



# Cowwarr Primary School Newsletter

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## April 1st, 2022

The Fitt Bit.

A few weeks ago, my boss informed me of a teacher learning day with a person who has had experience and the knowledge to make small schools great.

Of course, I was sceptical as we are already outstanding, but I still listened intently to hear what they had to say. I was glad that I attended because as I listened, I visualised what a really great school would be like.

A great school is based on an '**Admiration**' rather than a '**Deficit**' model. I 'd never heard this explained before, but a deficit model is when you focus on the negatives and what children are doing wrong, whilst an admiration model is about looking at who they are, their achievements and building them up to fill the gaps.

An admiration model looks at what's going well, and it is all about asking the children what they think. It is looking at their growth as everything that they learn is special, recognising that children are all individuals and learn at different rates.

It's allowing the children to be curious and teachers being curious with them. Curiosity is the reason that we initially want to learn. All children should be encouraged to be curious and to follow their interests.

It is allowing the children to think, plan and form personal goals and its seeing the potential in each individual and focusing on that. Not doing well in a test has nothing to do with potential, potential is deeper, special and it is present in very child.

Its about using creative teaching strategies to inspire the children to take learning steps themselves, take risks and achieve personal satisfaction

A study that I read said that all children are really enthusiastic and curious before they reach school and by the time they get to secondary school level, many have lost the excitement associated with learning something new...they have not been allowed to be curious.

As I listened to the speaker, I had a vision in my head of Cowwarr Primary and although we can always improve, I felt quite proud.

### CALENDAR 2022

#### TERM 1

##### APRIL

Friday 8th Crazy Dress & Hot dog lunch  
Last day term 1 - 1pm dismissal

#### TERM 2

##### APRIL

Monday 25th Anzac Day Public Holiday  
Tuesday 26th First day term 2  
Wednesday 27th AFL Gippsland at school 9.30

##### MAY

Monday 2nd Year 7 2023 Maffra Secondary Information night  
Wednesday 4th AFL Gippsland at school 9.30  
Thursday 5th School Photos  
Mother's Day Stall  
Friday 6th Sale Rural School Cross Country  
Thursday 19th School Council meeting 7pm  
Year 7 2023 Sale College Transition day

##### JUNE

Friday 10th Pupil free day- report writing day  
Thursday 16th School Council 7pm  
Friday 24th Last day term 2

#### TERM 3

##### JULY

Monday 11th First day term 3

So, the latest educational theory includes making children feel a sense of belonging, being a part of a team and allowing them to be themselves...mmm how innovative is that?

Parents, tell your friends and family that we are using an **admiration model** at Cowwarr. Who'd have thought that really caring about students as individuals and wanting them to be the best versions of themselves had a name!

I decided after reflections with the School Council at our recent meeting, that I would officially change the name of this model to the **COWWARR MODEL** after all, we've always used it!

Mr Fitt

**LAST DAY TERM 1  
FRIDAY 8 TH APRIL  
1 PM DISMISSAL**

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

## ANZAC DAY

Students are welcome to march as a team on Monday 25th April. Students have been working hard again on a handmade wreath and it looks fantastic so far. For those wanting to march, please meet at Heyfield Bowls Club at 10.45am for an 11am march to the Cenotaph. Full school uniform is required please



## EASTER RAFFLE



My favourite raffle of all time. A donation box has been placed in the foyer for families. Raffle tickets have been sent home.

## ABSENCES

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away. This helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Your child's absence can be entered via compass or by phoning the school on 51397100. Thank you to those who already do this, it is appreciated.

## BIKE FRIDAY

Students are welcome to bring their bike or scooter on Fridays. Please don't forget your helmet.

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Cowwarr Primary is in partnership with Heyfield Primary School. This service is currently available at Heyfield Primary School. A minibus will be available early term 2 to transport students between the two schools for those to attend the before & after school care program. For more information please phone Mr Fitt on 51397100.

## CRAZY DRESS & HOT DOG DAY



Friday 8th Lunch at 12.30pm. Don't forget to order your hot dog!

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Second week term 2, Thursday 5th May.

## RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

Your next box of 5 tests will be sent home next week.

## CAMPS 2022

3/4 Camp Woorabinda

3-5 August

5/6 Camp Gelantipy

7-9 September

## YEAR 7 2023

### Maffra Secondary College

Information Evening

Monday 2nd May 7pm

College Library

### Sale College

Transition day Thursday 19th May

More information to come on transition day and Information Evening

### Traralgon College

Awareness day during term 2

### Catholic College Sale

Round one enrolments have closed





## LUNCHES

Toasting, heating food  
& noodle cups  
**Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday  
ONLY**

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC

Netball Victoria school holiday clinic to Sale for all kids aged from 7 to 15 years old.

- Leading the clinics are two Victorian Netball League players from Hawks Netball, Olivia & Tegan!
- When: Thu 21 April 2022, 10am to 12pm (check in open at 9.30am).
- Location: Gippsland Regional Sports Complex, 113 Cobains Road, Sale.

Registrations are open NOW! Link to register, [click here](#),

Any questions, please contact Leanne (me) on 0447 005 359 or email [leanne.bland@netballvic.com.au](mailto:leanne.bland@netballvic.com.au).

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Parent's Club will again hold a Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 5th May.

Student will have the opportunity to purchase something special for the mum or a special friend.

Limit \$10 per student





**Nambrok Newry Junior  
Football/ Netball Club**

**PLAYERS WANTED**

BOYS AND GIRLS BORN BETWEEN 2009 & 2014 FOR  
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ALL AGES WOMAN AND CHILDREN FOR NETBALL.

FOOTBALL IS FREE REGO & FREE MEALS AFTER  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KARLIE CROPLEY  
ON 0429 331 698

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WEEKEND  
AIRSHOW**  
SALE, VICTORIA

**23-24  
APRIL  
2022**

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in a team sport and improve  
your swimming technique, we  
are  
actively seeking new  
members to join our swim  
team

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