to research. They will then use this research to write an information report in the form of a flipbook.



Rural Fire Service

The Coutts Crossing Rural Fire Service are holding an information session and BBQ on 17 September at the Skate Park- McIntosh Oval, Coutts Crossing.

10am-2.00pm All welcome!

Important notice:

The Rural Fire Service has advised the school that they will be conducting controlled hazard reduction burns in the bushland around Coutts Crossing in the coming weeks.

Dudley Jones Tennis

Unfortunately, due to the public holiday announced for Thursday 22 September, Dudley Jones Tennis has been cancelled for 2022. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Students who have been enjoying practicing for the Dudley Jones competition will be supported to continue participating in tennis activities throughout the remainder of term.

A poster for 'GET READY WEEKEND' by the Rural Fire Service. The poster features a white house silhouette at the top with the text 'GET READY WEEKEND' and 'PREPARE FOR BUSH FIRE' below it. The background is a dark image of a bush fire. Below the main text, it asks 'HOW FIREPROOF IS YOUR PLAN?' and 'ASK A FIREFIGHTER THIS GET READY WEEKEND'. A white box contains the following information: 'MEET YOUR LOCAL BRIGADE', 'BRIGADE: Coutts Crossing', 'LOCATION: Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Armidale Rd, Coutts Crossing', 'DATE: 17 / 9 / 2022', and 'TIME: 10.00 Am to 2.00 Pm'. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT RFS.NSW.GOV.AU'.

Variety Postie Bike Dash

The Variety Postie Bike Dash is a six-day ride throughout NSW on Postie Bikes, raising money to support children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special

needs, to overcome challenges and reach their full potential. The dash participants go off the beaten track, travelling through the gorgeous Australian bush and countryside, stopping in rural towns and schools along the way for a tasty feast and entertainment.

The Variety Postie Bike Dash will visit Coutts Crossing Public School on Wednesday 21 September. Our P&C are catering a fabulous lunch for the riders and students will be able to enjoy seeing all the Postie Bikes on show as they visit the school. We are looking forward to this great event! Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for photos.



YOU'RE INVITED TO
OUR

KEEP CALM & **STAY**
Positive

PARENT CAFE

Coutts Crossing Public School
3.30PM-5.30PM WED 21/9/22

**FREE CHILDCARE
AVAILABLE**

TO BOOK PLEASE RING 66493225
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