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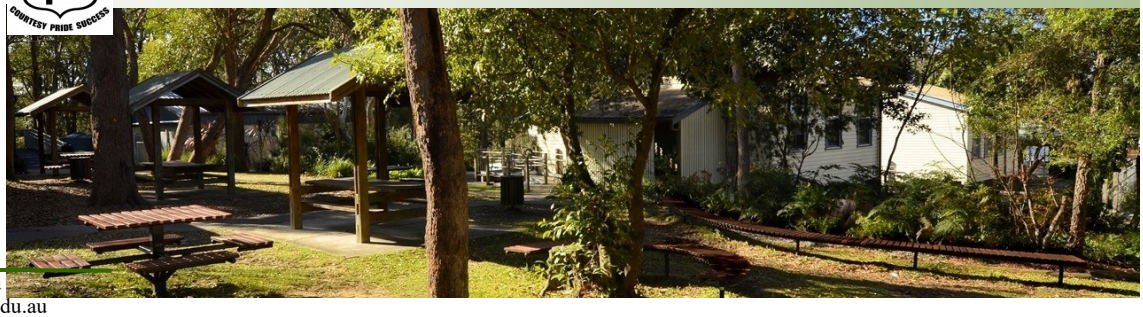
# Cowan Public School - Newsletter



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Cowan Sun 2018

## *Looking Forward To Thanking Our Generous Helpers!*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely fortnight and now we are on the downhill stretch to the end of the year. Cowan PS was very lucky to have **Mr Gavin Dingley**, a practice teacher here for the last four weeks. He certainly made an impact on the students and he assured me that he has learned a lot from the dynamic duo teachers in the 2/3/4 classroom.

Last Friday was the final day of the **PSSA League Tag** competition for this year. Both teams have displayed excellent sportsmanship and improved their skills immensely throughout the season. A great season for both teams. Great skill and team spirit was shown by Harvey and Charlie A.

I have had the pleasure to listen to the **2019 Leaders' speeches** in the past two weeks. They all would make great leaders. Today the students and teachers voted on the 2019 leadership team. On Presentation Night the 2019 School Leaders will also be announced.

The **Yr6 Farewell Dinner** was held last night at Asquith Golf Club. Year 5 hosted the evening to farewell our eight Year 6 students. It was a very enjoyable evening and I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the running of it. What a way to celebrate the end of schooling at Cowan Public School for a wonderful group of children.

**Band** are going off to camp this weekend at Ingleside. We look forward to hearing what they have learned at the overnight camp in 2019.

Thank you morning tea is on Monday, 10th December. This morning tea is to **thank all our volunteers** who have helped at our School this year.

If you have helped in any way this year, please come along on **Monday** at **11.00am**. We really appreciate all your efforts to make this a wonderful community school.

Just a reminder that our Presentation evening is on **Tuesday 11th December** at Wideview Public School's Hall beginning at 6.15pm. I was proud to watch the rehearsals yesterday, you are in for a lovely night. All children must be present for the evening. At **Presentation Night** there will be a number of children who will receive awards. Presentation Night is also an opportunity for our students to **showcase their talents** in singing, dance and music as these groups perform for you.

**School reports** will be going home on Monday 17th December.

Notes went home today about our **whole school fun day out**, on Tuesday 18th December. This year we will be having a day out at Danger Island. A consent note also went home with students regarding the **Swimming Carnival 2019**, happening on the first Friday back next year. This event is for Yrs1-6 as our 2019 Kinder students will be engaged in Best Start assessment on that day.

**Platinum Awardee Outing** is on Monday 17th December. Parents will be notified by letter on Thursday 13th December. The award outing will be at AMF Bowling Hornsby and will include lunch.

Not long to go now, still another week and half.

Regards Tracey Darby
Relieving Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

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| Cowan Band—*Wednesdays at 7.30am* | |
| Music Tutor Program—*Individual Days* | |
| Peer Reading—*Tuesdays & Thursdays* | |
| Cowan Dance Group—*Fridays 8am* | |
| PSSA Sport—*Fridays 9-11am* | |

**Please refer to website for all calendar dates**

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| Cowan Band Camp | *Dec* | 8-9th |
| Thank You Morning Tea | | 10th |
| Presentation Night—6.15pm | | 11th |
| Platinum Awardees Outing | | 17th |
| Whole School Fun Day—Dangar Is | | 18th |
| Last Day of School for 2018 | | 19th |
| Carols on the School Oval | | 19th |

## *AWARDS*

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards recently:

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| *Bronze:* | Evie | Claire | Hayden |
| | Damian | Molly | Makai |
| | Archie | Charlie A | Timothy |
| | Charlie M | Saatvika | |
| *Silver:* | Claire | Saatvika | |
| *Gold:* | Claire | Sophie | |

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## Yr6 Mini Fete…

On Tuesday of last week Cowan Public School went into a frenzy experiencing Year 6's fantastical mini-fete. The seniors of the school had been excitedly preparing their six lands: Lolly Land, Haunted House, Sports Land, Crazy Land, Train Land and Creative Land. Each land sold different items.

Lolly Land sold amazing confectionary and Haunted House scared people out of their minds. Crazy Land gave people the opportunity to paint their nails and spray their hair, and Sports Land held competitions with Nerf guns and Rugby League balls. Train Land gave children the chance to play with electric trains and build wooden train tracks. Finally, Creative Land sold some of the amazing things that 5/6 had made for the fete and was also the site of some amazing air guitar playing by the eccentric 5/6 kids running the stall.

When lunch time came the students were excited to see sausage sizzles ready to be eaten. In the end $640 dollars was raised for the Year 6 Farewell and the Year 6 gift to the school.

Thank you to all the teachers, parents and students who made this fete possible.
*By Raeke*

## Mystery Marvels Competition…

Congratulations to a pair of very resourceful detectives. This week by working as a team, Sam and Toby T uncovered the Mystery Marvel Cathy Freeman, Australian Olympic athlete and icon.

Last week's mystery man was none other than renowned cook and entrepreneur Jamie Oliver. Well done to the winner Tim, for his great detective skills and research.

This week the 5/6 verandah is home to the second last Mystery Marvel for the year. Here is the secret clue: I was known to many people by my clan's name Madiba. I grew up in South Africa and I went to prison for many years because I fought to end racial segregation laws known as Apartheid. Who am I?
*Sophie Roberts*

## Thank You Morning Tea…

Our parents, grandparents and community members are invited to a Thank You Morning Tea to be held at our school on **Monday** (10th) at **11.00am**.

It is a way of expressing our appreciation for the input and effort you make to ensure the smooth running and creation of opportunities in our School and for our students. You are part of what makes Cowan PS the great school that it is.

Please refer to the Thank You Morning Tea invitation in this newsletter.

## Presentation Night…

- **Tuesday 11th December**
- Wideview PS Hall
- **Students** to arrive **at 6.00pm** dressed in school uniform (unless you're in Dance Group, in which case you should be dressed in your Dance costume)
- **Presentation Night commences at 6.15pm sharp**
- Parents are asked to bring a plate of food to share for supper.

## Cowan Library…

I would sincerely appreciate all parents and carers to ensure their children to return their library books **this coming Wednesday morning**.

## P&C SPOT

- A reminder to our families to bring along a plate of food to share for supper this coming Tuesday at Presentation Night
- 2019: Sunday 17th February—Bunnings BBQ
  Wednesday 20th February—P&C AGM

Peter Marshall
P&C President
0468 392 081
www.facebook.com/cowanpandc

At the moment we have **a number of books outstanding**. Unfortunately we are unable to allow books to be borrowed over the holiday period. However, there is your local community library which contains many, many books.
Thank you for your support
*Lynne Scanes*

## Student Parliament Report…

Student Parliament sat recently with the following motions and outcomes:

- Hold a Joke Day—Seconded and Passed to the Minister for Functions & Social Services
- Purchase a CPS Water Bottle—Seconded and Passed to the Minister for Trade
- Hold a Juice Day—Seconded and Passed to the Minister for Functions & Social Services
- Purchase toys for the Imagination Station—Seconded and Passed to the Minister for Primary Education
- Hold a Mexican Day—Not Passed
- Have paper plane races more often—Not Passed
- Hold a Teddy Bear Day—Not Passed
- Make a Tepee with sticks—Not Passed

The relevant ministers will now take these matters to the Principal for discussion.

## Term 4 Costing…

Now due! As the end of the school financial year comes to a close, we need these costs paid promptly. Thank you for your cooperation. Any problems with payment, please talk to Mrs Darby in confidence.

## K-6 Whole School Fun Day—Dangar Island…

- **Tuesday 18th December**
- Dangar Island
- Arrive at **Cowan Railway Station—by 8.20am**
- Arrival back at school approximately 2.50pm
- Wear mufti, including hat and closed-in shoes (no sandals or thongs), along with sunscreen
- Students need to bring their morning tea, an extra bottle of water, and their lunch.

## Last Student Day for 2018…

- **Wednesday 19th December**
- Talent Quest—11.30am-1.00pm
- Yr6 Walk of Fame—2.45pm
- Carols on the School Oval—6.00pm

## Bakers Delight School Fundraiser…

Envelopes have gone home for ordering either Lemon Tarts or Fruit Mince Tarts. Details as follows:

- If ordering, complete the details on the envelope and enclose **cash only**. Apologies, but we cannot supply change or late payments
- Order envelopes due back at school **by this coming Wednesday—12th**
- $2.00 from every 6-pack of tarts will be donated back to our School.

Thank you for your orders.

## Uniform Items…

With the end of the school year looming fast, we ask that your child's bag, and at home, be searched for any uniform items not belonging to them. Any uniform items that do not belong to your child can be brought into school and placed in the Lost Property box in the Computer Room, or given to its rightful owner. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Cowan School Band…

Our Cowan Band will perform on the following dates:

- **8th-9th December**—Band Camp at Camp Kedron, Ingleside
- **11th December**—Presentation Night
- **20th December—**Berowra Community Carols.

## Cowan Band 2019…

Is your child interested in learning an instrument? Please contact Georgina Ball, Anne Maksoud, or the school office, if your child would like to receive instrument tuition after school, at school, in 2019.

This is open to all students. The cost is $150/term. including instrument and 8 lessons. We also have singing lessons available.

**Instrument Tuition**
**Expression of Interest**

**Would your child like to learn an instrument after school?**

**We have willing and able tutors ready to teach your child in a selection of instruments**

**If your child is interested please either email: cowanschoolband@yahoo.com**

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*This is in appreciation of the input and effort you exert in behalf of our school and students. The result of your hard work and diligence help in the smooth running of the many aspects of school life and the opportunities we strive to bring to our students.*

***Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you on Monday 10th December***

*Tracey Darby*
*Relieving Principal*

## ASPIRE
to be a SUCCESS

- Always give your best EFFORT.
- Keep trying to do your PERSONAL BEST.
- Be RESILIENT and bounce back after a problem.
- ACCEPT opportunities and challenges.
- CELEBRATE your own and others' SUCCESS.

***Positive Behaviour Focus...***

Week 8&9: **ASPIRE**

**ASPIRE : CELEBRATE your own and others' SUCCESS**

**Aspire—CELEBRATE your own and others' SUCCESS:**

Be pleased and proud of yourself when you achieve success. Be pleased for others and congratulate them when they achieve success.

Don't boast about your success at others' expense, and also avoid being a 'poor loser' when things don't go your way.

## Live Life Well @ School

### FRUIT, VEGETABLE & WATER BREAK

### Crunch&Sip® Pack ideas

**Stuck for ideas to make your kids Crunch&Sip packs more interesting? Try these ideas:**

1 **Use texture**
Make a pack that includes vegetables or fruits with varying textures.

2 **Make it tasty**
Pack chopped vegetables or fruits that taste great together.

3 **Go for colour**
Use a variety of colours in your packs to make them appealing.

4 **Is it in season?**
Vegetables or fruit in season will taste better.

5 **Add a fun fact**
Include a post it note with an interesting fact about the vegetable or fruit in the pack.

More information? **Download the parent brochure from the Crunch&Sip webpage:** www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunch-sip.aspx.

Search 'Crunch and Sip' at www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

NSW GOVERNMENT Health Northern Sydney Local Health District

## LEGACY

## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is awarded in recognition of your support during

**Legacy Week 2018**

Cowan Public School

Gregory Wrate, President
Sydney Legacy

*Caring for the families of those who served their country*

## Carols under the Star

Presented by the combined churches of Berowra

FREE ENTRY

Raising funds for Compassion

Food Stalls
Market Stalls
Glow Candles
Donkey Rides
Kids Activities
Live Music

All Welcome

**Warrina Street Oval, Berowra**
**Thursday 20th December**

**Pre-Show: 5.30pm**
**Carols: 7.30pm**

**McGrath**
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
**Aroha Gilbert 0418 752 652**
**Local estate agent - Berowra**

Thank you...
For helping disadvantaged Australian kids.

This certificate is awarded to

Cowan Public School

In appreciation of

2018 Clothing Drive

Together we collected 119,760kg of material.

The total volume collected since 2008 through clothing drives is now well over 1,000,000kg! With an amazing average above 90% of the product being reusable.

Your generosity enables us to provide valuable services to over 19,000 disadvantaged children and families, while reducing our impact on the environment.

Graeme Philpotts
Chief Executive Officer
Stewart House

Rick Mulhall
General Manager Recycling Operation,
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PROVIDING AFTER HOURS SERVICES TO THE COWAN, BROOKLYN, AND WISEMAN'S FERRY AREA.

**COWAN AND BROOKLYN RESIDENTS**

Sydney Medical Services Cooperative LTD will be providing home visits between the hours:

**Monday to Friday:** 6pm-12am
**Saturday:** 12pm-12am
**Sunday:** 8am-12am

**WISEMAN'S FERRY RESIDENTS**

Provide call centre advice and if medically necessary, access to a GP phone consultation.

**Monday to Friday:** 6pm-12am
**Saturday**- 12pm-12am
**Sunday** - 8am-12am

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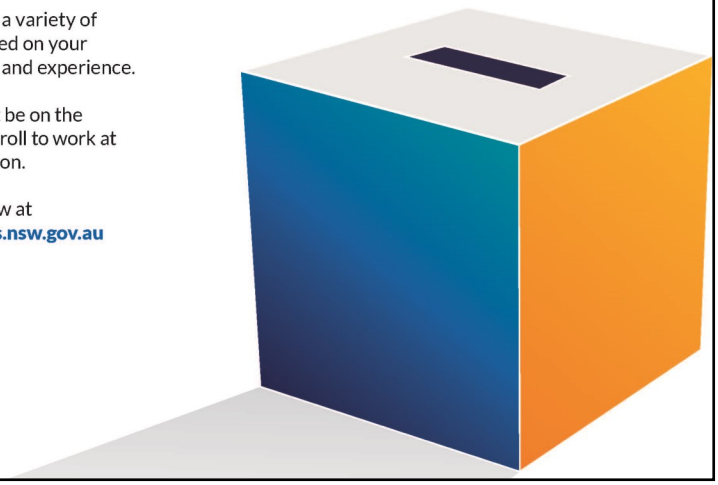

### SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH

Followed by *The Gigalees* and their Crazy Comedy Show!

Give your children incentive to read over the holidays and the opportunity to win great prizes by signing them up for the Summer Reading Club. A child's library card is essential to join the Club and attend the show.

Club Registration with child's library card will open from 4:30pm.

Come early so you don't miss our great show.

Hornsby Library
**Thursday 6 December,**
Ages: 0-14 year olds
Registration: 4.30pm
Show: 5.30pm
Cost: Free for all Summer Reading Club members.
No bookings required.

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING WORKSHOP

Bring the whole family and be guided in making a wonderful Gingerbread House for the Christmas table. The cost includes all the materials needed such as house, icing, lollies, silver foil, board and cellophane for wrapping. Great Christmas fun for the whole family.

Hornsby Library
**Wednesday 5 December, 6.30pm-8pm**

Pennant Hills Community Centre
**Saturday 8 December, 2.30pm-4pm**

Cost: $35.00 per family.

Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.Bookings essential. Book online at **hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library**

### SANTA CLAUS SUPERSTAR CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

Santa Claus Superstar is a delightful comedy which will thrill its young audiences.

Now that Santa has a magic cape he can make all of the toys by himself. Poor old Rudolf and the elves have their world turned upside down – they're out of a job! The scheming Daredevil Dan and Grumpy Gran plot to steal the cape, and its high adventure with the children involved every step of the way. Featuring the gorgeous *Music Box Dancer*, the *Jolly Green Christmas Tree, Drummer Boy, Jack in the Box, Harlequin,* and many more surprises.

Hornsby Library
**Tuesday 18 December, 11.30am**

Berowra Community Centre
**Friday 21 December, 10.30am**

Pennant Hills Community Centre
**Thursday 20 December, 10.30am**

Ages: 2-7 year olds. Parents and children under 2 years accompanying a paying sibling do not require payment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Cost: $8.00 per child

### FEATURE CREATURES - REPTILE SHOWS

Be fascinated by this interactive and educational wildlife event where you will be able to get close to frogs, snakes and crocodiles.

Hornsby Library
**Tuesday 15 January, 10.30am-11.30am**

Pennant Hills Learning & Leisure Centre
**Wednesday 16 January, 10.30am-11.30am**

Berowra Community Centre
**Thursday 17 January, 10.30am-11.30am**

Ages: 5-12 year olds
Cost: $10.00 per child

HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL