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Farewell Year 6!

Have a Wonderful Christmas & a Safe & Happy Holiday to All Our Families

Dear Parents and Carers,

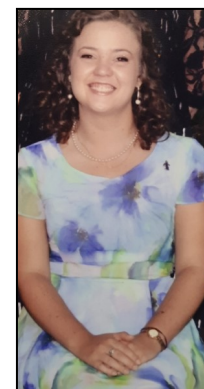
Semester 2 student reports were sent home with your child on Tuesday. The reports provide a great opportunity for students and their families to discuss their learning and future goals while celebrating their achievements this year.

Thank you also to the parents, carers and volunteers for all the support you have given our School this year. Your generosity in giving up your time to assist in classrooms, P&C and helping out in so many ways is much appreciated.

Thank you to our wonderful teaching staff, administration, our student learning support officers and our wonderful students for making this year such an amazing year. I feel very honoured to work in such a caring and nurturing school community.

The **school leaders for 2020** have recently been announced. Congratulations to the 2020 Student Leadership Team, Sarah (Captain) and Archie (Vice Captain). We look forward to working with you in your new roles next year. All our Year 6 students will embrace leadership roles in 2020 and we look forward to their dedication and success in their roles.

Farewell Miss Roberts. Miss Roberts has been in the Cowan family for a very long time. She started at Cowan in Kindergarten, and started her teaching career here at Cowan. I would just like to say a personal thank you and congratulations to Miss Roberts.



There is another lucky school just waiting for you out there who will love you as much as we do.

I wish each and every one of you a very happy, safe and restful holiday and trust that 2020 will be another exciting year.

Kind Regards
Tracey Darby
Principal

Library...

Thank you to all students who have supported the Cowan Library this year. I have appreciated students who have borrowed regularly on Wednesdays and have cared for and returned these books to our Library. Also I have appreciated those students who have given their time to help me in the Library, in particular our Lego Quest Co-ordinators in Terms 1 & 2.

Dates to Remember

Peer Reading—*Tuesdays & Thursdays*

Cowan Band—*Wednesdays at 7.30am*

Music Tutor Program—*Individual Days*

Cowan Dance Group—*Fridays 8am*

Please refer to website for all calendar

2020	
School Development Day—staff only	Jan 28th
K-6 begin the school year	29th
Swimming Carnival	31st
Best Start assessment for Kindergarten	31st
Summer PSSA begins	Feb 14th
Zone Swimming Carnival	Mar 10th
School Photos	Apr 2nd

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards recently:

Silver:	Damian	Geoff	Colo	Makai
	Cedar			
Gold:	Joshua	Ellie	Toby	Kira
	Benji	Molly	Archie	Nicholas
	April	Charlie	Bill	Annie
	Mitchell	Sasu	Charlotte	
Platinum:	Lilly	Felix	Eve	Sam
	Harvey	Eliza	Tasman	Sarah
	Will			

However, I have been disappointed by the unprecedented amount of overdue Library books this year. Our Cowan School Library is a comprehensive resource of quality literature and information for your children's education.

Commencing next year we will be sending out notifications of overdue Library books via email instead of paper notices. Hopefully this will be a more effective method of communication to ensure that all overdue books are promptly returned.

Any Library books found at home over the holidays, please put them aside and return to school in our first week back in 2020. Thank you for your consideration.

Please remember that the Cowan Street Library continues to run during the holidays.

Uniform Items...

Over the holidays, if you find any uniform item in your child's bag or at home, that does not belong to them, would you please bring to school on the first day back in 2020. Thank you for your cooperation.

Community OSH...

Remember that during school terms Community OSH is available Monday to Friday, before and after school, and will continue the same in 2020.

Band News...

The CPS Band has had a very successful year in 2020. We have performed on many occasions and improved every time. This year all Band students have enjoyed their experience.

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

cowanschoolband@yahoo.com, 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.

Any questions, or for further information, please contact us on cowanschoolband@yahoo.com.au. Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy holiday season!

Band Committee

End of Year / Holidays...

With the end of our School year and with the long holiday period ahead, we would like to take this opportunity to ask our families to keep an eye out on our School over the vacation period. As you use our School grounds or pass by the school, if you notice any suspicious or anti-social behaviour please contact the School Security Unit on 1300 880 021, or Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

P&C SPOT

A **very big thank you** goes out to the following:

- Our supportive parent and community body for the efforts both small and big throughout the year—we cannot function without you
- Our families finishing with CPS this year—farewell and we wish you well
- Our P&C Executive—Kelly, Rob, Melissa, Dave, and Dawn with Uniforms. The P&C does not run without an Executive Committee, and is a team effort. Please consider how you can aid our great School by your contribution on the Committee
- Cowan's Singing Postman, Gary, for his performance of Christmas Carols last night
- Our families and community who attended our Carols night

*A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all
Please have a safe and happy holiday*

School Year 2020...

- Tuesday 28th January—School Development Day—staff only
- Wednesday 29th January—lessons begin: K-6 students
- Friday 31st January—Cowan Swimming Carnival at Gosford Pool for Yrs1-6
—Kindergarten Best Start assessment at CPS.

2020 Cowan Swimming Carnival...

For consent notes not received to-date, please return on the first day of the 2020 school year. A copy of the note can be found on the Notes page of our website:

<https://cowan-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/notes.html>

- Friday 31st January (first Friday in Term 1 2020).
- Gosford Olympic Pool, 42 Masons Parade, Gosford.
- Years 1-6 students.
- 9.30am to 2.15pm.
- Cost \$7—will be included in Term 1 2020 Costing.
- Students to bring morning tea, lunch, drink, towel, hat and sunblock.
- Dress in casual clothing using house colours where possible.
- No crepe paper or coloured zinc. Clear zinc only.
- Parents will need to transport their child/children, or arrange with another parent to transport.

Best Start for Kindergarten 2020...

On the first Friday of our 2020 school year, Friday 31st January, our new students in Kindergarten will be undergoing their Best Start assessment. Kindergarten parents have been notified of their child/children's time slot.

We wish all our students and families a safe and happy holiday.

*We look forward to your bright smiling faces back at school on
Wednesday 29th January 2020!*

School Security Holiday Period

If you see any suspicious or anti-social behaviour on our School grounds over the holiday period you are encouraged to contact

*the School Security Unit on 1300 880 021
or Hornsby Police on 9476 9799*

AUGUST 2019

WWW.COMMOSH.NET.AU

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



CommunityOSH welcomes you to the Cowan Public OOSH Program. We are passionate about offering innovative and engaging care environments for children that challenges them to learn and succeed. We are dedicated to providing working families with the affordable support they need and peace of mind knowing their children are safe and cared for.

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)

COWAN PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITYOSH

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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.

How to enrol and book:

To enrol & book into the 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:

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.

How to cancel a booking:

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.

Late Pick Up:

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.



Policies

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, anaphylaxis and asthma management.

Complaints

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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Prime Property Maintenance

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

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Carols under the Star

Presented by the combined churches of Berowra



Food Stalls
Market Stalls
Glow Candles

Donkey Rides
Kids Activities
Live Music



Warrina Street Oval, Berowra
Thursday 19th December

Pre-Show 5.30pm
Carols 7.30pm

All Welcome

School Holiday Activities

Free activities for primary school students at The Reserve Bank Museum

Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a closer look at the new \$20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.

Cost:
Free (Registration essential)

Booking Information:

- Expressions of interest are now open for the Summer school holiday period.
- For further information, session times, and to register your child please visit the Museum website.
- Registrations will close on 10th January at 5.00 pm.



museum.rba.gov.au
museum@rba.gov.au
 (02) 9551 9743
 Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA



Register Now!

Hornsby Berowra Eagles AFL Club

Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights

Sunday 8:30 - 9:30am (commencing 29/3/2020)

Brendan Limbrey (Auskick Co-ordinator) 0408 219 187
Boys & Girls 4-8 years | Active Kids Provider

Visit play.afl/auskick



Summer Club

**15th-17th
January
2020**

**School
Years 3-6
2020**

**\$75
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

Games! Nerf games, Real life Mario cart, Sports.	Talks & discussion groups.	Arcade Zone, Xbox, Wii, board and card games.
Chill out Zone.	Cooking & Baking.	Art & Craft, Plaster Painting.
Escape room, Giant games.	Mini golf, Jumping Castle.	Music, Drama workshops.

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

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CODE IT YOURSELF

School Holiday Coding Camps for kids aged 7-17

POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS NSW

WHEN:
January 2020 School Holidays, 9am – 5pm

WHAT:
Keep the kids busy with our fun and interactive school holiday coding camps in:

- Website Design
- Game Coding
- 3D Printing & Design
- Electronics
- Minecraft Team Play

WHERE:
PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai
1 Park Ln, Waitara NSW 2077

BOOK NOW:
www.bit.ly/HornsbyCIY

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

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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 fun 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 adult.

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

Bookings: Places are strictly limited! 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 as 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.

Hornsby Library

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

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 CLAU CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

It's a musical mission to save Christmas that kids both young and old can be a part of!

Hornsby Library

Tuesday 10 December, 11.30am-12.30pm

Pennant Hills Community Centre

Wednesday 11 December, 11.30am-12.30pm

Berowra Community Centre

Friday 13 December, 11.30am-12.30pm

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

Cost: \$8.00 per child.

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 participant will leave the workshop with completed balloon sculptures, plus 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.

Cost: \$10.00 per child.

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

FOR COUNCIL EVENTS AND LOCAL NEWS JOIN US:



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.

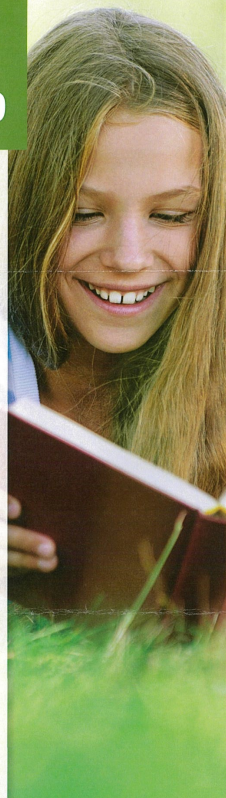
Otherwise, you can either log into Beanstack at the Hornsby library website at: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or download the free mobile app from the Apple App store or the Google Play Store.

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



Lego Club Term 1 2020

A brick-tacular workshop where students combine coding, robotics and Lego! This term, we will be learning how to make a robot that walks.

When: Monday 10 February, 4pm-5pm

Pennant Hills Community Centre

Thursday 19 March, 4pm-5pm

Berowra Balcony Room

Ages: Strictly 7-12 years

Cost: \$5 per child. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Places are extremely limited.



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

CODING FOR KIDS

Term 1, 2020
Y3 - Y8 Students

Hornsby Library
Meeting Room

Every Tuesday
from 4 February to 7 April
(10 weeks)

INTERMEDIATE COURSE
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm, Y3-Y8 students
continuing and with previous experience

PRO COURSE
5.10 pm - 6.10 pm, Y4 - Y8 students
continuing and with previous experience

For new BEGINNERS COURSE please
email us at info@code4fun.com.au

Year 3 to Year 8 students are welcome to join. STEM focused programs - students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.



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or call 0452 525 453.

Check out our website at
www.code4fun.com.au for more
details about our school.

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.

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

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
Ages: Strictly 6-8 years.
Children 7 and under must be
accompanied by an adult.
Cost: \$60 for the 4 week program.
Limit: 25 children.

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



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