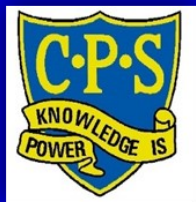


Cowra Public School Newsletter



Term 2 Week 8 2020



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18th June 2020

Principal's Message

Semester One Student Reports

Staff are busily finalising Semester One reports, and these will be distributed to families on Friday 24th July (Week 1 Term 3). This semester our reports will look slightly different to previous years, due to the impact of Covid-19 and "At Home" Learning. The main differences include no A-E grading for the six key learning areas, no effort grades and comments will be limited to English, mathematics and a general comment. Teachers will use evidence gathered from in-class and "At Home" learning, student assessment tasks and observations to write personalised comments for each student in their class as well as provide learning goals for each child as they move into Semester 2.

Carinya Pre-school Visit!

On Wednesday Mrs Galea visited Carinya Early Childhood Centre to meet the pre-schoolers who will be heading to Kindergarten in 2021. The children had a lovely time meeting Mrs Galea and participated in a 'taster' Wiradjuri language lesson. A big thank you to Mr Harry Lambshead who accompanied Mrs Galea and shared his knowledge of Wiradjuri culture! Next Wednesday afternoon CPS staff will visit Yalbilinga pre-schoolers! We love getting to know all our new 2021 Kinder students!

Update on Covid-19 restrictions

Last week the NSW Department of Education released further information regarding the lifting of some of the restrictions around school activities. Some of these changes became effective on Monday 15th June and some will come into effect from the beginning of Term 3. This information is included in this week's newsletter.

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2021. If you know of any families with a child looking to start Kinder next year, please encourage them to call the school to discuss our enrolment procedures. It is important to note that a new enrolment policy has been put in place this year in all NSW Public Schools, and school enrolment zones are now in place. We are happy to answer any questions parents may have about their child starting school in 2021. If you have any questions about enrolling at our school, please call the office on 63422400.

Spotlight on...Gadi and Science and Technology!

Each week in our Newsletter we shine the spotlight on a particular class or area in the school. This week we would like to share some of the amazing work from the Stage 2 students in Ms Beecher's class, Gadi, as well as some of the outstanding work students have completed in science and technology lessons with Mr Vogel!

Have a great week...
Jenny Lewis
Principal

What's Happening?

Canteen News

The Canteen will be open tomorrow.

Friday Menu:

Cheese Burger

Butter Chicken

Pasta Bolognese

Soup of the day

All selections are \$5.

**Selective School
Applications for Year 5
2021 close on 26th June**

**Last Day of Term:
3rd July**

**School Reports
go home
Friday, 24th July**



Our Week 8 PBL

Focus is:

Playground

Every Child ~ Every Opportunity ~ Every Day

Canteen News

The P&C warmly welcomes Mrs Deanne Fiene as our new Canteen Manager. The Canteen will be fully functional from next week. To make the canteen run smoothly, we need some help.

Mondays: 1 volunteer either for the full day or 9.15am till 11.30am.

Tuesdays: 1 volunteer

Wednesdays: 2 volunteers for a full day or 9.15am till 11.30am. Please call Deanne on 0403 087 225 if you can volunteer.

Please find the menu for next week below.

Menu for week 9

Monday 22/6

Ham/Cheese Pizza \$3.50
Chicken Bbq \$4.00
Soup of the day & Roll \$5.00
Cheese Toasted Sandwich \$2.50
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich \$3.00.



Tuesday 23/6

Soup of the day \$5.00
Curry Chicken/Rice \$5.00
Ham/Cheese Toasted sandwich \$3.50
Ham/Cheese/Tomato Toasted Sandwich \$4.00



Wednesday 24/6

Chicken/Gravy Roll \$5.00
Soup of the day With roll \$5.00
Spaghetti Bolognese \$5.00



Thursday 25/6

Macaroni Bake \$5.00
Soup of the day with roll \$5.00
Honey mustard Chicken \$5.00



Friday 26/6

Lasagne \$5.00
Soup of the day with roll \$5.00
Chicken Enchilada \$ 5.00



Due to Departmental guidelines
Staff can not re-heat food
brought from home eg 2 minute
noodles or pie etc.

In line with health advice, schools are operating full time, and many additional activities are now able to recommence

All schools have returned to full-time on-campus learning. With updated health advice and changes to state and national restrictions, schools are able to recommence the majority of school-based activities from either 15 June 2020 or the start of Term 3 (20 July 2020). Some activities are continuing to be considered.

The following principles underpin these guidelines:

- schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines
- existing infection control protocols at schools, and new health and safety measures put in place will help maintain the health and safety of students and staff
- all activities permitted at school are safe and appropriate in a living with COVID-19 environment.

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

School activities/ school site usage

The majority of school-based activities can recommence, as long as the following measures are observed:

- all visitors and external to school providers must adhere to relevant hygiene, distancing and safety protocols
- principals may continue to restrict, limit or prohibit activities if they are seen as contrary to the current health advice
- external providers and visitors are required to demonstrate compliance with health and safety requirements including adhering to strict guidelines and completing relevant forms
- non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events – this includes **parents/carers** unless specifically approved by the principal.

Physical distancing

Physical distancing of children in schools is not required under the Australian HPPC guidelines. Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment.

All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers and support staff, and parents.

Schools should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable parents to physically distance from one another and from staff.

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

School activities return and timeline

Activities/site usage that can already take place:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Canteens and uniform shops can open at principal's discretion
- Year 11 and 12 students only may attend classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses is allowed

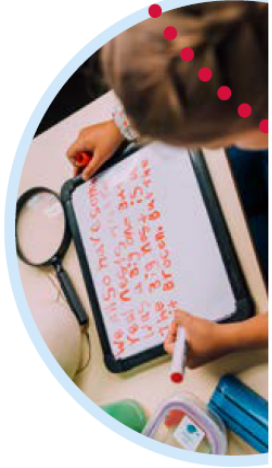
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

Activities/site usage that can take place from Monday 15 June 2020

- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- Choirs and performing arts at school, with safety protocols in place
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Hydrotherapy pools can be used
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold).
- Community use activities used by students such as dance classes, and student sport skills development, outside of school hours with limited adult attendance
- Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements can take place
- Face to face TAFE attendance (see TAFE website for further information)
- School photos
- Department of Community and Justice services and programs.

Activities/site usage that can take place from beginning of Term 3

- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations)



Spotlight on...Gadi !



GADI CONVICTS

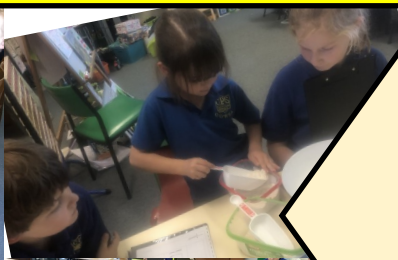
ON THE
FIRST FLEET
SEWING THEIR OWN
CLOTHES !!!
AND CREATING
PORTRAITS OF THEIR OWN



Spotlight on...Science & Technology!

Science and Technology

Science at school is focussed on making the students aware of what is happening around them , and what they use everyday - and the scientific understanding of the processes involved.



Kindy have been looking at the elements of weather and how we measure and record those, and how the weather affects our daily lives in terms of our activities and the clothes we wear.

Stage 1 have focussed their studies on mixtures of different dry and wet materials, whether they can be separated or not and what mixtures we use every day at home and at school.



Stage 3 have been getting 'their boots dirty' on the farm this term looking at sustainable farming & the processes involved in getting the products to us to use.



Stage 2 are learning that all things are made of matter and that matter is found in three different states, and how temperature changes are needed for matter to change from one state to another.





COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

2021 ENROLMENTS OPEN



EVERY CHILD | EVERY OPPORTUNITY | EVERY DAY

UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
STRONG TRADITIONS REFLECTING COMMUNITY VALUES
21ST CENTURY LEARNING & TEACHING FOCUS

for more info

<https://www.facebook.com/cowrapublicschool/>



ABOUT US

We are committed to creating a collaborative and inclusive learning environment where students and staff are encouraged towards innovative thinking and life long learning.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

Enrolment packs now available. Call now to arrange your personal tour with our Principal, Mrs Jenny Lewis. Come along to our Kindergarten Parent Information Evening on Thursday 6th August at 5.30pm.

For more information call:

(02) 6342 2400

E: cowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

WE OFFER YOUR CHILD

- ✓ Comprehensive learning programs
- ✓ High quality explicit teaching
- ✓ Strong wellbeing focus where every child is valued
- ✓ Innovative 21st century learning
- ✓ A positive learning community

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Community News

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



Vacation Care Program for July 2020

Bookings for the upcoming school holidays are now open.

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

Monday 6/7/20

Tuesday 7/7/20

Wednesday 8/7/20

Thursday 9/7/20

Friday 10/7/20

Fabric Dying with natural dyes – different colour each day

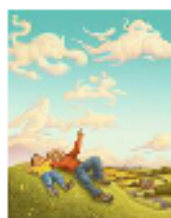
Shrinky dinks key rings – Rope climbing

Spiral sun catchers – tic tac toe rocks

Naidoc celebrations

Mini Catapults – Hockey

Large Catapult – Catapult painting



Week 2

Monday 13/7/20

Tuesday 14/7/20

Wednesday 15/7/20

Thursday 16/7/20

Friday 17/7/20

Drawing 3D objects different implements & surfaces

Experimenting with colours – Cloud watching

Walking water – Wheelbarrow & hopping ball races

Scavenger hunt – exploring colour mixing through light

Muffin baking – Lilly Smith dance class

OOSH Canteen for Carinya children and educators

