



Cowwarr Primary School Newsletter

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TEAM: 'Together' We Achieve More

Welcome back to school Team! We hope that you are just as excited, as we all are, for the 2024 school year. We are thrilled to have a full team this year of staff who are committed to supporting and improving the outcomes of our young people.

The summer holidays were a time for us to recharge and get ready for another exciting year of learning. It takes a bit of time to get settled back into the groove of school and the routines that the school environment offers. We have started the year with a bit of change, including change in teachers, change in classrooms and of course, the addition of some new students. But we are embracing change at Cowwarr. As Mr. Brock says, 'We are Learners and not Knowers' and we can learn to cope with change.

Staff are engaging in a variety of professional learning this term. Yes, that's right, even teachers still need to learn new things. We are excited to be upskilling the staff in the areas of literacy, wellbeing and Child Safe outcomes. We are a team who work and learn together!

A reminder to all of our families and carers, we have an open-door policy and encourage you to come and speak with us about your child and their learning at time convenient for both staff and parents. Celebrating learning and progress will be a priority this year. It is a Team effort!

Mrs Johns



Students and staff at Cowwarr Primary School acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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

CALENDAR 2024

TERM 1

JANUARY

Mon 29th Staff return

Tues 30th Students return

FEBRUARY

Thur 15th School council 7pm

Fri 16th Swimming carnival prep

Thur 22nd Sale Rural Swimming Carnival

Thur 29th Yr 7, 2025 Open Evening
Catholic College Sale

MARCH

Wed 6th Wellington Div Swimming

Mon 11th Labour Day Public
Holiday

Thur 14th School Council AGM 7pm

Thur 28th Last day term 1

TERM 2

APRIL

Mon 15th First day term 2

Year 6 Leadership

All of our grade 6 students delivered impressive speeches to the school explaining why they should be chosen as school leaders. The teachers and students were faced with the challenging choice of nominating who would lead the school in term 1. Congratulations to Ruby and Lachlan who have been nominated by their peers and teachers as Cowwarr's Term 1 School Captains. We know that you will confident and positive role models in your leadership positions this term.

School Times



We are not only dedicated to learning, but we also value providing a safe environment for all members of the Cowwarr Team. **2 staff members are required to be onsite for the safe supervision of students.** Majority of our staff are not required to be at school until 8.30am each day.

We kindly request that students **do not arrive, or enter the school grounds, earlier than this start time.** We are a dedicated team who are committed to collaborating, planning, preparing, and improving the learning of our young people. This is quality time for all staff that occurs outside of official school times.

START: Breakfast Club is open and available to all students from **8.30am** each day.

FINISH: Our day concludes at **3.00pm.**

OUR FIRST WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

What a great start to our Tuesday afternoon activities. The students achieved a great deal in their short time. Now that we have the soil, the garden beds are starting to come together with the first one filled by the tremendous efforts of students. We are making bird boxes for home and the school, plus learning about using hand tools safely. Completing puzzles is a challenge and requires a great deal of patience, but practise makes progress. Cooking is always fun, especially when we can get our hands dirty!

Term 1 Learning Programs

Reading and Writing

This term students are working and learning with teachers to establish positive reading and writing behaviours in the classroom. At Cowwarr, we work towards being confident and authentic readers and writers who are inspired by the world around them.



Numeracy

Students are building on their number knowledge and understanding of place value this term. They will celebrate their progress and be proud of their achievements in reaching their learning goals.



STEAM

Circuits and Switches is the topic of our science unit this term. We are excited to make things light up and move as we learn about electricity and how things work/go.

Humanities/integrated Studies

The theme for this term's inquiry Unit is Identity and Culture. We are learning about our beautiful country and exploring the World, it's people, and countries. We are celebrating our own identity and what makes us unique.

Tuesday's Group Activities

We are excited and look forward to our Tuesday afternoons that have us busy with our hands and minds. Over the term, students will rotate through 4 different activities, led by staff.

Miss. Marg:	Gardening
Mrs. Johns:	Cooking
Mr. Brock:	Puzzles
Mr. Hanson:	Woodwork

If you are free Tuesday afternoons, come down and join us as we build, make and create.



ART



Mrs. Anderson is back and ready for another year of amazing Art lessons and projects. We are looking forward to being part of the Gippsland Art Gallery's membership and workshops in 2024. This includes 2 visits to the Art Gallery and 4 art lessons, delivered back at school.

Social and Emotional Learning (S.E.L)

Each week, students come together to discuss, share ideas, reflect, and participate in teacher lead activities and discussions, with the goal of developing their emotional literacy and enhancing their self-awareness and self-regulation strategies.

Miss Marg's Mental Health Motivations

Welcome back to Cowwarr Primary for 2024.

Very happy to see you all and hear about your holiday adventures.

WOW, it's a new year and I am thinking I'm not alone in having to deal with change. There I said it, change, change, different, change. Just because I said it, doesn't make it any easier to accept but, I know I will at some stage.

- ◇ Different room
- ◇ Different teacher
- ◇ Sitting next to someone else
- ◇ More or less people in my classroom
- ◇ Learning in a different way
- ◇ Learning different things
- ◇ Playing different games with different people
- ◇ Less time until I leave Cowwarr Primary



These changes along with many more can produce many different feelings amongst us.

All feelings are OKAY.

Resilience is one of our school values and we want to follow our values BUT are finding it hard to do this at the moment for different reasons.

This is OKAY.

Resilience doesn't always just happen. It can take time to build resilience and the time it takes is different for everyone.

Again, this is OKAY.

We are all different and we are who we are. How we deal with change is different to each other as well.

And this is OKAY.

**At Cowwarr Primary, being accepted and accepting others is important
and something we can do really well and make our
TEAM work.**

Let me know how many times I wrote the word different in this article?

Activities



Spelling Mastery

At the beginning of each day students complete their rotations in spelling mastery. Here is Mrs Bassett and her wonderful group Ruby, April, Atticus & Lachlan.



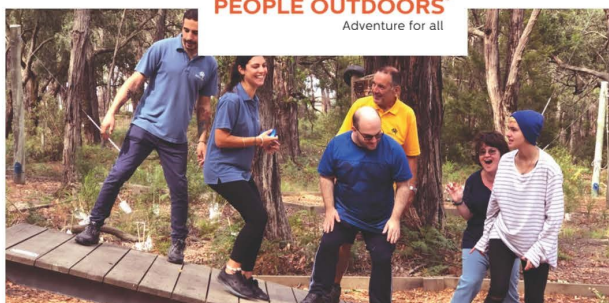
Camps 2024



3/4 Woorabina Camp 5– 7 June
5/6 Melbourne Camp 31 July—2 August



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