

News & Views

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future



12th August, 2022 Term 3 Week 4



For The Calendar...

Next Week

- Mon. 15 Aug **Flying Start 9:15 – 11:00am**
- Mon. 15 Aug English ICAS Competition
- Mon. 15 Aug Middle School Program commences
- Fri. 19 Aug K-2 Assembly Item @ 10:45am

Coming Up

- Mon. 22 Aug **Flying Start 9:15 – 11:00am**
- Mon. 22 Aug Science ICAS Competition
- Mon. 22 Aug Spelling ICAS Competition
- Wed. 24 Aug GCOPS Rehearsal @ Gln Workers Club
- Wed. 24 Aug GCOPS Performance 7pm @ Gln Workers
- Fri. 26 Aug K-2 Canberra Reptile Park excursion
- Mon. 29 Aug **Flying Start 9:15 – 11:00am**
- Mon. 29 Aug Mathematics ICAS Competition
- Fri. 02 Sep Regional Athletics in Canberra
- Mon. 05 Sep **Flying Start 9:15 – 11:00am**
- Wed. 07 Sep Chess Tournament @ Gln West PS
- Fri. 09 Sep Stage 3 Assembly Item @ 12:15pm
- Mon. 12 Sep **Flying Start 9:15 – 11:00am**
- Mon. 12 Sep Year 6 depart for camp @ Narrabeen Lakes
- Fri. 16 Sep Year 6 return from camp
- Fri. 16 Sep Stage 2 Assembly Item @ 12:15pm
- Mon. 19 Sep **Flying Start 9:15 – 11:00am (Final session)**
- Thu. 22 Sep Jump Rope for Heart
- Fri. 23 Sep Last day of Term 3

Spotted...

- Koby for keeping the classroom tidy.
- Cristian, Joscelyn and Billi for helping pack away the skipping ropes.
- Jim, Levi, Bailey and Danny for their fantastic effort during the morning run.
- Aria, Lily and Jim for keeping our school grounds clean by picking up rubbish.
- Nathan and Cailab for their beautiful manners.
- Huxley for being a kind friend.
- Ollie for his excellent work habits.
- Sam F and Jim for their mature behaviour.
- Claire for helping to keep our playground tidy.
- Alexis for looking out for others.
- Maisie for being a great leader in gymnastics.
- William for helping set up for chess club
- Faith for her focus during class.
- Mackenzie for her interest in gymnastics.
- Caden for his impressive writing.
- Lexi for helping keep our playground tidy.
- Charlie J for always being very helpful in the classroom and offering his assistance to others.
- Bronte for being willing to help teachers do important jobs. You are very reliable.
- Huxley for being an awesome teacher and showing her friends how to breakdance.

Attendance

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 6 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. Attendance notices are attached to the back of the newsletter for your convenience.



Flying Start

This week we enjoyed reading 'Alexander's Outing' and discussing the importance of listening to, and following, our parents and teachers' instructions in order to keep safe.

Miss O'Neill showed us how to make our own Alexander duckling finger puppets, which were great fun to have some imaginative play with. Our session finished with play outside in the beautiful sunshine!

We look forward to seeing our Flying Start kids again next Monday, 15th August.



Bohdi is proud of his duck puppet.



Ruby did a great job making her duck!



Jake and Arthur walk their duck puppets to their bags.



Rosie drew a beautiful picture of her family.



Mahli was prepared for the sunny day!



Clara and Harriet enjoy spending time playing with the dolls.



Sid has developed his confidence going down the pole.

Variety Brydens Lawyers Bash B to B 2022

On Sunday, 244 'bashers' arrived at our beautiful country town to enjoy lunch at Crookwell Public School which was provided by the Crookwell Public School P&C. Old Pontiacs, Mercedes Benz, Holdens, Fords and even an old school bus had made the trip from Sydney on day one of their ten-day 4465km journey to Bakers Creek in Queensland.

Families, staff and P&C members had been cooking up a storm in the lead up to the event to ensure there was enough delicious food to feed the hungry hoard as they arrived. Slow cookers filled with mouth-watering stews, curries and casseroles covered the tables and the smell in the hall was AMAZING!

The excitement grew as each car arrived, sounding their horn and giving gifts to the children who raced the cars up the street as they arrived. The 'bashers' wore amazing costumes that matched the theme of their car and were so pleased to be finally on the road after two years of postponements.

The 'bashers', who had already been so generous with the purchase of \$5000 worth of STEM robotic kits, bought loads of raffle tickets, just shy of \$2000 worth. They also donated colouring in competition prizes and gave the school a huge box of Lego kits for the students to enjoy.

So many 'bashers' who had participated in 30 or more events said it was the best food they had ever had. You just cannot beat good ol' country hospitality!

Stuart, the head organiser of the Bash, arrived in style landing his helicopter on the bottom oval much to the delight of the crowd who had come to see the cars and drivers.

A huge thank you to the P&C committee for organising the catering, raffle and volunteers. Thank you to the community members who loaned bain-maries and slow cookers and who so generously gave up their time to help serve our wonderful guests. Thank you to the Memorial Hall committee for loaning us tables and chairs to seat our guests.



Parent Edwina Brady, P&C Treasurer Lucy Lindner and P&C President Steph L'Estrange sell tickets to the 'bashers' as they arrive.



Mario, Wario and Luigi were some of the first characters to arrive.



Golf anyone? A lot of effort went into these costumes.



Country music legend, John Williamson, donated a signed copy of his book, Old Man Emu.





The 'bashers' were told to bring spares for their vehicles, so these guys also brought along a spare amigo!



The hungry 'bashers' start to fill the hall and their bellies!



Why drive when you can fly?



In the Classroom with 5/6 Kookaburra

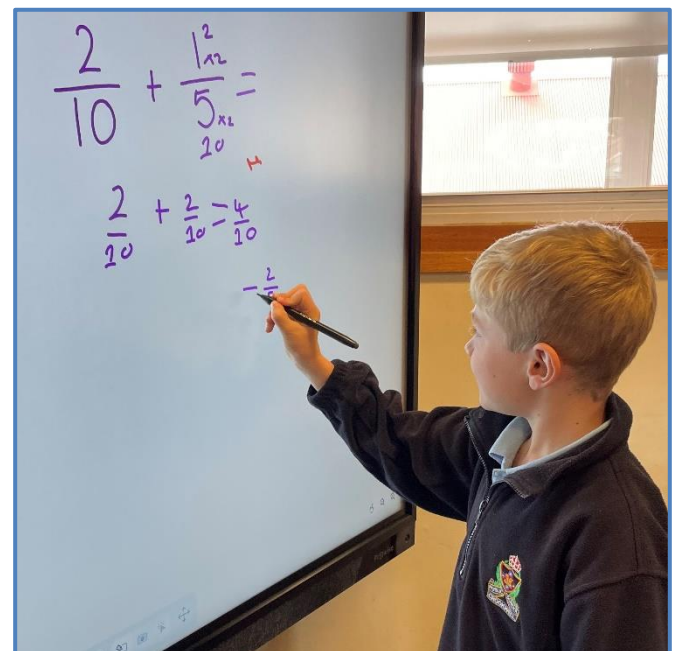
The first few weeks of Term 3 have been a hive of activity and learning in the 5/6 Kookaburra classroom. Kookaburra English have been captivated by our class novel, 'The Breadwinner', we are looking forward to reading how it ends.

We have also been developing our research skills through the 'Wet and Wild' program, this is a research competition run by the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre. Each week students are given 24 clues that link to four different species of animal or plant, the more clues we get correct, the more points we get. We are loving competing against a large number of schools across the state.

In Kookaburra maths, we have been using games, interactive technology, hands on activities and card games to consolidate the new topics we are learning. Creative arts is a favourite subject for many Kookaburra students; we have just completed our self-portraits using watercolour and pastels. We are beginning to learn about music and different musical instruments.....something parents can look forward to seeing at this term's assembly item.



Briah and Charlotte enjoyed the scavenger hunt, searching the clues for questions about the 2022 Commonwealth Games.



Ollie demonstrates and explains how to convert fractions.



Grace, Lotoya and Reece think our self-portraits are pretty amazing!

Devices, Gaming and Addiction

Technology is what some people describe as 'a necessary evil'. In modern times, we rely on it so heavily in so many facets of our lives. We use our phones to do our grocery shopping, keep in touch with friends and family through social media, read our emails, check the weather, do our banking, buy a gift, listen to music, play games, watch our favourite shows, order some food or book an Uber to get to our destination and even make a phone call now and then.

When I first started teaching in 2002, I still had a chalkboard in my classroom which was quickly updated to a whiteboard and now we have internet connected, interactive display panels! We have laptops, iPads, wifi and robotic kits, it is near impossible to escape modern technology.

A very real issue that has stemmed from this immersion in modern technology is the risk of addiction to the use of devices and gaming for young people. Current research is proving the negative impact constant device use and gaming is having on brain development and function in young people. It is crucial that we, as parents, monitor and support children in their use of technology.

Maggie Dent, teacher, author, counsellor and mother of three, has previously presented at our school on the benefits of boys' education strategies. Maggie has an informative website where the following advice on gaming and addiction comes from. The link to the blog is available below.

Maggie suggests the 10 agreements for boys:

1. No computer or device in his bedroom – without permission.
2. Be actively engaged in outside of bedroom/home activity that builds emotional and social competence at least twice a week – preferably group activity.
3. Be playing some form of sport/martial arts/surfing at least 3 times a week.
4. Complete normal chores around home.
5. Ensure his school grades are maintained.
6. Be at family meal times (without devices) and have an agreed bedtime (again, without devices).
7. Have a friend/mate visit or he goes to visit weekly (and they have time offline).
8. Be responsible for any excessive data expenses.
9. Not disable the parental controls that are in place and ensure he maintains privacy controls on his accounts.
10. Avoid pornography sites and viewing MA 15+ or R 18+ or showing anyone else.

Please stress they are NEVER to show this material to anyone even if they ask.

<https://www.maggiedent.com/blog/teen-boys-gaming-10-agreements-healthy-balance/>

I would suggest that these agreements would work equally as well for girls.

Please be mindful of how much time your child is spending on devices and what games, websites, apps and social media they are engaging with. Talking about staying safe online is a whole other issue, but is equally as important as managing time on devices and gaming.

I believe the 10 agreements that Maggie Dent speaks of are a great starting point and scaffold in managing gaming and time on devices in your home. Every home and child are different, so these agreements can be modified to suit your child and their individual needs.

Research proves that children thrive on routine and consistency. Children need and want boundaries in place as it makes them feel safe and there are no nasty surprises. It is our job as parents to stick to the agreements and consequences that are put in place no matter how much the child may complain or argue.

Please do not hesitate to call the school if you are experiencing any issues with your child around the use of technology. We have resources and professional staff, such as the school counsellor, who are able to assist.

Book Week 2022 – 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'

Book Week 2022 begins in Week 7 and Crookwell Public School is ready to celebrate. This year, students will be exploring many amazing books, experiencing countless exciting activities in every classroom and conclude the week by participating in our amazing book week parade, where every student in the school is asked to come dressed as their favourite book character.

The theme for this year's celebrations is "Dreaming with Eyes Open". We hope this inspires your imagination for the costume parade which will be held on **Thursday 1st September at 10.15am** in the school hall. Parents and guests are welcome to attend.

Yours in reading and love of books,
Mrs Stepien and Mrs Croke



Infants Assembly Item

Our gorgeous infants students will be entertaining us next Friday 19th August at 10.45am in the school multipurpose hall. Students are asked to wear comfortable casual clothes for their item. The students and staff look forward to seeing parents and guests join us for this performance.

Stage 2 Child Protection lessons

This term, Years 3 and 4 will be participating in mandatory Child Protection lessons in their Personal Development and Health lessons. The topics include recognising and responding to unsafe situations, establishing and maintaining safe and respectful relationships and protection strategies such as No, Go, Tell. These topics can be sensitive and challenging but are crucial in protecting our young people. Your child/ren may come home and want to discuss these topics with you further. If you require further information about these topics, please arrange a time to speak with Miss Miners or Ms Caffery by phoning the school on 48 321 213.

Middle School Program – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6!

The Middle School Program starts on Monday!

The program will be operating on: **Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st August, 2022.** Each session will run from 2.00pm – 3.15pm.

Please see below the groups that students have selected and been placed in, some groups require equipment too!

We are so excited and hope everyone has a great time learning about their new interest!

Barber Shop

Charlotte T, Tommy D, Taylor E, Zoe K, Ava WS, Charli K, Briah C, Olivia W, Indi F, Poppy S, Laura C

Equipment: None

Keeto Runs

Georgina KR, Ollie C, Lincoln K, Sonny W, Alvin P, Thomas HW, Koby C, Kade F, Cailab S, David P, George W

Equipment: Running shoes, clothes & drink bottle

Cooking

Amalia D, Ada D, Alexis S, Milyana C, Grace S, Kenzi F, Chelsea D, Emma C

Equipment: Apron

Handy Work

Bodi W, Levi N, Shae D, Kai F, Jackson R, Lane C, Nate L

Equipment: Old shirt & boots

Animal Handling

Louise KR, Tully PJ, Nathan B, Jim D, Sam F, Jack F, Sam S, Lachlan N, Reece B, Tyson B, Caden L

Equipment: Coat, umbrella & boots

Campfire Cooking and Poetry

Phoenix D, Aria B, Olivia S, Zachary B, Laura W, Oliver K, Isayah D, Dustin C, Ned C, Cooper G

Equipment: Coat

Archaeology

Lily B, Nathaniel H, Gemma C, Chloe P, Logan R, Braith P, Connor B, Liam M

Equipment: Coat

Figurine Painting

Benjamin W, William M, Charlie D, Scarlet C, Cooper N, Brayden P, Bastian H, Tyler B

Equipment: None

Martial Arts

Lotoya M, Ivy B, Caleb W, Sashank B, Lucas F, Tatyana C, Hayley R, Indianna S, Charles W, Brax D, Bailey S

Equipment: Sports clothes & shoes

Polymer Clay

Jo Lee M, Alex B, Jackson W, Isabelle H, Garth S, Faith R, Ella S, Mackenzie B, Mia C, Charlie C, Koa P

Equipment: None

Airfix Modelling

Levi W, Samuel W, Samuel S, Harrison G, Piquet N, Danny C, Alfie H, Taj D

Equipment: None



Challenge closes for student entries: Closing next week, Friday 19th August 2022

Just a reminder for all primary students that the Premier's Reading Challenge closes Friday 19th August, Week 5. Please ensure all the books you have read have been submitted through the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

How to register:

Students can log in directly to the PRC website using their Department of Education (DoE) username and password. These are the same details a student would use to access the Student Portal and the computer network at school. Just click on 'Log on' in the tool bar left hand side.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

If students are unaware of their username and/or password, please contact their class teacher and ask for their Student Portal username and/or password.

Any questions please contact Mrs Samantha Croke

crookwell-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Parent Reading Helpers

Infant classes are asking for any parents or carers who may have some spare time to assist our young students with their reading. Extra reading opportunities allow students to consolidate reading strategies they are learning, and it increases their confidence and love of reading. It also gives students a sense of belonging in the school environment while reading with family members.

If you are able to provide an hour of your time any morning, please phone the school office on 4832 1213.



Benji and Jack enjoy reading and would love some volunteers to come and hear them read.

K-2 Excursion to Canberra Reptile Zoo 26/08/2022

On Friday 26th August 2022, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to travel to Canberra Reptile Zoo to participate in a tour of the popular reptile zoo followed by a 45-minute live reptile show.

Students will be leaving school at approximately 9:15am and returning to school by 3:15pm. This will be in time for students to catch the bus home. Children will need to bring a packed recess and lunch in their school bags. We will be eating our packed recess and lunch at the Reptile Zoo in the undercover play area.

The total cost of this excursion is \$45.00 per child. This includes the entry fee to the reptile zoo and bus fare. To assist parents in making the payment for this excursion, a payment plan has been set up:

- First** Instalment of **\$10.00** per child is due **OVERDUE**
- Second** Instalment of **\$10.00** per child is due on **OVERDUE**.
- Third** Instalment of **\$10.00** per child is due **OVERDUE**.
- Final** Instalment of **\$15.00** per child is due **next week**.

If there are any questions relating to this excursion, please feel free to contact the school.

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Infants Excursion to Canberra Reptile Zoo

I give permission for my child/ren

_____ to attend the Infants excursion to the Canberra Reptile Zoo on Friday 26th August, 2022. Please find enclosed payment of \$_____ towards the cost of the excursion.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Caregiver)

If payment made online POP Receipt Number _____

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Enrolling Now For 2023 – Online enrolment is available!

If you know of families who will have children starting school at Crookwell Public in 2023, please encourage them to return their **Application for Enrolment Form** promptly. This will allow staffing arrangements for next year to be firmly in place by the commencement of the new academic year.

Families new to the school community are invited to contact the school on 48 321 213 to arrange an interview with Mr Whittington, meet the staff, tour the school and receive a Crookwell Public School Information package.

Thank you to the families who have already completed and submitted their child's application to enrol.

The amazing Flying Start program continues Monday 15th August in the Kindergarten room from 9:15am – 11:00am.

All children who are beginning Kindergarten in 2023 are welcome to attend.

GCOPS Concert Tickets

Tickets are now available to be purchased for the Goulburn Community of Public Schools (GCOPS) concert being held on **Wednesday 24th August, 2022 at 7pm**. **Tickets have been allocated at 2 tickets per participating student. If you have one child participating, you can purchase 2 tickets. If you have 2 children participating, you can purchase 4 tickets etc.**

Toddlers who will be sitting on their parent's lap **DO NOT** require a ticket. Tickets must be paid for at the time of ordering. Once the first round of orders have been allocated, extra tickets **may** be available. Please fill the form below and return it to the office by **Friday 12th August**. An adult ticket costs \$6.00 and a child ticket costs \$3.00.

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GCOPS Concert Tickets

Student/s name: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____

Emergency Phone contact: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____

If payment made online POP Receipt # _____

Tickets	Cost per ticket	Tickets	Total due
Adult	\$6.00		
Child	\$3.00		
Total			\$

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CWA Year 7 Educational Grant

The Southern Tablelands Group of the Country Women's Association of NSW will be awarding fifteen Educational Grants to the value of \$250 each, for children entering secondary school in 2023.

To be eligible for the grant, Year 6 students must:-

- Live in the Southern Tablelands Group Area
- Demonstrate commitment to their school life and community
- Be completing Year 6 in 2022

Application forms for this Educational Grant can be obtained from the school administration office or by phoning 48 321 213 and requesting that an application form is posted home.

Completed applications need to be returned to Mr Whittington by **Friday 23rd September, 2022** to ensure they can be posted with time to reach the judging panel by 11th October, 2022. **Late applications cannot be accepted.**

Class Merit Awards Term 3 Week 4

Kindy Bilby

- Georgie for being prepared and confident when delivering news.
- Patrick for improvement and persistence with reading!
- Indi for excellent work when representing numbers in different ways.

1/2 Emu

- Poppy for her persistence in identifying numbers using base ten blocks.
- Triman for her effort in counting by tens off the decade.

1/2 Kangaroo

- Bobby-Jay for continually trying to improve his writing.
- Lincoln for working really hard when counting on by 100s.

1/2 Platypus

- Harrison for his excellent work on writing informative texts about native animals.
- Vincent for his consistent effort in identifying number values of three-digit numbers.

3/4 Echidna

- Ella for her beautifully presented bookwork.
- Charles W for his dedication and interest when writing an information report on platypuses.

3/4 Koala

- Sam W for his terrific research and writing on his information report.
- Lily for her effort and amazing results on the morning run.

Ms Caffery

- Ned for his increased confidence when answering questions during English.
- Taylor for his effort and positive attitude during maths lessons.

Mrs Whittington

- Thomas for excellent effort in our daily maths mental.
- Tyson for great work on our sentence a day focus, independent clauses.

Mr Harrop

- Harrison for amazing improvement in addition and subtraction
- Charli for careful and detailed story plans.

Yours in Public Education,

Michael Whittington

Principal

Kirstie O'Neill

Assistant Principal

Jade Bell

Assistant Principal

Lauren Caffery

Relieving Assistant Principal

P&C News

Canteen Roster Term 3 *Food for Thought*

Week 5

Wednesday 17 th August	Friday 19 th August
Jess Campbell Marcia Dunn	Steph L'Estrange Jo White

Week 6

Wednesday 24 th August	Friday 26 th August
Jess Campbell Need volunteer	Steph L'Estrange Need volunteer

Week 7

Wednesday 31 st August	Friday 2 nd September
Jess Campbell Susan McIlroy	Steph L'Estrange Jo White

Week 8

Wednesday 7 th September	Friday 9 th September
Jess Campbell Need volunteer	Steph L'Estrange Need volunteer

Week 9

Wednesday 14 th September	Friday 16 th September
Jess Campbell Need volunteer	Steph L'Estrange Jo White

Community Announcements

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Goulburn's Newest Event!

FroStival

GOULBURN

ICE SKATING RINK
Fri & Sat 10am - 9pm | Sun 10am - 6pm

FOODIE LANE + FROSTIVAL BAR
Sat 12pm - 9pm

KIDS ACTIVITIES | LIVE MUSIC + DJ
Sat 12pm - 9pm

 Scan here to purchase ice skating tickets

26 - 28 AUG 2022 ❄️ **Belmore Park**

 VisitGoulburn ❄️ goulburnaustralia.com.au ❄️ 02 4823 4492

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**Crookwell Public School
Absence Notification**

Parent/Carer _____ advises
that student _____ was/will be
away from school from _____ date to _____
Absence due to: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date advised _____



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