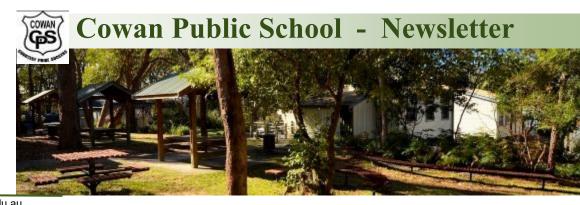
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Year 6 Mini Fete... Much Fun & Huge Success!

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.

<u>Uniform Shop</u>: 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.*

<u>P&C Meetings</u>: 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 outside forward assembly and look acknowledging our students with 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

Notes Home

A collection of notes went home today including a permission note and our last Scholastic Book Club catalogue for the year. Please make sure you ask your child/children for these.

School Photos

Photos of our whole school, Captains, Dance Group, League Tag Team and Year 6 Funny Faces, are now available to order online at www.advancedlife.com.au using the Online Code of 5VT DT2 N4R. If you would like to view these photos before purchasing, please contact the school office.

Cake Days

Our last Cake Day for this year is:

- Wednesday 2nd December with the Birkneh and Thomas families providing
- Thank you to all these families in advance, and to all our families providing cakes this year.

If your child forgets their cake money on cake day, we do allow IOUs, however, these must be paid by the following cake day.

What Is Coming Up Later In Term 4

- Wednesday 9th December—Presentation Day
- Thursday 10th December—Platinum Awardee Day Out
- Wednesday 16th December—Last day of school year for students
- All dates are on our School website calendar: https://cowan-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2020/7/ term-calendar.html.

Enjoy your weekend!





RESPONSIBILIT 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.

Responsibility—Be TIDY and look after your belongings:

It is your own responsibility to look after your belongings, but you can also help everyone to keep the whole school tidy.

Positive Behaviour Focus...

RESPONSIBILITY Week 7:

RESPONSIBILITY: Be TIDY and look after your

Belongings

Week 8:

ASPIRE: CELEBRATE your own and others' SUCCESS

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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.



Some photos from our Children's Writers' Festival















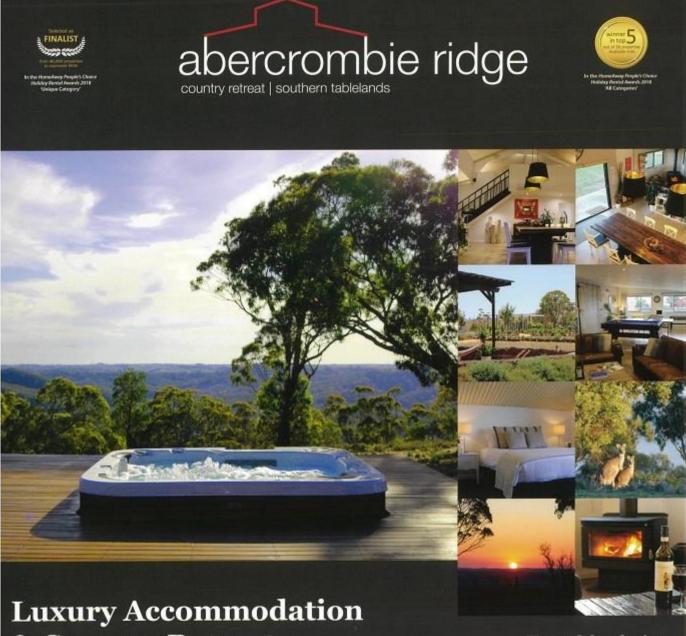








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What's coming up in CommunityOSH this term:





4.1 Children develop dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity commitment, enthusiasm, persistence imagination and reflex vity indicentuse 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 begoie, place, technologies and natural and processed materials.

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?

TERM 4
THURSDAYS 4PM-5PM

THE ARTS

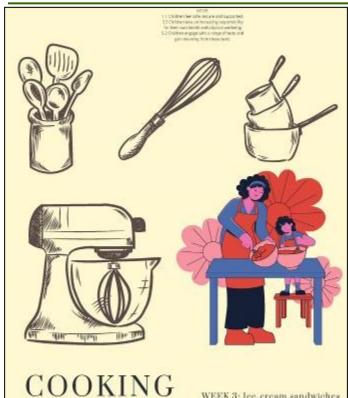
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MTOP:
1.1 Children feel
safe, secure and
supported.
1.3 Children develop
knowledgeable and
confident self
identities.

2.2 Children respond to diversity with respect. 5.1 Children interact verbally and nonverbally with others for a tange 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.

Community





WEEK 10: Gingerbread men



MTOP:

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



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

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MTOP:

3.2 Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.

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