

Cowra Public School NEWS

Term 1, Week 6

5 March 2015

NSW Department of Education and Communities

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents

Another busy week with numerous activities being held at and away from the school. On Tuesday the school had the pleasure of hosting the State Library in a visit looking at Captain James Cook and lessons based on the first Europeans in Australia. This was attended by Stage 2 children in Years 3 and 4 and was tremendously received. The school also included several small schools in the visit and it was wonderful to see the children of Cowra having the opportunity to work together.

This week the school has been in full preparation for the Festival of International Understanding. Nearly all classes have completed several lessons based on the focus nation, South Korea. The children have enjoyed visits from South Korean speakers and have also completed several art lessons using traditional South Korean techniques in lantern making. This weekend the children of Cowra Public School will be involved in the Festival Parade. We are asking that all children attending the march (who have completed the permission note) to be wearing a white shirt and blue shorts. They are to meet at Cowra Public School under the Primary COLA at 2.00pm to collect their sash and lantern. The group will walk to the pool at 2.15pm, and commence the parade at 2.30pm. All parents are to collect their children from Brougham Park at the conclusion of the march. Cowra Public School is always strongly represented at this event and we thank the parents and students who participate in this great community initiative.

Also on Tuesday the Rugby 7's Gala Day was held. Cowra Public had three teams play on the day with an under 10's and two senior teams. All boys performed well and enjoyed the day with standout performances being displayed by Mitchell Blair, Jace Tarrant and Tallis Bell in the junior group and the senior standouts being Glenn Saxby and Harley Simms. Jake Roberts deserves a mention as well for stepping up into the senior ranks. A huge thank you goes to NSW rugby's development team for organising the day.

This week two of the Cowra Public School staff completed AusSwim Training ensuring we have qualified instructors during lessons for the following swim season. Mr Murray

and Mr Garlick enjoyed a very long day of lessons in what was a very informative day.

Next we had our boys cricket team travel to Grenfell to play cricket. In what could be described as a very close game our boys were unlucky not to come away with the win. Mac Webster had a tremendous game with both the bat and the ball and Lewis McFarland achieved what many cricketers could only wish for being a hat-trick with the ball. Congratulations to the boys for their efforts and the manner in which they played the game.

Tomorrow Cowra Public School will be represented at the Western Region Swimming Championships in Dubbo by no less than 11 swimmers. We wish these talented athletes the best of luck for the day. Several of the students have an outstanding opportunity to gain a position into the Western Region Representative team on an individual level and both the senior and junior girls' relay teams have a real chance in finishing in the top of their fields. The western team will go onto the state championships towards the end of March.

Next week on Friday, 13 March Stage 3 children will be holding the annual Walkathon. This event aims to raise funds that will assist the children in raising money for the end of year excursion. Sponsorship sheets have been provided to the children with the hope that families and friends will sponsor the children for the distance they walk.

The school is moving ever so close to the school Fete which is only two weeks away. Tonight the P&C will be holding a Fete Meeting at 6.00pm in the Infants Open Space and everyone is welcome to attend and assist with the details of the events plan. We are hoping to provide the children and community with a wonderful night of entertainment and fun at the Fete and would love parents to become involved.

Enjoy the week.

Brad Tom

P & C FETE RAFFLE

★ \$2.00 a ticket ★

Prizes:

1st: Primus Portable 3-way fridge



2nd: Sunbeam compact Café Grill

Drawn: FETE NIGHT (20 March)
7.30pm

P & C Fete Meeting

tonight
6.00pm

Infants Open Space

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photograph "Shoot Key" numbers have been handed out to all students today.

ON LINE ordering instructions are detailed in a 4 step process.

ORDERS placed before 26th March will be delivered to the school. You will be able to place orders after this date, however an additional postage charge will apply.

SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2015

Term 1

Commenced Wednesday, 28 January
Concludes Thursday 2 April

Term 2

Commences Tuesday, 21 April
Concludes Friday, 26 June

Term 3

Commences Tuesday, 14 July
Concludes Friday, 18 September

Term 4

Commences Tuesday, 6 October
Concludes Wednesday, 16 December
for students

FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

- 6 Cowra Festival of International Understanding Parade
- 6 Regional Swimming Carnival - Dubbo
- 13 St 3 Walkathon
- 19 Combined K-6 Assembly
- 20 FETE 5.00-8.00pm
- 20 St 2/3 Hockey Gala Day

APRIL

- 1 Combined Scripture
- 2 Infants Easter Hat Parade
- 2 CPS Cross Country
- 21 Uni of NSW competitions CLOSE

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS

Entry is open to all students
Year 3—6.

Entries close:
Tuesday, 21st April
(*first day Term 2)

Assessment Subjects available and cost	
Digital Technologies	\$8
Science	\$8
Writing	\$17
Spelling	\$11
English	\$8
Mathematics	\$8

COMBINED (K-6) ASSEMBLIES

The next Combined school assembly (K-6) will be held on:
Thursday, 19 March at 2.00pm in the auditorium.

Primary and Infants Aussies of the Month will be presented at these assemblies and Merit Certificates awarded.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

INFANTS ASSEMBLIES

Infants assemblies will now be held every second Thursday, i.e. even weeks. The assemblies will be held in the Infants Open Space and commence at 2.00pm and finish at 2.30pm when the children will return to their classrooms.

At these assemblies students will be receiving Merit Certificates and PBL awards.

Every alternate Thursday (not assembly week) from 12.30pm until 1.00pm the Infants will be holding combined singing in the Infants Open Space. All parents are invited to come along and listen to the children singing.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLIES

The Primary will also be holding their assemblies every second Thursday, i.e. even weeks at 2.30pm in the school auditorium.

The assemblies will include the Year 6 Public Speaking and Merit Certificates will also be presented on the day.

Everyone is welcome to come along to any of these assemblies or singing afternoons.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The second issue of Scholastic Book Club was sent home this week.

Scholastic Book Clubs operates eight times a year. The closing date for Issue 2 is **Tuesday, 10 March 2015.**

***** Please make cheques payable to Cowra Public School.**

YEAR 6 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO A HIGH SCHOOL IN 2016

Enrolments forms have been sent home this week to all Year 6 students who will be enrolling in a High School in 2016.

Please complete the Expression of Interest pages 9-12 and return to Cowra Public School by later than Friday, 20 March 2015.

YR 6 TRANSITION TO COWRA HIGH SCHOOL

Each Tuesday for the rest of the year, Year 6 students attend Cowra High School for transition into Year 7 next year.

All students need to be in full school uniform with correct closed in shoes. This is an OH & S requirement.

STAGE 3 WALK-A-THON

Our Stage 3 Walkathon will be held on **Friday, 13 March 2015**. To attend children must participate by collecting sponsorship or making a donation before the Walkathon day. It will be a normal school day for students not able to participate in this way.

The program for the day will be:

9.30 a.m. Leave school by bus for starting point.

9.55 a.m. Commence 10 kilometre walkathon.

12.30p.m. Lunch and organised/structured swimming activities at Aquatic Centre

2.45 p.m. Return to school.

Children should bring a hat, sunscreen and a drink, swimming gear and wear suitable footwear and casual clothing. (No singlet tops.) Bus fare and a B.B.Q. lunch will be provided at NO COST.

Swimming organisation

Guidelines for swimming, as set out by the Department of Education and Training, will be followed. The in-pool schedule will be as follows:

1. All pupils swimming ability will be tested in waist-deep water under close supervision.
2. Pupils will be grouped using coloured wrist bands.

Student supervision ratio will not exceed 1 : 20. A note has been sent home outlining swimming information along with a permission note. The permission note needs to be filled in and returned to your child's home class teacher by tomorrow.

If any parents can assist with the B.B.Q. lunch preparations, this will be very much appreciated. Please contact the school.

COWRA FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING PARADE

An information note was sent home yesterday for the children who filled in the permission note to take part in the Cowra Festival of International Understanding Parade on **Saturday, 7 March 2015**. Children will be walking as part of a Cowra Public School group this year (NO FLOAT) and will be required to walk quietly and safely throughout the parade.



PARADE TIMES:

- 2.00pm Assemble at COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, Primary Playground
- 2:15pm Walk to Aquatic Centre Carpark, accompanied by school staff.
- 2.30pm Parade will travel up Brougham Street, into Fitzroy Street and finish in Denman Street.

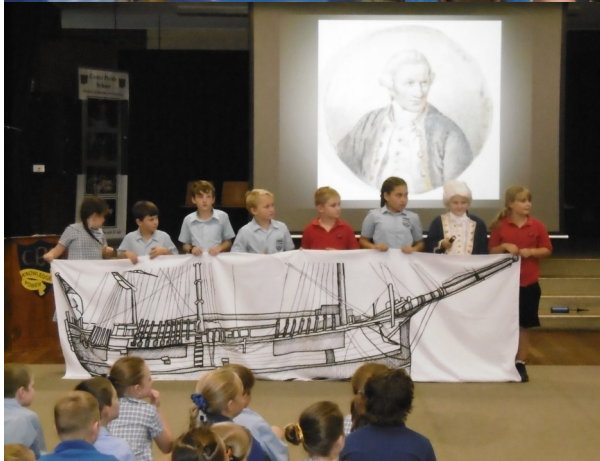
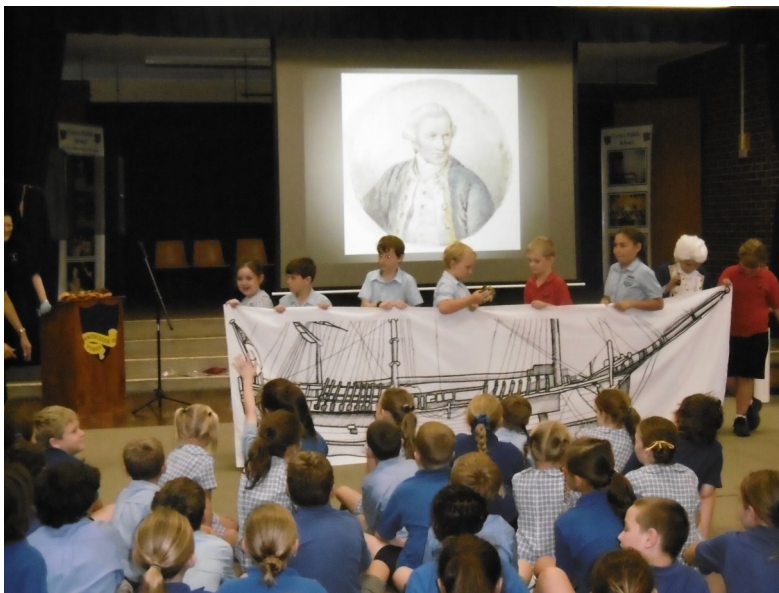
Please provide your child with a bottle of water, as it will be very warm.

Parents are to meet their child/children at Brougham Park immediately after the parade.

STATE LIBRARY OF NSW TREASURE TO THE BUSH

Cowra Public School hosted a visit from the State Library of New South Wales and Cook's shoe buckle worn for special occasions, was one of the artefacts that the presenters brought with them to show a fascinated audience. The presentation was developed by the State Library as part of their charter to reach out to students across the State who may not otherwise have the opportunity to see some of the historical treasures. The Treasure of the Bush program brings priceless historical artefacts to remote communities with some of the items leaving the confines of the Sydney-based NSW State Library for the very first time.

Students got into character by dressing up as the photographs below demonstrate. This was a wonderful experience for students from Cowra Public, Greenethorpe Public and Holmwood Public Schools to see relics of the past and learn about Captain Cook and his adventures.



PRIMARY TERM ONE SPORT

Primary Term One sport will commence on Friday, 27 February (Week 5) and continue until Week 9.

Week 10 sport will be the School Cross Country which will be held at Twigg Oval on Thursday, 2 April commencing at 10.00am. Stage 3 will participate in their annual Walkathon on Friday, 13 March and interested students will be involved in the Hockey Gala Day on Friday, 20 March.

This term our school is focused on aquatic skills and all Primary students will be involved in swimming activities at the Pool. All ability levels will be catered for and each child will be tested in order to establish their competence in the water.

Sport will take place at 10.10-11.10am for Stage 2 and 11.30am-12.30pm for Stage 3. **The cost will be \$2.00 for Pool entry per week**, unless children hold a season pass. **This money needs to be taken to the pool every week.**

Students will need usual school sports uniform, swimmers, towel and sunscreen. Classes will walk to and from the pool from school and be supervised by Cowra Public School staff at all times.

PSSA SPORTING TEAMS

Individual trials are a major component of the PSSA sport program and the following trials are taking place soon. If your child has shown a good deal of interest and ability in that particular sport and would like to attend trials please speak to Mrs Duncan and she will pass on any relevant information:

Term 1/2 Trials

Boys' Cricket - entries due **TOMORROW**. Trials in Dubbo on 20/3/15

Rugby League - entries due 27/3/15. Trials in Dubbo on 30/3/15

Boys' Soccer - entries due 31/3/15. Trials in Dubbo on 22/4/15 (Term 2)

STAGE 2 AND STAGE 3 HOCKEY GALA

Friday, 20 March 2015

This year all Stage 2 and Stage 3 students are given the opportunity to participate in an exciting Hockey Gala Day. All specialised activities will be conducted by qualified instructors trained in the various fields. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to come together as a group and get to know students from other schools in a friendly non-school denominated competition.

We actively encourage all students to attend. It was a great success last year with 250 students attending from all the surrounding schools. Interested children will receive a letter outlining the day, things required and permission form. If you wish to discuss the excursion, or have experience in hockey and would like to help please contact Ben Cooley at St Raphael's School on 6342 2940 or 0435 649 426.



PSSA CRICKET

Yesterday the Cowra Public School Boys' Cricket team played Grenfell Public at Lawson Oval, Grenfell.

Cowra lost the toss and fielded first. Mac and Mitchell opened the bowling. Mac picked up a wicket on the first ball of the match. Mitchell, Josh, Brayden and Kyle got wickets but the star of the match was Lewis who took five wickets and a hat trick. With some tight fielding from the team we limited Grenfell's total score to 63.

Kyle and Lewis then opened the batting. After ten overs, Kyle was caught which put Mac at the crease. Mac and Lewis then combined with a good partnership but eventually had to retire. Kimball, Chris, Josh, Jake, Brayden and Mitchell all had a bat but sadly Cowra fell 1 run short.

The boys put up a valiant effort but were unlucky to lose.

A big thank you to Mrs Harris, Mrs Graham, Mrs Webster and Mr Garlick for transporting the team to Grenfell. The team would also like to thank Mrs Webster for scoring and Mr Garlick for umpiring.

By Lewis McFarland and Mac Webster



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Each year we ask parents to make a contribution towards their child's education in the form of a school fee.

Funds raised in this manner are used to purchase materials for classroom use.

It would be appreciated if this contribution could be made as soon as possible. However, payment can be made in instalments if required.

2015 School Fee: \$40 per child, with a family maximum of \$80.

\$1 a week!

P. & C

P & C FETE MEETING
TONIGHT, 5 March 2015
6.00pm in school staffroom



**WE NEED
 ASSISTANCE
 WITH STALLS**



**Attached to this newsletter is a list
 of stall holders. If you could
 possibly assist with any of these
 stalls, please contact the school.**

**Don't forget the fabulous,
 spectacular ART SHOW!!! at the
 Fete**

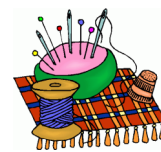
Jazzy Jars

**Start sending on this the
 Jazzy Jars to your
 child's class**



Jazzy Jar Ideas

- ⇒ Clothes pegs
- ⇒ Wrapped lollies
- ⇒ Toys
- ⇒ Erasers
- ⇒ Pencils
- ⇒ Hair clips
- ⇒ Scrunches
- ⇒ Chalk
- ⇒ Small cars
- ⇒ Soldiers
- ⇒ Toy animals
- ⇒ Sewing items
- ⇒ Bracelets
- ⇒ Soaps
- ⇒ Seeds
- ⇒ Candles



CLOTHING POOL NEWS!!!

The Clothing Pool will be open each fortnight on Tuesdays starting next week (Week 7). Alternatively call Cindy on 0402 467 193 and arrange a time.

The Clothing Pool will NOT be selling privately owned clothes anymore. If you have any clothes left in the pool please arrange to have them collected.

However, any clothes left after Wednesday, 18 March 2015 the P & C will consider this as a donation to the school.

Cindy Saxby ~ Clothing Pool Coordinator

CANTEEN ROSTER

9/3/15	10/3/15	11/3/15	12/3/15	13/3/15
Karen Coghlan	Cindy Saxby	Melissa Andersen	Roberta Graham	

P. & C. FETE Offer of Assistance

Friday, 20 March 2015

~ Many hands make light work! ~

Dear P&C Fete Committee

I am able to assist as indicated below:

I am able to run a stall or assist with a stall. ☐

I am able to help setup during the afternoon, from 3.00pm ☐

I am able to help pack up at the conclusion of the Fete at 8.00pm ☐

Name: _____

Telephone _____

Any suggestions: _____

Cowra Public School Fete

Only 2 weeks to go

Fun, Fun
Fun and more
Fun

Friday 20 March
5.00pm - 8.00pm
in the school grounds

Pop
a
balloon

POP!

Raffle

Haunted
House

Jumping castle

Jazzy Jars

books

Pancake stall

Local produce and second
hand books/DVD's

and lots more!!!!

Hot dogs

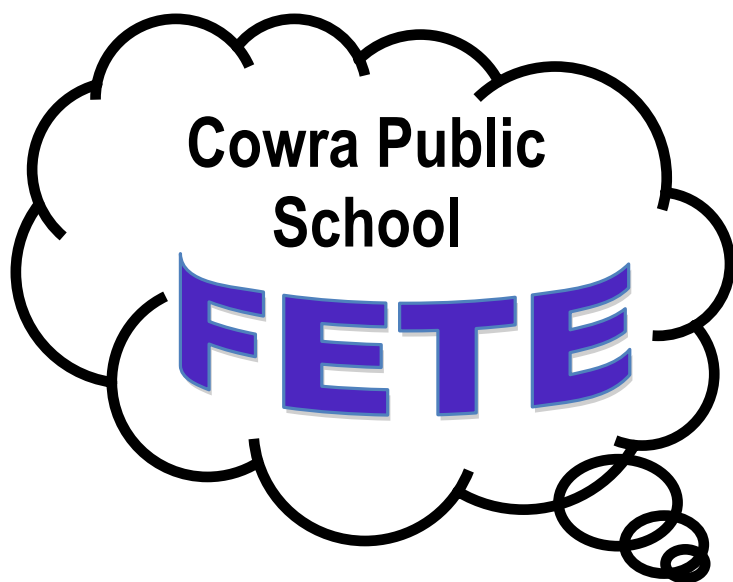
Cakes

Snow
cones

BBQ
Cakes
Jazzy Jars
Jumping Castle
Rides

Books/DVD's
Produce
Haunted House
Kids activities
GREAT FOOD!!!

Stalls
Nail painting
Art Show
Lucky Dips
Putt Putt Golf



ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

**We still need more assistance
with stalls!!!**

If you can donate a small amount of time it makes a big difference. Please return the assistance form on page 5 if you can help in any way -



Green thumbs anyone!!

*We'd love any donations
of plants or produce
for our Fete.*

*If you have any
donations please contact
the school. We can organise pick up of
any items if required.*



Sites still available

Market stalls are still available at our Fete! It is a great opportunity to get involved with our school, gain exposure for your products at a very low cost and have a fun night out. Contact the office for rates, terms and conditions.

Art Show

Spectacular art work

Come and see the spectacular display of Cowra Public School student's ART WORK.

These magnificent pieces of art can be purchased on the night.



STILL WANTED !!!

Your old books and DVDs for our school fete. Clear out your bookshelves and donate your pre loved books to our book stall.

Send in books to your child's classroom or leave at the front office.



Cowra Public School 2015 FETE


The Fete is the P & C major fundraiser for the year and
we need your help on Friday ²⁰ March.


Please fill in your name where you are able to help and return this page to school
or ring the school and tell our office ladies when you are able to assist during the Fete.

Stall	Person in Charge of Stall	Time Available to Assist		
		5.00pm-6.00pm	6.00pm-7.00pm	7.00pm-8.00pm
BBQ/drinks will use part of canteen	Nigel Hazell/Justin Gunn	Justin Gunn	Tony McFarland	Tony McFarland
Hot dogs and Lucky Dip	Marilyn & Jan	Marilyn & Jan	Marilyn & Jan	Marilyn & Jan
Raffle				
Snow Cones	Wayne Saunders/Karen Beaumont (TBC)		Tracey McFarland	Tracey McFarland
Cupcake decorating	Kim Meeuwisse			
Popcorn	Heather Petersen	Heather Petersen		
Helium balloons	Gerard McGill			
Cake/Sweets/produce	Anne D'Elboux	Jody Graham		
Books/DVD's/Games + guessing competition	Maryanne Smith/Ali Osborne			
Private stalls	Trisha Long Coordinating	N/A		
Coffee	Trisha Long Coordinating			
Pop a Balloon	Phoebe Gower/Haydi Oliver			
Art Display	Lynda Ryan/Debbie Cobcroft	N/A		
RIDES	External	N/A		
Nails/Hair/Face Painting	Natalie Crutch/Stacey Walker	Natalie Crutch/ Stacey Walker	Natalie Crutch/ Stacey Walker	
Jazzy Jars	Cindy Saxby			
Putt Putt Golf	Kirsty Quinn			
Pancake stall	Katerina Paki	Laura Anslow	Laura Anslow	
Student displays • Cowra Dance Factory • Kumiai-ryi martial arts • PCYC gymnastics • Cowra Ballet School	Trisha	N/A		
Raffles/Chocolate Wheel	Pip Fagan			
Haunted House	Rob Webster			
Photobooth	Raelene Beecher	Raelene Beecher/Mel Montgomery		
Tattoos	Gay Hilton/Kaye Kilby	Gay Hilton/Kaye Kilby		
Sponge throwing	Greg Garlick/Albert Murray			
Treasury	Trisha Long, Allison Williams			
Set up/pack up	Brad Tom	Elizabeth Read/Ben Casey/Wayne Saunders		




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Module 2: A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session with a coach and another learner so you can learn a range of practical safe driving behaviors.

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Mobile:
0420299481

- **COURSE FEE \$140**
- **ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED**
- **DUAL CONTROLLED VEHICLE IS SUPPLIED FOR MODULE 2**
- **AFTER COMPLETION OF MODULE 1 & 2 YOU WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS CREDIT ON YOUR LOG BOOK**

SAFER DRIVER COURSE:
 Butch's A1 Driving School is the coach for Module 2 of this course held at the RFS/SES shed on the Airport Rd Cowra.
 MARCH: Saturday, 7th @ 9.00am
 APRIL: Saturday, 11th @ 9.00am
 MAY: Saturday, 23rd @ 9.00am
 JUNE: Saturday, 27th @ 9.00am

COWRA EISTEDDFOD

ENTER NOW

Entries are now open for the
 62nd Cowra Eisteddfod
 and will close on 16th March 2015

The Syllabus can be obtained from
<http://cowraeisteddfod.com.au>

Section Dates
 Vocal - 14th to 17th May
 Speech & Drama - 18th to 22nd May
 Dance - 22nd to 31st May
 Instrumental - 1st to 4th June

Grand Concert of Prizewinners
 Friday 5th June 2015 at 7pm
 Cowra Civic Centre

Enquiries can be directed to
committee@cowraeisteddfod.com.au

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Phone: 6342 1021 Fax: 6342 4597

Email: info@cowrabus.com.au Web: <http://www.cowrabus.com.au>

LES MISERABLES: Saturday, 13 June 2015, Capitol Theatre, Sydney - \$220.00	MATILDA: Saturday, 12 September 2015, Lyric Theatre, Sydney, \$220.00
ZEALAND NORTH & SOUTH ISLAND: 18 days - Numerous activities included. Departing from Cowra 6th March, 2015. Returning to Cowra 23rd March, 2015. From \$5,750.00 twin share	

"Cowra Travel Takes you There"

Mr Embroidery Cowra

C.P.S. Winter Uniform ORDER FORM

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

**One lucky shopper will win their total order FREE.
Return form by the 1st April 2015 to be eligible.**

GARMENTS	SIZE	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
CPS Fleece Lined Jacket 6-16			\$63.00	
CPS Fleece Lined Jacket S-3XL			\$67.50	
Tunic 4-8			\$54.00	
Tunic 10-18			\$58.50	
Girls L/S Blouse, Boys L/S Shirt 4-8			\$24.30	
Girls L/S Blouse, Boys L/S Shirt 10-18			\$25.65	
Girls L/S Blouse, Boys L/S Shirt 20-26			\$27.00	
Grey Cargo Pants Oz Surf 4-16			\$34.20	
Grey Cargo Pants Oz Surf S-3XL			\$36.00	
Grey Double Knee Trousers 4-16			\$32.85	
Microfibre Trackpants 4-16			\$34.20	
Microfibre Trackpants S-3XL			\$36.00	
CPS Embroidered bucket hat			\$10.80	
2 pack knee high white socks			\$11.65	
3 pack short white socks			\$14.35	
3 pack short grey socks			\$14.35	
Sports polo 4-16			\$20.00	
Sports polo S-3XL			\$22.75	
Royal polar fleece jumper 4-14			\$25.20	
Royal polar fleece jumper S-3XL			\$34.20	
Navy Tights			\$11.65	

TOTAL	\$
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**Please return order forms by 1st April 2015,
To 119a Kendal St @ Mr Embroidery
Email: mrembroidey@cowra.net.au
Ph 6341 3163. Thankyou
All form prices are reduced by
Laybys Welcome
orders cannot be picked up before 13th April**

10%