

Cowra Public School Newsletter



Term 4 Week 6 2020



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2021 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to Year 5 students; Ebony Davis, Holly Fagan, Lacey Hinton-Besant, Evah Heidke, Blair Binder, Alex Boswell, Nate Gunn and Jake Pullen on their selection as members of our 2021 Student Leadership Team. These eight students were voted into this important leadership role by their Stage 3 peers and will be busy over the next week preparing their "Captains Speeches" to be presented at a special Primary Assembly next Friday 27th November. Year 2 students will join this assembly and voting will take place immediately following the speeches. School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will then be announced later in the term with the official badging to take place at our 2020 Presentation Day on Monday 14th December. Good luck to all students!

Welcome Miss Smith!

This week we have enjoyed having Cowra High School student, Abbey Smith complete a week-long 'work experience' with us at Cowra Public School. Abbey demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm and initiative working with Mrs Berry, Mrs Montgomery and all the students in Gilaa, and we hope that she enjoyed her week!

Kindergarten Orientation

Our third Kindergarten Orientation visit was held on Tuesday and it is wonderful to see how comfortable and confident our 2021 Kinders are becoming as they prepare to enter "big school"! We look forward to seeing our 2021 Kinders at their final morning session next Tuesday 24th November from 9:30-11:00am. **The following week on Tuesday 1st December we will be hosting a FULL DAY orientation for our new Kinders.**

Cowra High School Full Year 6/7 Transition

Our **Year 6 support class students** will be heading up to Cowra High School tomorrow for their second transition visit! Cowra High will be hosting a full day transition for **ALL Year 6 students next Thursday 27th November**. Please note, this day is organised and run by Cowra High, and there will be no CPS staff in attendance. Students will be required to make their way to and from home to Cowra High School. We hope they have a fabulous day!

Year 2 Swimming

Tomorrow sees the end to our annual School Swimming Scheme. Students in Year 2 have been attending learn-to-swim lessons for the past two weeks and have made excellent improvements in their swimming ability and water confidence. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Stage 1 staff and Mr Garlick, for their efforts in instructing and supervising our students in the water this year. Learning to swim is a vital life-saving skill and NSW Sport and Recreation are offering learn to swim classes for all ages in January 2021 at the Cowra Aquatic Centre. Just go to the NSW Office of Sport and Recreation website to register.

What's Happening?

Kindergarten Transition

**Tuesday, 24th
November**

9.30 - 11am

**Tuesday, 1st
December**

9.30 - 3pm

Assemblies

20th November

Stage 3 Excursion

Monday 30th
November to Friday,
4th December

Library

Borrowing from the
Library is now closed.

Please return any
Library books that
may be at home by
the 25th November.



2021-2024 School Planning

We are excited to host our first Parent Focus Groups this evening, as part of our consultation process, with the aim to develop a school plan which addresses the needs of our entire school community. Thank you to each parent who has volunteered their time to be a part of these focus groups. With our school 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. Next week we will be distributing a school "Backpack Survey" to all families which will enable us to build a clear picture of what our school community values as we move into the next planning cycle.

End of Year Events

We are in the process of planning our special end-of-year activities and in doing so, considering how to best work within the Covid guidelines to ensure events such as Year 6 Graduation, Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell are properly celebrated!

- ♦ **Year 6 Farewell** will be held from 6-8pm on **Thursday 10th December** in the CPS Hall with Year 5 students invited to attend.
- ♦ **Presentation Day** this year will be held on **Monday 14th December** and will be run as four separate ceremonies: Kindergarten: 9:15am-10:00am; Stage 1: 10:00am-11:00am; Stage 2 – 12:00pm-1:00pm and Stage 3 – 1:00pm-2:00pm. Due to the number of people we can have on site, based on the 4m square rule, parent attendance this year will be limited to those whose children are receiving an award. Parents will be notified of this in the coming weeks, via a letter home. We understand this may prove to be challenging for families who would like to attend more than one ceremony, however in order to house as many parents as possible, we have no other option than to run our presentation day this way, and we thank you for your understanding.
- ♦ **Class Parties** will take place on **Tuesday 15th December**.
- ♦ **Year 6 Graduation** will be held from 1:30pm-2:30pm on **Wednesday 16th December** at the Cowra Showground Pavilion. This will be an event for Year 6 students and two members of their family to attend. For any questions around the number of guests allocated per student, please contact Mrs Johnson on 6342 2400.

Please lock these dates in your diary. Information notes will be sent home as soon as final arrangements are confirmed.

Spotlight on...Learning and Support!

Each week in our Newsletters, we shine the spotlight on a particular class or specialised area in the school. This week we would like to share some of the great work our Learning and Support team do across the whole school!

Have a great week...

Jenny Lewis
Principal

Important Dates

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- * Presentation Day – Monday 14th December – CPS Hall.
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Year 2 students have been enjoying learning to swim.



Our candidates for 2021 Cowra Public School Leadership Team



Nate Gunn, Alex Boswell, Lacey Hinton Besant, Ebony Davis, Evah Heidke, Holly Fagan & Blair Binder.



Jake Pullen with Mrs Lewis

Spotlight on...Learning & Support !

Learning and Support

Just like classes, the end of the year is a very busy time for the Learning and Support Team!

Kindergarten Orientation



Year 2 Swimming



Infants and Primary Student Support



Summer Holiday Tips:

- **Encourage independence** - this helps child increase their ability to follow more complex instructions.
- **Encourage organisation** - children like routine, especially ones that are calm and predictable.
- **Talk and listen** - talk to each other and listen with full attention (current events, what you did that day, explore 'what if' scenarios). This helps to build vocabulary.
- **Keep reading** - read regularly with your child, or if they are independent readers, set aside time for them to read to themselves. Visit the library, revisit old favourite books, read taking turns or taking the roles of characters or the narrator. Read anything: comics, magazines, even instructions for making something!
- **Try something new** - new activities, new foods, and new ways of doing things. Flexibility of thinking is an excellent skill to transfer into school. Trying new things in the reassuring safety of the home with a familiar adult is a great starting point.
- **And relax** - allow your child time to just 'be'! To relax, to imagine, to play, to have spells of time where there are no planned activities and no electronic devices to hand. Let them be bored!

NAIDOC Celebrations



Every Child ~ Every Opportunity ~ Every Day

Special Notice

We are at that time of the year where staffing and classes for 2021 are being planned. Please note, there will be no parent requests taken for specific teachers for 2021. Staffing and class organisation is a complex process and it is not possible for the school to honour all parent requests.

Teachers will meet to decide 2021 classes and the needs of individual students later in the Term. Any students whom teachers feel would benefit from being placed with a specific teacher, will be discussed and decided by the Stage team, with input from Learning and Support staff, Hearing and Vision staff, the School Counselling Team and the School Executive.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Jenny Lewis
Principal

P&C Annual General Meeting Notice

The AGM for the Cowra Public P&C will be held on Thursday, 3rd December 2020.

Venue: Cowra Cadet Depot
Cnr Vaux & Fitzroy Sts

Time: 6 pm

All positions will be declared vacant. The following positions will be elected on the night:

- ♦ President
- ♦ Vice President (aligned with the Secretary)
- ♦ Vice President (aligned with the Treasurer)
- ♦ Secretary
- ♦ Treasurer

All financial members must follow the procedure if unable to attend:

- ♦ submit apologies to the Secretary and indicate in writing if they are happy to accept nomination to a position or wish to nominate to a position
- ♦ You must be present to cast a vote

Members of the community who have any questions regarding the role of the P&C, membership and the AGM should submit their enquires via cowrapublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

Kind regards

Nigel Hazell - P & C President

Roberta Graham - P & C Vice President

Sheridan Oborn - P & C Secretary

Andrew Morrison - P & C Treasurer



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

17th December - YOGA DAY

18th December—DISCO PARTY

21st December - Myths & Legends

22nd December - COLLOBORATE AND PARTICIPATE

23rd December— CHRISTMAS CELEBRA-

4th January - STEM

5th January - CLUB CRAFT

6th January - BASKETBALL SKILLS &
DRILLS

7th January - SOCCER STARS

8th January - FOOTBALL IDOLS

11th January - PJ PARTY

12th January - INTERNATIONAL YOUTH
DAY

13th January - PIRATE DAY

14th January - SCAVENGER HUNT

15th January - NATIONAL HAT DAY

18th January - PCYC TIME CAPSULE

19th January - TIK TOK DAY

20th January - **EXCURSION** NATURE
BASED PLAYGROUND

21st January - MOVIE DAY

22nd January - MAKE YOUR OWN
ICEBLOCK

25th January - AUSTRALIA DAY @
PCYC

27th January - CHILL OUT DAY

BOOK NOW THROUGH

[pcycnswkidzcare-
cowra.hubworks.com.au](http://pcycnswkidzcare-cowra.hubworks.com.au)

Canteen News: You can now order your child's lunch via the Flexischools App. Just follow the instructions found below.

The system begins on Monday, 16th November 2020



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- Download the Flexischools App**
Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.
- Login/Register**
 - Already a Flexischools user** – Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
 - New Flexischools user** – Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for their school, enter student details and select their class.
- Top Up Your Account**
To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your 'User Profile'.

Order

- Place your Order**
On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then **swipe left and right** to view all available services.
- Make your Selection**
Find the service and press 'Order', then select the items you wish to order.
- Make Payment**
Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.

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