



# Cowaramup Primary School Newsletter

## Term 2 Week 3

### About us

Cowaramup families have a strong connection and association with Cowaramup Primary School.

Throughout the years, Cowaramup Primary School has been characterised by high quality teaching and support staff who have set high literacy and numeracy standards, resulting in excellent academic achievement and progress.

Our school prides itself on developing a positive school culture through managing behaviour in an educative, supportive way.

### From the Principal's Desk



In-term swimming commenced today with our year 6's heading to the Augusta Margaret River Aquatic centre to continue developing their swimming skills. Students from Pre-primary to Year 6 will participate in these swimming lessons over the next 3 weeks.

There are a number of incursions and excursions coming up this term which I am sure will delight the students. Highlights will include visiting authors as part of the Readers and Writers Festival and some Bollywood dancing. Information about these has been sent out via the school app and by email.

We are waiting on planning approval so the building of the covered area to give shelter for rooms 10,11,12 and the art room can go ahead. We hope this can progress quickly so students can be protected from the winter rains ahead.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will commence NAPLAN testing next week. The testing is online and allows the question difficulty to be adapted to the student as they continue to answer questions. I am sure that Cowaramup students will continue to do well in these tests.

On Friday 28 May and Saturday 29 May, Cowaramup Primary School will be having two (2) *School Development Days*. These days allow the teachers and education assistants to participate in professional learning called Talk for Writing. This approach to students learning writing allows them to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally, before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version.

Some classes have already had great successes using this approach with their students. This professional learning will allow our school to implement this approach across all classes.

### **P&C News**

Tuesday Soup Days are always popular with students particularly in the colder months of the year. The running of soup days relies on the support from parents. This year a class roster has been set up asking three (3) parents to volunteer to make a large pot of soup and for (three) 3 parents to come into the canteen to serve the soup between 12pm to 1pm. Children enjoy seeing their mums and dads in the canteen! A cup of soup and two (2) pieces of bread for \$3 make this the perfect choice.

The funds raised from this initiative allows the P&C to support each class by giving teachers \$300 to purchase resources for students.

Next week parents from Room 2 will be helping out. Look out for notifications on Seesaw when your class is looking for soup day help.

On Friday's, volunteers are needed to help Lainy our Canteen Manager (Wed – Friday) for 1 hour from 12-1pm. This helps to be able to get all of the student lunches out quickly and before the hot lunches get cold. Please let Lainy know if you can help.

## **School Development Day – Term 2 Friday, 28 May**

A reminder that Friday 28th May is a *School Development Day*. This **pupil free day** allows staff to be able to be involved in whole school professional learning.

It will mean that Monday 19th July, students will attend school for the commencement of term 3. This will be different to other schools in the area.

Peter Howse

Principal

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**10-14 May**

**Swimming Lessons PP/Yr 1/Yr 2**

**14 May**

**Assembly—Room 5 and Room 7**

**Room 8 Our Patch Catchment Excursion**

**17-21 May**

**Swimming Lessons Yr 3/Yr 4/Yr 5**

**18 May**

**Readers and Writers Incursion Years 1-6**

**Authors: Gabriel Evans / Josh Langley**

**24 May**

**Destination High School—Year 5's**

**25 May**

**Bollywood Incursion Years 1-6**

**The Singh Sisters**

**28 May**

**Pupil Free Day / School Development Day**

**— Students do not attend school**

**11 June**

**Assembly—Room 3**

**25 June**

**Assembly—Rooms 11 & 12**

**Year 6 Interschool Football/Netball/Soccer/Hockey**

## From the School Yard

# Cowaramup Primary - Proud and Respectful representation on Anzac Day



From L to R: Mrs Mathers (Teacher), Jessie Elliott, Isla Fulton and Jordan Beere



## Room 5 are being Persuasive

Students in Room 5 have been working on writing persuasive texts. To practice using our emotive language and different modality words, we suggested and voted on a topic to use for our shared writing. The topic with the most votes was “Children at Cowaramup Primary School Should be able to go to the Skate Park and Playground at the Duggan Hall, at Recess and Lunch”. This was very closely followed by “Children Should Learn Archery at School”.

Below are two introductions for our argument, one is 'For' the other is 'Against'.

**Children at Cowaramup Primary should be able to go to the Skate Park and playground at the Duggan Hall, at Recess and Lunch**

### Against

It is obvious, that allowing any children to carelessly skate and play at the Duggan Hall is a despicable idea. It is clear that it would be remarkably dangerous and irresponsible to permit this ruthless idea. Firstly, children could be terribly injured and even break multiple bones. Children could be terrorised by horribly rude people. It could be catastrophic if

a student decided to hastily run home. Their parents would not expect them to be home and teachers will be unbearably worried. So why not keep us precious children safe from harm in school grounds?

**For**

Astonishingly, children at Cowaramup Primary School are not allowed to go to the skate park at recess and lunch! It is clear that we will be able to persuade you to change this outrageous rule. Our reasons for this argument include; it is extremely fun when you are at the skate park, if you don't like skating or forgot your board you can watch your friends, play on the incredible playground or run inside the bowl. Finally, you can improve your skating skills by watching and supporting your friends and having a go yourself. So why not let us suffering claustrophobic kids be free to play at the skate park and Duggan Hall playground?

**'Pete the Sheep' visit to Year 1's - A precursor before an excursion with PP/Year 1 students to the MR Cultural Centre later in the term.**



**Year 3 and 5's making music together**





# Breakfast Club is BACK!

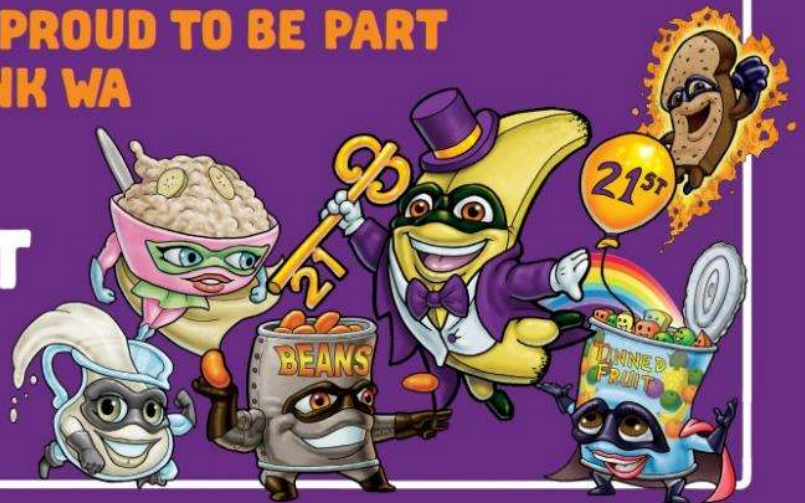
Friday Morning 8:15am - 8:45am in RED BLOCK!

All year levels welcome, K/PP escorted. Hope to see you there!



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OF THE FOODBANK WA**

**SCHOOL  
BREAKFAST  
PROGRAM  
2021**



From the Library





## Book Fair Wednesday 19 May

Dear Parents / Guardians

**We are excited to announce that Cowaramup Primary School is holding a BOOK FAIR in Term 2, Week 5 on Wednesday 19 May 2021.** Book Fair provides an opportunity for students and parents to purchase a fabulous and affordable, quality range of books on the day. Book Fair will be held in our school library.

Our school receives commission from purchase which helps to supplement our library budget and enables us to purchase additional resources for our school.

If you are able to spare an hour or two on the day to help Nich in the library please contact her on 9756 5400 or [Nichelle.Dodd@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Nichelle.Dodd@education.wa.edu.au)

Our preferred payment option is via EFTPOS, however we will also accept cash payments.

We are so grateful for your support!

## Incursions for Year 1-6.

### *Young Readers and Writers*

The Young Readers and Writers Festival is on again this year, Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup>. We missed out on this fabulous annual event due to COVID last year so we are delighted to have this incursion go ahead this term. The two authors we are hosting are listed below. It is always very exciting to meet the person who created our favourite books and to hear how that process came about.



#### **Gabriel Evans**

[www.gabrielevansartist.com/about](http://www.gabrielevansartist.com/about)

Gabriel Evans is an international selling children's book author and illustrator. His latest books include *A Human for Kingsley*, *Norton and the Bear*, *Cute Penguin* and *Ollie and Augustus*. He has worked with award-winning Australian authors including his latest collaborations with Sonya Hartnett (*Blue Flower*) and Jane Godwin (*Little One*). Gabriel creates his art using a mix of watercolour, pencil and gouache. He works in a small studio near a river where he drinks tea and grows trees.

#### **For Primary Schools: Years 1 - 6**

A fun and interactive picture bookmaking workshop giving insight into creating characters, developing stories and producing illustrations. Includes drawing demonstrations and a Q&A.



#### **Josh Langley**

[www.joshlangley.com.au](http://www.joshlangley.com.au)

Award-winning children's author and illustrator Josh Langley has inspired thousands of primary school children with his powerful 'Being You is Enough' message based on his popular book series, including *Magnificent Mistakes* and *Fantastic Failures* and his latest *Being Wildly Kind*.

#### **For Primary Schools: Years 1 - 6**

#### **Being You Is Enough**

In a funny and inspiring workshop, Josh talks about overcoming setbacks and explores emotional and mental wellbeing, resilience, self-esteem, empathy and ends the workshop with a fun drawing activity.

## ***Bollywood Incursion***

The second fabulous incursion is on Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup>. We are very lucky to have this opportunity to experience a different culture, at our school. These performers have regularly travelled to India to study Classical North Indian Kathak dance and Classical Indian vocal music. Combining Indian dance and their interest in modern forms of dance such as hip-hop and Latin allow the performers to choreograph using traditional, folk and contemporary influences.

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### *Singh Sisters Bollywood Jai Ho!*

*~ Colourful & vibrant Bollywood  
dance segments for any occasion ~*

Bollywood dancing is enjoying unprecedented popularity due to the Bollywood film industry.

Bollywood fuses rap, raga, latin and hip-hop into a lively mixture of folk, classical, global and local traditions.

This incursion allows an understanding of the history and the meaning behind the dances in

a highly energetic interactive program.

The costumes are colourful, authentic and tailor-made from India to give a special touch to these very popular presentations.

Our instructors have years of training and take their dancing very seriously, giving you a perfect presentation every time.





## Payments made easy

The cost for the above two incursions is \$11.

Remember any payments can be made by Direct bank deposit, cash or EFTPOS. Cash or EFTPOS payments can be made in person at the Administration Office or over the phone. When making Direct Bank deposits please include the student name and year.



Studiosity

### Free homework and study help, online, from real people

Thanks to The Shire of Augusta Margaret River Public Libraries, all students at local schools have access to online, after-hours study help with the library's [Studiosity](#) service.

Busy families all over the Shire can get homework and study help in real time, from real subject specialists, online. The online staff are all professional educators and academics and can help with all core subjects: [Maths](#), Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English and writing, assignment research, and more.

Over 70% of Australian public universities provide [Studiosity](#) to students to help with academic writing and study skills, so we're very pleased to offer it to our community as well, from high school onwards.

Have your Shire of Augusta Margaret River library card handy, go to [www.amrlibraries.com](http://www.amrlibraries.com) and click on the [Studiosity](#) link to free get assistance with your study. If you do not have a library card, pop into Margaret River or Augusta library and speak to our friendly staff

