



Cowra Public School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of Term One! This week has been another busy one and we have loved participating in all the fun activities that usually come at the end of term! I'm sure that all students, staff, and parents are looking forward to the holidays and the opportunity to relax and recharge the batteries!

Operation Art at CPS!

This week CPS hosted Operation Art. Operation Art is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education, where children are taught by a specialist art teacher and immersed in a full day of visual arts fun. Students who attended, gave Operation Art rave reviews, and took home a range of masterpieces, including clay sculptures, collage, printing and drawing. Huge thanks to Trevor from Operation Art for his expert instruction, and Mrs Smith for supervising each of the classes, and to all the students who attended and gave their very best efforts! We can't for Operation Art to come back and visit us next year!

Good luck Will!

We wish Year 5 student, Will Berry the very best of luck as he competes at Homebush today, in the State PSSA Swimming Championships! Will has qualified for the 11 years boys 50m Breaststroke event and has been training hard all season! Good luck Will – all of CPS will be cheering for you!

PSSA Touch Football Knockout v Mulyan PS

Good luck to our Boys and Girls Touch Football teams who will be competing in Round 1 of the 2024 PSSA Knockout today. CPS will be playing against Mulyan and we wish our teams the best of luck. Thank you to Miss Noble and Miss Browne who will be supervising and coaching both teams on the day.

CPS Attendance Strategy – Term 2!



Our school Attendance Strategy Team have been working hard this term looking at our school attendance data and coming up with ideas to improve attendance on Mondays and Fridays. As a result of this, we will be launching the CPS "PERFECT ATTENDANCE" initiative from Day 1 Term 2. How does

the PERFECT ATTENDANCE initiative work? Classes with 100% attendance will receive a special wooden letter for that day, which they can display in their classroom. Every day the class has 100% attendance, they will earn another letter, eventually spelling out the words "PERFECT ATTENDANCE".

What's Happening?

Friday 12th April
PBL Whole School
Acknowledgement
12:00-1:55pm

Friday 12th April
Primary Assembly
2:30-3:10pm

Friday 12th April
Last Day of Term 1

Thursday 25th April
Anzac Day

Tuesday 30th April
First Day of Term 2

Friday 3rd May
School Cross
Country

When a class collects all letter and can spell out PERFECT ATTENDANCE, they will receive a special reward. There are some exceptions to this, including if a student is sick and an explanation is provided by the parent, or if a student is on school business (e.g, sporting activity, excursion). There will also be an opportunity to earn a special GOLDEN LETTER, which will be awarded if a class has 100% attendance on a Monday OR a Friday. We are looking forward to everyone getting behind this initiative and can't wait to see who our first class with PERFECT ATTENDANCE next term will be! Please see the flyer attached for further information.

PBL Whole School Acknowledgement

Our PBL Ticket Barrel is FULL and as a result, tomorrow, **Friday 12th April**, our school will be holding a whole school PBL acknowledgement to recognise the safe, respectful and on task behaviour of all CPS students! The PBL Team have organised a special "P.B.L" Movie Day, where students in Year 1-6 will have a choice of attending 5 different movie "cinemas", across the school, ensuring something for everyone! As a full-length movie is a just a little bit too long for our Kinder students to sit through, Kinder teachers have organised a special selection of short animations which will be shown to our Kindergarten students, in between participating in some fun outside games and activities. ALL Students will be provided with:

P – a yummy bag of **P**opcorn

B – they can bring a **B**lanket, pillow or soft cuddle toy from home

L – a delicious **L**ollipop

We are very proud of our students for being safe, respectful and on task and are looking forward to celebrating this whole-school achievement on the last day of Term! Please see the flyer attached to this week's newsletter.

Congratulations Miss Browne and Miss Wallace!

I am pleased to announce that, through the merit selection process, Miss Emilie Browne and Miss Brittney Wallace have been successful in being appointed as our newest permanent full time School Learning Support Officers (SLSO's). Miss Browne and Miss Wallace will work in our support classes and will take up their permanent roles at the beginning of Term 2. Congratulations Emilie and Brittney!

Good Luck Mrs Galea!

At the end of this week, Mrs Olivia Galea will begin her maternity leave, and await the arrival of Baby Number 3, due in May! We wish Mrs Galea, her husband Nathan, and their children Penelope and Teddy, all the very best as they prepare to welcome the newest addition to their family. Mrs Galea will return to Cowra PS midway through Term 1 next year, which means our Wiradyuri language lessons will look a little bit different for the remainder of 2024. We will communicate the changes to this, in our first newsletter next term.

Opportunity Class – Year 5 2025

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students. A Year 5 virtual opportunity class at Aurora College is available for students in rural and remote NSW and this is offered to students who attend Cowra Public School. Students who are successfully placed at Aurora College attend their local public school and join the opportunity class for science, technology and mathematics lessons using an online conferencing system. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Thursday 1st August 2024**.

How to apply If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2025, you need to apply before **Monday 20 May 2024** through the online application – please click the following link: [Application process](#). You must not use your child's email address. When selecting your choices, select 'Aurora College' and enter your host school (Cowra Public School). Important – the school cannot apply on your behalf. If you wish to discuss this further, please arrange an appointment to speak with Mrs Cassidy, Stage 3 Assistant Principal.

ANZAC Day 2024 March

This year, Anzac Day will fall in the second week of the school holidays. Our school captains have been invited to lay a wreath at the Cowra Wreath-laying ceremony and all students have been invited to take part in the ANZAC march which departs from the cenotaph in Brisbane Street and finishes at River Park. Permission notes were due for return today. We hope to see lots of students and staff at the march to commemorate this important day.

School Cross Country

On the first Friday back of Term 2, we will be holding our school Cross Country. Mrs Hattenfels has mapped out both the 2km and 3km tracks for all Stage 2 and Stage 3 children and the event will be held at Edgell/River Park. This is part of our regular sport program, meaning all children will participate, with the top 6 students in each age group progressing to the District Cross Country on Friday 17th May.

Primary Assembly is on tomorrow!

Tomorrow, we look forward to welcoming parents to our Primary Assembly. Assembly will run from 2:30-3:10pm and will be held in the school hall. During this assembly we will be acknowledging our attendance and PBL award winners for Term 1. **We ask all parents to please enter the school via the front administration gates.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Happy Holidays!

As we wrap up the final week of Term One, I would like to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of the staff at Cowra PS and the wonderful progress our students have made so far this year. I hope all CPS families have a relaxing holiday and enjoy spending time with family and friends. School resumes for teachers on Monday 29th April and all students return to school on **Tuesday 30th April**.

Have a wonderful holiday!
Jenny Lewis
Principal

OPERATION ART AT CPS



Term 1 Week 11	Monday 8 th April	Tuesday 9 th April	Wednesday 10 th April	Thursday 11 th April	Friday 12 th April
				Boys and Girls Touch Football at Mulyan Public School	Last day of Term 1 PBL Whole School Acknowledgement 12-1:55pm Primary Assembly 2:30 - 3:10pm

PUPPY FEVER

Puppy fever was felt this week as staff and students in gulaangga, barrandhang, gulambali, dyirridyirri and gilaa enjoyed lots of snuggles from some of Mrs Tree's 3 week old Labradors. Is there anything quite as heartwarming as seeing children cuddle puppies?!



COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS...
WHOLE-SCHOOL PBL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT!



MOVIE Day!

12 APRIL FRIDAY ▼ TO CELEBRATE OUR SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND ON TASK STUDENTS!

DOORS OPEN AT 12:00PM

P - POPCORN PROVIDED!
B - BYO BLANKET!
L - LOLLIPOP PROVIDED!

FIVE "CINEMAS" SHOWING 5 DIFFERENT MOVIES!
KIDS CHOICE!

★ TERM 2 PERFECT ATTENDANCE STRATEGY

How does it work?

Each class will receive 17 letter blocks that make up the words "PERFECT ATTENDANCE" that will be displayed in the classrooms. Every day your class has perfect attendance, you will receive a letter block to spell out 'PERFECT ATTENDANCE'. Once all letters have been collected, your class will receive a special reward.

★ GOLDEN TICKET

★ If your whole class has perfect attendance on a Monday or Friday in Term 2, you will receive a BONUS letter to go towards your "PERFECT ATTENDANCE".

Exceptions

If someone is sick or has justified leave, and this has been communicated to school by a parent or carer via text message, phone call or absence note, or are on a School Business activity for the day, your class will still receive a letter.

