

Cowaramup Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6

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



Term 2 has been busy this year with swimming and so many excursions and incursions for our students. It has been excellent seeing the enjoyment and excitement of students who have participated in these events. Bollywood Dancing was a highlight for students in Years 1 – 6 this week and today the Pre-Primary students were eager to go to the Busselton Jetty, enjoy the train ride and then visit the Underwater Observatory.

Winter has arrived with some very cold mornings and it has been good to see so many students in their school jumpers keeping warm. Please make sure that these have names written on them to help ensure a speedy return to your child when they go missing.

Planning permission for the covered area over the transportable near the art room has been approved, allowing for the construction to begin shortly. I know that all the students and staff are looking forward to this cover from the rain in the months to come.

Today students acknowledged the strength of the Stolen Generation Survivors and how we can all play apart in the healing. Students placed hands around the school flagpoles as part of National Sorry Day.

This Thursday after school the P&C are having their next meeting. The group is looking for new members to help with their fund raising initiatives whilst enjoying the friendships and fun of working with others. They would really like to see everyone there. The meeting will be held in the school library.

A reminder that Friday is a School Development Day to allow the teachers and education assistants to participate in professional learning called *Talk for Writing*. This is a pupil free day.

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.

The school choir will be performing at the Biggest Morning Tea in the Cowaramup Hall this Sunday. The students have amazing voices and relish the opportunity to perform. Having heard their practise session, I know they are going to entertain the audience and add to the atmosphere of the day as money is raised for the Cancer Council.

Peter Howse

Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 May

Pupil Free Day / School Development Day

— Students do not attend school

2 June

Adopt a Spot—Planting Day Gracetown

Rooms 5 and 6

11 June

Assembly—Room 3

25 June

NAIDOC Day

Assembly—Rooms 11 & 12

Year 6 Interschool Football/Netball/Soccer/Hockey

Friday, 2 July

Last Day of Term 2

Monday, 19 July

First Day of Term 3

Biggest Morning Tea



Cowaramup's *Biggest Morning Tea* is being held this Sunday with the school choir performing in the Cowaramup Hall, whilst raising funds for the Cancer Council to assist those living with cancer.

The Student Council have decided to get behind this initiative and are asking the students of Cowaramup Primary School to wear something on their head this Thursday. It could be a wig, hat, beanie, scarf or a head band. Bring in any loose change that you have around the house and this will then be donated to Cancer Council as part of Cowaramup's Biggest Morning tea.



Pete the Sheep excursion to the Margaret River Heart



Room 1 at the MR Heart Foyer

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Young Readers and Writers Festival - Authors and Illustrators visit our School



Year 1's busy practicing illustrator techniques

Year 3's Making Mia Mia's

Over the last fortnight the students in Year Three have been busily designing, building, and assessing their Indigenous shelters known as Mia-Mia's. They looked at the materials that traditional Aboriginal people would have used, collected a variety of resources, and built shelters. They were justifiably proud of their achievements and this was reflected in their assessments of their construction skills. This is a great way for students to experience, reflect and consider the oldest, continuous, living culture in the world. Soon we will be exploring Water Craft.



'Our Patch' Excursion

On Monday 17 May, the Year Six class in Room Seven went on the Cape Catchment 'Our Patch' Excursion. At first, we visited Cullen's Winery and learnt about their Biodynamic processes. Students explored the garden beds, kitchen garden, received a free guava from their tree! and saw where the wine was stored in barrels. Then we visited Olio Bello and Grace Farm before finishing the day at Ellensbrook beach.

At Grace Farm we were shown the local scorpions which were HUGE! We also tested the water at the dam and found lots of tiny creepy crawly macroinvertebrates - a great sign of a healthy ecosystem. At Ellensbrook, we built sandcastles with dry sand and sea weed to replicate the erosion on sand dunes that do not have plants. The best sandcastles withstood storm winds (a leaf blower) and torrential rain (a bucket of water). It was great learning about the area we live in and ALL of the amazing businesses with sustainable practices.



Bollywood Bonanza - The Singh Sisters were a hit, a lot of fun with new moves learnt by all.



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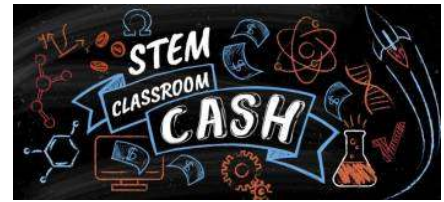
A share of \$20,000 to be won!

HELP DEVELOP THE STEM STARS OF THE FUTURE

There is a chance to win a share of \$20,000 to boost our school's STEM budget and create new opportunities for STEM education, with a competition run by The West Australian.

The funds could be used for classroom or whole-school resources, STEM clubs, incursions and/or excursions - whatever our school requires to take STEM learning to the next level.

if families could please collect entry coupons from Saturday's edition of The West Australian on May 29, June 5, 12 & 19 – gather as many coupons as you can and drop them into the office. We will then tally them and send them all in together to see if we might be one of the lucky winners.



PRIZE POOL CONSISTS OF:

First random draw prize

\$5000

Five random draw prizes

\$1000

School with most entries

\$5000

School with most
entries per student

\$5000

From the Library

Book Fair

Our school held a Scholastic Book Fair last Wednesday 19 May 2021. There was much excitement in the air first thing in the morning, with students and their families having a fabulous time purchasing from a wide variety of books for sale. Huge thanks go to parent volunteers, teachers and our wonderful Library Volunteer, Judith, for their help on the day.

It was very encouraging to see the students being so happy to participate in the fun of the day. Thanks to community support in purchasing from the Fair, our school has received almost \$1,400 worth of rewards dollars to purchase new books and resources for our school.



We had a fun colouring-in competition to generate excitement on the day with winners from Kindy to Year 6 awarded prizes. The standard of colouring-in was exceptionally high, making the judges' decisions on picking winners and runner-ups incredibly difficult.

Thanks again for your support and we are looking forward to another Book Fair later in Term 4.

Nich Dodd, Library Officer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE



Payments made easy

A big THANK YOU to all parents with your timely payments for this Term that has been full of wonderful excursions for the students.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tickets: bit.ly/margskids



EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MASTERCLASS FOR PARENTS + TEACHERS

MARGARET RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE
6:45 PM
MON 31ST MAY



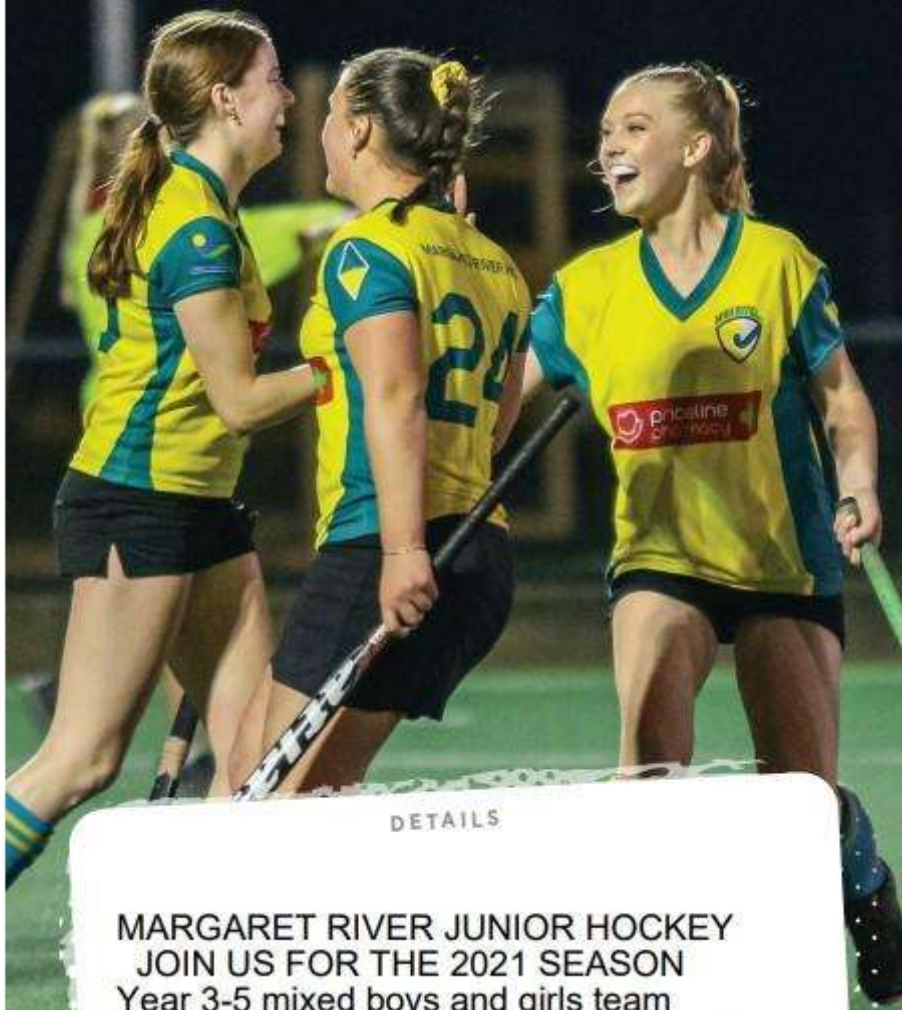
Department of
Local Government,
Sport and Cultural
Industries

KIDSPORT



UP TO **\$150** TOWARDS CLUB
FEES FOR KIDS!

Eligible kids aged 5-18 years can access financial assistance to contribute towards club membership.



DETAILS

MARGARET RIVER JUNIOR HOCKEY
JOIN US FOR THE 2021 SEASON

Year 3-5 mixed boys and girls team
Year 6-8 girls team, Year 6-8 boys team
Year 9-12 girls team, Year 9-12 boys team
Want more info?

juniorcoordinator@margaretriverhockey.org.au
admin@margaretriverhockey.org.au

You can apply for KidSport online at
dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport



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