Dear Parents,

Where has Term 2 gone? We are only one week away from the holidays and so much has been packed into the first eight weeks and plenty more over the next week. All students and staff are looking forward to a well earned break from next Friday afternoon.

We have 19 very excited children who are representing Cowan at the Sydney North Dance Festival. The dress rehearsal was held this morning at the Glen Street Theatre and everyone looked magnificent in their costumes. The first performance is tonight at 5.00pm, followed by another performance Saturday night at 7.30pm. I am sure that all who have bought tickets for the shows will thoroughly enjoy themselves and you will be very proud of the children. A very big thank you to Mrs Carroll who has spent many, many hours creating the dance, teaching the children and seeing them improve every week. This will not be the only chance you get to see our students perform at such an event. We have nominated Cowan to participate in the Hornsby District Musical Festival which will be held in early August at The Hornsby RSL Club. The Dance Group children will be our representatives. More information about that event will be given out early in Term 3.

Next Wednesday and Thursday Armita and Natasha will be attending a Gifted and Talented Art Camp at Avalon. Both girls are looking forward to the experience of working with specialist Art teachers and showing the rest of the school what they have learnt.

Next Friday all children will receive their half yearly reports. The teachers have spent a great deal of time putting the reports together so that, when you read the reports, you have a clear picture of how your child has been achieving this year. Notes will be going home early next week about Parent/Teacher interviews which will be held during the first few weeks of next term. This is the time to discuss with your teacher how your child is progressing. Please get those notes back to school before the holidays.

Last Friday we played our PSSA Netball matches against Hornsby North at Montview Oval. The senior netball team had their best game of the season and ended up drawing 4-all. Although the junior netballers lost, it was a very close game and are improving their team work each week. Today, the netballers had an away game against Waitara. Results in the next newsletter.

This week at Cowan we have been concentrating on the positive behaviour of Aspire where the children have been learning about putting in their best effort to be a success. Many merit awards have been given out this week for children trying their best. Next week our focus will again be on Respect.

Starting on our first day back at school, Tuesday 15th July, and continuing for Weeks 1&2 (up to and including Thursday 24th), all students K–6 will be participating in the Department of Education Special Swimming Scheme.

Cowan Dance Group
...WOW Factor
at Sydney North Dance Festival

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We believe it is extremely important that all children are competent swimmers by the time they reach High School. The Swim program is again being held at Abbotsleigh pool. Our students will travel by bus each day. Notes have already been sent home and the consent notes need to be back at school by Monday.

Our annual Athletics Carnival is fast approaching and I can let you know that the date is Wednesday 6th August. This is Term 3, Week 4. It will again be held at Foxglove Oval. Brooklyn will also be joining us for the day. Our students will be receiving a note about the Carnival after the holidays.

Just a reminder that the first day of Term 3, for our students, is Tuesday 15th July. Monday 14th July is a School Development Day.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Keep warm and looking forward to seeing all those happy, smiling faces on Tuesday 15th July.

Until next time.
Paul McSweeney
Principal

Swim Scheme...
- Tuesday 15th July—Thursday 24th July (inclusive)
- Travel by bus, leaving school at 9.30am and returning by 11.55am
- Easily transported recess should be packed in their swimming bag
- Students should wear their swimming costume under their uniform
- Bring a bag (plastic or other—name on) with underwear, towel, swimming cap and recess packed. Swimming caps will be supplied if students do not have their own.
- Lunchtime will be back at school; lunch orders will be as normal
- Cost of $65 per student will appear in Term 3 Costings, and can be paid in instalments.

Learning and Support...
This has been a very busy term for the Learning and Support Team, and we were fortunate to be able to devote some extra time to setting up a variety of programs to support students at Cowan. You may have noticed our School Counsellor and our Learning and Support Teacher (me!) were at the school for some extra days during this term.

We are blessed with a diverse range of students at Cowan, and a very caring and friendly learning environment. Sometimes, students need additional support with their learning or behaviour or social development. In fact, it is my belief that just about every student will have ‘special’ needs at some point in their schooling, and it is our role as their teachers and parents to be sensitive and proactive in supporting children through the ups and downs of learning and growing up.

Every child at Cowan is supported within their class by the class teacher. When a child has additional needs or is experiencing difficulties, they may be referred to the Learning and Support team for additional support.

Support may be short-term or on-going depending on the individual needs of the child. It is standard procedure for you to be advised if your child is receiving some additional support, usually with a letter or a meeting with a teacher.

Please look out for the Positive Behaviour (PB) focus elsewhere in the newsletter, and take a look at the "RESPECT RAP" video on youtube for a bit of fun and a good message for your kids. Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGuT9_ V5J4
Carina McSweeney
Learning and Support Teacher

Brooklyn/Cowan Children’s Writers’ Festival 2014...
I am excited to announce our fourth literature festival which will be held at Brooklyn PS on Friday 25th July. The students from both schools will combine for a day of inspiring literary and artistic workshops with six outstanding Australian presenters. Our line-up includes celebrated authors and illustrators, John Heffernan, Stephen Michael King, Debra Abela, Tony Flowers, Tristan Bancks and Sarah Davis.

Your children will experience three incredible workshops throughout the day. A mini book fair will be set up by the Children’s Book Shop at Beecroft for our students to purchase our presenter’s books. A list of books and prices, along with more information and a consent note, will be sent home with our students soon.

Thank you again to our school community, and beyond, for the support at our Cowan Rush Hour. The funds raised have subsidised Cowan students’ attendance. The $5 which each Cowan student will now pay will cover the Writers’ Festival 2014 Memorabilia Book, which your children will use on the day for writing and illustrating in the workshops. What a treasured memento of the day that will be! Our Yrs4/5/6 students, along with their peers from Brooklyn, are encouraged to enter our competition to design the cover for the Memorabilia Book. These students have received information about this.

Lynne Scanes
Raincoats vs Umbrellas…

While we understand that it may seem easier to have an umbrella rather than a raincoat, we request that only raincoats be used at school. Umbrellas can be very dangerous at eye-level, and young children do not perceive the risks their erected umbrella has on others nearby, especially if they are running.

Please make sure your child has a raincoat on wet days. These can be bought from various outlets, plus online, eg. Lowes Online has PVC raincoats for $20.

Stewart House…

A Stewart House bag will go home with each student next week for any used clothing you may have. Filled, used clothing bags can be dropped at the Teachers Resource Room next term in time for collection on Wednesday 30th July. If you would like additional bags these are available from the school office.

Cake Days…

Our first cake day next term has been changed to Wednesday 30th July (Week 3) with the Davis (N), Armstrong and Smart families providing. Thank you to these families in advance. If your child forgets their cake money on cake day, we do allow IOUs, however, we ask that these be paid by the following cake day.

Fire Equipment…

Thank you to our Rural Fire Service who very generously donated hoses and fittings to our school. This was presented to our school leaders by our local RFS Captain, Mr Graeme Horne. This will aid in any future fire emergency and our role as a Neighbourhood Safer Place (our K/1 & Yrs2/3 building) in the case of a catastrophic fire situation in Cowan. A Neighbourhood Safer Place is a place of last resort for people during a bush fire.

Student Parliament…

Last week in Parliament we had a motion for hedging down near the school oval. A couple of years ago a tree was struck by lightning in the school grounds and has been cut down, so we are erecting totem poles. Later in the year we are having a Talent Quest where students can perform in front of the whole school and express their talents. But, still not getting that swimming pool.

By Jessica & Gabby

All parliamentary motions are reported on below, with their outcomes.

- Bigger sports shed—Passed to the Minister for Sport
- Hold a fundraiser for saving elephants—Passed to the Minister for Functions & Social Services
- Go on a Cowan bush walk—Not passed
- Write a book for the pre-schoolers—Passed to the Minister for Primary Education
- Sports shirts with name for Zone—Not passed
- Animal/Zoo visit from Zoo Keeper—Passed to the Minister for Functions & Social Services

The relevant ministers will now discuss these matters with the Principal.

Loom Bracelets: In May we reported that Loom Bracelets would go on sale to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. We are pleased to announce that Loom Bracelets sold at school raised $92.00, and sold to family and friends from home raised $46.00. So, along with $62 raised from Crazy Hair day, these funds will now be forwarded to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Thank you Imogen, Macy and Grace

Award Books…

A reminder that Award Books need to be handed in at the school office by before school on Thursday mornings, for awards to be given out in that week’s assembly. Late books will be held over until the following week.

P&C SPOT

- Cowan Cook Book: Release your inner Masterchef and share your best recipes. Submissions are now being invited for the 2014, soon to be bestseller, Cook Book. Login to www.publishedauthors.com.au, select Cowan Public School and submit your family favourite recipes in 3 easy steps.

- Next Meeting: Thursday 24th July at 9am. Please come along and support your child’s school; we value your input.

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**Positive Behaviour Focus...**

Week 9:  **RESPECT**
Listen and follow teacher’s instructions

Term 3—Week 1:  **RESPONSIBILITY**
Be safe and be careful

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**Show RESPECT**
- Show COURTESY and be POLITE to teachers, visitors and each other.
- LISTEN and follow teacher’s instructions.
- CARE for people, property and the environment.
- ACCEPT differences and be KIND to all.
- Wear full school uniform and be a POSITIVE role model.

**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.

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

We look forward to your bright smiling faces back at school on Tuesday 15th July!

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**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
Powerhouse Museum Excursion

Loom Bracelets for sale
Cowan Kids Club OOSH

Vacation care programme
Enrollments now being taken for school holiday period
Monday, 30/6/2014 - Friday, 11/7/2014

Cowan Kids Club OOSH is offering vacation care in the grounds of Cowan Public School which offers:

- a secure, supportive, interactive environment.
- Guided by a comprehensive, balance programme
- Tailored for children at different stages of development.
- Childcare Benefit subsidy available.
- Morning & Afternoon Tea & Lunch provided.
- Daily Excursions available.

Cost per day $58.00 inclusive of all food and excursions.

For further information and enrolment forms please contact us via email at: www.cowankidscluboosh@hotmail.com

Open - Monday - Friday 7.30 am - 6.00 pm
Cowan Kids Club OOSH
2 Chandler Avenue,
COWAN, NSW.

See our Vacation Timetable on the next page!

Advertisements

HORNSBY KURRING GAI SAILING CLUB (PCYC)

INTRODUCTION TO SAILING
School Holiday Program

- No experience required.
- For children with no prior knowledge of sailing, but love being on the water.
- Children 8-13 years of age.
- Supervision and activities provided by experienced club members.
- Find out about sailing boats and how they work.
- Lunch provided for children.
- Parents are not required to attend but are welcome (lunch available for additional cost).
- Ability to swim 50 metres required.
- Numbers limited.

Drop off: 08:30am
Pick Up: 3:30pm
Cost: $40 per day (includes PCYC membership, lunch/drinks and club boat use).
Contact: Email: hornsby_sailing@gmail.com
Web: http://www.hpcy.org.au
Phone: 0419251251

Moving Bodies

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN
NOW AT MT KURING GAI

Fun fitness activities for
Infant and Primary school aged children

☆ Moving Bodies Centre Mt Kuring gai ★

Week 1
- Monday 14 April / Tuesday 15 April / Wednesday 16 April 2014
- Week 2
- Tuesday 22 April / Wednesday 23 April / Thursday 24 April 2014
- 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Bars • Beam • Floor • Springing • Tramp • Foam Pit
- Fun games and activities plus much more!

For information and enrolment forms please visit, Moving Bodies Centre: www.movingbodiescentre.com.au
Ph: 99405240 or 94577732

THE GREAT BROOKLYN/COWAN KNOTT-IT OFF!

Get your knitting needles ready... The great Knit Off is on again... We will be knitting squares for the charity ‘Wrap with Love’.

* "The Wraps we provide cannot be bought, sold or traded. They are caring gifts from the people of Australia to the people of the world. Over twenty non-denominational and non-political aid agencies collect Wraps from our warehouse in Alexandra, Victoria, to distribute them to those in greatest need. We rely on an Australia-wide network of caring volunteers to knit, transport and assemble Wraps. Remember squares need to be 10” x 10” knitted with 8ply wool on 4mm needles. Call if you want info or if you need wool... Janette 9855 9955"

Ready Set Trot

Learn to ride a pony in a fun, safe and interactive environment.

Visit our website for more information
www.readysettrot.com

Now taking bookings for school holiday programs in your area.

Berowra Netball Club: http://berowra.nsw.netball.com.au - Please click the link for registration forms. Email: berowranetballsecretary@gmail.com for further information.

Centre: Berowra Netball Club

Location: Warrina Street

When: Tuesday 15th of July from 4.00pm to 4.45pm

Cost: $55.00

Reg. Date: 15.7.14

Come and Try - program runs for 10 sessions during Term 3 2014. All players will receive a NetSetGo bag of goodies at the end of their 10 sessions.
# VACATION CARE

**July, 2014**

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