



Cowwarr Primary School Newsletter

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The Fitt Bit....

Cowwarr team, it is almost time for school holidays. It is my hope that we will be back at school at the beginning of next term so let's keep our fingers crossed. I have appreciated your patience through this difficult time and your resilience. The pride that you must have in your children as they have worked as best they can to get through the remote learning period. We hope that you have felt cared for and connected to our team as this has been our intention. We realise that we are not perfect but we really do care.

This has also been a stressful time for us as we constantly try to obey the rules set for us and at the same time try to make life as easy as we can for you.

It made me think about two important words that schools always consider for students but maybe don't realise their importance for parents also. The words are diversity and inclusion. Diversity means that everyone is unique and special with no two the same. As I have gotten to know parents I have talked about many subjects and not just children and education. You guys are all unique and special. You work in all different places and have all kinds of skills. Some skills I am quite jealous of as you cook, make and build. One reason I am a Principal is designed to stop me cooking, making and building so that everyone is kept safe!

Then there is inclusion. We all need to belong. We all want to be noticed and make a contribution to something worthwhile. As I have intimated from the beginning of my time at Cowwarr, we are all a part of this team and we are all included. Without you, our unique and special parents, this remote learning would have been very difficult.

Who you all are makes this team what it is.

Think of a jigsaw without a piece and how it doesn't make a complete picture. You belong to our team, you are included!

You know the old saying...if you were stuck on an island who would you want to be with you...well let me rephrase that...if you were having to go through remote learning who would you like with you? Answer – You guys!

CALENDAR 2020

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER

Friday 18 Final day term 3 1pm

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Week 1 5 - 9 Remote learning
Monday 12 All student return to face to face learning.

Friday 16 Swimming Aqua Energy

Friday 23

AFL Grand final public holiday

Friday 30

Swimming Aqua Energy

NOVEMBER

Monday 2

Pupil free day

Tuesday 3

Melbourne Cup day public holiday

Friday 6

Swimming Aqua Energy

Friday 13

Swimming Aqua Energy

Tuesday 17

Prep 2021 Transition 1.30-3pm

Friday 20

Swimming Aqua Energy

Tuesday 24

Prep 2021 Transition 1.30-3pm

Friday 27

Pupil free day—Report writing day

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1

Prep 2021 Transition 1.30-3pm

Thursday 3

Year 6 Graduation

Friday 4

Swimming Aqua Energy

Tuesday 8

Statewide transition

Thursday 10

End of year celebration

Wednesday 16

Council/Staff Christmas Dinner

Friday 18

We made it!! Final day 2020

When remote learning is over who would I like back at school? Answer – You Guys!

What else can I say but Thanks!

We are feeling confident about school starting in week one of term four. This will be confirmed in the near future. Keep watching Compass!

We are looking forward to seeing you all every day at school when hopefully the pandemic will become just a memory.....

Have a safe holiday and embrace your last days together as a family at home every day as soon it will be back to 'normal' life!

Mr Fitt.

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

LUNCHES TERM 4

NO

**Toasting, heating food
& noodle cups**

Mondays & Fridays

DEVICE RETURN

We are asking that
ALL students return their
netbook/iPad, dongles,
charges & cables
to school by the end of term.
Rick our school technician
requires them for
updating over the school
holidays

To parents/guardian,

Well the end of the term is finally upon us and there is some light at the end of the tunnel as we approach the end of our home and remote learning. I cannot thank each and everyone of you enough for your tremendous efforts and success in supporting your young people through this difficult time.

The students worked hard to maintain their learning and have done an amazing job to complete their work. Words can't express how proud I am of the young people in the junior grade and what they have accomplished this term.

I am super excited to be returning to onsite learning for term 4 and finishing the year strong! Some of us will be getting ready to transition into grade 3, while the rest of us will be preparing to welcome some new foundation/prep students to join our team in 2021. I can't believe I even wrote that...where has the year gone!!

In term 4 we will be working hard to finish our learning and making sure we are ready to move into our next grade levels. We will consolidate our home learning and work to fill in any gaps that we may have in our learning. It will be a busy term but also a fun and exciting term as we return to our classroom and our friends.

Part of me writing this email to you is to let you all know that I will be away from school for 3 weeks during Term 4 (Weeks 3, 4 and 5) for medical reasons. I know this is an unfortunate time (to say the least) for me to be away, but is something that I must do. Over the last few weeks I have been busy planning and preparing our learning for term 4. During this 3 week period Mrs Edtmaier will be taking on the responsibilities of teaching, with Mrs W providing the amazing support that she has always done. We are so lucky, and I am so lucky to have such amazing educators available to us at Cowwarr. Despite me not being at school for this short time, I can assure you that our focus and goals for the term will remain the same and that your children will remain supported and nurtured as they return back to school.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I can't wait for us all to be back together at school again!!

Kind regards,
Chanae Johns.