



# Cowwarr Primary School Newsletter

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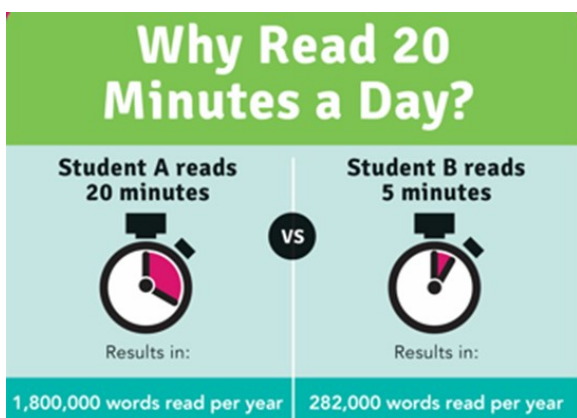
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## TEAM: 'Together' We Achieve More

What a big 2 weeks we have had, and it doesn't look to be slowing down just yet. Students have had so many amazing opportunities over the last couple of weeks to represent the team proudly. We have been out and about on exciting excursions to the local Timber Mill and are out and about today at Bug Blitz; our biggest achievement for the fortnight was competing in our Small School Swimming Carnival. This win was very exciting for our team, and everyone should be super proud of their efforts and contributions to this day.

Everyone has been working hard with their learning across the school and it has been exciting to see how enthusiastic everyone is about their writing and the Writing Masterclasses. I know in room 2 we have been engaged in our Maths Workshops and are enjoying the new parts of the lesson, especially Fluency where we can have a bit of fun with some maths games to get our brains thinking.

Room 1 have been working super hard with their writing, reading and their take home reading program. It is important that we practise reading every night if we can and bring our reading bags to school each day. Its amazing hoe many words we read per year with just 20 minutes of reading each day!



With only 4 weeks left of the term, I encourage us all to keep working and trying our best at school every day, TOGETHER.

Thank you,

Chanae Johns

Acting Principal

## CALENDAR 2023

### TERM 1

#### MARCH

Friday 10th Bug Blitz Day whole school  
Monday 13th Public Holiday Labour Day  
Thursday 16th Gippsland Regions Swimming  
15th—24th Naplan 3 & 5

#### APRIL

Tuesday 4th 5/6 LSV swimming research T'gon  
Wednesday 5th 5/6 LSV swimming research T'gon  
Thursday 6th Last day term 1 2pm dismissal

### TERM 2

Monday 24th Pupil Free day  
Tuesday 25th ANZAC Day



Our school is highly protective of our children and adheres to the Gov-

ernment

## NAPLAN

Next week our grade 3 and 5 students will be participating in Naplan, the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. Over the last week, students have been navigating the computer-based program and have become familiar with its features and functions. This has been important practise for our Grade 3 students as its their first time completing Naplan.

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

We have been discussing how this is just one way to assess our learning and it certainly doesn't define us as learners or as individuals. Please reinforce with your young people not to stress or worry about this assessment, we can only do our best and that is all we expect!

### Naplan Schedule for next week:

**Wednesday:** Writing

**Thursday:** Reading & Language Conventions

**Friday:** Numeracy

### Timber Mill Excursion

The students had an amazing opportunity to go and visit one of the local Timber Mills to see and learn all about how timber is processed. What an exciting opportunity to be invited into a processing mill and getting to dress the part to see what takes place to produce the timber that is used in our homes.



### Assembly

A reminder that we have our school assemblies on **Monday afternoons from 2.45pm**. It has been wonderful seeing some of our families attend and I encourage that you/they continue to do so. It is a great opportunity to celebrate our students' successes and to provide an opportunity for our leaders to speak and be the face for our important gatherings.

### Student Values Award

Congratulations to our students who have been awarded certificates over the last 2 weeks for their efforts in displaying our school values. It is encouraging to see so many people working hard and reflecting what it means to belong in the Cowwarr Team!

Well done Atticus, Ariella, Mackenzie, Ruby, Riley, Lexi, Chloe and Aleah (not pictured)!



### Miss Marg's Mental Health Motivations



## Swimming Carnival

### GO COWWARR!!!

Since 2018, Cowwarr Primary School has been the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of our Sale Rural Cluster Swimming Competition and this year was no exception! With a massive score (500 I think) we were tied as first place winners for 2023.

CONGRATULATIONS COWWARR TEAM!! This now makes us winners for 5 consecutive Swimming Carnival Competitions. What a huge achievement this is for our school community. This win is attributed to all our students as just showing up on the day and being part of the team earns the school points. So, thank you to all the students who 'Showed Up' for the team!

With such a successful day we certainly can't pass up the opportunity to recognise the competing swimmers and their successes. Congratulations to...

#### **April Armstrong**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place 25-meter Backstroke.

#### **Nate Cantwell**

1<sup>st</sup> Place 25m Backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 25m Breaststroke.

#### **Kaley Culbert**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place 50m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 50m Freestyle.

1<sup>st</sup> Place 25m Breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> Place 25m Butterfly.

#### **Ruby Cooper**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place 50m Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 50m Breaststroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 50m Butterfly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 50m Backstroke.

#### **Aleah Morgan**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place 25m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 25m Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 25m Breaststroke.

#### **Mackenzie Gibbs**

1<sup>st</sup> Place 50m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> Place 50m Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> Place 50m Butterfly, 1<sup>st</sup> Place 50m Breaststroke.

We are super proud of these students who competed for team. Another special congratulations to **Mackenzie Gibbs** who was awarded age champion on the day. A huge personal achievement.

## Division and Regional Competitions

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March Ruby, Kayley and Mackenzie competed in the next round for swimming and represented the Cluster Schools in the Division Swimming Competition. All the girls did an outstanding job and were already winners in our books! They swam their little hearts out and competed in both individual and team races.

Congratulations to Mackenzie for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in her Multiclass 50m Breaststroke and for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m Butterfly. Because of her efforts, Mackenzie will progress and be competing in the Regional Swimming Competition on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Good luck Mackenzie at the Regional Competitions. We have no doubt that you will represent the team proudly.





### Attendance and Compass

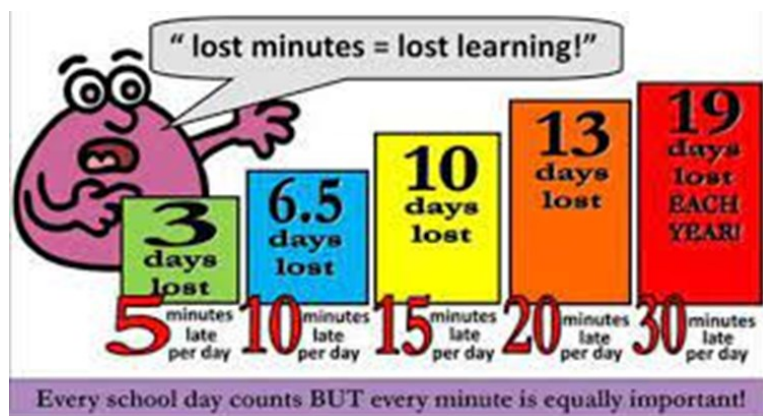
It has been directed from the Education Department and staff from Regional Office that we follow up any unexplained student absences. This push has been driven by recent data that showed a significant number of unexplained student absences across the state since starting school in 2023. Last year our school averaged 19 days absent per student. While this is not reflective of all students, it is important to acknowledge the number. Thankfully this year our numbers for unexplained attendance were lower as most people/families have used Compass or phoned the school to notify us.

Congratulations to the following students who have higher than 90% attendance for this year so far.

- Atticus
- Emma
- Hunter
- April
- Nate
- Ruby
- Kaley
- Mackenzie

We would like to remind our families to use Compass or to phone the school to report your child/ren's absence by **10am** so that we are aware of what is happening and can offer assistance if needed. If your child is unwell, please keep them home, otherwise they should be at school every day.

To assist us in following up with unexplained absences, as of next week, families will receive a text message from Compass if they have not notified the school of a student's absence as per the Departments guidelines.



# PEDAL 2 PARKS

## COWWARR TO HEYFIELD: 11KM

Sunday 12 March, 10am

Get your friends together for a group ride along the new section of the Rail Trail as part of Parks Week.

Choose to be sponsored to raise funds for the Heyfield Wetlands outdoor toilet block.

Free BBQ, jumping castle & refreshments at the Wetlands.

MEET AT THE RAIL TRAIL IN COWWARR FOR A 10AM START. ALL AGES, ABILITIES & E-BIKES WELCOME. 11km ON FRESHLY SURFACED RAIL TRAIL

Find out more - Heyfield Community Resource Centre  
5148 2100 or email  
coordinator@heyfield.net



Register  
online now!



## LUNCHES

Toasting, heating food  
& noodle cups

**Wednesday, Thursday &  
Friday  
ONLY**

## CAMPS 2023

3/4 Camp Coonawarra

31 May - 2 June

5/6 Camp Rumbug

10-12 May



## Year 7 2024 Information Session

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

4.00 - 5.00pm School Tour

5:00 - 5:30pm Information Session

Location: Guthridge Campus - Open Learning Centre (OLC)

