



## Cowwarr Primary School Newsletter

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### TEAM: 'Together' We Achieve More

We are nearly halfway through the term already; it blows my mind. I am sure I say this in every newsletter, but the year has gone so fast. You may have noticed the school has begun advertising for the Substantial Principal position for Cowwarr Primary School. Over the next couple of weeks, the school will be going through the process with the hope to appoint a Substantial Principal to the school for 2024. I have thoroughly enjoyed this leadership opportunity and hope that I can continue in the role next year, but also trust the panel will choose the individual that is best for the school and its community. The best is what this beautiful school deserves after all!!

This week students have been busy completing end of year assessments in preparation for teachers to write the end of year reports. It has been so wonderful to see students making progress in all areas of their learning. We talk a lot about celebrating progress in learning and not focusing too much on the number (year level). Regardless of if we are working below, at, or above our expected level, progress is moving forward and taking positive steps in our learning. This is what we celebrate!! It can be difficult to not get caught up in comparing our learning to others, but we have been so proud of all of the students in shifting their mindset to focusing on individual growth and learning. School is not a competition and we do not want to be competing against our peers in learning. We want to be supportive and encourage each other to be the best learners we can be each and every day we are at school. Well done kids!!

We have begun discussing our end of year celebrations and what they will look like. With support of school council, this year we will be having a Cowwarr's Got Talent Show for our end of year celebrations. Moving forward, we will alternate this with a whole school concert/production. Over the last week students and staff

### CALENDAR 2023

#### TERM 4

#### NOVEMBER

Fri 3rd	Sale Show
Mon 6th	Pupil free day
Tue 7th	Melb Cup public holiday
Mon 13th	Dental van visit this week
Tue 14th	School council 7pm
Sun 19th	Working Bee 10am
Fri 24th	Pupil free day report writing

#### DECEMBER

Tue 12th	Statewide transition
Thu 14th	End of year concert
Tues 19th	Final school day 2023
Wed 20th	Staff PD



**Monday 6th November**

### Public Holiday



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

have been discussing our our end of year talent show and there have been some fabulous ideas. I am very excited to see what talents and interests our students perform at the end of the year. Like many of the talent shows we watch on TV, we have also discussed how some of our acts might include a supporting family member to help with musical instruments etc. We are welcoming this collaboration between families and students.

The week ends with our trip to the Sale Show before a much-deserved long weekend. We will see all of your wonderful faces back at school on Wednesday. I hope you have a restful and safe long weekend. Regardless if you are away camping, visiting families or just at home, enjoy yourselves and take care.

Chanae Johns  
Acting Principal



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the students who have received awards over the last 2 weeks. Our awards highlight the work ethic and behaviours that reflect our school values to the highest standard. Well done to Jonathan, Hunter, Chase, Lachlan, Nate, Mackenzie and Fezz for receiving these awards.



## Miss Marg's Mental Health Motivations

### YOU ARE IMPORTANT

We are now well into term 4 and Christmas is knocking at the door. This is a time when the strains of life can start to appear. Tensions increase and pressures build. I know for me, shopping for the best presents is daunting. First, you get an idea of the gift you want, then you can't get it because, after fighting your way to the front of the queue, the person in front of you got the last one. Then you think of another great gift and off you go to the shops only to get there and drive around and around and around and still can't find a park. Home you go, order it online and of course it won't get here until January. Now I could go on but I think I will stop there before I talk myself out of shopping this year. Did I also mention that I really don't enjoy shopping either?

Anyway, I hope now, that you all understand you are not alone facing the pressures of life. There are times in life when you find those stress levels a bit higher, but just like last time and with the support of those around you, you can and will rise up and survive.

At school, Term 4 finds students doing many assessments, they are also starting to wonder about the next year at school, whether it be going up a grade level or transitioning to secondary school. Maybe their good friend is off to another school and they might not see each other as much. The big task of working out what to perform at the school concert???



These are all daunting tasks for the students but, it can also have a flow on effect at home and add to the pressures that are already there. Fear not, Miss Marg is here (always wanted to say that since I first saw a man in a tight blue suit with a red cape say "up, up and away") I will be making welfare calls home just to check in with families and hopefully support you if needed, because "you matter". If you have any concerns, feel free to drop in for a chat at school.

**Remember you are not alone, we are a TEAM and are together for each other.**

# CHRISTMAS TIME

It is half way through Term 4 and the school needs a little bit of love. On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am it would be fantastic if everyone could give a bit of time to come to school and help give the school and it's grounds a bit of a facelift. If you can't make the day, please feel free to pop in and do a task at your convenience.

## Things that need doing are...

- Wood needs splitting and put on pallets to dry ready for a firewood raffle next year.
- Sticks picked up and put at the back gate.
- Mulch from back gate put around the garden beds.
- Paths and basketball court swept or blower blasted.
- Cobweb removal of buildings.
- Pressure wash the decks.
- Outdoor classroom tidy up.
- Sports shed tidy up.
- Weed the front garden.
- Remove bark chips from around the fruit trees.
- Hot house grass pulled out inside.

Luke and Aaron will bring their splitters. We will need pressure washers, rakes, shovels, wheel barrows, anything else you can think of, and brute muscle. Looking forward to seeing you all.



# FOUNDATION TRANSITION

## Dates and Times

Monday 20th November

Monday 27th November

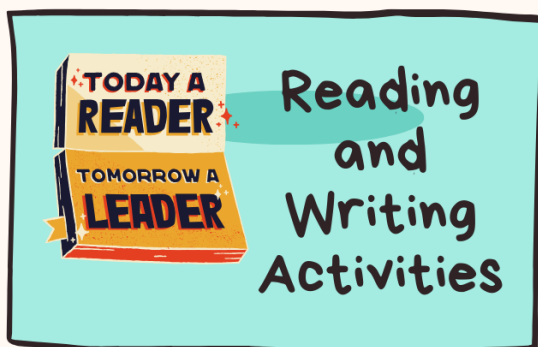
Monday 4th December

Monday 11th December

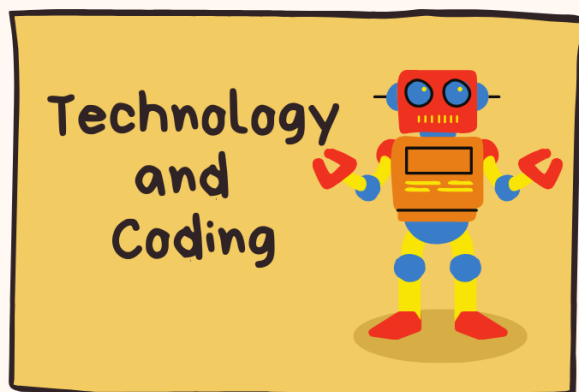
9.00 am until 11.30 am.



Art  
Activities



Reading  
and  
Writing  
Activities



Technology  
and  
Coding



Science  
Experiments







# GUMNUTS

## Outside School Hours Care

Here at Gumnuts Heyfield Out of School Hours Care, we believe that a curious mind leads to endless learning opportunities. We offer a flexible and child led program where children can form connections, pursue passions and enhance their independence through a program that caters to their needs, interests and ideas.

This last term at Heyfield OSHC has provided our children countless opportunities to develop their independence and confidence. Our program has incorporated cooking, science, group games and a variety of fine motor, gross motor and social play experiences. Cooking has definitely been a favourite. We have made milkshakes, loaded sundaes, cakes, muffins, pancakes, toasties and even sherbet!

We aim to provide a child led program that caters to individual needs, interests and ideas. This term the learning outcomes and intentions we are working towards include guiding the children to use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving and inquiry. This can present in many ways. The children will practise and develop these skills by applying their thinking strategies to engage in situations and solve problems whilst adapting these new skills to different situations. We are looking forward to the experiences that their curiosity, enthusiasm and interests lead to. There are endless play and leisure opportunities to guide these skills and we can't wait to incorporate them into our program!

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*Gumnuts acknowledges the Gunaikurnai people as the traditional custodians of the land of where Gumnuts now is. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and emerging*