



Newsletter

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Week 4– 17th February 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for everyone's patience and understanding while our systems were down last week and the community was impacted by flooding. We are very happy to be operational, back online and functioning again.

Student absences due to flooding and the school being non-operational are recorded accordingly and will not be included in data for attendance awards at the end of the year.

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent parent information sessions. If you were unable to attend, please read through the information sent home from each classroom teacher informing you about classroom routines and expectations. If you have any questions or would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment. We look forward to working closely with families throughout this year to maximise student learning outcomes.

Michelle Dalgliesh

Important dates

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Tues– P&C AGM & General Meeting 9.30am	Wed– Assembly 2.30pm	Thur 5 Mar– School Photos
Tues- Assembly 2.30pm Leaders Induction		Tues 10 Mar - Year 6 Sports Day at SGHS
Thur– Clarence District Swimming		Wed 11 Mar– Assembly 2.30pm
Fri– John Coutis Guest Speaker		Fri 20 Mar– Harmony Day Coutts Café

P&C AGM

Come along to the 2020 P&C Annual General Meeting tomorrow, Tuesday 18th February, in the school hall at 9.30am.

The role of the P&C is to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, community, students and teaching staff into close cooperation; assisting in providing additional resources for the school community; providing valuable feedback to the school and Department of Education; and assist the teaching staff through providing valuable feedback during school planning and management processes.

Nominations will be called at the meeting. If members are not able to attend the AGM they must submit apologies to the P&C and indicate in writing if they are happy to accept nomination to a position or wish to nominate for a position. For a member to be eligible to vote or stand for office, they must be financial at least one meeting prior. If more than one person is nominated for a committee position, a secret ballot will be conducted by those present during the meeting. The executive committee positions available on the P&C are: President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President.

Violin lessons

Violin lessons will be starting in week 5. These lessons will provide a wonderful introduction to music for students who are thinking about learning to play any instrument. An expression of interest has been sent home with students in years 3&4 today. There will be limited positions available in the violin group. Interested students should get their expressions of interest back to school as soon as possible.

Commitment to education!

We are always impressed and grateful when families value regular attendance. Well done to Hugh and Alice who demonstrated their commitment to attending school last Monday, by using some adventurous transport options including horse and pony! We love Hugh and Alice's 'I can do it' attitude and both students have been awarded an 'I can do it' cool card. Keep up the great work kids!



Classroom organisation

Our school has continued to grow this year with many new enrolments for 2020. Increased numbers across our infant years has created a need to restructure our infants cohort into a K/1 composite class and a 1/2 composite class. All families and students effected by this change have already been notified.

School Fees

An annual general voluntary contribution fee of \$50 is levied for each student, with a reduced fee for siblings. This money is used to purchase all resources needed for each student and subsidise or cover additional school activities and excursions. Coutts Crossing Public School has always strived to minimise any cost of education for students. The payment of voluntary contributions will allow the school to continue to offer special opportunities to students that would otherwise not be accessible or affordable.

Fees can be paid online via our website, or by cash or cheque at the school office. We understand that at the start of the year other expenses have been a priority, such as uniforms and school photos, so we ask that school fees be paid by the end of Term 1.

Leader Induction Assembly

This year we will continue to hold assemblies on Wednesday afternoons every second week if schedules and extra curricula events allow. Our first assembly of the year will be our special leader induction assembly where our captains, vice captain and sport captains will be officially inducted into their new roles and receive their badges. This assembly will be held on Wednesday, 12th February at 2.30pm. All welcome.

School Photo Day

The 2020 official school photos, for individuals and class groups, will be taken on Thursday 5th March. Each student will be given an order envelope to return on the day. Envelopes can also be held at the office if returned prior. Please follow the instructions on the envelope for ordering and payment.

Spare envelopes are available at the office if required.

Sibling/family envelopes (only for children attending the school) can be collected from the school office.

John Coutis

We are very excited to have John Coutis, inspirational speaker, author and leader, visiting our school this Friday. John Coutis is a remarkable Australian who was born with a severe physical disability. Without the lower part of his body, John embraces a full and positive life. He rolls around on his custom skateboard and uses humour to communicate some of life's most important lessons. We have invited students from Ulmarra Public School to join us for this special event. Students in years 3-6 will attend a special assembly with John, then our school captains, vice captain and house captains will attend a special leaders session. Staff from Coutts Crossing and Ulmarra schools will also enjoy a session with John after school hours.

Small Schools Swimming

The results have been collated following the Clarence Small Schools Carnival that was held on Friday, including students not able to attend due to flooding. Well done to our attending swimmers Riley, Georgia, Milla and Megan.

Congratulations to Megan on qualifying to swim at the Clarence District Swimming Carnival, being held this Thursday.

Megan will compete in the open 100m freestyle, 12yrs 50m freestyle, senior 50m butterfly, senior 50m breaststroke, senior 50m backstroke and senior individual medley events. Best wishes Megan!



Enrolment information– IMPORTANT!

Please remember to let the school know if any of your contact details change. Particularly for our Kindy students, we have some enrolments still needing to complete their records. For each student we need:

Birth certificate

Immunisation History Statement

Medical information eg asthma plan, ASCIA plan

If you're unsure if you have records outstanding, please contact the office.

Cool cards

This term our cool card focus is 'I can do it'. Staff will be rewarding students who display an 'I can do it' mindset with a cool card. Students write their names on the cool card and place them in the red box in the office. Prize winners are drawn from the red box at our fortnightly assembly. The 'I can do it' theme aligns with our social-emotional development program, 'You Can Do It' and encourages students to have a go and be resilient, to recognise their successes and to always try hard to reach their full potential.

Insect repellent

With an increase in insect numbers in the area, we ask that students have insect repellent applied at home before the school day if they are susceptible to and/or react to mosquitoes or midge bites.

Thank you

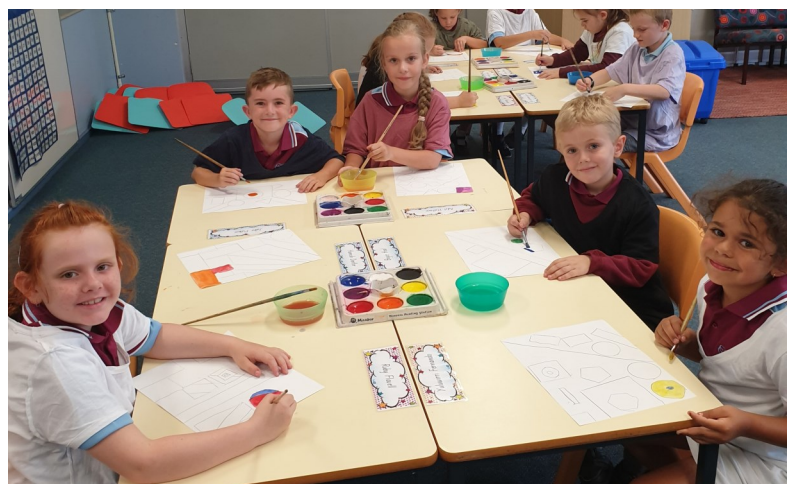
A huge heartfelt thank you to all the members of the Orara Valley Lion's Club. The Orara Valley Lion's Club has been a long time supporter of our school and they have continued to demonstrate their community spirit and generosity through a school grant to support our families who have been impacted by the recent bush fires. The grant will assist identified families with the ongoing costs associated with school throughout the year.

We are incredibly grateful for their kindness and ongoing support.



Classroom News - 1/2

During Visual Art lessons we have been completing an artist study on the French artist Sonia Delaunay. Sonia was born in 1885 and was famous for being one of the first artists to use strong colours and geometric shapes. We copied Sonia's work and tried to use bright colours, lines and two-dimensional shapes in our paintings.

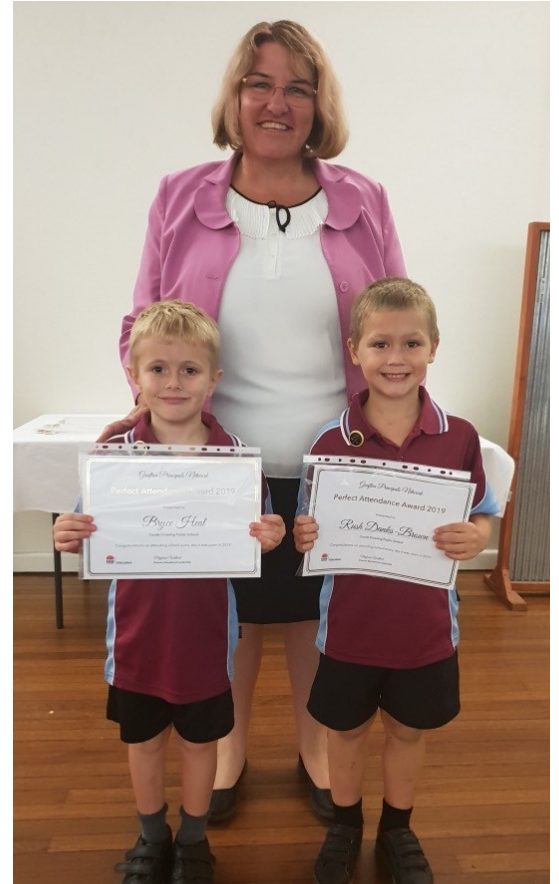


Big W kindness

Thanks to Big W and Woolworths who are donating e-gift cards to schools in bushfire affected areas to distribute or use as appropriate. We have decided to use our e-gift cards to support our school community and purchase resources for the school. We have also decided to give a \$500 e-gift card to our local Coutts Crossing Rural Fire Service. Thank you to Brian from Big W and to our local Big W and Woolworths stores for their generosity and for thinking of our school community.

Attendance

Congratulations to Claire, Rush and Bryce who achieved 100% school attendance in 2019. These students were invited to attend a very special celebration afternoon tea with Meghanne Wellard, Director Educational Leadership. We are proud of these students and their families for understanding the importance of regular attendance at school in order to maximise learning potential.



Chess

We received our new giant chess pieces last week and chess was a popular choice for morning play today.



The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box .

Does packing lunch boxes feel like a chore? We are here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy.

Healthy lunch boxes don't have to be boring.

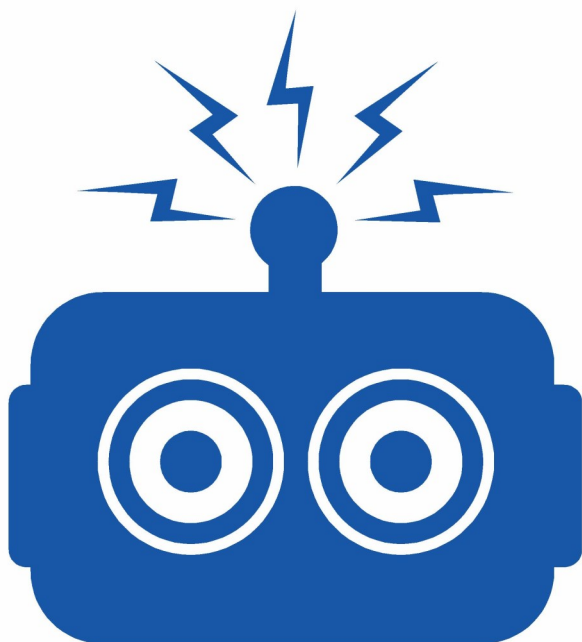


We are very excited to bring you our new look [healthy lunch box website](#) that has been improved with new features and functions based on feedback provided by you! You can now search for gluten free and vegetarian recipes, as well as **easy to freeze** and **quick and easy** recipes because as parents, we know how important it is to pack lunches quickly.

You can sign up to the [Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter](#) for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

[Check out the new website now!](#)

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A Technology Club
for kids with
high functioning autism
and Asperger's who
enjoy working with
computers.

Two-hour sessions each Saturday,
mentored by I.T. Professionals.

For ages 9 to 16

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[Coutts Crossing Cougars Football Club](#)

Just a quick reminder that registrations are open for the 2020 soccer season and can be found at www.playfootball.com.au

Coutts Crossing Cougars Football Club is a great club with a family atmosphere for all ages

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us on 0407668599 or couttscougars@gmail.com

With thanks

Coutts Crossing Cougars F.C



Play netball in 2020!

Grafton Netball Association would love to see you at one of our sign-on days:

February 29 & March 7 **12pm-2pm** **Bacon St netball courts**

Alternatively, for 7yrs + please contact one of our clubs:

Northside Netball Club
Michelle 0467336194
Mboorman83@gmail.com

City Netball Club
Carlie 0439403038
c.jbullen@gmail.com

S&S Netball Club
Rhee 0419981511
rhee_1996@hotmail.com

Grafton Rhinos Netball Club
Sandra 0407493376
sjhastings7@yahoo.com.au

For 4-7 yrs we have the Net Program.

'Come and Try' days: March 21 & 28 - 12:30pm

Register online through www.graftonna.nsw.netball.com.au.

For further information contact Brooke 0437426070
or grafton.netball@bigpond.com

Active Kids Sports voucher accepted by all clubs and for the Net program.