

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Wed 6th April**  
Easter Hat Parade

**Thurs 9th April**  
Last day for  
Students

**Mon 27th April**  
Staff Development  
Day

**Tues 28th April**  
Students Return



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#### Newsletter Term 1 - Week 8

Thursday 19th March 2020

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

The NSW Department of Education is introducing proactive measures to limit the impact of COVID-19 in our school. Our schools have adopted social distancing measures including cancelling excursions, travel and other events.

All major arts, sports (including PSSA) and initiative activities and events will be temporarily ceased until further notice. This includes whole-school sporting events and inter-school events involving three or more schools.

Events that are cancelled that directly affect Cowper students are the State PSSA Swimming Championships, PSSA Basketball, Small School's Cross Country, the make-up surfing lesson, our ANZAC Day service and our visit to the Brushy Tartans. At this stage we still plan to go ahead with our Easter Hat Parade.

I would like to remind all parents that as the flu season approaches and with the added threat of the Covid-19 virus it is important that if your child is sick that you keep them at home until they recover.

In Term 2 our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the NAPLAN test. Between Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April the students will participate in practice NAPLAN tests. These tests are to allow students to become familiar with the functionalities of the online platform and the results from these tests is not collected.

Last week Individual Learning Plans were sent home for every student. I asked that parents discuss these ILPs with their children and sign the plans returning one copy to the school for our records. Included in the envelope was an ILP feedback sheet. Please also complete this sheet and return it to the school.

The P&C are holding an Easter raffle and we are seeking donations of eggs. At present we have only received one donation. You can leave your donations at the front office before or after school. Students were also provided with raffle tickets to sell to family, friends and neighbours.

Work has pretty much finished on our new administration block and we have begun moving in. Hopefully the removal of the demountable will happen fairly soon and that will open up our playground.

Finally, I am asking all parents not to drive into the staff car park to drop students off or pick them up. Staff car parks are for staff vehicles and commercial delivery vehicles only. This is to keep students safe on our school grounds.



# Surfing







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Over the last two weeks students at Cowper PS participated in Surf Lessons at Woolgoolga beach. Upon arrival to our first lessons, students were unfortunately unable to enter the ocean because of blue bottles. Instead, students spent a few hours at the local pool and park.

Our next lessons was much more successful with the beach clear of blue bottles. The students had an amazing day in the surf and learnt skills to further develop their water confidence, like how to safely enter and exit the surf. They were also introduced to the basic fundamentals of surfing and most were successful in standing up on their surf board!

## K-2 Home Readers

Students have been given a blue folder containing a Home Reader. Please ensure your child is reading this daily to re-enforce their reading skills.