



## ***If You See Someone Without A Smile Give Them One Of Yours!***

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day for last Sunday to all the dads and significant father figures in our lives. I hope you had a lovely day, it certainly was beautiful weather. Thank you to Mrs Balnave and P&C for providing the children with an opportunity to purchase something special for this occasion.

#### School Planning 2021—2024

The current School Plan (2018-2020) finishes at the end of this year. Over the past three years, work has been undertaken in three Strategic Directions: Enhance Student Learning; Improved and Collaborative Teaching; and Developing and Enhancing Community Communication. This plan will be replaced with a four-year Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP).

'A Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) is a working document that details the steps your school will take to improve learning outcomes, and the achievement and growth of all students. To ensure continuous improvement, the Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) reflects where your school is at and how it will further improve learning, teaching and leading.'

The School Improvement process at Cowan Public School has started with myself attending many in-services to help with self-assessment and analysis of our School's current situation with respect to student outcomes and teaching and leadership practices. Our SIP will be research-based and will focus on improving student outcomes in all areas of their development. Next term I will be holding forums with the community to discuss my findings.

#### Assemblies

You are probably aware that our school assemblies are now very different due to Covid-19 restrictions. Our student leadership team has done an excellent job leading these each Friday afternoon under the COLA. I am very pleased to keep handing out certificates to acknowledge students who have been displaying the school's key values of respect, responsibility and aspire.

#### Public Speaking Competition

I'd like to congratulate all our students who have prepared and delivered a speech in class over the last few weeks. We have been impressed with the quality of the public speaking this year. We still have a few more to deliver their speeches. Stay tuned for the announcement of the finalist.

#### Cybersafety Reminder

You may have seen some media reports about disturbing use of social media this week. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents to be diligent in supervising children using technology and in particular, social media.

### CALENDAR

Cowan Dance Group: **Fridays 8am**  
Instrument Tutoring: **Individual Days**  
Student Banking: **Mondays**

Public Speaking Grand Final	<b>Sept</b>	16th
Cake Day		16th
Scope IT		22nd
Last Day of Term 3		25th

Please use the age limits as a guide to the cognitive ability children need to safely navigate platforms. I encourage you to be familiar with the resources and advice for parents available at <https://www.esafety.gov.au>.

### **Tell Them From Me (Term 3, 2020)**

#### **Reminder – Parent Survey**

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

To access the survey for our school go to:  
<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/3fpsx>

### **Cowan Emergencies**

This past fortnight I have been in consultation with the Department's WHS consultant. We are currently reviewing all related documents. Please note that one of our main communications by the school will be by SkoolBag. We urge you all (both parents) to have this app on your phone. If for any reason this is not possible, can you please let the office know as well as a parent who can send messages through to you.

### **Cowan App – SkoolBag**

You can find this app in Google play or the Apple store. Please see the picture as a reference. All your details can only be seen by school staff.

Please make sure you add yourself to groups eg. K-1-2, 3 to 6, PSSA, Support Unit, and your child's year group.



### **Bushfire Season approaching**

With the bushfire season approaching, the Department of Education has been busy preparing schools and putting arrangements in place to ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff.

Cowan Public School has been identified as Category 1 and in a bushfire prone area. A letter for the current bushfire season has been attached to the newsletter email sent to parents.

Kind Regards  
Tracey Darby  
Principal

### **School Photos**

- **Monday 19th October**
- Wear full summer uniform, along with beautiful smiles
- All photo orders, along with sibling photo orders, can be made online, including payment, at: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using the Online Code of 5VT DT2 N4R
- If you would prefer to pay in cash then please use the photo envelope sent home with your child in first term. We do have some extra envelopes at school, along with CPS family envelopes, if you need one.

### **Library News**

Wow! What an exciting time it has been in the Cowan Library. Thanks to all the hard work and commitment from Mrs Darby, our Library is now a healthier and more enjoyable space to experience for everyone.

The Library is newly painted and refurbished with gorgeous modern furniture, and new books soon to arrive from our wish list. The project is almost complete. There are two stunning murals that have been commissioned for the front and back walls. I can't wait to unveil them to the children and staff.

Please remind your children that Library books need to be returned to the Library on Wednesday mornings before school.



## Learning From Home

### LEGO Competition Winners

Congratulations to all the students who entered the LEGO construction competition to design and build a scene from their favourite movie.

Arran, Isla, Claire, Isabella, Damon, Monty, Olive and Ajay were rewarded by opening the huge box of new LEGO in the Library and sharing with the class.



## What Is Coming Up In Term 4

- Monday 12th October—First Day of Term 4 for students and staff
- Monday 19th October—School Photos
- Thursday 29th October—Cake Day
- Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th November—Kinder Orientation Days
- Wednesday 18th November—Cake Day
- Wednesday 2nd December—Cake Day
- Wednesday 2nd December—Yr6 Farewell
- Tuesday 8th December—Presentation Night
- Friday 25th September—Last Day of Term 3

### Tentative Dates, at this stage, for Term 4:

- Monday 26th-Wednesday 28th October—Yrs3-6 Canberra Excursion
- Wednesday 28th October—K-2 Reptile Park Excursion
- Wednesday 4th November—Children's Writers' Festival

These should be confirmed, either way, soon.

## AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved the following awards recently:

**Bronze:** Willem Aiden Liam

## P&C SPOT

- **P&C Meeting**—a new date will be advised soon
- **Working Bees**—18th October is still pending.

## Positive Behaviour Focus...

Week 9: **RESPONSIBILITY**

**RESPONSIBILITY : Be at the RIGHT PLACE at the right time, and be PREPARED for work and be PUNCTUAL**

Week 10: **ASPIRE**

**ASPIRE : Be RESILIENT and bounce back after a problem**

**RESPONSIBILITY—Be at the RIGHT PLACE at the right time & Be PREPARED for work and be PUNCTUAL:**

Responsible people make sure they are where they are supposed to be, are reliable and prepared with everything they need for work. They try to be on time—being on time for school and lessons is important.

### Show

## RESPONSIBILITY

- Take PRIDE in doing the right thing.
- Be SAFE and be CAREFUL.
- Be at the RIGHT PLACE at the right time.
- Be PREPARED for work and be PUNCTUAL.
- Take OWNERSHIP of your actions.
- Be TIDY and look after your belongings.



## 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.

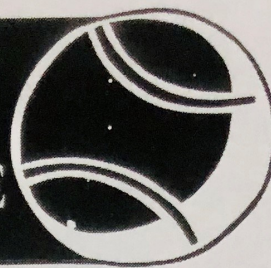


### ASPIRE—Be RESILIENT and bounce back after a problem:

Develop the ability to become happy, healthy, strong and/or successful again after something bad has happened. Recovering or adjusting easily after a problem, misfortune or unexpected



# BEROWRA DISTRICT TENNIS COACHING CENTRE



ABN NO. 87690456080

## B.D.T.C.C. TENNIS CAMPS 2020

**Week 1:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: \$190

**Week 2:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October: \$150

**Time:** 9-3pm [even if wet]

*Friday is Party Day!*

**Cost:** Daily rate: \$50. Half day: \$35.

*Wednesday is Icecream Day*

**Location:** Berowra Tennis Club, Boundary St, Berowra.

**Enquiries:** Please phone Trevor: 0408977787. or Gilly: 0402110904

Bookings can also be made via facebook: Berowra District Tennis Coaching Centre.

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### *B.D.T.C.C. Camp Application Form OCTOBER 2020*

**Name:** ----- **Age:** -----

**Phone No:** -----

**Week 1:** ----- **Week 2:** -----

**Method of payment:** ----- [cash\cheque/EFT] **Amount:** \$-----

**Any relevant medical conditions:** -----

**Signed:** -----

EFT PAYMENTS TO BDTCC  
BSB: 814282  
ACC NO: 30496150





## HOLIDAY CLINICS

The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. During the holiday clinic your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. The holiday clinics unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

**REGISTER FOR OUR HOLIDAY CLINICS AT [LEAGUESTARS.COM](http://LEAGUESTARS.COM)**

**DATE:** Wednesday, 30th September  
**TIME:** 10:00am - 1:00pm  
**AGE:** 5 - 12 years old  
**COST:** \$40

**WHERE:** Koola Park, East killara  
 26A Koola Ave, East Killara  
 NSW 2071

**YOUR LEAGUE STARS COACH IS:** Daniel Vasek  
[dvasek@nrl.com.au](mailto:dvasek@nrl.com.au)  
 0428 400 925




[LEAGUESTARS.COM](http://LEAGUESTARS.COM)

- 8 week competition | Starts 14th October 2020
- ALL games at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah
- ONLY Touch competition in Hornsby Shire
- \$70 including playing shirt
- Family Discounts | 2 Children \$135 | 3 Children \$195
- Wednesday afternoons



FOXGLOVE OVAL, MT COLAH

## JUNIOR COMP WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON STARTS 14TH OCT

\$70 per player including playing shirt  
 All Games at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah  
 Family Discounts

**BOYS + GIRLS**  
 DIVISIONS  
 9s | 11s | 13s | 15s | 17s

**REGISTER @ [HORNSBYTOUCH.COM.AU](http://HORNSBYTOUCH.COM.AU)**

### IMPORTANT DATES

Juniors

2020 Junior Competition

Wednesday 14th October - 8 week comp



**NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**

*Fostering excellence in young men through holistic education*



## Virtual Open Day

For Prospective Year 7 2022 Families

## Thursday 24 September 2020

Registration by Monday 21 September 2020 is essential!  
 Register at: <https://normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au/virtual-open-day>



Address: 54-72 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, NSW 2076  
 Phone: +61 2 94891077 Fax: +61 2 94895722  
 Web: [www.normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au](http://www.normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au)  
 Email: [office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au)

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS EVENTS OCTOBER



## VIRTUAL MAKERSPACE

### STAINED GLASS WINDOW CRAFT

10am Tuesday 29th September, via Facebook  
facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries

Join Elleni and Lani in our virtual makerspace to create your own stunning window décor. You can come into the library to collect a craft pack from September 28th onwards, supplies are limited! Suitable for pre-schoolers and kindergarteners.



## ONLINE VIDEO

### JOEL HOWLETT: MAGICIAN

10am Wednesday 30th September, via Facebook  
facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries

For children of all ages and those who are young of heart, Hornsby Shire Libraries proudly presents Joel Howlett: Magician.



## ONLINE STORYTIME

### THE TERRIBLE PLOP READ BY PENNY AND CATH

10am Thursday 1st October, via Facebook  
facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries

Join Penny and Cath for a hilarious and energetic storytime as they read 'The Terrible Plop' by Ursula Dubosarsky.



## VIRTUAL MAKERSPACE

### DREAMCATCHER CRAFT

10am Tuesday 6th October, via Facebook  
facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries

Join Elleni and Lani these school holidays in our virtual makerspace to create your own dreamcatcher. You can come into the library to collect a craft pack from September 28th onwards, supplies are limited! Suitable for primary school aged kids or younger teens.

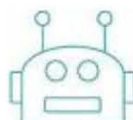


## ONLINE VIDEO

### JOEL HOWLETT: MAGICIAN

10am Wednesday 7th October, via Facebook  
facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries

Join us on Facebook for another display of magic and trickery with magician Joel Howlett.



## ONLINE STORYTIME

### ELLENI AND LANI WITH NAO THE HUMANOID ROBOT

10am Thursday 8th October, via Facebook  
facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries

Join Elleni and Lani and for an exciting online session filled with songs, storytelling, and giggles. We can't wait for you to meet our special guest Nao the robot for his first ever storytime!



## READING CHALLENGE

### BOOKWORMS

Monday 28th September – Friday 9th October, via Beanstack  
hornsby.beanstack.com

Feed your mind by tracking the books you read these holidays and earn new badges. This reading challenge is suitable for children aged 6-12 and will encourage kids to read a variety of genres. The first 50 to complete the challenge will win a magic colour change silk from our magic show with Joel Howlett.

To sign up, register for a free Beanstack account online.



## READING CHALLENGE

### GRAPHIC NOVEL

Monday 28th September – Friday 9th October, via Beanstack  
hornsby.beanstack.com

These school holidays why not join our Graphic Novel Reading Challenge and work your way up to becoming a Graphic Novel Master! Each level encourages you to read a variety of graphic novels and to step outside of your comfort zone. This challenge is open to teens aged 12-18.

To sign up, register for a free Beanstack account online.

For booking details and further information on these events and more events in your library visit  
[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)