Dear Parents

Cowra Public School has been working hard over the last couple of months to ensure that the impending road detour that will travel along Vaux Street in the early part of the New Year will not impact on the learning and safety of our children. The school has been able to secure fencing for the school play equipment (Infants area) as well as window glazing on both the Primary and Infants classrooms facing Vaux Street and Brisbane Street. Also there will be traffic control measures employed at the road crossing over the morning and afternoon periods. As was stated in the Cowra Guardian, the school was hopeful that Vaux Street would not be chosen as the detour route but on confirmation we have endeavoured to prepare the school for this period of time. All work will be completed prior the commencement of Term 1, 2015.

This week Year 6 had the opportunity to enjoy a whole day at Cowra High School as part of the transition program that enables children to experience activities in the high school setting.

During the week the school had the Beach to Bush program with the Royal Life saving organisation visit the school. This program was very well received.

Today we had the Infants and Primary Choirs and the School Dance Group perform at Bilyara Nursing Home. It was great to see the children perform in front of a very appreciative crowd. Tomorrow the Primary Choir will perform at the Regional Probus Conference held at the Cowra Services Club. The choir will walk to and from the Services Club at 1.15pm accompanied by Mrs Hilton.

Tomorrow we are very excited to be holding the annual Captain speeches. We wish the eight candidates the very best. The students will give their speeches at 9.30am in the auditorium. After the speeches, Stage 3 students will then vote to decide on next year’s Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects. The House Captains for next year will be voted on next week at House Meetings. The school has recently introduced a register of PBL achievement in the school fayer in the form of a photograph board. We invite parents to come in and view the board at any time.

Today and tomorrow we are expecting hot weather and I would like parents to be reassured that we will have the children suitably positioned in the school during the lunch period rather than out in the heat.

Finally we wish all the Cowra Public School children competing in the Cowra Swimming Carnival this weekend the best of luck.

Enjoy the week.

Brad Tom

FOR YOUR DIARY

**November**
- 14 SRC Mufti Appeal Day
- Captains'/Vice Captain's & Prefects Speeches and election
- 17-28 Salvation Army Hamper
- 23 Advanced Life Photos
- 24-5 Swim School begins
- 27 Combined Assembly

**December**
- 2 Infants Ballet
- 3 Combined scripture
- 5 Magazine orders close
- 8 Primary Minor Assembly 9.30am
- 9 Infants Major Assembly 9.30am
- 9 Primary Major Assembly 11.30am
- 10-12 St 3 Excursion to Canberra
- 17 Yr 6 Graduation

NSW Department of Education and Communities

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Administration Office Hours: 8.30am - 3.30pm
School commences at 9.10am
School finishes at 3.15pm
Students are not supervised before 8.45am

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DEPT HEALTH DENTAL CLINIC: 1300 552 208
INFANTS ASSEMBLIES

Infants assemblies will now be held every second Thursday, i.e. even weeks. The assemblies will be held in the Infants Open Space and commence at 2.00pm and finish at 2.30pm when the children will return to their classrooms.

At these assemblies students will be receiving Merit Certificates and PBL awards.

Every alternate Thursday (not assembly week) from 12.30pm until 1.00pm the Infants will be holding combined singing in the Infants Open Space. All parents are invited to come along and listen to the children singing.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLIES

The Primary will also be holding their assemblies every second Thursday, i.e. even weeks at 2.30pm in the school auditorium.

The assemblies will include the Year 6 Public Speaking and Merit Certificates will also be presented on the day.

COMBINED ASSEMBLY

The school will be holding combined assemblies twice a term. At these assemblies the Infants and Primary Aussies of the Month will be announced and the children will be presented with their awards.

Next Combined Assembly (K-6) will be held next Thursday, 27 November at 2.00pm in the school auditorium.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES

~ INFANTS ~

Final Assembly
Thursday, 27 November at 2.00pm

Presentation Assembly
Tuesday, 9 December at 9.30am

Major awards will be presented at this assembly. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

~ PRIMARY ~

Final Assembly
Monday, 8 December at 9.30am

Special merit certificates, service and citizenship awards and sporting awards will be presented at this assembly.

Presentation Assembly
Tuesday, 9 December at 11.30am

Major awards will be presented at this assembly. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

Year 6 students will receive their GRADUATION CERTIFICATES at an assembly on Wednesday, 17 December at 2.45pm

Salvation Army Hamper Collection

17 - 28 NOVEMBER

Students (K-6) will be collecting donations over 10 days only, commencing on Monday, 17 November and concluding on Friday, 28 November (Weeks 7-8).

Classes will compete for one special, mystery prize.

Every year the Salvation Army distributes in excess of 70 Christmas Hampers to individuals and families with the Cowra Community and they require assistance to provide enough festive food and Christmas cheer this year.

Donations of:
* tinned fruit  * tinned vegetables
* cereal   * potato chips   * biscuits
* jellies  * lollies  * Christmas cakes
* puddings  * coffee  * sugar
* cordial etc.

Party items such as serviettes, bon-bons, balloons or decorations would be appreciated also.

Please check all use by dates on goods donated.

Please do not send perishable items.

Thank you in anticipation.

School Magazine

Order your copy of the magazine at the school office up until Friday, 5 December, 2014.

Cost: $10.00

The magazine will contain an outline of the year’s events as well as students’ academic and sporting achievements.

Hot Weather

Tomorrow the temperature is expected to reach 41°. Please make sure your child has their hat and plenty of water or juice to drink during the day.

The school will accommodate students in extreme weather conditions.

Students will be allowed to sit in air-conditioned open spaces during lunch.

Primary sport has been cancelled tomorrow.
**COWRA BUS SERVICE**

Cowra Bus Service has advised the school that **NO SCOOTERS, BICYCLES OR UNICYCLES** will be permitted onto any bus.

These objects cause unnecessary wear and tear on the interior of the buses and may also act as a dangerous missile if the buses are in an accident or using emergency braking.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the bus company on 6342 1021.

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**COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS FOR NON-SWIMMERS (YEARS 2-6)**

Cowra Public School will again be conducting a special ten day swimming course for NON-SWIMMERS.

Lessons will commence on Monday, 24 November 2014 and will be for 45 minutes on each of the ten consecutive days. The school is open to all **NON-SWIMMERS in Years 3-6 and ALL Year 2 students**. **Year 2 students** who can swim will participate in a more advanced swimming group.

The Department of School Education classifies NON-SWIMMERS as those who are unable to swim **STRONGLY**, using a recognised stroke, unaided in deep water, for a distance of at least 25 metres. Instructors will be provided by the Department of Education.

The cost of the ten day course is **$20.00** for students who do not have a season ticket. This is a special rate for schools. Season ticket holders should complete section 4 on the consent form.

A permission note was sent home last week. Please ensure that you indicate on the permission note any disability or allergy your child may have, such as asthma, deafness/ear problems, epilepsy, poor eyesight etc.

The permission note needs to be returned to the school along with the $20.00 admission fee or your child’s season ticket number by Friday, 13 November.

Children should apply sunscreen at home ready for lessons.

Intensive swimming lessons will commence Monday, Week 8

**Group 1:** Year 2 students will walk to the pool at 9.25am accompanied by Mr Blake Duncombe.

**Group 2:** Stage 2, H2-3, E2-3 & Stage 3 students will walk to the pool at 10.15am accompanied by Mr Blake Duncombe.

All students will change at the pool. Children need to remember to bring their costumes and a towel every day.

Mr Albert Murray will be assisting with the swimming lessons. His class will be taken by either Mrs Myles or Mrs Cole.

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**STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION**

As the time draws closer the students are getting excited about this excursion.

The excursion will occur: **Wednesday, 10th December to Friday, 12th December 2014 (Week 10).**

**Accommodation:** will be at Camp Cottermouth.

The cost will be **$247 per student**, this was subsidised by the Stage 3 Pie Drive.

This includes ALL costs, except for lunch on the first day. The itinerary for the excursion will be sent home in the next few weeks.

**The excursion needs to be paid in full by 20th November.**

**Final instalment: 20 November**

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**NOW ACCEPTING PAYMENT FOR:-**

- **SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION:** $30 per student, with a family maximum of $60. Payment would be appreciated this term.
- **BAND:** $10 per term
- **STAGE 3 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA:**
  - Last instalment
  - **Thursday 20 November** $50.00
- **School Magazine** $10.00
- **Swim School** $20.00
- **Infants Ballet** $5.00

**SRC WESTMEAD HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

**MUFTI DAY ~ TOMORROW**

On Friday, 14 November, Cowra Public School will be holding a gold coin donation “Mufti Day” for the Westmead Children’s Hospital Christmas Appeal.

Students will be allowed to wear mufti on the day as long as they bring in a gold coin donation. Please make sure your child wears suitable sport clothing due to hot weather predicted.

Each child who donates will receive a heart sticker the size of a baby in Westmead Children’s Hospital called Nyah.

Students will also be able to send messages to the sick children in hospital.
SPORT

PRIMARY SPORT ~
Tomorrow

Because of the 2015 Captain’s, Vice Captain’s and Prefect’s speeches tomorrow and the expected hot weather, Primary sport will not go ahead.

P & C

P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

With less than two months to go until Christmas, it’s time to start thinking about planning for the big day. The P&C will again be running a Christmas raffle, with some great prizes on offer.
This year you could win:

1st Prize – Framed Painting by an Aboriginal Artist

2nd prize – Grocery Hamper

3rd prize – $100 Voucher (Phil’s Blinds & Awnings)

The raffle will be drawn at the major Primary Assembly on Tuesday 9 December, 2014 at 11.30am.

Raffle books of ten (10) tickets ($20.00) have been sent home today to families, please sell the books and return the money to the office as soon as possible. All books must be returned to the school by Friday, 5 December (sold or unsold).

There will be a prize awarded to the student in Primary and Infants who sell the most raffle books.

ADVANCED LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY FUND RAISER

The P & C is holding a family portrait photography fundraiser in November.

Date: Sunday, 23 November 2014.

You will need to book a time and pay a $15.00 booking fee to the school before Sunday, 23 November to secure a spot.

You receive 3 items for the $15.00.

* A3 pencil sketch or 10 x 13” family portrait
* Key ring
* Wallet sized portrait.

Additional packs are available and if you have any queries or wish to book a time please contact the school.

What a great Christmas gift idea!!!

NEW HEALTHY OPTIONS AT OUR CANTEEN

This term our canteen has introduced some new products which are fresh, healthy and yummy!

"Take your tastebuds to Asia with our new delicious crunchy oriental chicken salad". Our salads are made with fresh shredded chicken combined with crunchy vegetables and noodles and are available in small ($3) and large ($5) sizes next Thursday and Friday.

Please note there will be no other HOT food available on these days. Other new additions to our menu this term include:

**CAJUN SPECIALS FOR NEXT WEEK**

* Noodle Salads
  * Small – $3.00
  * Large – $5.00

* NO OTHER HOT FOOD AVAILABLE

Also try some of our new delicious healthy snacks every day at recess:

* Banana muffins – $1.00
* Fruit & Custard cups – .50c
* Pizza muffins – $1.00
* Choc top bananas – .50c

Stay tuned to next week’s newsletter for more details.

Try our new and exciting fresh healthy menus

Friday Special:

Take your tastebuds to Asia:

Try our oriental chicken salad.
Our salads are made with fresh shredded chicken combined with crunchy vegetables and noodles.

Small chicken noodle salad $3
Large chicken noodle salad $5

P & C MEETING

Thursday, 20 November at 6.00pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

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**Kittens**

Cute, adorable kittens. Desexed, vaccinated, micro chipped and vet checked.

Contact Kerry White at Cowra Public School.

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**Cowra Singing Studio Annual Concert**

Cowra Singing Studio will be holding their annual concert this Saturday, 15 November.

**When:** Saturday, 15 November
**Where:** Cowra Services Club
**Time:** 7.30pm

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**Walkers Water Cartage**

Contact Wayne and Michelle

| 0403 690 990 or (02) 6342 9259 |
| **Walking time, quality, value** |
| **Distributon** Cowra, Condobolin, Bogan Gate, Hanwood |

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**Carpenters School of Dance**

**Lessons Include:**

- Classical Ballet
- Tap Dance
- Jazz Dance
- Highland (Scottish)
- Irish
- Clogging
- Character Dancing

**Telephone 6342 2558**

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**2015 Australian Tennis Open:** Friday, 23rd January-Monday 26th January, 2015: Book early to secure selection of sessions. from $930.00

**Matilda:** Saturday, 12 September 2015, Lyric Theatre, Sydney, $220.00

**Les Misérables:** Saturday, 13 June 2015, Capital Theatre, Sydney - $220.00

**Tasmania North & South Island:** 18 days - Numerous activities included. Departing from Cowra 9th March, 2015. Returning to Cowra 23rd March, 2015. From $5,750.00 twin share

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