Dear Parents

Welcome to a very exciting year at Cowra Public School. 2013 promises to be an enormous year with several projects being undertaken by the school that will continue to offer a vast array of opportunities to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The teachers have all commented on how settled the children have been in their new classrooms and have been impressed with the wonderful uniforms presented by students across the school.

We welcome our newest students in Kindergarten to the school, knowing that they are going to have a wonderful time at “Big School”. The teachers of Kindergarten, Mrs Bowen, Mrs White, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Pulling are looking forward to developing the knowledge of these young, bright students.

We hope that the new Mums and Dads at Cowra Public School take the opportunity to become involved with the school through the parent reading program and the P & C.

Over the summer break the school has seen the development of the new playing surfaces on the Primary playground. What a difference this makes to the school and one that both the students and staff are delighted with. The school has been able to invest in this development with the strong support of the P&C and I urge all parents to become involved with our team.

The P&C will be holding the Annual School Fete on Friday, 22 March with planning well underway. The P&C are extremely friendly and welcome new parents and community members to be part of a team that benefits the children of Cowra Public School.

One very exciting project at the school this year, will be the development of a Band Program. Children who are interested in playing an instrument this year will be given the opportunity to learn. The school has sourced over 50 instruments and have secured a qualified instructor who will give tuition. The school will be covering the majority of the costs, with more information going to parents in Week 2.

Finally I would like to pay our respects and deepest sympathies to the Wright family. Former student, Nathan Wright passed away after a long health battle. The staff and students of Cowra Public School offer at this time, sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Nathan’s funeral will be held on Friday, 1 February at the Anglican Church. Several teachers will be attending the funeral service and some classes may be combined during this period of time.

Regards

Brad Tom
Principal

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

**FEBRUARY**

6  St 3 Parent Information night 5.30pm in Room 20
6  St 2 Parent Information night 6.30pm in St 2 Open Space
7  P & C Fete Meeting
12 CPS Swimming Carnival
13 Scripture commences
13 Infants parent information night 5.30pm
13 Primary Assemblies commence
19 School photographs
15 Infants Assemblies commence
21 District Swimming Carnival 4.00pm
27 Primary Aussie

**MARCH**

1  Infants Aussie
22 Fete

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**STUDENT LEADERS**

**Captains:**
Nicola Carter
Sam Long

**Vice Captains:**
Hannah Wright
Isaac McFarland

**School Prefects:**
Chloe Lanham
Ginger Oliver
Luke D’Elboux
Drew Willis

**House Prefects:**
Brigalow
Mila Gower

**Kurrajong**
Brodie Graham
Myall
Maddison Proctor
Wandoon
Jacqui Dresser

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**P. & C. FETE MEETING**

Thursday, 7 February at 7.00pm in staffroom

**P & C MONTHLY MEETING**

Thursday, 21 February at 7.00pm in staffroom

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**CONTACTING THE SCHOOL**

Mail: PO Box 285, Cowra
Phone: 6342 2400
Fax: 6341 1357

School Counsellor: 6341 3078
Support Teachers for:
Vision/Hearing/Behaviour: 6342 4147

Dept.Heatlh Dental Clinic:
1300 552 208

Internet Email address:
cowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Internet WEB address:
http://www.cowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**NSW Department of Education and Communities**

**NEWS**

**Term 1, Week 1**

**31 January 2013**
**SCHOOL STAFF**

- **Principal**
  - Brad Tom

- **Assistant Principals**
  - Kathryn Macnamara
  - Kerry Cole
  - Eileen Day

**CLASSROOM TEACHERS**

- **Stage 3**
  - Stage Leader - Eileen Day
  - H3 Gay Hilton
  - K3 Kaye Kilby
  - M3 Albert Murray

- **Stage 2**
  - Stage Leader - Kathryn Macnamara
  - C2 Debbie Cobcroft
  - A2 Kathyn Macnamara
  - L2 Paul Lewis
  - G2 Greg Garlick

- **Stage 1**
  - Stage Leader - Kerry Cole
  - A1 Kate Blackmore
  - M1 Mary Myles
  - G1 Karen Garling

- **Early Stage 1**
  - Stage Leader - Kerry Cole
  - KB Anne Bowen
  - KW Kerry White
  - K/1R Lynda Ryan/Sheryll Ann Pulling

- **I.M. TEACHER E2-3**
  - Eileen Day

- **I.O/A.U. TEACHER H2-3**
  - Kerry Hopkins/Vaughan Egan

- **National Partnership**
  - Computer Edn Co-ordinator
  - Kerry Cole

- **Teacher Librarian**
  - Sheridan Oborn/Sheryll Ann Pulling

- **P.E./SPORT**
  - Shavaughn Duncan

- **P.E./HEALTH**
  - Shavaughn Duncan/Vaughan Egan

- **LEARNING SUPPORT**
  - Millie Eldridge

- **READING RECOVERY OFFICER**
  - Don Reid

- **DISTRICT GUIDANCE TEACHERS**
  - Millie Eldridge

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  - Don Reid

- **ITINERANT SUPPORT TEACHERS**
  - (Hearing)
    - Diane Augustin (A.P.)
    - Deidre Costa
    - Libby Murray

- **(Learning)**
  - Louise Packer
  - Lyn Sharkey (Admin)

- **(Vision)**
  - Marianne Traves

- **NP CONNECTED LEARNING MENTOR**
  - Sheridan Wilkins

- **FOOD SERVICE UNIT**
  - (Canteen)
  - Lisa Willis

**SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2013**

- **Term 1**
  - Commenced Wednesday, 30 January
  - Concludes Friday, 12 April

- **Term 2**
  - Commences Wednesday, 1 May
  - Concludes Friday, 28 June

- **Term 3**
  - Commences Tuesday, 16 July
  - Concludes Friday, 20 September

- **Term 4**
  - Commences Tuesday, 8 October
  - Concludes Wednesday, 18 December for students

**BUS TRAVEL**

Bus application forms are available from the front office. All Kindergarten to Year 2 students are entitled to FREE travel, irrespective of distance.

All Year 3 students who travel by bus need to fill in a new bus form.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Tuesday, 19 February 2013

School photographs will be taken Tuesday 19 February (Week 4). The students will be issued with a photograph envelope. Please select the package you prefer and then refer to the envelope - please note that each student must have their own completed envelope.

**PRIMARY PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**Wednesday, 6 February**

- **5.30pm**
  - **Stage 3 parents**
    - (Years 5 & 6) in Room 20

- **6.30pm**
  - **Stage 2 parents**
    - (Years 3 & 4) in St 2 Open Space

Enter via Vaux Street, Weston end entrance.

Parents you are invited to attend a general information session to inform you about Stage organisation and happenings in primary for 2013.

This will not cover specific information about individual children, however you are always welcome to arrange a meeting with your child’s class teacher.

**INFANTS PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**Wednesday, 13 February**

- **Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 parents**
  - **5.30pm in individual classrooms**

Parents are invited to attend an information session to inform you about class and Stage organisation for 2013.

This will not cover specific information about individual children, however you are always welcome to arrange a meeting with your child’s class teacher.

Meetings will be held in individual teachers’ rooms.

We look forward to your attendance on this evening.
**SCRIPTURE CLASSES**

Scripture classes commence on Wednesday, 13 February (Week 3) for all students. Parents who do NOT wish their child/children to participate in these classes need to send written instruction to class teachers.

- Infants: 10.30-11.00am
- Stage 3: 12.00-12.30pm
- Stage 2: 12.30-12.55pm

**VARIATION TO ATTENDANCE**

If you are collecting your child/children early from school, or if they arrive late, for any reason, you must sign the attendance book, for this purpose.

The book can be found on the front counter of the school office.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING**

Banking day for students is on **Thursday**.

Bank books are to be taken to the school office before 9.10am.

Application forms for those children not already banking are available from the school office.

All children aged 0-18 are able to attend our clinic.

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**COWRA DENTAL CLINIC**

A reminder that staff from the School Dental Service no longer conduct Dental Screenings at school.

It is very important to maintain good oral hygiene, a healthy diet and good brushing habits.

It is also important to have regular dental check-ups.

If you would like to attend the Cowra Child Dental Clinic for a free dental check, just phone 1300 555 208

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**PRIMARY AND INFANTS ASSEMBLIES**

- **PRIMARY**: Commences Wednesday, 13 February at 2.30pm in the auditorium.
- **INFANTS**: Commences Friday, 15 February at 2.30pm in the auditorium.

Merit certificates and PBL awards will be presented at these assemblies.

**BOOK CLUB**

The first issue of Ashton Scholastic Book Club for 2013 was sent home today.

Scholastic Book Club operates **eight times a year**.

The closing date for Issue 1 is **Monday, 11 February 2013**.

***Please make cheques payable to Cowra Public School***

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS/ PHONE NUMBER**

If you have recently changed your address or phone number please inform the school office promptly of any changes. In the case of an emergency we need the correct contact details.
Dear Mrs Duncan and Mr Egan

I am happy to assist with the Annual Swimming Carnival Tuesday, 12 February 2013, from 9.45am until 3.00pm

Please specify

Name: (please print)  Phone: _______________________________

Cowan Public School

SWIMMING CARNIVAL ~ OFFER OF ASSISTANCE

Tuesday, 12 February 2013 from 9.45am - 3.00pm
COMMUNITY

INTRODUCING DANCE OBSESSION

All styles of Dance including:

- Tiny tots
- Petite Performers
- Adult Classes

Affordable fees

Enrolment days: PCYC - Binni Creek Road, Cowra

Wednesday, 30 January from 4.00 - 6.00pm
Saturday, 2 February from 9.00am - 11.00am

Our aim is to inspire learning by respecting each student's individual needs. We will nurture each student to reach their full potential through fun and encouragement.

Contact us: 0431 597 571   email: acret@tpg.com.au

GOODSTART EARLY LEARNING

GoodStart Early Learning located at 2 Binni Creek Road, is now offering after school care and vacation care. We will pick your child up from school and provide afternoon tea, and during the school holidays we are offering exciting excursions.

Please contact Tanya on 6341-2133 for more information as we only have limited spaces.

RELAY FOR LIFE - COWRA & DISTRICT

Date: 11th & 12th May 2013
Venue: Sid Kallas Oval
Start Time: 3.45pm
Finish Time: 10am Sunday
Teams consist of 20 people max
Cost: $15.00 per person (pay by the 26/4/13)
Registration via internet: www.relayforlife.org.au

Trivia Night

Date: 19th March 2013
Venue: Cowra Services Club
Cost: $15 per person includes nibbles
Tables of 8 max
Places Limited
Call Nikiya 0416398695

Thankyou

Nikiya Moss
Sponsor Coordinator - Cowra Relay for Life Committee

Our new Kindergarten students enjoying their first day at school
Plans are underway for our School Fete to be held on Friday, 22 March 2013.

Please consider organising a stall, contributing to a stall and/or working on a stall on Fete evening. If you are willing to assist, even one hour on the night is a great help, please take the time to indicate your preference on the slip below. If you would prefer to talk to someone about stalls or volunteering your time, please indicate that request on the return form below and you will be contacted. We would greatly appreciate ANY help that you are able to offer..........remember monies raised are used to benefit all the children at Cowra Public School.

Please return Offer of Assistance note to the school office as soon as possible.

Jazzy Jars

Please start thinking about making some fancy jars for the Jazzy Jars stall.

How the stall works:

😊 Families donate jars full of exciting things - **foodstuffs (lollies etc.) must be wrapped.**

😊 At the Fete you purchase a ticket at the Jazzy Jar stall

😊 You win the jar with the same number as your ticket

😊 **ALL TICKETS WIN A JAR!**

😊 The Infants class and Primary class contributing the most jars will receive a reward for each child in the class.

Stuck for ideas??

• We accept any jars which have usable goods inside.

• Some suggestions - pencils, crayons, erasers, seeds, wrapped lollies, wrapped chocolates, bird seed, small soaps, dog biscuits, toy cars, rings, bracelets, hair bands or clips, combs, candles, pens, sewing items, pegs, playdough, pins, screws or nails...the list is endless.

• If you can fit it in a jar—send it in!

• Plastic or glass jars are acceptable.

• Last Fete we had over 800 jars!!

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P. & C. FETE

Offer of Assistance

Friday, 22 March 2013

~ Many hands make light work! ~

Dear P&C Fete Committee

I am able to assist as indicated below:

I am able to run a stall or assist with a stall.

I am able to help setup during the afternoon, from 3.00pm

I am able to help pack up at the conclusion of the Fete at 8.00pm

Name: ________________________________ Telephone _______________________

Any suggestions: _______________________________________________________________________