



Education Week - 3rd to 7th August

Theme: Learning Together

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you had a nice relaxing holiday. This term we have seen the return of Dance, Scope IT, music tutoring and SportsPro. Additional cleaning is still being undertaken daily in the school and adequate supplies of sanitiser and soap are available. Teachers are aware of social distancing measures and we are doing our best to remind children of the need to follow good hygiene practices.

Staff Development Day

The agenda was busy with professional development items including: administration necessities, School Excellence in Action workshop, updating our scope and sequences in line with new and old syllabuses and pedagogies, programming and looking at the teacher standards.

I would like to acknowledge the professionalism of all staff throughout the day and their ongoing commitment to our students. The staff have been challenged in their role in many unanticipated areas this year, however they have continued to adapt and learn with enthusiasm.

Overdue Fees

Term 3 invoices will go home shortly. On recent stocktake of our finances we have discovered some outstanding fees to be paid. Please can you settle your accounts ASAP? If you are experiencing financial difficulty please feel free to see me.

Camp – Term 4, Week 3

Can all 3-6 parents please make sure the permission note is returned to school and the first two payments are made (\$200 per child in total) ASAP? At this stage we are still going and we are planning for a great educational experience. If for some reason it is cancelled all money will be reimbursed.

Education Week

Next week is our annual celebration of Education. NSW public schools will celebrate Education Week from 3rd to 7th August with the theme of 'Learning Together', drawing on the education community's sentiment of 2020. Sadly, the current guidelines in response to the pandemic do not enable an Open Day to take place.

CALENDAR

Peer Reading: **Tuesdays** (for the time being)

Cowan Dance Group: **Fridays 8am**

Instrument Tutoring: **Individual Days**

Student Banking: **Mondays**

Education Week	Aug	3rd-7th
Scholastic Book Club orders due		4th
Cake Day		5th
SportsPro		6th
Scope IT		11th
SportsPro		13th

Instead, Cowan PS is engaging in an innovative alternative. The staff is offering an online glimpse of how learning takes place. Many aspects of Cowan PS experiences for our students have been captured and will be shared next week. More information will come.

Our Library

Our Library in the next two weeks will receive a huge overhaul, mostly at the cost to the Department. As you may be aware there has been a constant leak in the demountable. We are receiving new roof flashing, side walls, flooring and carpet, painting inside and out. We can't wait to show you the new look. We are getting excited.

Debating

We have started a Debating Club of Year 6 students. We will be competing against Mt Kuring-gai PS as part of the 'Premiers Debating Challenge' next Wednesday by Zoom. Our topic will be Education. We wish our debaters good luck.

Healthy Lunch

Eating a variety of healthy foods gives you energy to do school work, helps the children grow and can keep them from getting sick. Running out of ideas? Below is a useful link for school lunches.

<https://www.taste.com.au/healthy/articles/healthier-school-lunches/zz8rglnh>.

Kind Regards
Tracey Darby
Principal

Student Banking

- Commonwealth Bank student banking has started again
- Banking day is **Monday**, so money and bank books in Monday morning. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Club

- Brochures went home this week
- Orders due on **Tuesday** (4th August)
- Order online via LOOP (follow instructions on Scholastic website), or complete order form and enclose money in an appropriately marked envelope.

Cake Days

- Wednesday, **5th August**, with the Tunny, Belcher and Laird families providing
- Wednesday **26th August** with the Turner and Edwards families providing
- Wednesday **16th September** with the West and Winefield families providing
- Thank you to these families in advance
- IOUs allowed, however, these must be paid by the following cake day, otherwise no cake.

What Else Is Coming Up In Term 3

- Thursday 20th & 27th August—SportsPro
- Wednesday 26th August—Cake Day
- Wednesday 16th September—Cake Day
- Friday 25th September—Last Day of Term 3
- All dates are on our School website calendar: <https://cowan-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2020/7/term-calendar.html>.

COWAN SCHOOL BAND

DRUMMERS WANTED

Does anyone fancy themselves as the REAL leader of the band? Who'd want to be a vain lead singer or self-centred lead guitarist when you could be the true star and beat up skins with a stick? Need to let off some steam on a Thursday afternoon after a hard week at school?

Then drumming is for you!!! We have tutoring spots available in either the 4pm or 4:30pm time slots. Tutoring costs for the term are \$150.00 and include 8 lessons - WE NEED YOU! Please send an email to The Band email at cowanpschoolband@yahoo.com, or chat to Leanne Balnave or Rob Laird before or after school if you are interested.

AWARDS

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

Bronze: Felix Makai April

P&C SPOT

- **P&C Meeting**—postponed from last night with date to be advised
- **Working Bees**—9th August cancelled, 18th October is still pending

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★ Week 3: RESPONSIBILITY

★ **RESPONSIBILITY : Take PRIDE in doing the right thing**

★ Week 4: **ASPIRE**

★ **ASPIRE : Aspire to be a SUCCESS. Always give your**
★ **best EFFORT**

RESPONSIBILITY—Take **PRIDE** in doing the right thing :

Having a duty of taking care of something or doing something you are expected to do. A feeling that you respect yourself and deserve to be respected by other people. A feeling of happiness when you do something good or difficult.

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—Aspire to be a SUCCESS and always give your best EFFORT :

Aim for and work towards achieving a goal; doing well; doing your best and being pleased with the result. Effort is work done by the mind or body; a serious attempt to doing something.