



COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

'Newsletter'

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Term 1 Week 10
2nd April 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

At Home" Learning

Thank to the many parents who have contacted us, or left messages of thanks on our Facebook page regarding our At Home Learning Packs for Week 10. We hope you are enjoying the opportunity to undertake some learning with your children and we have really appreciated all the wonderful photos sent to us via Facebook messenger, showing the amazing job both you and your children are doing. Week 11 Learning Packs will be distributed a little earlier this week so that all families will have them ready to go on Monday. A huge thank you goes out to Cowra Australia Post for ensuring our packs were not diverted to Bathurst but went straight to student's homes.

Emailed packs will be sent **tomorrow** (Friday) to families who have opted for this method of delivery.

Posted packs were sent out **today**. Families should receive these **tomorrow** or **Monday** at the latest.

If any parents misplace their child's packs, copies of the learning units for each Stage level have been put up on our school website. Please find attached, instructions on how and where to access them on the website.

Library Book Packs

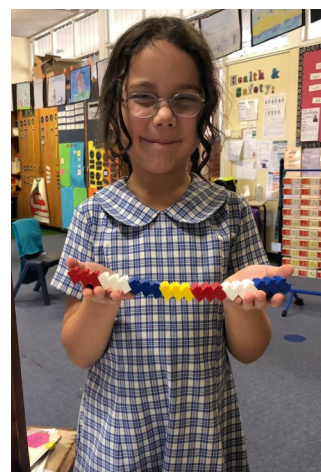
A huge thank you to Mrs Oborn, Mrs Hopson, Mrs Kelly and Mr Duncombe who have spent three full days this week putting together library packs for each student in the school. For students in Kinder and Stage One, the packs contain a variety of picture books. For Stage 2 and 3 students, books have been selected based on each student's Lexile reading level.

Parents are encouraged to call into school before the end of Term to collect their child's pack. Staff have organised class tubs, and these have been placed in our administration corridor. Each student has a plastic bag with their name written on the outside. All you need to do is come in, find your child's class tub, find their labelled bag and take the pack home. All books have already been loaned out to individual students so it should only take a few minutes to call in and collect. Books can be returned in Week 1 of Term 2 after the school holidays. Happy Reading!!

Assessment Tasks

We have placed our old Perspex PBL Barrel against the front

At school learning



Dates to Remember

Assemblies and sporting events have been postponed or cancelled due to the COVID 19 virus.

The last day of term is Thursday, 9th April 2020.

The first day of term 2 will be Tuesday, 28th April 2020.

fence of the school near the administration entrance on Vaux Street. This is our schoolwork "Drop Off" barrel. In the "At Home" Learning Packs there will be a number of **"assessment tasks"** which your child's teachers have identified. We ask that you return your child's assessment tasks (with name and class clearly written on them) into the Drop Off barrel so they can be passed on to your child's teacher for marking and feedback. This method of work return will be used for the remainder of the Term. All other "at home" learning activities can be kept at home until school returns to normal. We also ask that students keep using their "At Home" exercise book for the remainder of the Term. Thank you to all parents for your amazing cooperation!

Looking Towards Term 2

At this stage, we are unsure as to exactly what Term 2 will look like as far as teaching and learning goes. Please be reassured that over the past week our staff have been developing plans for several different scenarios, pending decisions made by the Department of Education. We are preparing for the beginning of the Term to be similar to the last two weeks, however we are currently assessing our capacity to include some elements of on-line learning for our students. In every decision we make as a school we are considering three key areas – **EQUITY, CONSISTENCY** and **CONTINUITY of LEARNING** for **ALL** students. I will continue to update parents when I have information to share, so please continue to check our school Facebook page during the holidays for any further news.

COVID-19 Department of Education Information

The NSW Department of Education has set up a new public website page which includes FAQs, information about learning from home, and updates on non-operational schools. The link is <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Staffing Update



I would like to extend my congratulations to Mrs Louise Hattenfels who this week was permanently appointed, through the merit selection process, to the position of special education teacher at Cowra Public School. Mrs Hattenfels has been the Budyabudya class teacher since 2019, and it is wonderful to have her temporary appointment become a permanent one. I would like to thank the selection panel – Mrs Olivia Galea (AECG representative), Mrs Jo McCabe (staff representative) and Mr Nigel Hazell (P&C representative) for their time and effort throughout this process.

Easter Egg 'Facebook' Guessing Competition

Miss Irvine, Mrs Partridge and Billy the Platypus will be running a 'Facebook' Easter Egg Guessing competition to finish off the Term! Each student in the school is permitted one guess as to the number of eggs they think are in Billy's Easter Egg jar and there are separate competitions for Primary and Infants. Guesses are to be submitted on the Facebook post so mums and dads will need to type their child's name and their guess in the comments. The students who guesses the correct amount (or is closest) wins ALL Billy's eggs. There is no cost to have a guess...this is just one way for us to have a bit of fun with our students during the last week of Term.

Department of Education Before and After School Survey

On Wednesday, a text message was sent to all families (primary carers only) from CPS, with a link to a Department of Education survey about Before and After School, and Vacation care for students during the school holidays. This only needs to be completed for parents needing this service. The survey closes on Friday 5 April, and all responses are appreciated.

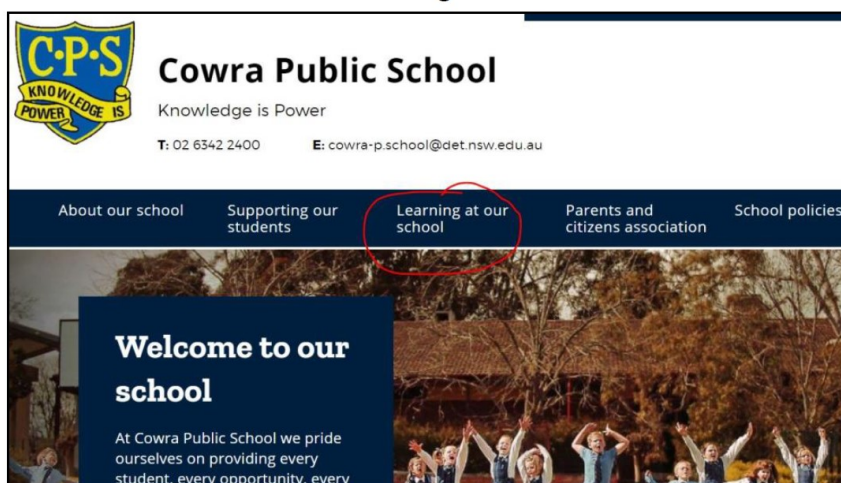
Spotlight on YARRAMAN!

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 2 students in Miss Irvine's class, Yarraman!

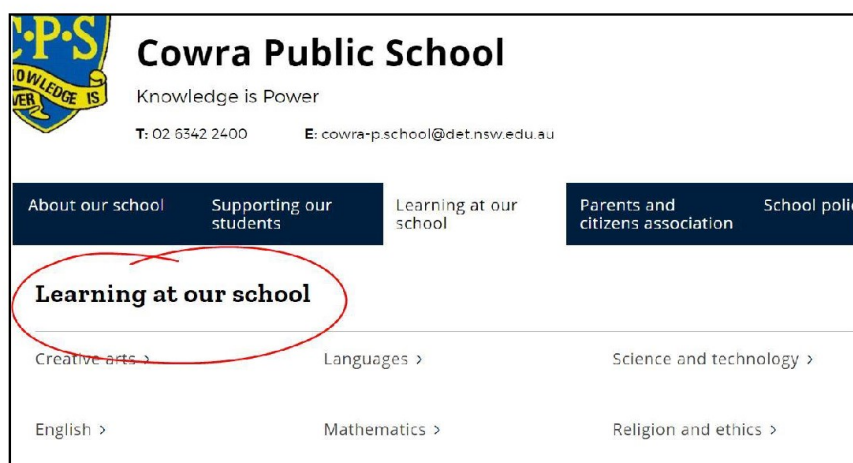
Jenny Lewis
Principal

How to access “At Home” Learning Packs from the Cowra Public School website:

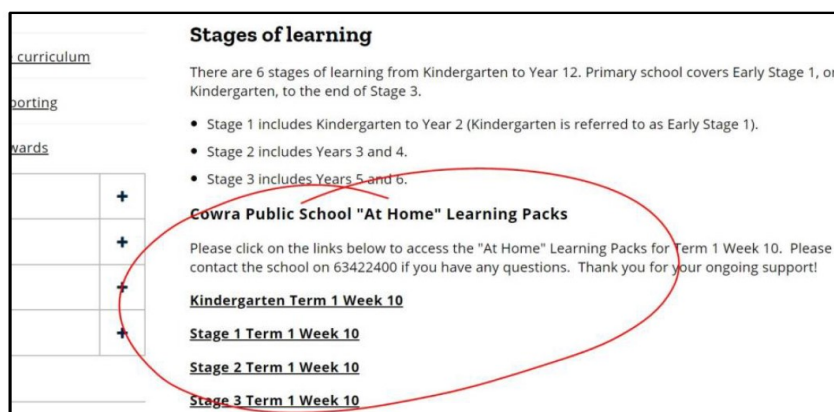
Step 1 – Go to the CPS Website and click on “Learning at our school”



Step 2 - Click on the “Learning at School” heading in bold print



Step 3 – Scroll to the bottom of the page where you will see the heading Cowra Public School “At Home” Learning Packs. Hover your mouse over the pack you need and click. New weekly packs will be added to the website as they are sent home. A PDF document will open with the Learning Program and worksheets attached. We will continue to email and post packs as requested. The website is a ‘back up’ in case your pack doesn’t arrive in time or gets misplaced.





Billy's Guessing Competition!

Billy found lots of eggs left by a very special bunny... but chocolate isn't good for a platypus!

So he's giving away **two** jars filled with chocolate eggs! All you have to do is head over to the Facebook post and take a guess. No money needed!

There will be an Infants jar and a Primary jar.

Parents please note: it's one guess per **child** (not family). Please put your child's name and their guess in a comment on the post.



Aurora College

The virtual school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's virtual school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes for high potential and gifted students in rural and remote government schools.

The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and to learn globally. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons using cutting-edge technologies in a virtual learning environment.

Aurora currently offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to Year 7-10 students and also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school.

In 2021, Aurora College will have an Opportunity Class for Year 5 students enrolled in rural and remote government primary schools. Students will study the content of the Mathematics and Science and Technology syllabuses, with a focus on STEM.



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Application for entry into Year 5 in 2021:
Opens 28 April 2020
Closes 15 May 2020

For further information on how to enrol:
<http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/learn/enrol/>

www.aurora.nsw.edu.au | or phone 1300 287 629





Classroom News

Week 10

Yarraman 2I

Yarraman have enjoyed getting to know each other during Term 1 and working together to build our classroom community!



Cowra Bus Talks.



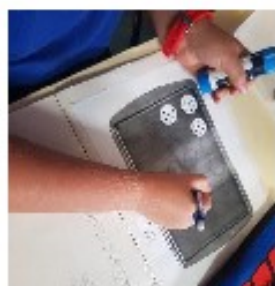
Yarraman's Pete Cromer inspired birds (some still to come!)



We have been using lots of hands on materials and different strategies during math lessons.



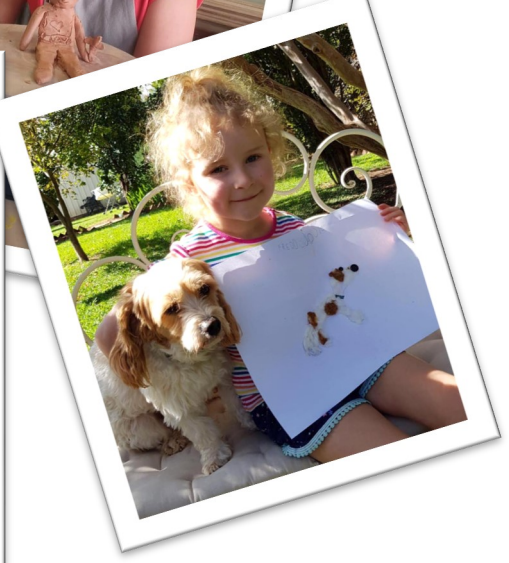
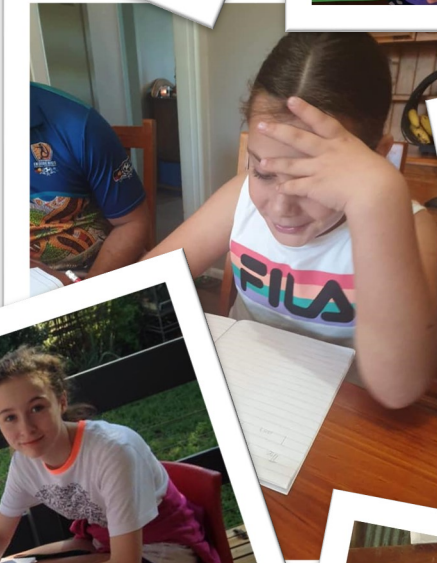
Yarraman love spending time with their buddy class - Garru



I am so proud of you all for how hard you have worked this term and I can't wait to see what we get up to when we're all back together!

- Miss Irvine

Snap shots of Cowra Public students' learning. Well done kids!!



Mr Embroidery Cowra

C.P.S. Winter Uniform

ORDER FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

One lucky shopper will win their total order FREE.

Return form by the 3rd April 2020 to be eligible.

GARMENTS	SIZE	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
CPS Fleece Lined Jacket 6-16			\$63.00	
CPS Fleece Lined Jacket S-3XL			\$67.50	
Tunic 4-18			\$63.00	
Girls L/S Blouse, Boys L/S Shirt 4-30			\$30.60	
Grey Cargo Pants Oz Surf 4-16			\$36.00	
Grey Cargo Pants Oz Surf S-3XL			\$37.80	
Grey Double Knee Trousers 4-16			\$34.60	
Microfibre Trackpants 4-16			\$36.00	
Microfibre Trackpants S-3XL			\$40.00	
CPS Embroidered bucket hat			\$10.80	
Knee high white socks			\$5.50	
3 pack short white socks			\$14.35	
3 pack short grey socks			\$14.35	
Sports polo 4-16			\$20.00	
Sports polo S-3XL			\$22.75	
Royal polar fleece jumper 4-14			\$34.20	
Royal polar fleece jumper S-3XL			\$40.00	
Navy Tights			\$12.75	

TOTAL	\$
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Please return order forms by 3rd April 2020,

To 119a Kendal St @ Mr Embroidery

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Ph 6341 3163. Thankyou

All form prices are reduced by 10%

Laybys Welcome

orders cannot be picked up before 20th April