

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Friday 2nd August

Clarence District Athletics

#### Tuesday 6th August

Yr 4 CAPA South High

#### Tuesday 6th August

P&C Meeting at 5:30pm

#### Wed 28th August

Small Schools Big Impact Concert

#### Fri 6th September

Oral Health

#### Wed 30th October

Life Education Van



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### Newsletter Term 3 - Week 2

**Thursday 1st August 2019**

#### A Note from the Principal...

Welcome back to Term 3. We have a busy term ahead of us. Our Kindergarten Transition Program begins today. This will run all through Term 3 and the beginning of Term 4.

The Small Schools Big Impact Concert is set down for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. (Week 6). This concert is a great showcase for our small schools and our talented students. Tickets for the show will go on sale at the Saraton Theatre next week.

There has been some false information being circulated throughout the community about the future of Cowper Public School. To address these rumours I have invited Meghanne Wellard, Director, Educational Leadership, to attend our P&C meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 5.30 (6<sup>th</sup> August). I would like to extend that invitation to attend the meeting to all members of the school community. During the meeting we will also discuss the newly drawn School Zoning Boundaries.

If anyone hears any information about the school that they feel may be misleading or of concern please don't hesitate to contact the school to clarify. I am very proud of the many wonderful things happening at Cowper Public School and I consistently hear positive feedback about the school and our wonderful students.

We have been very fortunate to obtain two STEM share kits for use this term. A 3D printer and a film making kit. As a result students and staff have been busy expanding their skills in these two areas while having lots of fun.

During the last week of Term 2, a number of our students competed at the Small School's Athletics Carnival. As a result Gretel, Phoebe and Maddie will all compete in the Clarence District Carnival this Friday and we wish them the best of luck. A special mention to Phoebe, who was Senior Girl Champion at the Small Schools Carnival and to all those that competed in events and helped Cowper to win the school handicap trophy. Our relay team (Maddie, Phoebe, Pearl and Gretel) will progress straight to the Mid North Coast carnival. Well done.

I would like to remind students that they should be wearing the correct colour jumper to school. Multi-coloured jumpers are not part of the school uniform. Please remember also to clearly label all jumpers and hats.

Remember to check out our Facebook page for regular updates and school information.

Sue Magarry  
Principal

# Fun Vocabulary

3-6 have found some uncommon and interesting words and challenge you to use the following words in everyday conversation!

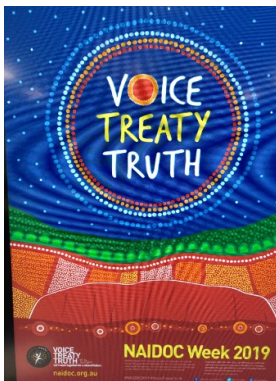
**Anencephalous:** Absence of all or part of a brain.

**Snickersnee:** A large knife.

**Sialoquent:** Spraying saliva while speaking.

**Xertz:** to drink or eat quickly or greedily.

**Nincompoop:** A stupid, useless person



# NAIDOC Celebrations



On Thursday last week Cowper Public School celebrated NAIDOC. It was a hugely successful day with all students thoroughly enjoying themselves. Students participated in activities including a dance workshop, cooking session and an art and design class. Ms Krystal Randall and Sam Kapeen along with students from Maclean High School were on hand to show Cowper traditional aboriginal dance moves and sequences and explain the cultural significance associated with the 'Cleansing Dance'. Mrs Armstrong displayed her culinary skills in the kitchen as she and the students prepared dishes that incorporated ingredients native to Australia. A special thankyou must go to Mr Wellard (AKA the BBQ aficionado) who from all accounts cooked the kangaroo to perfection! The mornings festivities ended with morning tea and a friendly game of soccer involving all the Cowper and Maclean High School students.





# NAIDOC Celebrations



'We got the opportunity to learn about aboriginal culture' - Billy

'We got to have fun and dance' - David



'I enjoyed NAIDOC because I got to learn new dances' - Stone

'I loved the dancing and the cooking' - Abi



I liked hanging out with the high school kids and learning the dance' - Adrian

'I loved learning the aboriginal dances' - Madison



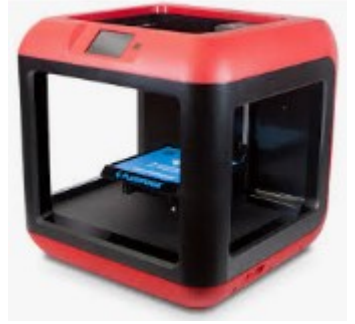
'The cooking and dancing were my favourite part of NAIDOC' - Chloe



'I loved the dancing that we did' - Claudiah

# Who has a 3D Printer?

## Cowper has a 3D Printer!!!



We have been incredibly lucky here at Cowper to secure a 3D printer to use in term 3! There was much excitement when we unpacked the printer and accessories from students and teachers alike. Since unpacking and setting the printer up students and teachers are slowly becoming familiar with the software 'Tinkercad' used to design their 3D print projects. Once 3-6 were familiar with the software and some of the functions, they used their knowledge to teach K/1/2 how to use the program. The first 3D print project that has been attempted was a name tag that students could use for their bags or pencils cases. And although this sounds like a relatively easy task it has taken quite a bit of 'tinkering' to produce. The challenges that were had by students and teachers involved evaluating the appropriate size of the tag, printing time and durability. We have so far had both success and failures but are loving the learning and design process!



The 3D printer is so cool and fun to watch' - Abi



'I enjoy Tinkercad because we get to learn and design stuff'  
- Madison



'The 3D printer is awesome and it is my favourite , purple! I have learnt to use the design software quickly' - Stone



'It is amazing! I love the 3D printer and it is fun to watch.' - Claudiah



# Community Notices

## Live Life Well @ School

### HEALTHY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS



*From birthdays to holidays, there are many celebrations in schools. Each student's birthday can mean multiple birthday cakes and party foods in the classroom...*

**Let's help kids celebrate with some FRESH ideas:**

#### Hello Creativity

Make a birthday sign, stickers or a badge for your birthday boy or girl to wear

#### Eat a Rainbow

Pack a NEW fruit or vegetable for Crunch & Sip for the whole class to try or send in fruit kebabs or a fruit platter

#### Move More

Think of presents that help kids get active at recess or lunch – balls, frisbee, skipping rope

#### Mini Masterchef

Whip up some tasty fruit or veggie mini muffins or pikelets. Search for recipes at [www.cancerCouncil.com.au](http://www.cancerCouncil.com.au)

More tips:

[www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)



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