



# Cowwarr Primary School Newsletter

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## December 17, 2020

The Fitt Bit ....

This year, to me, has been the longest and yet shortest year in history. It seems like an eternity since the fire as so much has taken place in between. A year of stops and starts, making decisions on the run and bringing about change as smoothly as possible is a summary of 2020 at Cowwarr Primary School.

It has been an emotional year and welfare has been a major focus for us. In Cowwarr's case, being close to other members of the team was important to heal the wounds left by the fire yet we had to be separated because of remote learning. We tried, during the separation to stay as connected as possible and I hope that we succeeded.

I suppose my regret, like everyone else is that the year was not normal and the year that I had planned as I walked to the car on the first day of school was modified drastically that very night.

But through the year our team has been blessed with kindness and support. From books and tables, temporary school, gaga ball pit and endless numbers of people and schools wanting to help, not to mention the donations that we received which we can now use to build a new kitchen in the Cowfe. Thanks to the parents club for organising our beautiful new kitchen to be installed in February 2021 and for all the other great work that they have done including raffles, stalls and many other things behind the scenes.

This year we have focused on welfare, and that was a big enough task, yet we still had to replace items so that we could keep operating as a school after the fire, and design a new building at the same time. Thanks to the school council and outgoing president Nicky Meddings. This was a tough year for council with the building and COVID 19. Thanks to our council for being a great support to our team and helping us to get through a most difficult year. Gordon our cleaner has done a great job too as our COVID cleaner. He has helped to keep us safe and we are thankful to him for his work everyday.

But our core business is teaching and learning and we had to help our children make academic progress so that this year would not be wasted. We are proud of

### CALENDAR 2020

#### DECEMBER

Thursday 17 Pool Party - Heyfield Pool 12.30-3  
Friday 18 We made it!! Final day 2020 1pm dismissal

#### 2021

#### JANUARY

Wednesday 27 Staff return  
Thursday 28 Students return

#### FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2 3-6 Swimming Heyfield Pool  
Wednesday 3 Prep rest day  
Monday 8 Dental van visit TBC  
Tuesday 9 3-6 Swimming Heyfield Pool  
Wednesday 10 Prep rest day  
Thursday 11 whole school swimming Heyfield Pool  
Wednesday 17 Rural Schools Swimming Carnival  
Prep rest day  
Wednesday 24 Prep rest day

#### MARCH

#### APRIL

Thursday 1 Last day term 1

Students  
return  
Thursday  
28th  
January  
2021

the home learning program that we introduced and judging by our test results, it seems to have worked. Many schools are not happy about what their children have achieved but we are very happy. Our children not just survived but thrived and our results reflect that some amazing learning that has taken place through and beyond the lock down period. Thanks to our fantastic parents. You are loyal and supportive. You uplift our school to others and as I move around the area and hear what you say, I feel quite humble. I know that this is OUR team and that you believe it too. Thanks for

*Our school is highly protective of our children and adheres to the Government Child Safety guidelines*

being here whenever we needed you, thanks for volunteering your time so generously and thanks for caring.

Our school review reflected the resilience and unity of the team and the incredible results reflected in our testing. Thanks to all of our staff for the great work. You know us all so I won't name names. Our staff has excelled in difficult times and we are proud of what we have achieved this year.

Finally, it is the students I want to thank. In my own room I hear the children talking about how they love school, their learning and the teachers that they have. "Can we have school on the holidays?", "Mr Fitt, if I give you 5 dollars will you work on the holidays?" and "I will miss school while I'm away", are some of the things that we hear. When I was at school I was never this connected and I'm a little jealous of the kids at Cowwarr to be truthful ...but I feel it now and I guess it's never too late! Thanks to the children for doing their best and making our team what it is.

Many will want to forget this year but as for me, I want to remember it. There could never be another year quite like this.

The school reviewer was clearly moved by our children and parents and how connected we all are. But it's not rocket science... people work together as a team for a common cause and they are passionate when they really believe in something.

Your kids are what we have in common, and in difficult times, teams remember why they became a team in the first place. We Believe in our children, and they are learning to believe in themselves and that's why we have worked together and supported this school during one of the worst years in most of our lifetimes!

Cowwarr Team, have a great break. Next year we have a lot going on and it will be exciting. The Cowwarr Team is on the move and the future looks fantastic.

A Happy and safe Christmas to all of the Cowwarr families with the wish of a wonderful 2021.

Mr Fitt

## LUNCHES TERM 1

**NO**

**Toasting, heating food  
& noodle cups**

**Mondays & Fridays**

## PREP REST DAYS 2021

Wednesday

3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th of  
February



## CAMPS 2021

3/4 Camp Woorabinda 21 -23 July

5/6 Camp Melbourne 18-20 August



Building works are due to commence during the school holidays. Completion mid May.

# Happenings 2021

### **NEW KITCHEN**

School council have approved the new kitchen to be installed in the Cowfe'. Students will be able to use this for breakfast club, class cooking and our parents for 'special lunches' days.

### **ENROLMENTS**

Currently we have 27 students enrolled for next year.