



Newsletter

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Week 8 – 13 March 2023

Dear parents and caregivers,

It can be a stressful time for our students in year 3 & 5 who will begin sitting NAPLAN testing this week. NAPLAN assessments are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development, but it is important to remember that NAPLAN assessments are only one of many sources of information we use to measure student academic progress at school. Teachers are continually assessing student growth and development using a range of both informal and formal strategies to ensure they are meeting every student's individual learning needs. To reduce anxiety, we will be encouraging students to eat well, rest well, sleep well and stay calm during NAPLAN testing as it is simply another way schools gather information about numeracy and literacy proficiency.

Michelle Dalgliesh

Reminder: Students may wear orange to school this Friday as we celebrate Harmony Day and the National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence.

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P&C meeting Tuesday 14 Mar, 9.15am• NAPLAN Begins• Harmony Day & Anti Bullying Day Friday 17 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAPLAN• CCPS Cross Country Thursday 23 March• Whole School Assembly Friday 24 Mar, 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RWF Outreach visit Week 10• Big Vegie Crunch Thursday 30 Mar• Attendance Morning Tea - Monday 3 Apr• SGHS Yr6 Sports Day Tuesday 4 Apr• SS Cross Country• Easter Hat Parade

P&C meeting

There will be a P&C meeting tomorrow, Tuesday March 14 at 9.15am. New members are always welcome. Please sign in at the school office on arrival.

Class 1/2 update

Beginning today, Ms Storm will be on extended leave for a few weeks. The wonderful Mrs Baker will be teaching the 1/2 class until Ms Storm returns. The children are all very familiar with Mrs Baker and Mrs Baker will be following the usual classroom routines and programs to ensure continuity of learning for all students in class 1/2. Have a wonderful time Ms Storm!

Assembly

Thank you to the families and visitors who attended our whole school assembly last week. Congratulations to our merit award winners and special acknowledgment to our new student leaders, Takavia who received her Blaxland House Captain badge and Saige who received her SRC badge. Well done girls. The next whole school assembly will be held on Friday 24 March at 2.30pm; with class 3/4 presenting an item and curriculum award. All welcome.



School Photos

School photos were taken on Thursday 9-3-23. Thank you to everyone for ensuring students were neatly dressed in correct school uniform, our students looked amazing!!! Parents who ordered photo packs will be notified when they arrive at school and are ready to be distributed to families. Anyone who is interested in making a late order can do so by placing an online order. The order code required when making an online order for our school is **X6040P49C**



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Parent Interviews

Interviews will be held for all classes in week 11. Notes will be sent home this week for parents to return, indicating preferred days/times for a meeting with their child's teacher. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher and are unable to attend during the allocated times, please contact the school office so a suitable arrangement can be made for a phone interview.

Got it- parent interviews

This week, staff from the NSW Health Getting on Track in Time – Got It team will be at Coutts Crossing this week conducting parent interviews. Families have been contacted and interview times scheduled. Families should check in at the school office on arrival at school. Contact the school office if you have any questions regarding interviews or the Got It Program.

CCPS Cross Country

The school will be holding our 2023 school cross country event on Thursday 23 March, beginning at 10am.

The school cross country track circumnavigates the school grounds and parts of McIntosh Oval with the start/finish line at McIntosh Oval close to the school gates. Families are invited to bring a chair or picnic blanket and watch and cheer on their children from McIntosh Oval beside the school.

Children aged 5, 6, 7 will run one lap of the oval.

Children aged 8,9,10 will run 2000m (2 laps of the course)

Children aged 11,12 will run 3000m (3 laps of the course)

Children with qualifying times will be invited to attend the Small Schools Cross Country event on Wednesday 5 April at Barnier Park, Junction Hill.

Attendance update

We are beginning to see an improvement in our student attendance rates. Thank you to all our families who have been making a huge effort to ensure their children are at school every day. So far we have 31 students who are on track to attend our special attendance morning tea at the end of term. Keep up the great work!

Remember – EVERYDAY COUNTS!



School success starts
with attendance

Harmony Day And National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence



This week we will be participating in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Bullying is a serious concern for all students growing up in today's society and talking and teaching about bullying is the best way to make it clear that bullying is never OK. Conversations about bullying provide opportunities for students to raise issues that adults may not have noticed and to discuss concerns before they become long-term

and entrenched. Teaching about bullying provides opportunities to explore the issue of bullying, why it happens and how to prevent it. We are committed to providing a safe and happy learning environment for all students at Coutts Crossing Public School. If you ever have any concerns about your child or suspect bullying may be occurring, please contact the school so we can work together to resolve any issues as soon as they occur.



NAPLAN timetable

Please see attached timetable outlining the schedule for NAPLAN assessments over the next two weeks at Coutts Crossing Public School.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN testing.

NAPLAN TIMETABLE (week 1)			
Session	Wednesday 15/3	Thursday 16/3	Friday 17/3
Morning	Year 5 Reading 50 mins	Year 5 Writing 42 mins	Yr 3 & 5 Reading catch-up
Middle	Year 3 Writing 40 mins	Year 3 Reading 45 mins	Yr 3 & 5 Writing catch-up
Afternoon			

NAPLAN TIMETABLE (week 2)					
Session	Monday 20/3	Tuesday 21/3	Wednesday 22/3	Thursday 23/3	Friday 24/3
Morning	Year 5 Language 45 mins	Year 3 Numeracy 45 mins	Year 5 Numeracy 50 mins	Year 5 numeracy catch-up	Year 3 & 5 catch-up
Middle	Year 3 Language 45 mins	Yr 3 & 5 Lang. catch-up	Year 3 numeracy catch-up	Year 3 & 5 catch-up	Year 3 & 5 catch-up
Afternoon					

Storyfest

We're very excited to announce that Coutts Crossing Public School has been included in the Sponsored Schools Programme for the upcoming Storyfest Writers Festival on the Gold Coast. Storyfest is Australia's largest children's literature festival. Delivering a series of literary experiences along with workshops, masterclasses and featured authors, Storyfest nurtures emerging writers and provides opportunities for readers and writers alike.

STORYFEST!

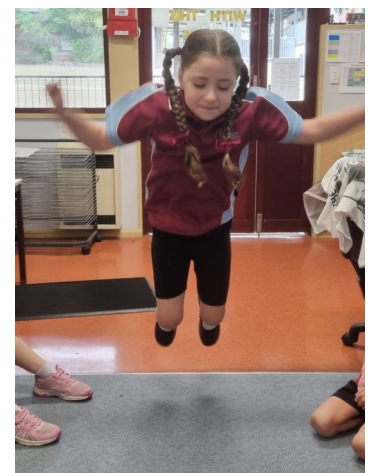
CCPS students in years 3-6 were invited to enter a short story competition, which were judged at school today. Ten students were selected to attend the festival with Miss Howard and students and staff from Grafton Public School on 28-29 March. As this is a sponsored schools programme, there is no cost for this special opportunity.

Congratulations to Aleaha, Skye, Oliver, Sara, Marley, Myah, Aurora, Chelsie-Lee, Aria and Mia.

These students were issued with permission notes and excursion information today.

Class News

The Troopers have been learning about length. We have investigated the length of various objects around the school and also measured how far we can jump. We have used personal referents (such as hand spans, fathoms and cubits), rulers and measuring tapes to measure length. We discovered that the tallest student did not jump the longest distance but the shortest student had the smallest jump.





Grafton Junior Hockey 2023

Welcome!!!

FREE Come and Try Sessions
All kids welcome!!

Thursday 2nd, 9th & 16th March

- Kinder, Years 1 & 2 @4pm
 - Years 3 & 4 @ 4.40pm
 - Years 5 & above @ 5.20pm
- Shinpads & Mouthguards compulsory

Come & Play Hockey
All skill Levels: Family
Friendly



2023 Sign On

February 18th
12pm to 2pm

Westward Park ~ Bacon St.

Active Kids Sports Vouchers are
accepted for the Net Program
and all GNA clubs

Club Details

Net Program ~ All players ages 5 to 8 years
Register online at www.graftonnetball.com.au

**MORE
INFO**

Contact Brooke Burton 0437 426 070 or
check out our Facebook page!



**MAKE NEW
FRIENDS**



PLAY SOCCER!

Coutts are looking for legends 5-17 years old
Register at
www.playfootball.com.au



Beginners welcome!

Use your voucher!

Meet the Coutts Crew at **Flame Trees Cafe & Cakery** for help with registration and for more information. Saturday 18th & 25th February 8:30am - 11:30am



COME PLAY

Rugby

Come & Try Rugby

For those juniors interested in playing with no rugby experience, come along Tuesday 7th March at 4pm until Easter

Preseason Training

Pre-season training for U8s (inc. 7 year olds), U9s, U10s, U11s & U12s commences Tuesday 7 March at 4pm until Easter.

U14s & U16s Girls

Training every Tuesday & Thursday from 6pm to 7.30 pm. Pres-season training is on now.

U14s & U16s Boys

Training every Tuesday & Thursday at 4.30 pm. Pre-season training has started now.



See you at the field (Hay Street South Grafton)