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Busy Term! Only 1½ Weeks Left—Still Much Happening

Dear Parents and Carers,

KINDERGARTEN ORENTATION (Kinders 2020)

Thank you to all the lovely parents who were able to make the orientation morning. The excitement is building for next year, the staff are so excited about our new intake and are buzzing with new ideas. We cannot wait to see you all in 2020. An email was sent to you today advising you of your child's starting time on Wednesday 29th January.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Thank you to the parents who were able to make the morning tea. For those who were unable to make it because of other commitments, please be assured that we really appreciate you working with us and value your help in every way. It takes a great community to build a fantastic school, and we strongly believe Cowan is this.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 2020

Students have presented their speeches. Next week, I will be announcing to the Year 5 students, privately, who has received a leadership role but not the actual role they will be taking. Who is Captain and Vice-Captain will be announced at Presentation Night.

MINI FETE

What a fabulous day! A great day for spider drinks, water bombing and a lot of fun. The students raised approximately \$400 to go towards the Year 6 Farewell. Thank you to Mr Tunny for feeding us sausage sandwiches and all the parents who donated to the fete.

ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Asquith girls from Year 8 will visit Cowan PS on Tuesday December 10th to take some Art, Physical Education and English lessons.

We are looking forward to the fun they have for us.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER

The Year 6 dinner is on next Tuesday, 10th December, at 6:30pm. We start the evening off with the cutting of the cake and then the children will sit down for dinner. Parents are then invited back at 8:30pm for the formal presentation.

Kind Regards Tracey Darby Principal

PSSA Report...

Unfortunately the last round of the PSSA official League Tag season was cancelled last week due to bad smoke conditions.

For the first Finals week, Cowan teams played two epic games against Mount Kuring-Gai 1. Sam and Will were our main scorers with wonderful support and play from all. Charlotte smashingly intercepted a pass and sprinted the length of the field for a try to loud applause.

Juniors' score was a very close 6-7, MKPS way, and seniors were 7-9 to MKPS. Thanks to parents for coming to watch and drive. It has been very exciting this year to have a bus to chauffer students to PSSA, with trusty Dave also being our encourager and cheer squad. Thanks to Mrs Darby for organising this new bus transport.

Although the Cowan teams did not make it through to the Finals, it has been wonderful to see them develop as players and work cohesively as a team. Remember, Friday 13th is League Tag Gala day at Brooklyn, with permission notes due in asap.

Miss Roberts

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Dates to Remember		Please refer to website for all calendar	
Peer Reading— <i>Tuesdays & Thursdays</i>		League Tag Friendly at Brooklyn PS	13th
Cowan Band- <i>Wednesdays at 7.30am</i>		Presentation Night & Rehearsal	16th
Music Tutor Program— <i>Individual Days</i>		Platinum Awardee Outing	17th
Cowan Dance Group— <i>Fridays 8am</i>		Reports Home	17th
		K-6 Fun Day	18th
AGHS Visit Dec	10th	Last 2019 School Day	18th
Yr6 Farewell Dinner	10th	Carols on the School Oval	18th

League Tag Friendly Games at Brooklyn PS...

- Friday 13th December
- 9.30am—11am
- Transport by parents.

Presentation Night...

- Monday 16th December
- Wideview PS Hall
- Students to **arrive at 5.45pm** 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 6.00pm sharp.

Cowan Library...

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

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

Term 4 Costing...

Now due! As the end of the school financial year comes to a close, we need these costs paid promptly, from this term and previous terms if payments are outstanding. Thank you for your cooperation. Any problems with payment, please talk to Mrs Darby in confidence.

K-6 Whole School Fun Day & Last Student Day for 2019...

- Wednesday 18th December
- At school—fun activities organised
- Wear mufti, including hat and closed-in shoes (no sandals or thongs), along with sunscreen
- A note will be sent home soon regarding what food (to share) students should bring on the day
- Yr6 Walk of Fame—2.45pm
- Carols on the School Oval—6pm.

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.

P&C SPOT

I can't believe that Christmas is almost here and another school year will come to a close!

Thank you to everyone who has helped out with the P&C this year. This has been such a rewarding experience for me personally and it's been great to feel a part of our community even further. Special thanks to the wonderful executive of Jo Young, Rob Laird and Dave Balnave who have made it all possible. Also a big thanks to Dawn for her help with the uniforms and getting things sorted in this department. Another special mention goes to Melissa Maher, Mrs Hope and Jo Young for their support of the breakfast club. Amazing effort!

We only have one event remaining which will be the **Carols**. This is a wonderful event and we will have a sausage sizzle and some lovely singing. Please come along and enjoy the festivities. Any help on the BBQ would again be appreciated. A sausage sizzle will be available on the night along with some lollies and whatever is left over in the store room to sell so please bring some small change.

Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming festivities!

The P&C Executive

Cowan School Band...

Our Cowan Band will perform on the following dates:

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• 19th December—Berowra Community Carols.

Cowan Band 2020...

Is your child interested in learning an instrument? Please contact the Band committee on:

<u>cowanschoolband@yahoo.com</u>, or the school office, if your child would like to receive instrument tuition after school, at school, in 2020. Tuition is open to all students.

Our Band committee who have run things for the past 5 years will be changing, so if you are interested in helping out then please let us know. We will also be looking at having younger members in our Band. Our Band Conductor, Catherine Hope, will remain the same for 2020.

Cake Days...

Thank you to all our families this year who provided treats for cake days. We very much appreciate your support and the students were enthusiastic to raise money for Stewart House and Student Parliament.

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.



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.



AUGUST 2019

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COWAN PUBLIC SCHOOL OOSH





KEY INFORMATION SHEET

ADDRESS:

COWAN PUBLIC SCHOOL CHANDLER AVENUE COWAN NSW, 2081

HOURS OF OPERATION:

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE 6.30AM-8.50AM

AFTER SCHOOL CARE 3.00PM-6.00PM

CONTACT DETAILS:

PHONE: 0498 807 170

EMAIL: ADMIN@COMMOSH.NET.AU

WEB: WWW.COMMOSH.NET.AU/ COWANPUBLICSCHOOL



Session fees prior to Child Care Subsidy:

Before School Care: \$21.50 (average out of pocket cost is \$9.50) After School Care: \$29.50 (average out of pocket is \$14.50) Staff Development Day: \$65.00 (average out of pocket cost is \$32.50)

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ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM

COWAN PUBLIC SCHOOL OOSH



What we provide

An exciting and engaging program of activities for the children to choose from. The program is fully stocked with modern resources that appeal to a wide range of interests and ages. A delicious and nutritious breakfast and afternoon snack is on the menu everyday.

What to bring

Children to bring a hat. drink bottle and weather appropriate clothing.

To enrol & book into the

How to enrol and books

program please create an account at www.commosh.net.au You can then log into your account at any stage and manage your bookings at any time.

Payments are made in arrears fortnightly during the term via credit card or direct debit from your nominated bank account. Prior to charge your statement is emailed to you for you to review.

Cancellations and changes can be made at no charge up to midnight the night before your After School Care session. You can either log into your account or contact our Customer Care Team to update your bookings on 03 9977 3000.

We understand that it is not always easy to pick up on time so when you are genuinely late we do not charge for the first 5 minutes. Additional time is charged at \$1.00 per minute . Please assist by contacting the program to let them know you are going to be late.

Please refer to the Policy & Procedure document available at the program in relation to: enrolment. payment, staffing, programming,sign in/out of children into program, behaviour management. illness & infectious diseases, dietary, anayphylaxis and asthma management.

Complaints can be made directly to your account manager at admin@commosh.net.au or 03 9977 3000. If you are not satisfied with how your complaint was managed please contact the department's Early Childhood Education Directorate to make a formal complaint about a service at Early Childhood Education Directorate Information and enquiries team 1800 619 113 (toll free) Fax: 02 8633 1810 ececd@det.nsw.edu.au



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Lawn mowing & edging Pruning & hedging Raking & blowing Firewood splitting Car washing

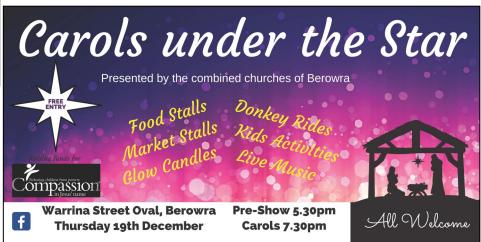
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We are reliable, on time and work as a great team. Big jobs, small jobs, tough jobs - we do them all.





Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



2021 Year 7 Enrichment Class Application





Applications open 25 November. For an application package go to our website www.asquithboy_h.schools.nsw.gov.au or contact the school on 9477 3508.



The Enrichment Class application and portfolio must be submitted to Asquith Boys High School by Friday 13 December 2019.

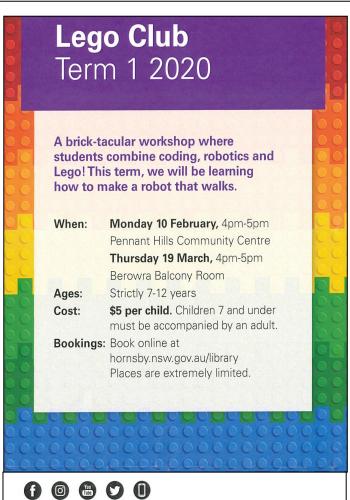


Students will receive placement offers in the Enrichment Class for 2021 by the end of the current school year.

Photos from top to bottom: 3D Printer, Food Technology and New Science Labs

Leadership, Citizenship, Science , Technology, Creative Arts and Sporting Excellence





For more information about your local library visit

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

CHILDREN'S TERM 1, 2020 SCIENCE PROGRAMS

A series of interactive science programs presented by the Children's Discovery Museum. Children will develop ideas and skills that will inspire further scientific exploration. discovery and learning.

THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

A four week program aimed for 6 to 8 years young scientists presented by the Children's Discovery Museum. Participants will be able to learn and explore themes from different branches of science through numerous practical experiments.

SESSION 1: **Bottled Planet** Monday 16 March, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Dive into the science of life cycles by creating your own bottled planet aquarium with living plants and animals (algae and brine shrimp) to take home.

SESSION 2: Science of Sherbet Monday 23 March, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Explore the sometimes explosive effects of acid-base reactions to discover how sherbet tingles your tongue, and make your own to take home.

All Wired Up Monday 30 March, 4.30pm-5.30pm SESSION 3:

Get all wired up with real-world circuitry using LEDs, switches, motors and buzzers, and discover the role and function of these common electronic components.

SESSION 4: Marble Run

Monday 6 April, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Challenge yourself in our marble-ous marble run, using household items and recycled materials to race your marble against the clock.

Location:

Hornsby Library 28-44 George Street, Hornsby

Strictly 6-8 years Children 7 and under must be

accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$60 for the 4 week program.

25 children Limit.

Ages:

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or at any Hornsby Shire Library branch.









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Hornsby Library Meeting Room

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS DECEMBER/JANUARY **EVENTS**



GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING WORKSHOP

Bring the whole family and be guided in making a wonderful Gingerbread House for the Christmas table. Great Christmas for the whole family.

Hornsby Library

Thursday 5 December, 6.30pm-8pm

Pennant Hills Community Centre
Saturday 7 December, 2.30pm-4pm

Ages: All ages. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an

Cost: \$35.00 per family. The cost includes all the materials needed such as house, icing, lollies, silver foil board and cellophane for wrapping.

Book early to avoid disappointment! Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH

Followed by a performance from Sean Murphy, also known a Games Boy '18! 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.

Wednesday 4 December. Registration at 4.30pm, performance starts at 5.30pm.

Ages: 0-14 years. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: Free for all Summer Reading Club members

Cost: Fee for all Summer Reading. Bookings: No bookings required. 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.



CAROL CLAUS CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

nusical mission to save Christmas that kids both young and old car

Hornsby Library Tuesday 10 December, 11.30am-12.30pm Pennant Hills Community Centre Wednesday 11 December, 11.30am-12.30pm

Ages: 2-7 years. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings: Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

JOEL HOWLETT BALLOON WORKSHOP

Welcome to the wonderful world of balloon animals! The workshop is a great way to have fun and develop self-confidence at the same time. Every varticipant will leave the workshop with completed balloon sculptures, slus a sense of satisfaction!

Pennant Hills Leisure and Learning Centre Tuesday 7 January, 10.30am-11.30am

Ages: 5-8 years. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$10.00 per child.

Bookings: Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

JOEL HOWLETT MAGIC WORKSHOP

Welcome to the wonderful world of magic! The magic workshop is your chance to learn some simple magic and juggling tricks with items you can find around the house. This workshop is a great way to have fun and develop self-confidence at the same time.

Hornsby Library Thursday 9 January, 10.30-11.30am

Berowra District Hall
Thursday 9 January, 2.30pm-3.30pm

Ages: 5-8 years. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings: Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

For booking details and further information on these events and more events in your library visit

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

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Hornsby Library's **Summer Reading** Club changes for 2019

The Summer Reading Club will be undergoing some great new changes this year. We will be introducing a whole new way of logging your reading and entering for weekly prizes. Children will need to be registered by their parents in an online program called Beanstack

Parents will need to select the 'I am an adult registering a child' button on the registration page. Children must have their own library card to register. For participants who wish to register and log their reading at the library, our Public Access computers will have a link to the Beanstack site.

Otherwise, you can either log into Beanstack at the Hornsby library website at: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or download the free mobile app from the Apple App store or the Google Play Store.

What do you need to do? Please register as soon

as possible before the Summer Reading Club Launch on Wednesday 4 December so that you can attend on the night, get your complimentary bag of goodies and see the hilarious performance by Games Boy '18. You can arrive as early as 4.30pm and their will be plenty to do before the performance starts at 5.30pm.

After 4 December you can start logging the days that you read through the 'Log Reading and Activities button, record the books you read and even write reviews on them. After three days logged for each week's reading you will be awarded online badges each week and will be entered into your nominated branch's Weekly Draw to win prizes.

If you register after 4 December, go to your local branch to collect your complimentary bag.







For more information about your local library visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library





15th-17th

School Years 3-6 3 days

8:30am—4pm Family Discount available Morning & Afternoon tea provided At Berowra Baptist Church cnr Berowra waters rd & King st, Berowra.

Activities Include

Chill out Zone



Games! Nerf games Real life Mario cart, Sports.



Talks & discussion



Arcade Zone, Xbox, Wii. board and card games.



Cooking & Baking.



Art & Craft, Plaster





For more information or to book your spot visit www.berowrabaptist.org.au or email office@berowrabaptist.org.au



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WHEN:

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WHERE:

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For more information contact Amelia Shorter via M. 0402 909 569 or E. amelia@scopelTeducation.edu.au



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