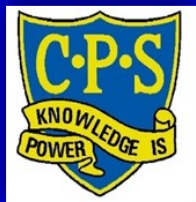


Cowra Public School Newsletter



Term 4 Week 7 2020



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26th November 2020

Principal's Message

2021 Student Leader Speeches!

Tomorrow our 2020 Student Leadership Team will be presenting their speeches at the Primary Assembly. Good luck to Ebony Davis, Holly Fagan, Lacey Hinton-Besant, Evah Heidke, Blair Binder, Alex Boswell, Nate Gunn and Jake Pullen! 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!

2021 Sport Captains

This week Year 5 students have been invited to nominate for the role of 2021 Sport Captain of their respective House – Brigalow, Kurrajong, Myall or Wandoo. Students in Year 2 and all primary students will attend House meetings at the beginning of Week 9, where students will deliver a short speech and voting will take place. Good luck to all!

Welcome Mr Terziban!

This week we have enjoyed having Cowra High School student, Andrew Terziban complete a week-long 'work experience' with us at Cowra Public School. Andrew has spent the week working with Miss Storr's students in Barrandhang, and experiencing the fun of primary school teaching! We hope he has enjoyed his week.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our final Kinder Orientation "morning" was held on Tuesday and it is amazing to see how confident and familiar our 2021 Kinder students are becoming with their teachers, the CPS environment, and each other! **Next week on Tuesday 1st December we will be hosting a FULL DAY orientation for our new Kinders.**

Cowra High School Year 6/7 Transition

Today our Year 6 students attended their first full Transition Day at Cowra High School. I'm sure that the day was very beneficial and has enabled our Year 6's to feel more confident about heading off to High School next year. A second full day transition will be held on **Thursday 10th December**. Thank you to the staff at Cowra High School for their organisation of these days.

Stage 3 Excursion

Our Stage 3 students and teachers are off on their week-long excursion to the South Coast on Monday. Students have been looking forward to this excursion all year and are very keen to take part in all the amazing activities on offer including the Illawarra Fly, Minnamurra Rainforest, surfing lesson at 7-Mile Beach and Jamberoo Action Water Park, just to name a few. Miss Noble, Mr Duncombe, Mrs Hattenfels and Mrs Johnson are just as excited as the students and we hope they all have a wonderful time away! Please ensure all

What's Happening?

Kindergarten Transition

**Tuesday, 1st
December**

9.30 - 3pm

Captains Speeches

Friday, 27th
November

9.15 - 10am

Primary Athletics Carnival

Friday, 27th
November

Twigg Oval 10 am -
2.30pm

Stage 3 Excursion

Monday, 30th
November - Friday,
4th December

Library Books

**Please return all
library books to the
Library ASAP**



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permission notes are returned asap. Just a reminder to all Stage 3 parents – the bus will be departing from the school at **5:30am sharp** on Monday morning.

2021-2024 School Planning

NSW Public Schools are required to develop a new Strategic Improvement Plan which details specific goals and targets that each school aims to meet over the next 2021-2024 cycle. To ensure that the directions Cowra Public School takes are those which our school community sees as important, we are asking each family for their input.

Attached to this week's Newsletter is a **"Backpack Survey"** on which we are asking all parents to let us know the skills, knowledge or experiences you would like your child to have when they leave CPS in Year 6 and embark on their High School journey. These might be learning outcomes, values or experiences. You can write as many things as you like. When all sheets are returned we will analyse the responses and this will help us to formulate the directions that our whole school community see as important. This is a great opportunity for you to have a say in the future of our wonderful school. Please ask your child to return your survey to the survey box located in the FRONT OFFICE. We ask that all surveys be returned to school by next **Friday 4th December**.

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
 - ◇ 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**. This day will also be our PBL whole school acknowledgement "Water Fun Day".
- **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. If you have any questions about the number of guests allocated to your child, please contact Mrs Johnson on 63422400.
- **Please lock these dates in your diary. Information notes will be sent home as soon as final arrangements are confirmed.**

School Magazine Orders

Orders for the 2020 School Magazine are now being taken. Staff have been busy putting together an amazing compilation of class features, sporting memories and special events that have occurred during the year. Orders and payment of **\$10** is due by **Friday 4th December**, with distribution scheduled for the last week of school...be sure you don't miss out! Please find order form attached to the back of the newsletter.

Spotlight on...Gugaa !

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 amazing work from the Stage 3 students in Mrs Cassidy's class, Gugaa.

Have a great week...

Jenny Lewis
Principal

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Important Dates

- * Year 6 Farewell - Thursday 10th December 6pm-8pm – CPS Hall
- * Presentation Day – Monday 14th December – CPS Hall.
- * Kindergarten: 9:15am-10:00am
- * Stage 1: 10:00am-11:00am
- * Stage 2: 12:00pm-1:00pm
- * Stage 3: 1:00pm-2:00pm
- * Class Parties and PBL "Water Fun Day" - Tuesday 15th December
- * Year 6 Graduation - Wednesday 16th December 1:30pm-2:30pm – Showground Pavilion

You did it! *Congratulations Assembly Awardees*

Bugbug: Jade Lily Moriarty, Lilah Nicholls, Edward Roberts	Dinawan: Tahlia Billing, Ben Whitty, Sophia Partridge
Garru: Ollie Field, Roy Dixon-Gray, Ellora Ryan	Gulambali: Joy Uwase, Miles Duncan, Leo Legg
Muraany: Arabella Brooks, Natasha Miller, Emily Mitchell	Dyirridyirri: Nathaniel Moore, Jessica Chase, Benjamin Miller
Dhundhu: Toby Nicholls, Lexi Haensch, Mason Kirwan	Gilaa: Nataliya Anne Forbes, Brayden Murray, Mia McClenahan
Mirri: Wyatt Bradley Ryan	Yarraman: Mitchell Moriarty, Jarell Kerr, Emaliee Legg
Gadi: Madeline Fraser, Eli Stopps Giallourakis, Jesse Ballard, Lilah Roffey, Kezawin Slattery	Gugaa: Lacey Hinton Besant, Annaleise Hall, Corey Shaw, Kash Godwin, Jock Casey, Tia Hodgson
Barrandhang: Jakayla Pollard, Lincoln Charnock, Thomas Dening	Guya: Lily Doyle, Oscar McGill, Kash Newham
Wilay: Bella Graham, Star Nelligan, James Wallace	Bandha: Emma Harding, Evah Heidke, Payten Hollingsworth
Bilbi: Danny Quinn, Orlando Williams	Mirri: Wyatt Bradley Ryan, Conner Moriarty
Ganyi: Elysha Bourne, Charlotte McLeish, Sapphyr Stuhlfauth	Budyabudya: Isabell Duncan, Lilliarna Cantrell



PBL Awards

40 Billys: Wyatt Bradley Rayn **60 Billys:** Ollie Field, Oskar Larsen, Cooper McDonald, Ben Legg, Ellora Ryan & Flynn Cleary
75 Billys: Treyden Howarth **100 Billys:** Alex Moriarty **125 Billys:** Jax Quinn, Lilah Roffey, Anabelle Buckley, Skye Fagan
175 Billys: Seth Friend **180 Billys:** Lleyton Wallace. **200 Billys:** Alec Horton, Bailey South **225 Billys:** Darcy Eaton, Coby Williams, Ruby Halling, Maya Miller, Thomas Dening, Daniel Hoy, Lexie Ryan, Xavier Lawson **300 Billys:** Charlotte Billing, Josh Leonard, Maxx McLean, Lachlan Parkes **350 Billys:** Lachlan White, Bella Graham, Payten Hollingsworth, Evah Heidke **450 Billys:** James Wallace, Danny Quinn, Elora Blackmore, Orlando Williams, Toby Roylance **500 Billys:** Abbie Moriarty

Spotlight on...Gugaa !



Gugaa have been very busy this term working on persuasive writing and completing a novel study on the text 'Boy Overboard'. In maths, we are learning about fractions, decimals, percentages, probability and 3D shapes. We have been having fun in dance lessons with the other Stage 3 classes as well as making some NAIDOC art and graffiti artworks. We are really looking forward to Week 8 for our camp to the South Coast and are getting ready for the end of year, when some of us fly the primary nest for high school.



Maxwell Parker is the Infant's Aussie of the Month.

Angus Munday, Ben Legg & Tillee McLean are our Kindergarten Students of the Month.



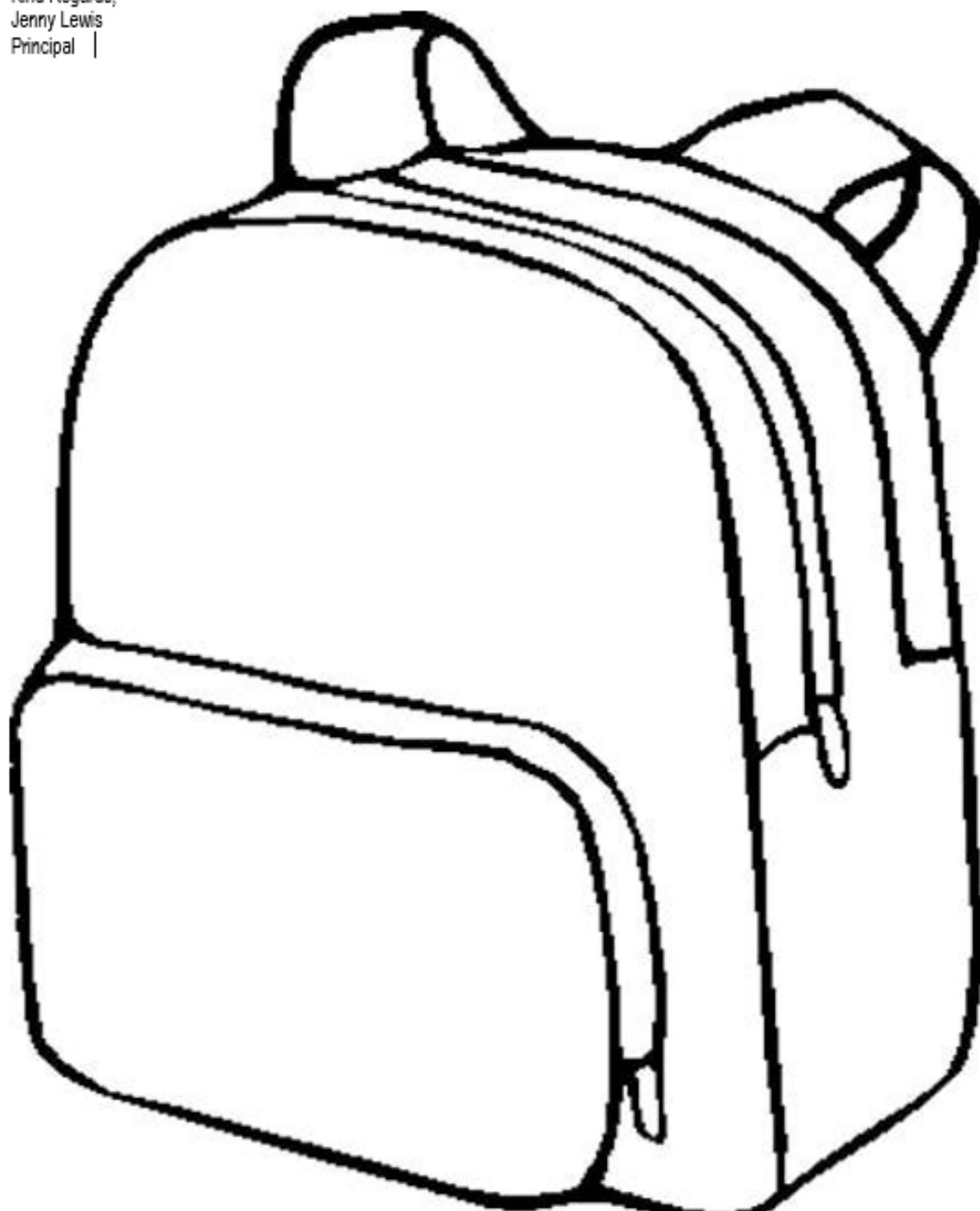
Cowra Public School 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan “BACKPACK” Survey

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This year all NSW Public Schools are required to develop a new school **Strategic Improvement Plan** which details specific goals and targets that each school aims to meet. Throughout this Term, we have been gathering information to help us to develop our new school plan for **2021-2024**. To ensure that the directions Cowra Public School takes are those which **the school community also see as important**, we are asking for **your input**.

On the backpack below, we would like you to write down the **skills, knowledge and/or experiences** you would like **YOUR CHILD** to have when they leave **CPS in Year 6** and embark on their High School journey. These might be learning outcomes (e.g. be able to read, use a computer, or play a musical instrument), values outcomes (e.g. have the confidence to speak in front of an audience or honesty) or experiences (sporting representation, leadership days or excursions). **You can write as many things as you like**. Our students are also being surveyed. When all sheets are returned, we will analyse the responses, and this will help to give us a strong idea on the **directions** that our **whole school community see as important**. This is a **great opportunity** for you to have a **say** in the future direction of our great school. Please return all surveys to school by **Friday 4 December**.

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal |



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

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Cowra Early Childhood Services OOSH Vacation Care Program



Routine
8am-9am
Free play

9am-10.30am
Children lead their own play

- > Planned experiences
- > Child interest based
- > Free play
- > Outdoor play

10.30am
Morning tea

10.45-1.00pm
Children lead their own play

- > Planned experiences
- > Technology time
- > Outdoor play

1.00pm
Lunch

1.40-3.30pm

- > Relaxation
- > Movies
- > Music
- > Outdoor play

3.30-6pm

- Children choice of experience
- > Planned experiences
- > Free play
- > Outdoor play

Thursday 17/12/20

Christmas wreaths



Christmas tree decorations



A variety of craft and physical play experiences will be on offer to the children throughout the day.

Friday 18/12/20

Magazine Christmas trees



Christmas dress up day



A variety of craft and physical play experiences will be on offer to the children throughout the day.

Cowra Early Childhood Services OOSH (out of school hours care)



Vacation Care Program for December 2020 & January 2021

Bookings for the upcoming school holidays are open from **Monday 23rd November 2020**

Limited positions are available each day.

Call Admin on 63422338 to book your child's position.

Book in early to avoid disappointment.

A variety of craft and physical play experiences will be on offer to the children throughout each day with the following highlights-

Week 1

17/12/20
18/12/20



Christmas craft – decorations and wreaths
Christmas dress up day, Magazine Christmas trees

Week 2

21/12/20
22/12/20
23/12/20

Hand print cards, Christmas stockings
In the kitchen – gingerbread biscuits, candy cane pops
Christmas party – bring a plate to share for lunch, party games



Week 3

4/1/21
5/1/21
6/1/21
7/1/21
8/1/21

Three pen challenge, skipping games
"All about me" mind maps, card games
Self portraits, elastics games and rhymes
Science – lava lamps, baking soda and vinegar experiments
neighbourhood walk, creative drawing, movies and popcorn



Week 4

11/1/21
12/1/21
13/1/21
14/1/21
15/1/21

Paper plane competition, watercolour painting
OOSH show and tell, cognitive minute to win it challenges
Woodhouse plumbing sponsored excursion to Blayney Adventure playground
Rainbow waffles, balloon tennis
Water pistol play, salt painting



Week 5

18/1/21
19/1/21
20/1/21
21/1/21
22/1/21

Gardening with Georgia, DIY tree swings
Clay creations, excursion Mulyan school playground, bikes and scooters permitted
Paint pouring, loose parts play
Recycled art and craft, egg & spoon races, growing crystals in and eggshell mosaic tiling, three legged races

Week 6

25/1/21
26/1/21
27/1/21
28/1/21

Australia day experiences
Service closed Australia day
Tie dye t-shirts, discuss throwing
Messy play – fluffy slime, shaving cream, fizzy cloud dough



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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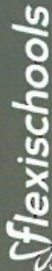
- 1 Download the Flexischools App**
Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.
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To save your login details select 'remember me'.
 - New Flexischools user –**
Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions 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.
- 3 Top Up Your Account**
To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your 'User Profile'.

Order

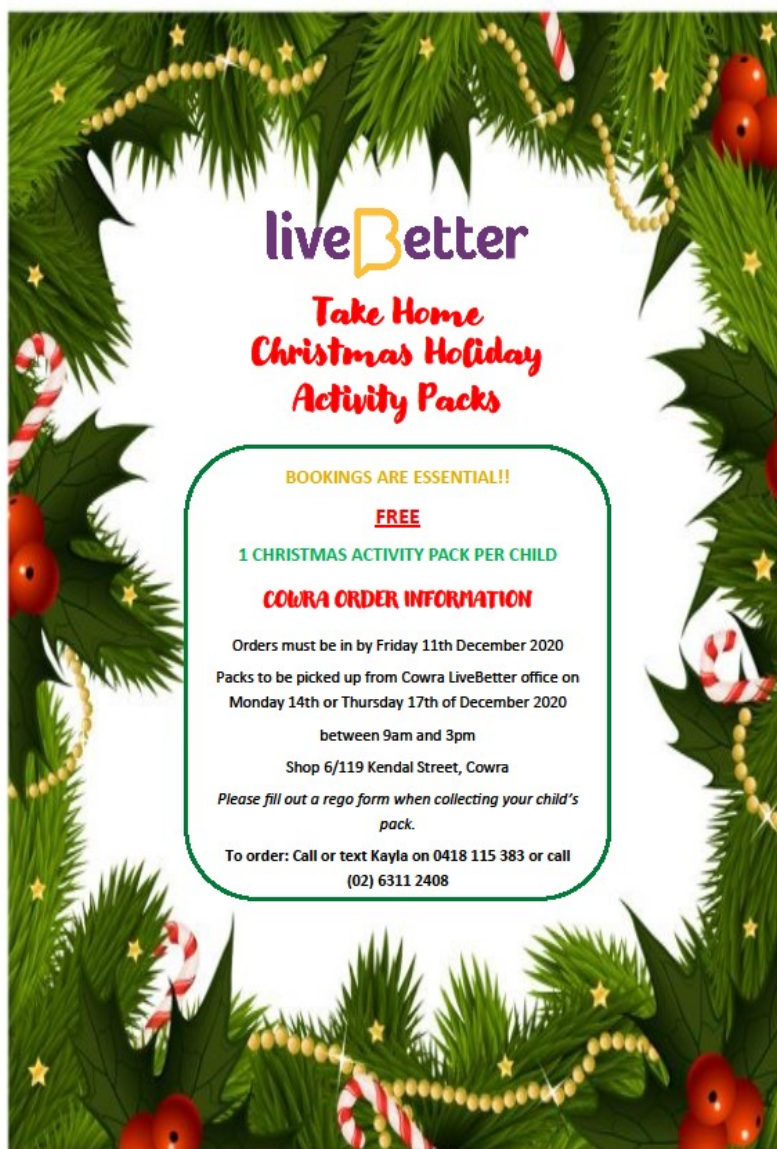
- 1 Place your Order**
On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then **swipe left and right** to view all available services.
- 2 Make your Selection**
Find the service and press 'Order', then select the items you wish to order.
- 3 Make Payment**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

Order form for School Magazine

Please return to office by Friday, 4th December

Cost: \$15 per copy

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Number of copies _____

Enclosed: \$ _____

Paid Online: \$ _____ (date of payment)

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