

Cowra Public School Newsletter



Term 3 Week 4 2020



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Principal's Message

Education Week!

After an exciting and busy Education Week last week, it has been terrific to see our students settling back into class routines and focusing hard on their individual learning. Congratulations to our school leaders; Jock, Lola, James, Haylie, Kane, Katelyn, Zoe and Charlie who were magnificent in their role as reporters for the "CPS News" video which appeared on Facebook at the end of last week, and a big thank you to Miss Sullivan who coordinated the filming. It was lovely to see students and teachers from every class across the school speak about what they loved about being in their class!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to our teaching staff who have been very busy over the past few weeks conducting parent/teacher interviews via phone. I have spoken with most staff and all have appreciated the opportunity to touch base with parents in order to provide feedback around Semester 1 reports and discuss Semester 2 learning goals for their students. Thank you to our families who have engaged in these interviews. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher and missed sending back the response form, it's not too late; please contact the school on 63422400 and our office staff will pass the message on. Parents of students in Bilbi, Mirri and Budyabudya – just a reminder your individual review and reappraisal meetings will be held on Friday 21 August.

Jeans for Genes Day

Last Friday the SRC held Jeans for Genes Day. In total \$ 448 was raised and this will be forwarded to the Children's Medical Research Institute to assist with the work they do in advancing the treatment and prevention of childhood diseases, so every child has the opportunity for a healthy start to life. Well done CPS!

National Science Week

National Science Week is on next week and Mr Vogel has some exciting activities planned. Over the past two weeks all students K-6 have participated in the STANSW Young Scientist Paper Plane State Championships. Students were charged with the task of making their own paper plane and seeing how far they could make it fly. Plane designs were carefully planned, tested, re-designed and modified in readiness for the big fly-off! The finals will be held next Thursday afternoon and who knows, we may have a future State champion in our midst!

Stage 3 Excursion – Latest Update

From the NSW Department of Education: ***School camps and excursions remain on hold for Term 3 given the recent increase in community transmission of COVID-19 across NSW. Updated advice on when school***

What's Happening?

Friday, 14th August

Assemblies

17th August -

21st August

National Science Week

20th August

Paper Planes final

28th August

Assemblies

School Banking

Unfortunately the interest on our return to school banking after Covid-19 restrictions has been minimal. To be viable for the school to process the banking, we must see a minimum of at least 10 students regularly depositing. Over the next fortnight will we gauge the interest shown in student banking and make a decision accordingly of the future of school banking. Any queries please contact Mrs Taylor in the library.

excursions and camps can recommence will be communicated to all schools following further discussions with NSW Health later in Term 3. In the meantime, schools can continue planning for excursions and camps to resume from Term 4. We are all hopeful that the Stage 3 excursion will be permitted to go ahead, therefore planning continues until we are advised otherwise. Please continue to make payment instalments as previously communicated.

Spotlight on...Barrandhang!

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 Miss Storr's class, Barrandhang!

Jenny Lewis
Principal



Our Week 4 PBL

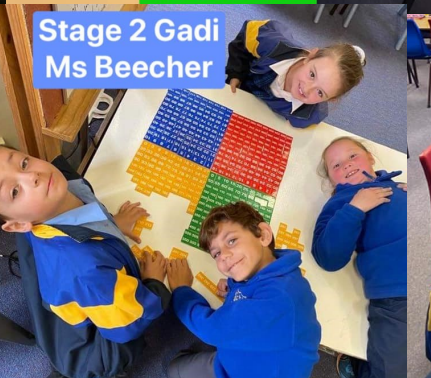
Focus is:

Primary : Setting a Goal

Infants: Following Direction

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...Barrandhang!

Barrandhang have been working hard on their reading comprehension by reading their lexile books from the school library and completing questions on the books. Last Thursday they enjoyed singing Wiradjuri songs such as 'Wirrinya' and 'gugubarra wibyanha madhandha (kookaburra sits in the old gum tree)' with Mrs. Galea and Aunty Esther. Barrandhang also enjoyed their time with Healthy Harold learning about medicine and positive relationships.





PBL Update

As you would be aware, PBL is a huge part of our school culture. PBL stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning, and plays a crucial role in Cowra Public's behaviour management policies and procedures. There are many facets to PBL, but at the heart of it, PBL is about making it clear to students the behaviour that is expected of them and teaching them how to demonstrate those behaviours.

PBL Rewards

A key component of PBL is also to shine the light on students when they are behaving in the right way and reward correct or positive behaviours. The PBL team in the school has been reviewing our rewards system over the course of the year to ensure that they are valued by our students and strongly focus on rewarding our most positive behaviour. You may be familiar with some aspects of our reward system such as tickets, Billys and PBL acknowledgement days. The awarding of Billys has changed significantly, with each child having the opportunity to earn four Billys a week. Three for self-reflection at the end of each week, where students reflect if they were on task, safe and respectful during the week. The fourth Billy is awarded by the teacher for exemplary behaviour. Students can also earn Billys through the year for service to the school.

The Great Billy Reset

During students time at home, they missed the opportunities to earn tickets and Billys and subsequently missed certificates. As part of this review, and also in response to students extensive absences due to Covid-19 students have had the 'Great Billy Reset'. This has set all students to an 'expected' Billy level and they will progress from there. Students will be rewarded from their new level onwards. Students have been made well aware of the changes to rewards, and the 'Great Billy Reset' and are eagerly working towards their next reward.



SAFE • RESPECTFUL • ON TASK

PBL @CPS Infants Billy Book Register

I have been safe, respectful and on task.

Billy Certificate 20	Billy Certificate 40	Billy Certificate 60	Yellow Billy Ribbon 80		
100 Club Certificate 100	Billy Bronze Certificate 120	Billy Silver Certificate 140	Billy Gold Certificate 160	Billy Diamond Certificate 180	Blue Billy Ribbon 200
Billy Platinum Certificate 225	Golden Billy Postcard 250	Blue Billy Pin 300	Party Invitation & Billy Party 350	Lunch with the Principal & PBL Principals Trophy 400	



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PBL @CPS Primary Billy Book Register

I have been safe, respectful and on task.

Billy Certificate 25	Billy Certificate 50	Billy Certificate 75	100 Club Certificate 100	Billy White Ribbon 125
Billy Bronze Certificate 150	Billy Silver Certificate 175	Billy Gold Certificate 200	Billy Pen 225	
Billy Diamond Certificate 250	Billy Platinum Certificate 300	Gold Billy Pin 350		
Golden Billy Postcard 400	PBL Badge 450	Party Invitation & Billy Party 500	Lunch with the Principal & PBL Principals Trophy 600+	



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

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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:

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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

Every Child ~ Every Opportunity ~ Every Day