

Cowra Public School Newsletter



Term 2 Week 1 2020



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Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 2! I hope that all families had a lovely Easter and enjoyed spending time at home, especially with the beautiful autumn weather we have been experiencing. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined the CPS community this Term – we are sure you will enjoy being part of our wonderful school.

Term 2 Learning

Throughout the holidays, you would have heard via the media, information around students return to school in Term 2. Following these updates from the NSW Department of Education, we will stagger a return to school for all students for one day per week, beginning in Week 3 (May 11th). We will continue to provide "At Home Learning Packs" for all students, whether they be at home, or attending school for the first two weeks of Term and these will be emailed or posted, as per our Term 1 arrangements.

When students return to school in Week 3, they will be rostered to come one day per week. This face to face contact will allow teachers to 'check in' with students, help with their learning, and provide guidance with any work they have found challenging. Students will also be able to connect with their friends and teachers and hopefully start to feel things are beginning to return to 'normal'. Students at school will complete the same work as students learning from home, regardless of which day they are rostered to attend.

To manage a safe return to school, we have organised students into 5 groups. **Group 1** are students of essential workers who need to be on-site and will continue to attend school every day. **Group 2, 3, 4 and 5** students will attend one day per week and have been organised according to family groups. We have worked hard to ensure similar numbers of students in each Stage will attend each day, to enable us to socially distance in the classroom and the playground. An email will be sent next **Monday May 4**, from your child's class teacher to your child's email address to inform you which group they have been placed in and the day they will attend school for face-to-face learning.

From Week 3, students will continue to access "At Home" Learning, with scheduled online Zoom sessions and Google Classroom activities integrated into the At Home Learning Packs over the next few weeks. We will share "How To" videos to parents around using both Zoom and Google, in the coming weeks and will have dedicated staff on hand to support parents with any technology needs.

Please be reassured that we will be maintaining our strict hygiene measures and social distancing as we continue to prioritise the wellbeing and safety of students and staff.

What's Happening?

Friday May 1

Laptop Collection Day

Monday May 4

Email sent to students informing which day to attend in Week 3

Sunday May 10

Mother's Day

Monday May 11

Group 1 students return to school

Tuesday May 12

Group 2 students return to school

Wednesday May 13

Group 3 students return to school

Thursday May 14

Group 4 students return to school

Friday May 15

Group 5 students return to school

Laptop Distribution

This week we will be contacting families who require the loan of a laptop for their children to be able to access on-line learning. This is being coordinated by Mrs Oborn, Miss Irvine, Miss Sullivan and Miss Noble and is based on the parent survey completed at the end of Term 1 over the phone with your child's teacher. We will continue to phone those families we have yet to reach this week. Currently we have 111 laptops available for loan and are prioritising those families who have limited internet access and devices. Families who will be provided with a laptop will be contacted this week and a pickup time organised for Friday.

ANZAC Day

On 25 April, we celebrated ANZAC Day. This is a community event which CPS has always supported through participating in the Cowra ANZAC Day march and wreath-laying ceremony and holding our own school ceremony. Sadly, this year, we are unable to do so, however the ANZAC Day message has been shared through a variety of activities across all Stages in this week's "At Home Learning" Packs. Please take some time to speak with your children about the significance of ANZAC Day.

Lest We Forget

Spotlight on...Gugaa!

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 3 students in Mr Jeffries' class, Gugaa!

Have a great week.

Jenny Lewis
Principal

SCHOOL DROP

To enable us to continue to socially distance, we request ALL families bringing children to school, to drop them off at either the Vaux St bottom gate, Dental Clinic gate or Coles carpark gate and leave.

SCHOOL PICK UP

Parents picking children up are requested to wait at either the Vaux St bottom gate, Dental Clinic gate or Coles carpark gate. The teacher on duty will open the gates at 3.15pm to allow children to exit the school grounds. Parents will not be permitted to wait in the school playground. Thankyou for your support.

These measures are in response to COVID-19 Guidelines.



School Photos

School photos ordered last Term please call Creative School Portraits on 634223070

Library Book Packs

Library book packs available for collection from the school office.

Library returns can be dropped in to the front office and a new book pack will be organised for your child for the next fortnight.



Lilah Roffey with her beautiful hand-made ANZAC Day Wreath!

Our Week 1 PBL Focus is
Hands and Feet



Spotlight on...Gugaa!

I don't think anyone could have predicted the situation we are in today with our classroom. The deafening silence of Gugaa's learning space is a complete contrast to the hustle and bustle of activity that took place earlier in the year.

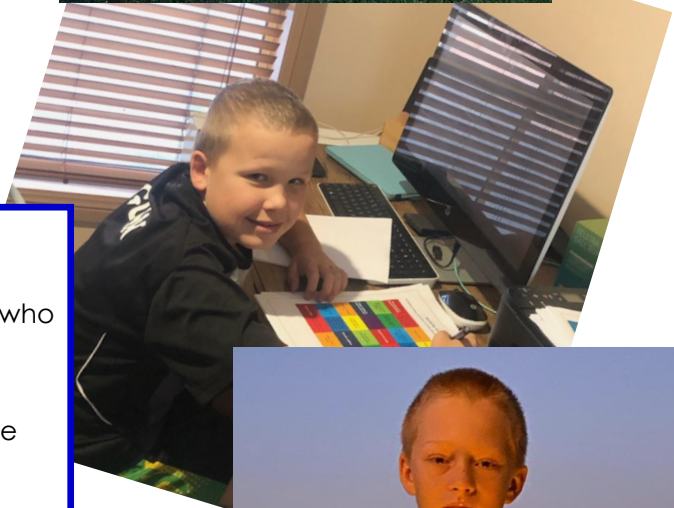
We made a pact from week one this year that our attitude in Gugaa is to be effort driven and let results take care of themselves. Our focus has been unsettled a little with this thing called "Rona" but what I can see from the learning packs is that your effort has continued from home. Huge thank you to our parents in these testing times. I can see that the students' have continued to grow as learners due to your commitment from home.

I cannot wait for the pandemic of normality to sweep the country, so we can return to the space we call Gugaa 3C.

Hope to see you all soon.

Mr J

A big congratulations to Gugaa students Nate, Roderick, Toby and Corey who will receive a participation certificate from the Hon Michael McCormack. These students wrote a touching ANZAC poem in term 1 competition and entered it in Mr McCormack's writing challenge



P & C Mother's Day Stall

The P & C are still running their annual Mother's Day stall but due to the COVID-19 virus things will have to run a little bit different this year. Please find below the schedule that the P & C have worked out so that all our students have an opportunity to buy a present for the mothers/grandmothers/carers.

Students attending school:

On Wednesday, 6th May, Thursday, 7th May and Friday, 8th May, the stall will be operating at lunch time. Students can purchase gifts ranging in price from \$2 up to \$10.

Students Learning from Home:

The hall will be open to Cowra Public School families and students from 10am - 1pm on **Saturday, 9th May**.

We will ensure that social distancing measures are in place, and ask that families come to the hall through Busby Carpark gate and follow instructions from staff.

Sheridan Oborn

P&C Secretary

