

Cowwarr Primary School Newsletter

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TEAM: 'Together' We Achieve More

Congratulations to all students have now officially completed NAPLAN 2023! We are super excited and so proud of the efforts that each child put into their assessments. We all managed to navigate the online platform and did our absolute best. Well done, Naplaners!

In the coming weeks Miss Marg and myself will be out of the school undertaking some Professional Development around Mental Health and supporting young people with their health and wellbeing. This is really important work for us and is something that sits really close to our hearts.

Today we farewell Mrs. Marston from the Cowwarr Team. We have been so lucky to have Mrs. Marston with us over the last 3 terms and we are sad to have her leave. We have been inspired. excited and have had so much fun with Mrs. Marston both in the classroom and in the yard. We wish Mrs. Marston all the very best, especially wishing a safe arrival of her new little addition to their growing family. We can't wait to see photos!!

With only 2 weeks left of this term, let us keep working hard and keep being kind to each other. We can get very tired being so close to the end of term, and we have had a few children feeling not well. So please look after yourselves and your families. We love having all the kids at school every day.

Thank you, Chanae Johns Acting **Principal**



Monday 24th April

CALENDAR 2023

TERM 1

MARCH

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

APRIL

Monday 24th Pupil Free day Tuesday 25th ANZAC Day

MAY

Life Ed Van Cobains Monday 1st Tuesday 2nd Life Ed Van Cobains

Pillow Case Project Incursion Monday 8th

School Captains

At this week's assembly we officially congratulated Nate and Kaley on their School Captaincy Roles. Each of them were presented with a badge to acknowledge their title as Cowwarr Primary School's School Captains. Leadership is important here at Cowwarr and we like to promote opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills. I have no doubt that Kaley and Nate will both do a fabulous job in leading Cowwarr through 2023. They have already shown maturity and growth in their role, hosting the School Assemblies.



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, Jonathan, Lexi, Kaley and Ethan on your efforts this week.



Bug Blitz

A couple of Friday's back, our students participated in a Bug Blitz excursion. They were absolute troopers!! It was a warm day, but they powered through and got to enjoy some amazing activities. I giggled as there was a question in the morning from a student asking 'Do we get to through spears?' I was like 'highly unlikely lol'. Well, I'm happy to say I was wrong! They absolutely got to throw spears as well as boomerangs. The bird watching was also one of the favourite activities of the day!







Life Saving Victoria

Thank you to the year 5 and 6 students who have agreed (with parent permission) to participate in the Life Saving Victoria At-Risk Research Program. We are super lucky at Cowwarr that we have swimming lessons at little or no cost and have some amazing swimmers. Unfortunately, not every child has this opportunity. The mission of this research is to see ALL Victorian students meet the Victorian Water Safety Certificate competencies. How fantastic that we are part of this important work!

Students will attend this day with Mrs. Anderson. What a fabulous opportunity to receive some free-swimming lessons from experienced Life Saving Victoria swim teachers, and for being part of important research that will aim to make a difference in young people accessing lifesaving swimming lessons. This is important work that our students are contributing to.

A bus will be provided to transport the students for these days.

Permission slips will be sent home next week confirming dates and times.







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Miss Marg's Mental Health Motivations

Connectedness

- * A feeling of belonging and being a part of friendships and a group.
- * A spark that exists between people when they are seen, heard and valued.
- * To be understood, trusted and believed in by others.
- * To share the highs, victories and the most daunting obstacles with friends.
 - Being connected to others brings happiness to all.



The most powerful way to connect to someone or a group is to listen, as the best thing we can give each other, is our attention.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A reminder to our families that Cowwarr is part of a before and after school care program that is provided through the organisation, Gumnuts. Students can participate in this OHSC (Out of Hour School Care) program which includes a bus service that brings students to and from school each day. This is a great opportunity for our working families, families wanting to get back to into the workforce, or an

opportunity to have a bit of extra time at the end of the day for our busy lifestyles.

For more information about this program, please contact Gumnuts 51446952



EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all those families who have donated an Easter Egg for the raffle.

Raffle tickets are due back

Tuesday 4th April



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