



# Cowaramup Primary School Newsletter

## September 2019 Term 3 Week 9

### About us

Cowaramup families have had 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 Principals Desk



### From the Principal

Our Year 4 returned home from their adventure to Camp Mornington near Harvey yesterday, happy, tired but so excited to tell their stories. The students enjoyed orienteering in teams, building a shelter to survive in and many were able to scale a 12 metre wall. Our thanks go to our parent volunteers and to Ms Taylor and Ms Blackwell for organising this magnificent camp.

Every 3 years, public schools participate in a *School Review* process to validate our effectiveness. Our review was extremely positive. They see our staff as very committed with a high work ethic and a very supportive

community that all want to help make a difference for Cowaramup students. The reviewers were very complimentary about many areas across our school.

Our formal written report will take 2 weeks to be written. I can then share with you, the many highlights and the directions that we will focus on over the next few years.

This report will be shared with our school community and will be a public document.

The first of our 3 new buildings will arrive over the school holidays. A new staffroom that is currently located at MRSHS has been allocated to us because of the lack of office space within our Admin area and because we have difficulty in getting all of our staff into the one room. The conversion of the old staffroom to office space will allow our staff more room to utilise and maintain connection with other administration staff now and as enrolments grow.

Considerations of placing buildings need to meet the new FESA fire standards as our school is within a 20m vegetation strip. This limits the placement of buildings to the south and east of our school. In the context of our staff room, it also needs to be in a central position to enable staff to utilise it. With this in mind it will be located between rooms 4 and 5 as in the picture below.

The placement of the general classroom and the art room will be to the east near Room 11. I am currently working with the *Building Management and Works* to determine the buildings best locations.

We wish the Interschool Cross Country team the very best as they take on the schools from Busselton and Margaret River. Each of them have trained before school and have been selected to represent Cowaramup PS.

In the final week of school, the upper primary netball and football teams will be playing St Thomas More School in Margaret River. I know that our students enjoy this opportunity each year with teams from both schools often evenly matched.

Our Kindy students are looking forward to their excursion to *Discover Deadly* tomorrow. The brave students will get to see many reptiles as well as the opportunity to get up close with a Python!

On the final day of term 3, our school shares our school history about the memorials around the school and what happened on the day of the Gracetown Cliff tragedy. Throughout the day we focus on positive values as students participate in four fun activities in multi-age Buddy Groups.

A free sausage sizzle will be provided for everyone with **Leeuwin Tyres** funding the canteen to provide this for Cowaramup kids. We thank the Rodley family for this generous commitment to supporting our Buddy Group day and Cowaramup students. There is no other canteen food on this day although drinks and yoghurts may be purchased for cash.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to their holiday break coming up. Term 3 finishes on Friday 27th September and returns to commence term 4 on Tuesday 15th October, 2019.



# PBIS Rewards Raffle

Here are this week's winners in the raffle for "Pikelets with the Principal"! Clearly this is a fun prize.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**2019—Term Three**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Interschool's Cross Country in  
Margaret River  
Kindy Discover Deadly  
Excursion*

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Assembly – Room 4*

**September 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Football/ Netball @ St Thomas  
Moore*

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**LAST DAY TERM 3**

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**TERM 4 COMMENCES**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Year 6 Camp*

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Assembly – Room 3*

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Yr 6 MRSB Transition Visit*

**ADVENTURE AWAITS**  
SCHOOL CAMP AND EXCURSION NEWS

## Year 6 Camp

What a jammed pack Adventure camp is planned for the Year 6 students. Raft building, Challenge Zone and High Ropes are just some of the activities that they will take on. The notes have been sent out with all the information needed. Dates are for next term Week 1, departing Tuesday 15th October and returning on Friday 18th October.



## Year 6 Catchment Presentation

On Tuesday, the year 6's visited Margaret River Primary School to present the work they've been doing on our local catchment with five local schools, Shire Councillors and local groups. The students enjoyed watching other school's presentations and it was a great way to celebrate the culmination of a term's work. Please click the link below to view the Powerpoint Presentation that was presented.

[Cowaramup Catchment Presentation](#)

## Yr 2 and 3 Valentine Play Excursion

Room 3,4,9 and 10 recently travelled into Margaret River to watch Valentine, a Puppetry performance, in the new Arts Centre. Through the use of puppetry, students were entertained about a story that illustrated the emotions we go through when we lose someone close to us. Students were then able to go back stage and see the behind the scene magic that brought the show alive.



## KINDY DISCOVER DEADLY

Kindy excursion will be Friday 20th September.

*slither on in.....*

Learn fact from fiction as many of the common myths that surround our infamous venomous wildlife are busted.



Discover the truth behind some of Western Australia's most secretive, mysterious critters. Deadly or Dangerous? A unique educational Experience in a fun environment. From venomous snakes and spiders to fork tongue lizards, large constricting pythons and a very handsome crocodile.



## Kindy Enrolments

Kindy Applications for 2020 have now closed. Applications may still be made and will be considered on a case by case basis, in accordance with the Department of Education's Enrolment Policy. Application forms can be downloaded from our Website or click on the link provided below.

### Application for Kindy Enrolment

Please ensure you get your applications in as soon as possible, accompanied with the students Birth Certification and an up to date Immunisation History Statement (which can be obtained through your MyGov online account or direct from Medicare).

## Payments Due

Any payments can be made by Direct bank deposit or cash at the Administration Office. We have EFTPOS payment facilities available for all school payments over the value of \$10. These can be made in person at the Administration Office or over the phone.



### CURRENT PAYMENTS NOW DUE AND PAYABLE

- Kindy - Yr 6 Contributions and P & C Family Contributions are now **past due.**





## Reading...we love reading

Look who's been caught reading! There is nothing I love more, than to see children engaged in a great book. In room 8, we have been working on our reading. The students are keen to have time to read their 'good fit' books and have even had to be asked to stop reading during other lessons....I hope you enjoy these candid photos taken at various times over the term. (\*Good fit books are books that a reader can read with high accuracy and high understanding. This is essential for reading acceleration).



## Room 9 Garden Blitz

This week room 9 have been hard at work doing a garden blitz around their classroom. We installed some benches that we recycled from the assembly area. With the assistance of Mr McKinley, they were concreted in for us now to sit on for recess and lunch. We then set about planting the plants in the garden. The students decided what would be the best design for this garden which included putting some stepping stones in to access from the class and the grass area. With a generous donation from



Coastal Earthmoving Contractors we were able to spread some mulch on to keep the water in the garden and absorbed through the ground. Our final installation will be concreting our Moonlight cow into position.



## Waste Wise Report

Cowaramup Primary School is involved in an incentive called Terracycle, where we have a collection box that recycles various stationary objects. Each class has a recycling bucket which we then place into the terracycle box. Once this box is full we send it away to be recycled into new products.

We would love if you could bring in your stationary items so we could recycle yours as well, which means less rubbish going to landfill. The following items can be brought in and placed into these buckets. Pens and pen caps, mechanical and wooden pencils, markers and marker caps, permanent markers, and permanent marker caps. Remember **NO EXCUSE FOR SINGLE USE.**





# Margaret River Tennis Academy

We run the coaching program at the Margaret River Tennis Club and Cowaramup Tennis Club. Our goal is to bring tennis to all ages and levels, trying to make everyone better player and gain confident on the court in a fun environment. For the younger children, we use special modified equipment with smaller racquets and low compression balls so they can improve and play quicker.

- We offer FREE trial lesson in a group for all new players in the After School Lessons (excluding MiniTennis).
- If lessons are rain out we will reschedule before the end of the Term or you can get credit for next term.
- For families we offer 10% discount for second child and 50% discount for third child, on group After School Program.
- If your child wants to come a second day , we offer 50% off on the second day.
- NEW - Lessons on Saturday for RedBall and OrangeBall.

## HOLIDAY CLINICS - END TERM 3

1st Week - Mon 30/09 - Tue 01/10 - Wed 02/10

2nd Week - Mon 07/10 - Tue 08/10 - Wed 09/10

Fun way to enjoy the School Holidays learning how to play tennis and meeting new friends. No experience is needed to join in. We will teach them the basic skills of tennis and doing some fun games. Its for children from 6 to 14 year old.

**From 9am till 12noon..... Cost: 1 Day - \$25 or 3 Days - \$70**

Club Coach: Pablo Gomez Pujalte      Contact number: 0478773520      Email: [mrtennisacademy@gmail.com](mailto:mrtennisacademy@gmail.com)

After School Lessons Timetable



# Basketball Clinics October School Holidays & Term 4



## Kids October School Holiday Basketball Clinics

2nd & 11th October @Margaret River Recreation Centre All equipment provided

5-8 year olds – 9am – 10.30am

9-12 year olds – 10.45am – 12.15pm

“You grab coffee, we ‘ll take care of the kids!”

## Saturday Morning Term 4 Program

5-11 year olds Beginner Ballers – Starts 26th Oct

Session #1: 9am - 9.45am

Session #2: 9.45am - 10.30am

- Perfect for first timers or those looking to improve their basketball skills
- Kids will develop their basketball and fundamental movement skills through fun and engaging activities, games and drills
- 2 coaches, group split into age/ability levels

8 weeks > \$90 for the term > 24 spots only per session Add a MR Basketball Academy T-shirt for only \$20 extra

Bookings Online Now!