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## *Farewell Year 6!*

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

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Semester Two Reports

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

#### Semester Two Reports

Thank you also to the parents and carers for all the support you have given our School in this difficult year; it 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, one we will never forget. I feel very honoured to work in such a caring and nurturing school community.

#### School Leaders

The **school leaders for 2021** have recently been announced. Congratulations to the 2021 Student Leadership Team, Kira (Captain) and Tasman (Vice-Captain). We look forward to working with you in your new roles next year.

The House Captains are Alberta – Colo, Fraser – Benji and Liam, and Chandler – Cristiano. These Captains will welcome you first day back at the swimming carnival.

All our Year 6 students will embrace leadership roles in 2021 and we look forward to their dedication and success in their roles.

#### Departing Families

We sadly farewell 4 families as their youngest child finishes Year 6 or are relocating. Warm regards to all of these families as they will forever be part of the Cowan PS 'family'. Thank you for investing in your child's learning at Cowan PS, and I wish for your child/ren a bright future. Our families offered a lot of their time, expertise and support to the school community. Thank you! Farewell Maksouds, Mahers, Turners and Belchers.

#### Presentation Day

Last Wednesday we recognised a number of students for their achievements in academic, sporting, citizenship and cultural areas. Congratulations to these students.

### CALENDAR

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

2021		
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
Kindergarten Students start lessons	<b>Feb</b>	1st

While we recognise these students, I know that there are many other students at our School who have worked very hard this year and have shown improvement in many areas and it is important that we take the time to stop and think about every child's success in the past year and feel proud of and celebrate what they have accomplished. Well done Cowan students.

### **Changes to School Development Days in 2021 & the School Swimming Carnival**

At the commencement of 2021, there will be amendments to our School Development Days (SDD's). These amendments will impact Term 1 and 4, but will have no impact on Terms 2 and 3. As a result of the changes there will no longer be two School Development Days at the end of Term 4. Instead, there will be two School Development Days at the beginning of the school year.

The 2021 school year will commence with two School Development Days. *Therefore, for students, the first day of school for 2021 will be Friday 29 January. This change will mean that the first day of school for Year 1-6, will be the school Swimming Carnival.*

All students in Years 1-6, including non-swimmers, are expected to attend the carnival to support their sporting house and will travel to and from Gosford Pool by private transport.

We still have a number of students with outstanding permission notes for this event. Children **will not** be able to attend without the necessary permission. So if you have not returned your child's permission note, please email the completed permission to the school at [cowan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cowan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

With the easing of restrictions, we are allowed to have restricted spectator attendance at the carnival. As we are holding this event with Brooklyn PS, we must coordinate with Brooklyn around the number of spectators attending. If you would like to attend the carnival and/or assist with timekeeping, and you have not already indicated this on your child's permission note, then please email the school with your intentions.

### **Farewell Ms Carey—Welcome Miss Steele**

Ms Carey has received a permanent job near home. I would just like to say a personal thank you and congratulations to Ms Carey. She led the 3-6 class through a crazy year. She will be dearly missed.

We welcome Miss Steele to the team, she has been teaching at Hornsby South PS for the last few years. She has already been in and has met and had a handover of her new class. She is very keen to get to know you all.

### **COVID**

We will communicate closer to when school returns any information regarding COVID and changes for 2021. Please keep an eye out via email.

### **2021**

Planning is well underway for 2021. We are looking forward to welcoming new students and staff members. 2021 is going to be an exciting year. Recharge those batteries, reconnect with your family and return for another great year of learning.

### **Happy Holidays!**

I wish each and every one of you a very happy, safe and restful holiday.

### **Kind Regards**

**Tracey Darby**  
**Principal**

### **Library**

Our Cowan School Library is a comprehensive resource of quality literature and information for your children's education. 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.

However, I have been disappointed by the unprecedented amount of overdue Library books this year.

Any Library books found at home over the holidays, please put them aside and return to school in our first week back in 2021. Thank you for your consideration.

I hope you find a pocket of silence to enjoy an escape into books. Please remember that the Cowan Street Library continues to run during the holidays.

*Lynne Scanes*

### Uniform

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 at the beginning of our 2021 school year. 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 2021.

### 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.

### 2021 Cowan Swimming Carnival—

#### Friday 29th January 2021

**Reminder:** For consent notes not received to-date, please complete and email to the school at [cowan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cowan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). A copy of the note can be found on the Notes page of our website:

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

Details again:

- Friday 29th January (**first day of Term 1 2021**)
- Gosford Olympic Pool, 42 Masons Parade, Gosford
- Years 1-6 students
- 9.30am to 2.15pm
- Cost \$7—will be included in Term 1 2021 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 2021

On the first day of our 2021 school year, Friday 29th 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. Kindergarten students will commence lessons on Monday 1st February.

*Happy  
Holidays!*



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

*We look forward to your bright smiling faces on*

*Friday 29th January 2021!*

*— Swimming Carnival Day —*

### 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*



## Farewell Year 6!







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**

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



### 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**

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



### 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**

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



### 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!

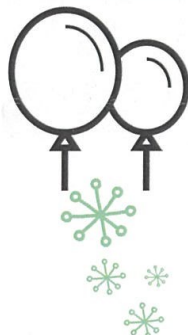
**Hornsby Shire Libraries Facebook**

Monday 25 January – Friday 29 January

**Ages:** 0–14 years

**Watch online at**

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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)**