



Cowper Public School

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SAVE THE DATE!

FRI 31st Aug Premier's Reading Challenge finishes

From MON 3rd Sept NAPLAN Readiness Test Years 5 & 3

MON 17th Sept Camp Raffles DUE

WED 19th Sept Café in the Courtyard Announce Winner of Camp Raffle

FRI 28th Sept Last Day for Students

<u>TERM 4</u>

MON 15th Oct Students Return

MON 22nd Oct to THURS 25th Oct Yr 4/5/6 Brisbane Excursion



<u>REMINDER</u>: All Current Newsletters, Permission Notes & Important School Notices are available 24/7 via the School Website www.cowper-p.schools.nsw.edu.au!!

Newsletter Term 3 - Week 6

Wednesday 29th August 2018

A Note from the Principal...

Year 5 and Year 3 students will participate in the NAPLAN Readiness Test in week 7. This test is designed to provide staff and students with the opportunity to engage and become familiar with the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform. Year 5 will complete a writing test and both Year 5 and Year 3 will complete an Omnibus test (including numeracy, reading and conventions of language questions). While students are encouraged to treat the School Readiness Test as a NAPLAN test, the tests are not marked and no results are made available.

Congratulations to **Jack Pigg** who, this week, had his art work selected in the Nagoya Art Exchange. Jack's art will now be sent to Nagoya in Japan where it will be displayed and later in Term 4 our school will receive a piece of art from a Japanese student. Well done Jack!

From next Wednesday, Mrs Moran will be taking some well-deserved long service leave and Mrs Ware will be looking after K 1 2.

Next week is SAS Staff Recognition Week where we acknowledge the contribution of all the SAS staff in schools. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the



School Administrative and support staff at Cowper Public School for the important role that you play in making our school great. THANK YOU!!!

Sue Magarry - Principal

NSW Education

Please ensure Canteen Orders are received by THURSDAY MORNING		
CANTEEN ROSTER	MAIN MEAL (for LUNCH)	Canteen Cooks & Helpers for RECESS & LUNCHTIME MEAL
Friday 31st August 2018	Chicken & Salad Burger	lan & Kevin
Friday 7th September 2018	Mexican Burritos	lan & Jean

Have You Bought Your Tickets Yet for the Cowper Café in the Courtyard??!!

The Cowper Café in the Courtyard is fast approaching! The exciting event is planned for **Wednesday 19th September from 12:30pm**, so don't forget to tell all your friends and family. Tickets are still available from the office for \$15, which includes a lovely hot beverage from `The Little Local' coffee van and a delicious selection of sweet and savoury delights. The students have been hard at work, practicing their performances to entertain you on the day. You really DO NOT want to miss this!! **BOOK YOUR TICKETS!!**



Camp Raffle Tickets - Thank You to our Sponsors!!

The prizes on offer for our Brisbane Camp Raffle are fantastic! Thank you to all of our wonderful local businesses who have generously donated awesome prizes for our raffle. Don't forget you have to be in it to win it AND families also have the ability to reduce the cost of the excursion by selling tickets. WIN! WIN!

The Men's Sheti 49 Prince Street, Grafton NSW 2460 P: 6642 4615 Email: info@grafton.u3anet.org.au



Hooked on Seafood 8 River Street, Maclean NSW 2463 P: 6645 1300

Liberty Servo Ulmarra 55 Pacific Highway, Ulmarra NSW 2462 P: 6644 5496

Sporting Schools - Golfing Program

On Tuesday 28th August, we kicked off our Golfing Program for Term 3. The program has come about thanks to the funding we receive from the Sporting Schools grant. Students had a great time learning about the sport. The benefits for children playing golf is vast, especially from a health point of view as it helps to improve strength of the core muscles that support the spine and improves flexibility. It also encourages children to learn from mistakes and overcome obstacles, which helps to improve a player's game, teaching kids to adopt the same approach in their everyday life. The program will run each Tuesday for the remainder of Term 3.

Clarence Science Initiative (CSI) in 2019

Notes have been sent home today inviting all students going into years 5 and 6 in 2019, and their families, to take part in the CSI program in 2019. An information evening will be held at South Grafton High School Library on Thursday 6th September at 5:30pm for anyone who is interested.

We Need Your Milk Bottle Lids!

To assist in Mrs Farrell's wonderful science classes, we are asking anyone and everyone to kindly bring in their milk bottle lids. It's a strange request of course, but they will certainly help our budding young scientists to keep on creating and experimenting. Please drop them in to the office. Thank you!

LCTA Primary School Tennis Championships

Well done to **Abi**, **Madison**, **Billy**, **Jack** & **Brendan** for representing Cowper PS at the LCTA Primary School Tennis Championships on Monday. Alan Jurd, Head Coach of the Lower Clarence Tennis Association had nothing but praise for our team. Despite not placing in the top three, the students improved remarkably throughout the tournament. It's wonderful to see the students participating in the annual event and we look forward to making a bigger impact in 2019!



Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics

Preparing students for the future.

Innovative thinking is encouraged at Cowper Public School. Students at Cowper Public School have the opportunity to participate in specialised Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Design and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M) activities, challenges and projects.

These multilayered lessons benefit students through exposing them to creative processes, critical thinking and problem-solving. These being the skills that Generation Z will require to continue to evolve with the rapidly changing technology and ever evolving workplace structures of the future.

Cowper S.T.E.A.M lessons have a high focus on hands-on activities that focus on cognitive flexibility, creativity, critical thinking and complex problem-solving.



At Cowper we use a **S.T.E.A.M** cycle that encourages students to investigate, discover, connect (with real-world settings), create and reflect.

Challenge: to design a new and improved paddle-pop catapult to launch a ping pong ball the furthest distance.











P & C Information

The next P & C Meeting will be held, Week 7 Monday 3rd September at 6pm,

in the School Library.

All Welcome!

Community Notices

SPRING HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP 2018



The 2018 Spring Holiday Sports Camp is on this September. Loads of fun activities & prizes to be won: including a brand new tennis racquet & prizes for champion team . Full canteen facilities available including hot chips, scallops, to asted sandwiches, drinks & slushies & more. As well as the sausage sizzle on the Wednesday.

Also the big soccer match, the massive tug-o-war, the new Hipposaurus game & much more.

Come & make lots of new friends in a fun & healthy environment. (Maclean Indoor Sports Centre will be used in case of inclement weather)

When:Mon 1st, Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd Oct.Where:Ryan ParkTennis Complex, Cnr Union & McLachlan StsMaclean9:00am-1:00 pmCost:\$100 (Day rate \$40)

SPRING HOLIDAY CAMP 2018 RETURN SLIP

Please circle one of the following categories: Ages from 4 yrs & up.

• K – Grade 2 2. Grade 3 - 5 3. Grade 6 & UP

Photographs YE5 or NO

Complete and return permission slip with payment by Friday 28th Sept

Name:______DOB: _____ Email:______ Mob:______ All cheques and monies payable to Alan Jurd Coaching. Bank details: NAB Bsb: 084730_4/C 834891700___Pn Box 270 Yamba NSW 2

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KIDS IN THE STUDIO

'One of the primary gaols at Yamba Art Space is to offer Creative Education and opportunities for Preschool, Primary and Secondary students'. Educator Kerrie Howland 2018



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS FRIDAY AFTERNOON ART CLASS

- \$130 8wk program or \$18 casual fee. Term 3. 'Me, myself and I' Self Portraiture & Painting. Materials supplied. Ages 6yrs—13yrs.

WEEKEND WORKSHOPS: 6YRS-16YRS

SATURDAY 1pm - 3pm \$20 15th SEPTEMBER: ORIGAMI CREATIONS

OCTOBER HOLIDAY'S: ARTY PARTY!

INSECTOPIA! - UPCYCLED INSECT SCULPTURES 1pm — 4pm \$24 Materials supplied 29TH SEPT, 3RD OCT, 6TH & 10TH OCT

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: 0488 070 069 info@yambaartspace.com



