

Cowra Public School Newsletter



Term 4 Week 1 2020

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4!

I hope that all CPS families had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the beautiful spring-time weather. Students returned to school this week excited and keen to get stuck into learning, for our final term of the year. The Term 4 calendar is filling up fast, so please keep an eye out for coming events via our weekly newsletter and school Facebook page. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined the CPS school community this term as well as our new staff members – Mrs Megan Cassidy (Gugaa class teacher), Miss Romy Bennett (Executive and Teacher Release), and Mrs Jo Densmore (School Administration Officer). We are sure you will enjoy being a part of our wonderful school!

Covid Guidelines for Term 4

From the 8th October, there have been some updates to the activities which schools are able to participate in. At CPS, our band lessons on Tuesdays with Mrs Wright are able to resume. Kinder Orientation is able to proceed from Week 4, with our first session scheduled for Tuesday 3rd November. Cowra High School's Year 6/7 transition kicks off in Week 5 on November 12th and Year 6 students will have received a permission note and information about 2020 transition dates on Monday. There are however some restrictions still in place, and this includes having no non-essential adults on site. Thank you to our amazing parents who have supported the measures put in place to ensure everyone stays safe. We continue to ask parents to drop their children at the gate in the mornings and wait outside the school gates to collect their children at 3:15pm. Information about end-of-year Presentation Days and Year 6 Graduation will be communicated to families, as soon as it comes to hand.

External Validation

External Validation (EV) provides schools with the opportunity to conduct a self-assessment and make judgements about their practice, underpinned by evidence. Over the past few months, the EV Team at Cowra Public have been busy collecting and analysing evidence across a wide range of areas including teaching and learning, school resources, professional learning, leadership, wellbeing, finance and administration. At the end of Term 3 we took part in the EV panel meeting which comprised of a Principal, School Leadership and a Principal from another school.

We presented the results from our EV to staff on Tuesday afternoon and have a very clear picture of the steps we need to take to continue building on our areas of strength, as well as identifying those areas we need to further develop, and this will strongly inform our next school Strategic Improvement Plan. Thank you to our EV Team – Mrs Hopson, Mrs Hattenfels, Miss Van Ballekom, Mrs Duncan, Mrs McFarland, Mr Murray, Miss Noal, Mrs Eaton, Miss Storr, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Johnson, Miss Noble, Mrs McCabe, Mr Vogel and Mrs Eldridge for their hard work over the past few months in putting together our submission.



What's Happening?

Friday, 23rd October

Assemblies

Kindergarten Transition

**Tuesday, 3rd
November**

9.30 - 11am

**Tuesday, 10th
November**

9.30 - 11am

**Tuesday, 17th
November**

9.30 - 11am

**Tuesday, 24th
November**

9.30 - 11am

**Tuesday, 1st
December**

9.30 - 3pm

Cowra Public School is conducting a Homework and Study Skills Survey. You will receive a text message on Monday that has the link to take you to the survey. The survey will close the following Friday 23rd October. Your support and responses are greatly appreciated.

Every Child ~ Every Opportunity ~ Every Day

CPS Strategic Improvement Plan

As previously mentioned, this Term we will be developing a new school plan for the 2021-2024 planning cycle. An important component of developing our new plan is to seek input on our school directions, from all of our families. As part of this process we will be inviting selected parents to take part in a special "Focus Group" discussion, as well as surveying all families later in the Term. Staff, students and the wider community will also be involved in the consultation process, with the aim to develop a plan which addresses the needs of our entire school community. With our vision firmly focused on providing every child, every opportunity, every day, we look forward to working collaboratively and thinking creatively on how we can achieve this in the future.

Summer Uniform

Thank you to all families for the outstanding effort with summer uniforms and school hats this week. Just a reminder that students are required to be in school uniform every day. Sports uniform is to be worn on Fridays and your child's PE day only, and, in line with our sun-safe policy, school hats are compulsory all year round.

School Service Recognition

This week we presented Mrs Jennifer Rowston and Mrs Gai Meiklejohn with their 20 years' Service Certificates from the NSW Department of Education. Both Jen and Gai have contributed so much during their time working in public schools, and we are blessed to have them at CPS. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement and we look forward to many more years to come!

Selective Schools Year 7 2022

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 will be accepted from **Tuesday 13 October 2020 to Monday 16 November 2020**. Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

Have a great week...

Jenny Lewis
Principal



Congratulations to Mrs Jennifer Rowston and Mrs Gai Meiklejohn on 20 years of Service to the NSW Department of Education!



You did it!
Congratulations Assembly Awardees

Bugbug	Dinawan	Garru	Muraany	Gilaa	Gulambali	Dhundhu
Dakota Newton	Matilda Beck	Lachlan Ingram	Sophie Scammell	Josephine Troy	Cheyenne Parkinson	Alicia Dening
Jasper Woods	Alex Hall	Oskar Larsen	Braxton Williams	Dominic Ryan	Alec Horton	Maurice Prideaux
Angus Munday	Kylana Doolan	Ben Legg	Isabella O'Malveney	Josiah London	Tess Christie	Henry Rowlands
Guguburra	Dyirridyirri	Guya	Ganyi	Gadi	Bilbi	Barrandhang
Chris Oliver	Toby Burns	Sophia Coombes	Matilda Oborn	Izaac Perferment		Alex Moriarty
Kirolas Hana	Mason Tomsett	Toby Morrison	Abby Bohanna	Ruby Halling		Skye Fagan
Adria Ryan	Lilah Ford	Kyle Stone	Aiden Mitchell	Allana O'Grady		Jorja Reid
Gugaa	Wilay	Bandha	Mirri	Budyabudya	Yarraman	
Lacey Hinton Besant	Katelyn Anslow	Robert Elbourne	Wyatt Bradley Ryan	Tegan Shaw	Kate Chambers	
Eloise Newell	Charlie Sturgiss	Jai Dalton	Joshua Hussell		Lawson Wood	
Clayton Duclos	Mundawuy Back	Toby Roylance			Sadie London	



PBL Awards

40 Billys	40 Billys	50 Billys	75 Billys	75 Billys	100 Billys
Jack McCabe Lachlan Ingram Flynn Cleary Kaleb Cooper	Lilah Nicholls Xander Waqvesi Phoebe Berry Ravenna Blackmore Jai Taylor Ben Legg	Grant Tamayo	Antonio Adattini Jay Buchan Samuel Ingram Aiden Mitchell Dennika Petty	Sapphyr Stuhlfauth Sienna Niass	Lilah Roffey Jax Quinn Aemon Gaffney Anabelle Buckley Skye Fagan Skylah O'Brien
200 Billys	200 Billys	200 Billys	200 Billyd	160 Billys	175 Billys
Abby Bohanna Maddon Booker Elysha Bourne Eliza Budge India Chilstone	Kate Chambers Anabelle Newell Lillian Moseley Tom Casey Tehya Eggelton Rowan Pattingale	Lawson Wood Thomas Dening Daniel Hoy Lexie Ryan Alli-Rose Cranney	Jack Hazell Stevee Hinton Besant Lilliana McCulloch Matilda Oborn	Aaliyan Niass Benjamin Miller Mia Balmer Aliya Murray	Jack Billing Beau Godwin Michael Howarth
300 Billys	300 Billys	350 Billys	450 Billys	450 Billys	
Eliza Beck Selena McCulloch Miles Duncan Trinity Terrell	Ebony Davis Tahlia Beresford Blair Binder Kash Duncan Lacey Hinton Besant	Annaleise Hall	Isabell Duncan Tia Hodgson Jenny Zhou Remi Chilstone Toby Croker Eloise Newell	Charlie Sturgiss Zoe McKay Paige Roberts Haylie Ingram Oliver Barlow	

Tues 3 Nov
SESSION 1
9:30 - 11AM

Tues 10 Nov
SESSION 2
9:30 - 11AM



COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

KINDER ORIENTATION

FOR MORE INFO
CALL 6342 2400

Tues 17 Nov
SESSION 3
9:30 - 11AM

Tues 24 Nov
SESSION 4
9:30 - 11AM

Tues 1 Dec
SESSION 5
9:30 - 3PM

Cowra Public School staff had an enjoyable day last term dressing up for the Book Fair parade.

