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## Great Collaborative Art Work With Garry Purchase!

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Kindergarten Orientation (Kinders 2021)

Thank you to all the lovely parents who we have met over the past few weeks. 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 2021. An email will go out shortly advising you of your child's BEST START assessment time on Friday 29th January.

#### Thank You Morning Tea

Usually we have a thank you morning tea around this time, so I'd just like to say thank you to all parents and caregivers. Please be assured that we really appreciate you working with us and value your help in every way. It has been a tough year and we all had to learn new ways to support your children through some times that were unpredictable. It takes a great community to build a fantastic school, and we strongly believe Cowan is this.

#### School Leadership 2021

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

#### Year 6 Farewell Dinner

It was a lovely night with some differences. We were told in the last 24 hours that we were allowed to dance. Please see the pictures to follow. Thank you to all parents and staff for making the night special for the children.

#### Swimming Carnival 2021 (Years 1 to 6)

We received word this week that we are allowed to have spectators at outside events (50 people) in 2021—Term 1. Since we share this occasion with Brooklyn we need to share this number. Therefore we have cancelled the bus so it is one less expense. We ask that you car pool to the venue on the day.

Please inform the office if you would like to be a spectator at this event ASAP. We will take the first 25 people

A new permission note will be sent out shortly.

### CALENDAR

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

Presentation Day, Teddy Bear's Picnic & Pizza Party	<b>Dec</b>	9th
Platinum Day Out		10th
Last Day of Year for Students		16th
School Development Days		17-18th
<b>2021</b>		
School Development Days	<b>Jan</b>	27-28th
First Day of School Year for Yrs1-6		29th
Swimming Carnival—Gosford Pool		29th
Best Start Assessment—Kindergarten		29th

## Platinum Award Winners Day Out

'Platinum Award Winners Day Out' recipients are students who have achieved the set amount of merit certificates. They need to have certificates in all our PBLs (Positive Behaviour for Learning) – Aspire, Respect and Responsibility. We also take into consideration our behaviour tracking of incidents. Please be mindful that it is the child's responsibility to glue their merit certificates into their books. The teachers do allow time in class for this to be done.

This year we had to adjust the normal way we do this. I have included in the newsletter two flow charts to explain the adjustments made. Please feel free to discuss this with the classroom teacher or myself.

Parents will be notified by email if their child will be attending the day.

Platinum Award Day is on Thursday 10th December, normal school time.

## Staffing

I am at the moment finalising staffing for next year. I am hoping I can let you know of any changes by Monday, but like any other school this can change over the school break.

There will still be a K-2 class and 3-6 class as well as our support unit.

## Presentation Day

Our school's Presentation Day Assembly will be held at school on **Wednesday 9th December, 2020 at 9:15am.**

Like everything this year, it will be a little different to previous years. Only 2 adults per family will be able to attend the assembly.

The assembly will take place outdoors under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). Guests will need to view the assembly from the basketball court, spaced 1.5 metres apart, in order to adhere to current guidelines.

Guests will not be able to mingle and must remain seated for the duration of the assembly.

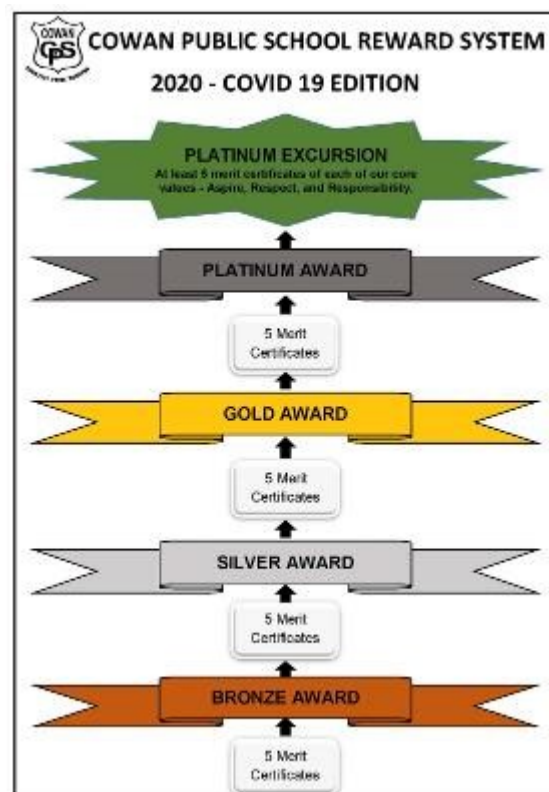
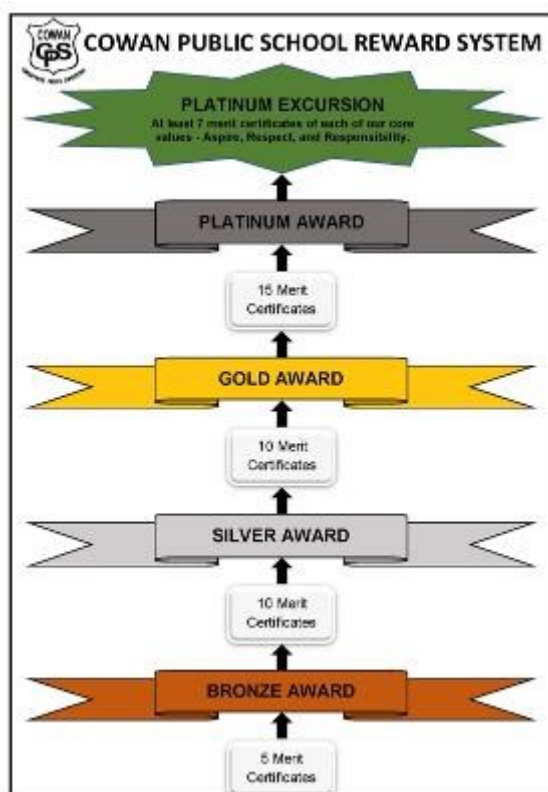
Thank you for your understanding and patience during these unusual times.

This year we will be sending out an email if your child is receiving a special award.

## Semester Two Reports

The Semester 2 reporting process is currently being finalised, with 2020 Semester 2 Student Progress Reports intended to be distributed to parents and carers via their child on Friday, 11th December, 2020.

**Kind Regards**  
**Tracey Darby**  
**Principal**





# Farewell Year 6!







YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE  
WITH US

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 12**  
**5:00PM - 7:30 PM**

Mooney Mooney Chapel - outdoors on the grass  
**BYO picnic blanket/ chairs**

Children's presentation first and then old fashion CAROLS with  
LIVE MUSIC for all ages. This is a COVID safe event - social  
distancing and hygiene protocols will be observed.

**FREE BBQ PROVIDED**

ALL WELCOME

Presented by 'The River Fellowship'

ph Bruce 0413 779 979 or Annette 0408 659 575

THE COMBINED CHURCHES OF BEROWRA  
present...



# Carols Under the Star

Join us  
**VIRTUALLY!**

Scan code to get  
virtual link



**17 December 2020,**  
**7:30pm**

 Carols Under the Star 2020  
#berowracarols2020



Dear Families,

Students should keep reading for at least 10 minutes a day over the school holidays to set themselves up for a great start to the new school year. It will keep their brains active, develop overall reading skills and their love of reading. To help families **keep their reading momentum rolling over the holidays**, Scholastic are releasing some reading resources at the end of term, including:

- Fun competitions and reading challenges
- Reading games for car trips
- Author and illustrator tutorials
- Book recommendations
- Extra special book sales and promotions
- Reading tips and more!



## HORNSBY SHIRE LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CLUB



### 'MYTHS, FAIRY TALES AND LEGENDS'

3 Dec 2020 – 27 Jan 2021

Participate in the SRC online via Beanstack to be in the draw to win fantastic prizes. For children aged 0–14 years.



To sign up, visit  
[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents)

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS



### SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH WITH SUZY SPINDOLL

Give your children incentive to read these school holidays and the opportunity to win great prizes by signing up for the Summer Reading Club! For our launch this week, we invite you to join Suzy Spindoll as she teaches circus tricks that will amaze - using normal household items!

**Hornsby Shire Libraries Facebook**

Monday 30 November – Friday 4 December

**Ages:** 0–14 years

**Watch online at**

[facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries](https://facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries)



### CHRISTMAS STORYTIME WITH ELLENI AND LANI

Join us for Christmas stories and songs in a very special storytime. Come in to the library to collect your holiday craft from Monday December 7.

**Hornsby Shire Libraries Facebook**

10am, Thursday 10 December

**Watch online at**

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### CHRISTMAS BUBS 'N' BOOKS

Sing Christmas songs with Elleni, Lani and special guest Jodie in a very festive Bubs 'n' Books.

**Hornsby Shire Libraries Facebook**

10am, Tuesday 15 December

**Watch online at**

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### CHRISTMAS STORYTIME WITH PENNY AND CATH

Join us for Christmas stories and songs in a very special storytime. Come in to the library to collect your holiday craft from Monday December 7.

**Hornsby Shire Libraries Facebook**

10am, Thursday 17 December

**Watch online at**

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### SUMMER READING CLUB FINALE WITH SUZY SPINDOLL

Suzy Spindoll is back for the end of Summer Reading Club to teach you tips and tricks to help you become a juggling super-star!

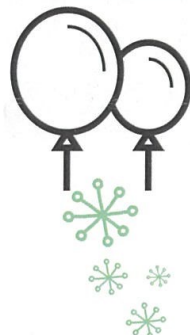
**Hornsby Shire Libraries Facebook**

Monday 25 January – Friday 29 January

**Ages:** 0–14 years


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For booking details and further information on these events and more events in your library visit  
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Is the Homestay People's Choice Holiday Period Award 2018 'All Categories'?





## Luxury Accommodation & Country Retreat

Abercrombie Ridge is an exclusive country retreat that provides total privacy, seclusion and luxurious accommodation surrounded by 133 acres of natural bushland near Taralga NSW.

The property has uninterrupted views over the Abercrombie River Valley and Great Diving Range, only 3 hours from Sydney or 1.5 hours from Canberra.

'The Barn' is a fully self contained 3 bedroom house that has large living and entertainment areas, BBQ area and a kitchen to make any chef feel at home.

Our main attraction is our hot tub for superb afternoon sunsets and cold winter nights.

The property also has a separate games room, complete with pool table, ping pong table, giant jenga, giant chess and multimedia space to keep everyone of all ages entertained.

Enjoy the property for a relaxing stay with family or friends or use it as a base to visit the many local attractions in the region.

***"Peaceful, relaxing, amazing views & spectacular sunsets. A fantastic getaway"***

*Amanda & Friends, Sydney*

***"An awesome place to visit, wildlife everywhere. We could not have asked for more, thank you"***

*Sara & Family, Canberra*

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