

# Cowra Public School Newsletter



Term 4 Week 9 2020



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## Principal's Message

### **2020 – What a Year!**

It's hard to believe how quickly this year has gone by. I would like to thank and acknowledge the amazing CPS staff who every day, go above and beyond to provide the best education possible for every child at Cowra Public School. I hope all of our staff have a lovely break and take the time to rest and relax with family and friends over the Christmas holiday.

Thank you to also to all parents, family and community members for your continued support of our school throughout the year; it is greatly appreciated. We value our home-school and community partnerships with all of our families and look forward to continuing to work together in 2021. The last week of school is set to be full of wonderful celebrations!

### **2021 Student Leadership Team**

It was fantastic to celebrate our final primary school assembly for 2020 today, and I congratulate all of our outstanding students. At the assembly, the 2021 Student Leaders were also announced, and I would like to extend my congratulations to the following students;

**2021 School Captains** – Holly Fagan and Alex Boswell

**2021 Vice Captains** – Lacey Hinton-Besant and Nate Gunn

**2021 Prefects** – Evah Heidke, Jake Pullen, Ebony Davis and Blair Binder

**2021 House Captains** – Lachlan White (Brigalow), Annaliese Hall (Myall), Clayton Duclos (Wandoo) and Riley McLeish (Kurrajong).

All of our school leaders were elected to these positions by their peers and staff, and I look forward to working with these outstanding students as part of the Student School Leadership Team in 2021.

### **Year 6 Farewell**

Last night our Year 6 students celebrated the end of their primary school years with the Year 6 farewell taking place in the school hall. Thank you to the Stage 3 teachers who organised this special event and a special thank you to Kristen Sturgiss for making the Graduation cake and Deanne Fiene for catering the supper. I hope that all students enjoyed their special night and the opportunity to spend time with their classmates and teachers during their last few days as Primary School students.

### **2021 Staffing**

Staffing for next year is now complete and we look forward to welcoming several new staff members to CPS next year. I have attached a copy of next year's staff list for your information. Please be aware, that over the holiday period, there is always the possibility of staffing changes and that the information included, is correct, as of today.

## What's Happening?

### Presentation Day

**Monday, 14th  
December:**

Kindergarten : 9.15 -  
10am

Stage 1: 10 - 11am

Stage 2: 12 - 1pm

Stage 3: 1 - 2 pm

### **Class Parties**

### **'Water Fun Day'**

Tuesday, 15th  
December

### **Year 6 Graduation**

Wednesday, 16th  
December

At the Cowra  
Showground

1.30pm - 2.30pm

### **ALL SCHOOL BAND INSTRUMENTS**

***must be returned to  
school as soon as  
possible for stocktake.***

***Mrs Wright***



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## Class Parties and End of Term PBL Acknowledgement Water Fun Day!

Next Tuesday 15th December, all students will have the chance to celebrate their excellent behaviour this term at our PBL Acknowledgement Water Fun Day and Class Parties! With 'slip'n'slides', sprinklers, water pistols and lots of fun planned, it is sure to be a day to remember! Stage 3 will be heading to the pool for their water fun, so please ensure the permission note handed out earlier this week to Stage 3 students, is returned. The P&C have generously offered to cater for the Stage 3 Class Parties at the pool, as well as providing a FREE sausage sizzle for all students K-4 on Tuesday. **If your child does not eat sausages, please provide a packed lunch as there will be NO lunch orders available from the canteen on Tuesday.** Please find the "Water Fun Day" information note attached to this week's newsletter.

## Stage 3 Excursion

Thank you to Mrs Johnson, Mrs Hattenfels, Miss Noble and Mr Duncombe for their amazing effort and time in planning and supervising our Stage 3 students on their excursion to the South Coast last week. After a very unpredictable year, it was a wonderful way to conclude 2020, and the experiences the children had, and the memories made, will last a lifetime.

## Semester 2 Student Reports

Semester 2 Reports were distributed to all children today. Teachers have spent many hours preparing reports in order to give an honest and accurate summary of each child's progress, performance and areas for further development moving into 2021. I have read through all student reports and am incredibly proud of the effort and achievements made by each and every child. Please take the time to read through your child's report with them. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's report, please contact their teacher by ringing the school office on 63422400.

## End of Year Events

- ◇ **Presentation Day** will be held on **Monday 14th December** and will be run as four separate ceremonies. Parents of award winners have been sent an invitation to attend:
- ◇ 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** 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.
- ◇ Last day of school for 2020 - Wednesday, 16th December.

## 2020 School Magazine

The 2020 School Magazine is running through the printers, as we speak! School Magazines will be distributed next week after Presentation Day. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank our School Administration Manager Mrs Allison Williams, who has taken on the massive job of putting together our 2020 School Magazine. We hope you enjoy looking back at the photos, stories and memorable moments from an amazing year!

## Spotlight on...Dyirridyirri and Muraany!

Each week in our Newsletters, we shine the spotlight on a particular class in the school. This week we would like to share some of the amazing work from the Stage 1 students in Mrs Galea and Mrs Partridge's class, Dyirridyirri, along with the students in Mrs Gibson's Stage 1 class; Muraany!

## 2021 Start Dates

School resumes in 2021 for students in Years 1-6 on **Friday 29th January 2021**. Our new Kindergarten children will receive a letter next week advising each family of their child's Best Start Assessment times. These assessments will be held on Friday 29th January, Monday 1st February and Tuesday 2nd February, and will go for approximately one hour. All Kindergarten children will attend their first full school day on **Wednesday 3rd February 2021**.

This will be the final school newsletter for the year. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish all CPS families a very merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday!

Until next year.....

Jenny Lewis

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## Important Dates

- \* 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
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## Highlights of Stage 3 Excursion



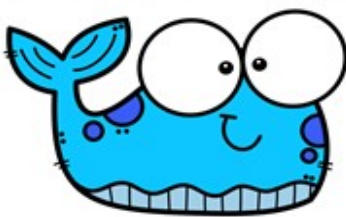


# Spotlight on...Muraany !

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MURAANY

This term in Muraany, we have been learning about the natural world around us and ways that we can help protect our valuable natural resources.



Our first investigation was about whales and our oceans. We loved critiquing posters and creating our own, and made some beautiful whale artwork!





# Spotlight on...Dyirridyirri

## DEADLY DYIRRIDYIRRI KIDS



*NAIDOC Painting &  
Rope Making!*



*Team Building and Social  
Skills*



*News Presentations & Learning  
About Money*



*Learning and enjoying the Sun  
& Celebrating Birthdays*



We have had an AMAZING year with our Dyirridyirri kids. We hope you have a safe and well earned break over the holidays!  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all families! Love Mrs Galea & Mrs Partridge.

# **Cowra PS 2021 Staff List**

## **Executive**

Principal - Jenny Lewis  
Deputy Principal – Albert Murray  
Deputy Principal – IL - Millie Eldridge  
Deputy Principal – IL - Adrienne Jones  
Assistant Principal ES1/S1 – Shavaughn Duncan  
Assistant Principal Stg 2 – Chief Vogel  
Assistant Principal Stg 3 - Tracey McFarland  
Assistant Principal Support – Jo McCabe

## **Administration**

Allison Williams  
Jennifer Rowston  
Mandy Taylor  
Jo Densmore

## **Learning and Support**

Gai Meiklejohn – Early Stage 1  
Ashlee Causton - Stage 1  
Samantha Smith – Stage 2  
Alison Eaton – Stage 3

## **Library**

Olivia Galea  
Amy Irvine

## **Music**

Mary-Ann Wright

## **PE/Sport**

Greg Garlick

## **Creative Arts**

Prue James

## **RFF/PL/Executive Release**

Romy Bennett  
Emma Tree  
Greg Garlick  
Mary-Ann Wright  
Amy Irvine

## **ICT Coordinators**

Amy Irvine  
Ashlee Causton

## **Wiradjuri Language**

Olivia Galea

## **Aboriginal Education Officer**

Blake Duncombe

## **Senior Psychologist**

Amy Goodwin (rel)

## **School Counsellor**

Katie Cheney

## **Itinerant Support Team**

Di Agustin – Assistant Principal Hearing  
Emma Tree - Hearing  
Deidre Costa – Hearing  
Sharni Berry - Hearing  
Marianne Traves - Vision

## **Classroom Teachers**

### **Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten**

Dinawan – Michelle Hamer  
BugBug – Kerry White  
Garru – Sheridan Oborn

### **Stage 1 - Years 1 and 2**

Gulambali – Shavaughn Duncan  
Dhundhu – Katherine Van Ballekom  
Dyiridyirri – Amanda Partridge/Samantha Perfect  
Gilaa – Tess Hopson  
Muraany – Nerida Gibson

### **Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4**

Barrandhang – Chief Vogel  
Yarraman – Katrina Noble  
Ganyi – Brook Sullivan  
Gadi – Raelene Beecher  
Warragul - Megan Cassidy

### **Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6**

Bandha – Bronwyn Johnson  
Gugaa – Fabienne Storr  
Wilay – Tracey McFarland  
Guya – Fiona Skene

## **Support Classes**

Mirri – Jenelle Haskew  
Bilbi – Jo McCabe/Wendy Page  
Budyabudya – Louise Hattenfels

## **School Learning Support Officers**

Amanda Ross  
Kathy Craig  
Miriam Kelly  
Ashleigh Elbourne  
Kathy Cantrell  
Sarah Casey  
Angela Dunlop  
Sarah Wallace  
Wendy Anderson  
Cathie Bridge  
Emilie Browne

## **Canteen Manager**

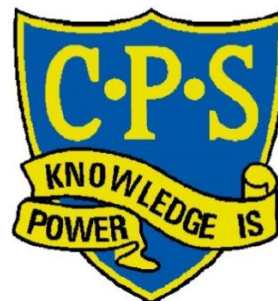
Deanne Fiene

## **General Assistant**

Paul Sproule

## **Cleaners**

Jo Hyde  
Elamin Koko





**Cowra Public School**  
**End of Year PBL Acknowledgement – Celebration**



**“WATER FUN DAY!”**

**When:** Tuesday 15th December 2019

**Where:** Cowra Public School

**Why:** To acknowledge our safe, respectful and on task students

**Who:** ALL students and teachers K-6

**What:** Water Fun Day will include awesome water fun activities including a slip’n’slide, water pistol “shoot-out” and good old-fashioned sprinkler fun!

**What to wear:** swimmers underneath  
 MUFTI clothing

**What to bring:** towel, change of underwear,  
 sunscreen, rashie, plastic bag for wet swimmers  
 water pistols, super-soakers!

**What NOT to bring:** water balloons

**Time:** Early Stage 1 - 10:10am-11:10pm; Stage 1 - 11:55-12:55pm,

Stage 2 – 12:55-1:55pm, Stage 3 will be at the Cowra Aquatic Centre

The P&C will be providing a **FREE** sausage sizzle, drink & ice-block for all students  
 – there will be NO canteen lunch orders available.

Those students who would prefer NOT to have a sausage sizzle will need  
 to bring their own lunch.



# 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](mailto:pcycnswkidzcare-cowra.hubworks.com.au)



## 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





# Calendar 2021



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## Key dates

### Term start and end dates\*

Term 1 (Eastern) – 27 Jan to 1 Apr 2021

Term 1 (Western) – 3 Feb to 1 Apr 2021

Term 2 – 19 Apr to 25 June 2021

Term 3 – 12 July to 17 Sept 2021

Term 4 – 5 Oct to 17 Dec 2021

### Staff development days

All schools – 19 Apr, 12 July and 17 Dec 2021

Eastern – 27 Jan and 28 Jan 2021

Western – 3 Feb and 4 Feb 2021

### School vacation dates 2021

Summer (Eastern) – 21 Dec 2020 to 26 Jan 2021

Summer (Western) – 21 Dec 2020 to 2 Feb 2021

Autumn – 5 Apr to 16 Apr 2021

Winter – 28 June to 9 July 2021

Spring – 20 Sept to 1 Oct 2021

Summer (Eastern) – 20 Dec 2021 to 27 Jan 2022

Summer (Western) – 20 Dec 2021 to 3 Feb 2022

### Education Week

26 to 30 July 2021

### Exam dates

Selective high school placement test – 11 Mar 2021

NAPLAN paper test – 11 to 13 May 2021

NAPLAN online test window – 11 to 21 May 2021

Opportunity class placement test – 21 July 2021

HSC written examinations – 12 Oct to 4 Nov 2021

### Public holidays



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School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.



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