



Have a Safe and Happy Holiday You've Earned a Break!

Dear Parents,

We have arrived at the end of another busy term. I wish you all a very well deserved, relaxed and safe holiday. Just a reminder to all students and parents that Monday 19th October is the first day back for Term Four. There is no pupil free/school development day to start Term Four. Instead the last two days, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December are pupil free/school development days.

proud to be part of Cowan PS. I have received emails from principals of other nearby schools, congratulating our children on their behaviour and performances. It was great to see our children on stage and performing so angelically. Our dance group and choir were spectacular. I again congratulate all children and thank all parents for their support of this festival.

Congratulations to David in Year 3/4, for raising \$133 in the MS Readathon. What a fantastic effort!

K/1/2 Transport Excursion...

What an exciting excursion we had last Friday. No doubt all K/1/2 families have heard ALL about it. K/1/2 students should have slept well last Friday night after their big day out. Following are some recounts of the day.

We are running out of tissues in most classes. If you are able to donate a box of tissues to your child's class it would be greatly appreciated.

Hornsby District Music Festival...

I have congratulated all children for this event over a few assemblies. I was again

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.....Kinder Orientation

It is that time of year again when we start looking forward to meeting those children in the local community who will be starting school in 2010.

Our Kindergarten Orientation Programme will run each Wednesday morning in Term 4 from Weeks 2 to 4 from 9.30-11am - **Wednesday 28th October, 4th and 11th November**. Parents of children in the Kinder Orientation Programme are encouraged to arrive at school by 9am to spend this time with their child in the classroom prior to leaving them.

The first session (28th Oct) will include a parent information session in the school library, followed by a morning tea. Kinder Orientation children are encouraged to bring their morning tea with them to join our students during recess time from 11-11.30am.

We know that our school community will welcome our new Kinders and their families. If you intend to enrol your child for 2010 or know anyone who might wish to enrol their child at Cowan, please let Marie know in the school office.

Dates to Remember

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| All students begin Term 4 classes | Oct | 19th |
| P&C Meeting—1.50pm Library | | 22nd |
| Gymnastics #1 | | 23rd |
| Kinder Orientation #1 & Parent Session | | 28th |
| State Athletics Carnival | | 28th |
| Gymnastics #2 | | 30th |
| Kinder Orientation #2 | Nov | 4th |
| Cake Day | | 4th |
| Gymnastics #3 | | 6th |

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| Kinder Orientation #3 | Nov | 11th |
| Gymnastics #4 | | 13th |

Special Inclusions:

- *Term 4 Calendar*
- *Colouring Competition—BCCS Family Pet Show Fete*

'On Friday we went to the airport. It was fun. We saw lots of planes. We saw lots of Qantas planes. They have kangaroos on the back of them. They are red and white. We went on a ferry, it was very wobbly. My favourite part was when I saw the planes.'

By Lily (K)

'Last Friday K-2 went to an excursion and we left at 8.30 and came home at 5 o'clock. We went on a ferry and we saw a jetboat and we saw a sea plane and we saw a holiday ship. Then we went to the airport and a plane nearly crashed into the bus and we saw an airbus. My favourite part was the whole airport.'

By Jack (Yr1)

'Best Excursion Ever : I came to school and had forgotten all about the excursion until Mr. Iles told me about it.

The excursion was only a few minutes away. I was so excited that I had forgotten all about it when the bus arrived. I hopped on and I was partners with my BEST friend Laura. She kept me company while we were on the bus to Sydney. While we were waiting for the ferry to arrive, we had recess. When the ferry arrived, we hopped on and went all around Sydney Harbour. My favourite places were Shark Island and Cockatoo Island. At first it was a little bumpy, but I got used to it after a while. After the boat ride, we caught a bus to a playground. We had lunch and after that we played on the equipment. Afterwards, another bus came and made us put special necklaces on that would let us on the bus. It was a special bus. It let us into the airport. We went past all these planes that I didn't know existed, but my favourite was the 747. I loved it. When the day was over, we went home with our Mum or Dad or Aunt. When I got home, I went to bed.'

By Ashleigh.(Yr2)

'We had to get to school by 8:30am. It took us 45 minutes to get to Lessons Afloat. I found out they are going to sink a boat, by these holes in the bottom of the boat. Then we had lunch and Emily had an accident on the play equipment. Then we got these passes and we put them around our necks. We went to the airport. My favourite plane was the 747. The 747 holds a couple of hundred passengers. I liked the whole excursion.'

By Sean (Yr2)

'On Friday K/1/2 went on an excursion. We went to Lessons Afloat. It was fun, but not as fun as a super duper computer game. Just kidding! It was so, so, so fun! (Forget about the computer game.) We got maps of where we were going. We even saw a sea plane but we didn't get to see it land in the water. That's what I was hoping to see. After that we went on the tarmac tour. It was the BEST! Even better than amazing! One of the planes was landing and the plane was only 20 metres above the bus. It was so fun. We even got to see one of the planes take off. The 3-6's didn't go because they went to Bathurst and Year 2 had to stay with Mrs Bower for the week. But we got to make fairy bread and made it with K/1. I got Milly from Kindergarten as a partner and we had to follow a procedure which wasn't hard at all. But I hated the maths we had to do. I liked our excursion because we saw the planes.'

By Letitia (Yr2)

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards recently:

Rainbow: Jessica James A
Luca Jay
Michelle Mia T

Star: Corey Alex F
Lachlan Mikayla
Linnea Brittany
Kirrily Sally
Isabel B Lucy

Gold: Nikki
Saskia
Liam R
Michelle

'For the excursion all of K/1/2 had to get to school at 8:30 in the morning. At 8:45 we went on a bus and went to Sydney Harbour. We went on a ferry all around the harbour. It was the coolest ferry ever. After that we all went to the airport and my favourite plane was an A380 from Qantas. It was a good day and it was fun. My favourite part was the airport.'

By Luca (Yr2)

Year K/1...

Next term Mrs Ruzek will be teaching on Mondays and Wednesdays at Cowan. Mrs Dayhew will be teaching at Cowan on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We are very keen to move forward with plans for 2010 and numbers are such a critical factor. Similarly if you are moving out of the area and will not be attending CPS in 2010 please simply let us know so we can confirm numbers.

Show and Tell...

Due to some unfortunate accidents, children are asked not to bring expensive articles in for 'Show and Tell'. Could you please take photos of these expensive or sentimental articles and either email them to your child's school email account or send them in on paper for them to share with the class.

Cowan Gold Rush...

Learning, fun and excitement came 'rushing' to Cowan on Wednesday, when Years 3-6 were involved in their own gold rush. The children were involved in mining for 'gold'

Reminder!!!!

All Payments - Now Due

on the goldfields of Cowan Public School. They had to have their gold licence with them at all times, just in case a trooper found them. Many children fell prey to the bushrangers in the area who stole their gold. Luckily, all children found enough gold to go shopping for well needed supplies at the end of the rush. Have a look at the photos in our class spread in this newsletter.

Dance Group DVD...

Reminder that 'Car Wash' DVDs can be purchased from the school office for \$3.00 each.

Outstanding Payments...

We still have some outstanding payments for the Writers' Festival, Zone Athletics, K/1/2 Transport Excursion, Muogamarra and Choir Rehearsals. Please pay any outstanding amounts at the school office at the commencement of Term Four. If you are unsure whether you have made payment or not, please see Marie in the school office. Thank you.

AFL Auskick Carnival...

Years 3/4 have been invited to participate in an Auskick Carnival next term on Tuesday 24th November at Berowra. This carnival is run by the AFL (NSW/ACT) Development Team and is a skills development session with game play of modified AFL football. There is no cost involved, however, we will require parent transportation. More about this next term.

Gymnastics—Term 4...

Starting on the first Friday back in Term 4 (23rd October) we have a seven week gymnastics programme commencing for all students. This is brought to us from Sportspro. Sportspro is headed by Dean Gilchrist and is a skills based programme, endorsed by DET, run by trained PE teachers. Details are as follows:

- Every Friday from 23rd October—4th November (Weeks 1-7)
- Sessions conducted in the morning
- 40-45 minute sessions per class group
- \$31.50 per student (\$4.50 per session)

Our wish is that no student miss out on this beneficial programme due to financial difficulties. Student Assistance is available. Parents are encouraged to enquire at the school office for application to this. Please be assured that any matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Term 4 Summary of Costs...

As we had some unplanned/unexpected costs this past term, we have included a summary of expected costs for Term 4. They are as follows (please refer to Term 4 Calendar for

P&C SPOT...

- **Next Meeting:** First week back of Term 4—**Thursday, 22nd October at 1.50pm** in the School Library. We encourage all our parents to come along; we need your support.

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| dates) - costs are per student: | \$ |
| Gymnastics | 31.50 |
| Life Education Van | 9.00 |
| Bus to and from | 14.00 |
| Presentation Night Rehearsals at Wideview PS @ \$7/rehearsal | |

Payment plan options and permission notes will be sent home next term. Please remember that student assistance is available and can be applied for at the school office; all enquiries and any financial matter is dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Writing Competition...

I would like to thank all our students who entered this competition. They will receive a Participation Award and their names appear below. Congratulations to our successful competition candidates whose stories have progressed to the next level. John Heffernan will forward our winners' names when judging is complete. This should be early next term!

Entrants:

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| K/1: | James | Isaac | Lily | Ned | Jessica |
| Yr2: | Rory | Ella | Alyssa | Ashleigh | Letitia |
| | Keisha | Laura | Sophie | Lachlan | Grace R |
| | Sean | Luca | Alister | | |
| 3/4: | Kirrily | James | Jaslyn | Mia | Annelise |
| | Linnea | Ethan | Sally | David | Brittany |
| 5/6: | Diaan | Amy | Saskia | Isabel H | Michelle |

Successful to Next Level:

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|------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| K/1: | James | Isaac | Lily | Jessica |
| Yr2: | Rory | Sophie | Grace R | Alister |
| 3/4: | Kirrily | Ethan | Sally | David |
| 5/6: | Diaan | Amy | Saskia | Michelle |

Photocopier to a Good Home...

Our old, much loved OCE 3023 photocopier is looking for a good home or office. This is not a desktop variety but a large stand-alone photocopier. It's free, but is in need of a major service. Please direct all enquiries to Marie in the school office.

Cake Days...

Thank you again to all our families who provided cakes this term for Cake Days. Our first cake day for Term 4 is Wednesday 4th November with the Randall, Dunn, Avenhouse, Terry and Alexakis families providing. Thank you in advance to these families.

Di Bower
Principal

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Mrs Liz Beckedahl
Mrs Cate Ruzek
Mrs Angela Dayhew
Mr Joel Iles
Mrs Trish Kershaw
Mrs Lynne Scanes
Mrs Lynette Hodder
Mrs Jane Perkins
Ms Emma Duncan
Mr Tong Junwang



Mathletics

Bronze Awards - Term 3 Week 8

K/1: James
Yr2: Laura Grace R
3/4: Sally Kirrily Annelise
Jesse
5/6: Tom Isabel H Elyse
Natasha Mia Isabel B
Michelle Saskia

Bronze Awards - Term 3 Week 9

K/1: Corey Lily James
Jessica
Yr2: Rory Grace R Luca
3/4: Oliver Harry Kirrily
Annelise Jaslyn Jesse
5/6: Tom Elyse Jack
Liam Up Joshua Zac
Mia Michelle Lucy
Saskia

Mathletics

Silver Awards - Term 3 Week 8

K/1: Jessica
5/6: Alex Lucy

Silver Awards - Term 3 Week 9

K/1: Isaac
3/4: Brittany
5/6: Lauren

Mathletics

Gold Awards - Term 3 Week 8

5/6: Jack Liam Up

Gold Awards - Term 3 Week 9

5/6: Isabel B

AUSSIE OF THE WEEK

Term 3 - Week 8

K/1: Alanah
Yr2: Indigo
3/4: Sally
5/6: Joshua

***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***

Assembly Certificates
Term 3—Week 9

Class Award : Class K/1
Environment Award : Class 5/6
Trade Award : Class 5/6

Merit:

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| K/1 | John | Alex | Corey | Emily |
| Yr2 | Sophie | Sean | Rory | Letitia |
| 3/4 | Ethan | Jesse | Mia | James |
| 5/6 | Liam R | Isabel B | Isabel H | Tom |

Sport:

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| K/1 | Joon | Ned | Jessica | John |
| Yr2 | Luca | Lachlan | Keisha | Rory |
| 3/4 | Jaslyn | Brittany | Jay | Nikki |
| 5/6 | Mitchell | Will | Saskia | Natasha |

Library:

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| Holly | Joon | Rory | Grace R | Saskia |
| Sally | Amelia H | | | |