



CPS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Cooma Public School's Newsletter

Friday 26 February, 2021

Term 1 Wk 5

Principal's Message

I would like to start this week's newsletter by thanking those families that were able to attend our class information sessions. We are so happy to be able to welcome parents in to our classrooms again. If you were unable to make it, the information booklets have been sent home with your child. If you have not yet received it, please check your child's bag or call the office for an additional copy. If you would like to book an appointment with the classroom teacher at any time throughout the year to discuss your child's progress, please don't hesitate to contact the front office or the teacher via Class Dojo.

I would like to congratulate the students who attended the district swimming carnival this week. They represented the school with pride and great sportsmanship making us all incredibly proud. Well done!

As you are aware, all classes are engaging in NRMA road safety lessons. We ask that you model safe behaviour when collecting your child at the school gate to reinforce this important message. Children mimic our behaviours so it is essential that you adhere to the road rules, park your car appropriately and encourage your child to use the zebra crossings. We appreciate your support with this important safety message.

Rebekah Lindsay
Principal



What's On

Every Thursday	Swimming program
Friday 5 March	1/2D Assembly - 12pm
	Netball Gala Day
Tuesday 9 March	CPS X Country
Wed 17 March	Harmony Day
Friday 19 March	Harry Nicholas/Fortitude League
	Tag Day
	3/4T Assembly - 12pm
Wed 24 March	District X Country carnival
Wed 31 March	3/4SB Assembly - 12pm
Thursday 1 April	Easter Hat Parade
	Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday 20 April	First Day of Term 2
Wed 21 April	CPS Athletics Carnival



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Principal: Mrs Rebekah Lindsay

Seeking support for your child at CPS



At Cooma Public School we continually reflect on what we do and how we do it so we can better meet the needs of our students, parents and the wider school community. We have a comprehensive group of staff that have specialist roles in the school designed to support your child and your family with all aspects of schooling. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of some of the key avenues through which they can make connections with the school and seek support when needed.

Front Office

The front office is your first point of contact for Cooma Public School. We have a very dedicated and friendly office team consisting of Mandy, Monique and Cherie. They are here to assist you in the day to day organisation for your child. You can contact them to report absences or with any questions you may have and they will be able to either assist you, or connect you to the appropriate person to support you. You can contact the office on 6452 1933 or by email cooma-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Class Teacher

If you have any queries about your child's progress please make contact with the Class Teacher. They will be able to give you detailed information about the progress of your child's learning and how we can work together to support further improvement. They will be able to assist you with wellbeing concerns and any other matters in or out of school that you would like assistance with. Our Class Teachers are always happy to work with our parents and provide feedback and support at any time.

Learning Support Team

The Learning Support Team are a dedicated group consisting of teachers, school counsellors and our Wellbeing Health In Reach nurse (WHIN). This group is focused on providing additional support and targeted interventions to support students that may need a little additional help with their learning and/or wellbeing. They are there to work with students and their families based on a student referral process. Referrals can be made by teachers and/or parents. The Learning Support Team takes a coordinated approach to supporting students by working in collaboration with the class teacher and parents.



Assistant Principals

We have 4 Assistant Principals responsible for the different year groups across the school.

Deborah Geach - Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2

Sean Smith - Years 3 and 4

Bonita Broughton - Years 5 and 6

Kate Xenochristou - Support classes and K-6 wellbeing support

Assistant Principals provide support to students, staff and families across all aspects of schooling. This includes learning, curriculum matters, attendance, engagement, wellbeing and discipline. Contact with the Assistant Principal responsible for your child's year group should occur if required following contact with other key personnel outlined above. Contact with an Assistant Principal may also occur in the first instance for a more sensitive or confidential issue with which you need support.

Principal

The Principal is responsible for leading, managing and supporting all aspects of Cooma Public School. This includes support and leadership in the areas of learning, curriculum matters, attendance, engagement, wellbeing and discipline. The principal role includes ensuring effective communication structures and support for students and families as outlined in the previous steps and role descriptions. Contact with the Principal should occur when previous contacts have been made with other key support personnel as outlined above but support is still required. Contact with the Principal may also need to be made in a first instance for more sensitive or confidential situations.

We hope this outline gives our school community stronger clarity around just some of the key people here to provide support. We would encourage parents and caregivers to make regular contact with the school in the ways outlined above so we can all form strong partnerships to support you and your child.



Introducing the 2021 - School Leaders

School Captains



Captains: Chekka Cay and Jack Ferguson

Vice captains: Macey Hammann and Mitchell Miller

House Captains



Paterson: Isabella Peisley and Sean Reichenback

Gordon: Layne Armitage and Leah Griffis

Kendall-Lawson: Eli Hammann and Kiara Jacobs

Drink Bottles



A reminder to send your child to school with a drink bottle, labelled with their name. The students have access to taps to refill throughout the day, however the bubblers are still locked due to COVID-19 safety.

Year 6 T-Shirts

If you would like to purchase a Year 6 T-Shirt for your child in Year 6, they are now available from Your Workwear and Hip Pocket.



Cross Country date change



Please note the above change of date for our school cross country carnival. We were required to move our date due to a double booking at the oval.

The new date is **Tuesday 9 March 2021**. Permission notes have been sent out via Enews. Please return your permission as soon as possible as no late notes will be accepted. Canteen orders for a meal pack can be purchased via Quickclik or cash returned to the front office. Thank you for your understanding.

Congratulations

Week 4

REAL award recipients

KC1 - Kora Myers
Juanito Huapalla-Perkins
George Turnbull

KG1 Helena Sullivan
George Bagnara
Reece Bond

1/2D Thalia Xenochristou
Rosie Turnbull
Raiden Riley
George Kimber

1/2R Lucia Alvarado Rojas
Maddison Rosewarne
Gordon Adams
Jax Robson

1/2SW Travis Lloyd
Sebastian Martinez
Jordan Kingma
Sieanna Sizmur

3/4SB Nathan Hmar
Joel Crump
Mitchell Currie
Sayed Hose
Jade Filmer

3/4T Ayla Caldwell
Gregor Dowe
Navya Gujral

5/6B Lola Cay
Jack Ferguson

5/6K Michala Kerr
Reremoana Hose
Blake Bridges
Nikos Tsitsikronis
Deklan Wallace

K/6C - Connor Kimbell
K/6D - Ethan Kerr
K/6N - Colby Mitchell



SRC Representatives

1/2D: Baxter Green and Harper Coombe

1/2SW: Emilio Brazulaitis and Khaleesi Lamont

1/2R: Lucia Alvarado Rojas and Gordon Adams

K/6N: Bruce Bagnara

K/6C & K/6D Harris Williams

3/4SB: Joel Crump and Jade Filmer

3/4T: Kate Adams and Hamish Fergusson

5/6B: Nataleigha Moore and Lola Cay

5/6K: Deklan Wallace and Ethan Adams

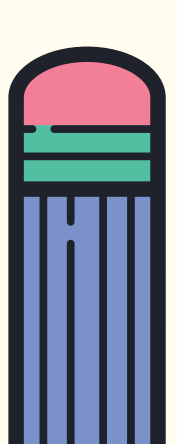
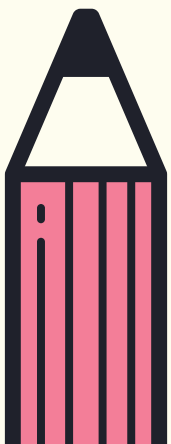
5/6P: Tyla Bromfield and Piper



CLASS SPOTLIGHT: KC & KG



Kindergarten have been exploring letters



HOW CAN WE HELP?

➞ Consent

In primary schools, school counsellors and psychologists will seek parent consent prior to engaging with children and beginning any assessment processes. We work in partnership with you to understand the needs of your child(ren) and provide evidence-based, personalised support.

In high schools, students are able to self refer to the school counselling service. However, we endeavour to work with families holistically and consent will always be sought prior to conducting any assessment processes.

➞ Confidentiality

School counselling is a confidential service and we value the importance of maintaining this. There are however limits to confidentiality, such as when legal requirements, e.g., child protection legislation (risk of harm) require us to share information in the interest of safety and welfare. When working therapeutically with children, confidentiality is also valued and protected and the same limits apply. There may be times when we will recommend information be shared. At these times we will seek your consent before passing on personal information.

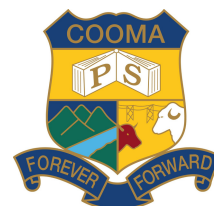
➞ Referral

To access school counselling services we encourage you to:

1. Speak to your child's teacher if you are concerned about the social, emotional or academic development of your child. Your child's teacher can make a referral to the learning support team and school counsellor on your behalf.
2. In times of crisis, contact your school Principal to discuss the needs of your child(ren)/family and a direct referral can be made to the school counsellor.
3. If you have any questions about accessing school counselling services for your child(ren), please contact Cooma Public School requesting to speak with a school counsellor.



WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNSELLOR?



Tash Bryceson and Zea Helman
School Counselling Service, Cooma PS

The NSWDEC School Counselling Service is a statewide school based service that provides support to students, their families and school communities. The Snowy Monaro School Counselling team is made up of school counsellors and school psychologists. In NSW, school counsellors hold qualifications in teaching (primary or secondary) and psychology and school psychologists hold qualifications in psychology. Teams are coordinated at the regional level by a Senior Psychologist, Education. Together, our team of 8 school counsellors and psychologists support more than 4500 students across 14 primary and high schools from Jindabyne to Queanbeyan. We work collaboratively with students, families, teachers, Principals and multidisciplinary learning support teams to provide a range of services including individual and small group intervention, crisis response, psychological and academic assessment, mental health and wellbeing programs and disability and learning support.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at CPS. We look forward to working with you and your children in 2021.

The National Gallery of Australia

Elaine and Jim Wolfensohn Gift Exhibition

Red Case: Myths and Rituals

Yellow Case: Form, Space, Design



Unknown artist *Seated Ganesha*
9th–10th century, bronze,
National Gallery of Australia

Exhibition Dates

Cooma Library: 22 February–6 March 2021

The Elaine and Jim Wolfensohn Gift enables people from all around Australia to discover and handle works of art and comprises of three art-filled suitcases.

The idea of the suitcase kits is to give people a chance to handle and appreciate original works of art by contemporary artists as well as works from other cultures and periods.

At COOMA LIBRARY the distinctive art works will be in our glass display case for viewing during opening hours and also for visitors to handle upon request.

We welcome groups, such as school or art groups.

If you would like to arrange a group visit, please contact
libraries@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au or 02 6451 1637