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Year 6 Mini Fete... Much Fun & Huge Success!

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Updated School Guidelines

Last week we were very pleased to receive some updated guidelines regarding school operations. Some of the key updates that affect our community are outlined below.

Our current drop off and pick up arrangements will remain in place and parents are still asked not to gather after school, and to wait at the gate.

Uniform Shop: Whilst our preference is for parents to continue to order online or through Emma Edwards, parents are allowed on site to access the uniform shop. Please see Marie at the office. ***This Wednesday 25th November, 2020 the uniform shop will be open from 8:30am for an hour.***

P&C Meetings: P&C meetings can now be held onsite with a maximum of 20 people attending. The date of our next P&C meeting will be advised. We will also be doing a ZOOM connection.

Presentation Assembly: We are very pleased to let you know that parents are able to attend the end of year presentation assembly with social distancing and with some restrictions in place. We will be inviting two parents (or adults) per family to attend the assembly planned for **Wednesday, 9th December, 2020**. We will be holding this assembly outside and look forward to acknowledging our students with parents attending. A note will be sent home soon.

End of Year Activities

With only four weeks of the school term remaining the teachers are busily writing reports, finalising details for the end of year events and beginning to plan for 2021.

While end of year activities are currently being planned, the curriculum is still being taught in the classrooms as important teaching and learning still needs to occur. We are currently reviewing our end of year activities to ensure that we follow the current COVID health protocols and therefore the events will look a little different this year.

School Planning and Parent Consultation

The school staff is currently working on the new School Improvement Plan (SIP). It is an exciting time to evaluate and identify focus areas for the 2021–2024 SIP. We are starting to plan and think about 2021.

CALENDAR

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

Round 2 Spelling Bee	Nov	23rd
Garry Purchase—Aboriginal Artist		25&26th
Kinder Orientation #3		25th
Uniform Shop Open from 8.30-9.30am		25th
Parent Questionnaire due		25th
PSSA League Tag		27th
Scholastic Book Club orders due		27th
High School Orientation Day	Dec	1st
Cake Day		2nd
Captain for 2021 Speeches		2nd
Year 6 Farewell Dinner		2nd

What Works Best

Our school is committed to ensuring that how we teach your child is based on what we know makes the biggest difference to their learning. In our school, we have a focus on using the 'What works best' eight practices for effective teaching.

These practices include:

- Having high expectations of your child
- Using explicit teaching in the classroom
- Giving effective feedback to your child on their learning
- Using data to inform how we teach your child
- Using regular and effective assessments so we know how your child's learning is going
- Supporting the wellbeing of your child
- Managing the classrooms well so they are safe, positive and stimulating environments for learning
- Making sure our teachers collaborate with each other, and experts outside the school, so teaching practice continuously improves.

In addition, research shows that greater levels of support and engagement from parents and carers are associated with better student academic and wellbeing outcomes. We also know that students learn more effectively when the home and school environments form complementary and supportive roles for learning.

The Department of Education has released a 'What works best' resource for parents and carers, which provides tips for having conversations with your child about their learning. You can visit the Department's Parent Hub where you'll find other tailored resources for parents and carers, as well as a message from the NSW Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/what-works-best-2020-update>.

A short questionnaire has gone home this week. I encourage everyone to please complete this so we can improve our practice. Please **return** this to the office **by Wednesday, November 25th**. Once a draft plan has been made, I will be consulting further with parents.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten (2021) Orientation Program is well on the way. It has been lovely to interact with the pre-schoolers for the last two weeks. We are so lucky to have great children coming to our school. They have settled in well. They were so excited and didn't want to leave. Last session is on **Wednesday 25th November, 2020**.

Remembrance Day

Last week our school acknowledged Remembrance Day with a whole school service held alongside the flag pole. During the service, we paused for one minute's silence to remember the servicemen and women who gave their lives while serving Australia in wars, conflicts and peace-keeping operations. This was a lovely service led by our School Captain and Year 6 students. The students displayed excellent respect and manners for this occasion.

NAIDOC Week

Last week classes across the school completed learning activities related to NAIDOC week. The theme for NAIDOC week was 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. Students celebrated and learned about Australia's indigenous culture and history. Next week we are lucky to have the very talented artist Garry Purchase here to paint in collaboration with the students of Cowan PS. I can't wait to see the end product.

Year 6 Mini Fete

It was a scorcher! The Year 6s made a very icy cold water balloon for me. It was received well... thanks Sarah for cooling me off.

The Year 6 students and helpers raised \$496.80. Thank you to all our parents who donated their time and for providing for the day.

Spelling Bee

The Winning class is....well all students are the winners. It was too close to call, seriously it was. The first time that has ever happened in my time of teaching. All students will be having a pizza party. Stay tuned for more details parents, a day off from packing the lunches. 😊

School Leadership 2021


Year 5 students are currently preparing their speeches. We cannot wait to hear how they can contribute to the school in every way possible. Speeches will be on the Wednesday, 2nd December 2020.


Kind Regards
Tracey Darby
Principal




Some photos from our Children's Writers' Festival








In the Homestay People's Choice Holiday Rental Awards 2018 'All Categories'





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What's coming up in CommunityOSH this term:



TERM 4 | Fridays
4pm - 5pm

STEM CLUB

Week 3: Fizzing witches potions
Week 4: Paper plane challenge
Week 5: Lego boat challenge
Week 6: Building catapults
Week 7: Wind powered marble maze
Week 8: Crystal snowflakes
Week 9: What will happen to the candy canes?
Week 10: Can you turn on the Christmas lights?

MTOP:

4.1 Children develop dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.

4.2 Children use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.

4.3 Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.

4.4 Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials.

MTOP:

1.1 Children feel safe, secure and supported.

1.3 Children develop knowledgeable and confident self identities.

2.2 Children respond to diversity with respect.

5.1 Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes

5.2 Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts.

5.3 Children collaborate with others, express ideas and make meaning using a range of media and communication technologies.


TERM 4
THURSDAYS 4PM-5PM

'THE ARTS' CLUB

WEEK 3: THE SKELETON DANCE
WEEK 4: CHARADES
WEEK 5: PROP PROMPTS
WEEK 6: MAKING BELL SHAKERS
WEEK 7: MUSICAL CHAIRS
WEEK 8: LEARN A DANCE
WEEK 9: 'MY CHRISTMAS MORNING' ACTING
WEEK 10: GIVING SOUND EFFECTS TO TEXT

MTOP:

1.1 Children feel safe, secure and supported.
3.2 Children take an increasing responsibility for their own health and physical well-being.
5.2 Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts.



COOKING CLUB

TERM 4 | WEDNESDAYS 4PM-5PM

CommunityOSH

WEEK 3: Ice cream sandwiches
WEEK 4: Cucumber sushi
WEEK 5: Face biscuits
WEEK 6: Watermelon slushies
WEEK 7: Lego rice krispies
WEEK 8: Christmas tree cones
WEEK 9: Reindeer cookies
WEEK 10: Gingerbread men

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MTOP:

1.4 Children interact in relation to others with empathy, care and respect.
2.1 Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation.
2.2 Children respond to diversity with respect.
4.4 Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials.



TERM 4 | MONDAYS 4PM-5PM

CRAFT CLUB

- Week 3: Halloween spider webs
- Week 4: Pool noodle horses
- Week 5: Poppy wreaths
- Week 6: Paper roll dragons
- Week 7: Paper chain pythons
- Week 8: Christmas star frames
- Week 9: Wooden Christmas trees
- Week 10: Christmas stockings



CommunityOSH
Learning. Growing. Thriving. Together.

FITNESS CLUB!

TERM 4 | TUESDAYS 4PM-5PM

WEEK 3: HOPSCOTCH WITH A TWIST
WEEK 4: POOL NOODLE HORSE RACE
WEEK 5: UNO WORKOUT
WEEK 6: TUG OF WAR
WEEK 7: RING TOSS & TARGET THROWS
WEEK 8: SHOVEL THE SNOW RACE
WEEK 9: SECRET SANTA TAG
WEEK 10: THE GRINCH SHUFFLE



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