



Cowaramup Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9

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



From The Principal

2020 has been an amazing year despite the significant challenges at the end of Term 1 when we headed into lock down because of the pandemic.

We have all been resilient and we have tried to do our very best to ensure that our students were healthy and had a normal environment in which to continue their schooling. We have adapted and modified ways in which we have operated in the past to ensure we are COVID safe.

This week we have been involved in the celebration of the achievements and successes that Cowaramup students have gained over the year. It has been wonderful to see the smiles on students' faces as they have

been recognised for their efforts.

Our Year 6's have enjoyed a graduation dinner and their graduation ceremony, as we officially farewelled them to high school. Each of them have amazing qualities and I am sure they will enjoy 2021 in high school. They are well prepared for their learning ahead. It has been a joy to see them grow as individuals and a team over their eight years here at Cowaramup PS.

For many years now we have enjoyed having our School Chaplain, Roger Westaway, working in our school. Roger is reducing his work load and that will mean that this week will be his last supporting students, parents and staff. Roger has been an amazing person with so much energy organising many whole school events like Harmony Day and the very popular Friday breakfast club. He is constantly talking with students at recess and lunch times, providing support when needed. Roger's final day will be on Wednesday. As a school and a community we wish him well and thank him for his long and committed service to the Cowaramup School community.

Next year we welcome Mr William Crawford to our school as a teacher. William was a former student of Cowaramup PS and he is looking forward to settling back into the area.

There is some delay in a new transportable arriving for the commencement of the 2021 year. A classroom has already been setup with new furniture in the library where Mr Yorke will move to until the building arrives.

Congratulations to the P&C and the recent silent disco they had at the Cowaramup Club. This new format had many students up and dancing to their chosen tunes. A great time was had by all!

As the year comes to a close, I hope that you all enjoy time with family over the Christmas and New Year holidays. I look forward to welcoming you back again for the 2021 school year.

Peter Howse

Principal



Years 1-5 Award Recipients

<i>Award Name</i>	<i>Awardee</i>
Yr 1 Academic Excellence	Elara Gould
Yr 2 Academic Excellence	Asha Kruger
Yr 3 Academic Excellence	Olivia MacBeth
Yr 4 Academic Excellence	Riley Beere
Yr 5 Academic Excellence	Josephine Mathieson
Room 1 Citizenship	Ruby Koerner-Crappsley
Room 2 Citizenship	Avalee Hunt
Room 3 Citizenship	Koby Schwier
Room 4 Citizenship	Lille Toye
Room 5 Citizenship	Matilda Olsen
Room 6 Citizenship	George Miller
Room 7 Citizenship	Macy Dargue
Room 9 Citizenship	Ned Olsen
Room 10 Citizenship	Jack Bowdell
Room 11 Citizenship	Jessie Elliott
Room 1 Encouragement	Billy Rogers
Room 2 Encouragement	Oliver Haywood
Room 3 Encouragement	Sammie Cook
Room 4 Encouragement	Charlotte Henshall
Room 5 Encouragement	Ollie Jakovich
Room 6 Encouragement	Kyle Rodley
Room 7 Encouragement	Charlie Moulton
Room 9 Encouragement	Charlotte Healy
Room 10 Encouragement	Gracie Hicks
Room 11 Encouragement	Coen Marter
Yr 5 Be Your Best Award	Grace Cook

Year 6 Award Recipients

<i>Award Name</i>	<i>Awardee</i>
Outstanding	Ollie Mueller Saffron Miller
School Dux	Avelene Wood
Ian Bremner Scholarship	Zac Mulcahy
LOTE	Sam Jovic
Senior Sportsperson	Ethan Semenow
Visual Arts	Griff Mammone
Encouragement	Stella Percival Ruby McKinley
Best Effort	Chaise Fowler

Quiet Achiever	Sasha Mann
Science	Fahryn Snelling Ella Lilford
Young Writers	Coco Stent
Music	Millie Proud

School Board News

I would like to thank Narelle Rodley for her last three years as the Chairperson of the School Board. She has done an amazing job. As a School Board we have been fortunate to have her leadership and passion to continue to make Cowaramup Primary School a great place for students to learn.

Congratulations to the parents below who are now joining the School Board in 2021.

Each have unique skills and abilities and I look forward to working with them all.

Benjamin Ross Warner

My family and I are new to Cowaramup, moving from Busselton two and a half years ago to our rural property which we are establishing into a small business. My son Billy is currently in kindy with my daughter Charley starting in 2022.

We spend our spare time at the beach, BMX track or eating out. My wife is an artist, running her own photography business and I am a fly in fly out Dad.

When not at work I run the farm. Lucky for me I am on a great roster however not all Mums and Dads are as lucky.

I believe my wife and I understand what it means to work hard and I would like the opportunity to represent the Mums and Dads that are working unique arrangements.

Joel Hall

Professional experience (engineer – Department of Water)

- o Strong project management skills
- o Member of professional boards and advisory groups
- o Collaboration with stakeholders, communication and community engagement
- Interest in science, maths and environment (degrees in environmental engineering and science)
- Engaged in junior sport (Auskick coach 2019)
- Community connections (active member of Cowaramup Men's Shed)

- Good understanding of challenges faced by teachers (both parent teachers)
- Good understanding of bureaucracy
- Sense of humour (Possum – Say G'Day to the Bay day 2019 and 2020)
- Long-term commitment to Cowaramup Primary School (children in Kindy and Year 2)

Michelle Bretherton

My strengths are:

Understanding the process

My previous career was in local government in Victoria as a Governance Advisor working closely with the council meetings process and also the various committees in council. My team created the agenda and minutes for the council/committees. As well as helped other teams create policies, frameworks, Terms of References and other processes. I also attended the council/committee meetings to provide support to the Executives, CEO/chairperson in meeting process and procedures.

Organisation and planning skills

I was a project lead in the 2020 Kindy play area upgrade. Leading the “garden group” to create and deliver two main spaces, namely the sensory path and Perspex wall gardens. This involved coordinating a number of people to help in four busy bees during the school holidays. Designing the sensory path, organising and acquiring materials and resources, negotiating donations and funds. I also was a main contributor in the creative group helping to deliver mainly the fairy garden. I liaised with the K3 kindy teacher, kindy mums and Precious Plastics to create the rainbow recycled bottle cap arch way and also found, refurbished and installed the big red toadstool.

Relationship building skills

I have helped facilitate many workshops through my career in local government around organisational change, policy development and team building. Each workshop represented an opportunity to understand the nuances of the particular work area and their deliverables. I was able develop strong relationships with select member’s various teams.

My Interests are:

Building community

I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the kindy upgrade project. It gave me an urge to stay connected in the community. The root of the community it’s the primary school. Supporting local businesses and initiatives like Woven, precious plastics, Community Garden, Men’s Shed and the Gourmet Food Merchant + other local shops to name a few. I hope to be part of the team who can help shape what our community can be in the future.

Creative arts

I really believe that above technology a strong relationship to the arts is essential. Art, craft, design, music, drama all help build problem solving, creativity, independent thinking skills that are transferable. Our creative ability is what sets us apart from computers. I am a member of Woven Cowaramup and have my own small creative business on the side.

Environment

Our climate is evolving and we need to set some good examples and habits in our children. What is more “hassle” for us to do now in terms reuse and recycle will become second nature. Looking after our environment should be second nature and building an awareness of our foot print is important.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4—2020

DECEMBER

14 December

Assembly Instrumental Music Students

Year 4 RAC Margaret River

Nature Park Camp

Kindy 3 End of Year Celebration

15 December

Year 5 Xcape to the Cape Excursion

Kindy 2 End of Year Celebration

16 December

Kindy 1 End of Year Celebration

Year 6 Xcape to the Cape Excursion

17 December

Last Day of School

Free Sausage Sizzle provided by the P&C



From the School Yard

Makanan indonesia with Ibu Vans

This term for Year 5 and Year 6's our topic in Indonesian was Makanan Indonesia (Indonesian Food). To celebrate the end of this topic we made one of the more well known and popular traditional dishes from Indonesia – Nasi Goreng (Fried Rice). It was a great way to celebrate all the hard work the students have put into their learning this year.

Sampai jumpa lagi! - Ibu Vans



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PLAY Leaders

We were very fortunate to get some Australian Government Funding through a grant to increase resilience in our students through play. The Year 5 students have undergone some intensive training to upskill in providing alternate activities for the younger students at recess and lunchtime and become PLAY leaders.

PLAY (meaning both the act of playing and also standing for the acronym: Positivity, Leadership and Activated Youth) is a wellbeing and resilience-building program for young students. It has a brilliant impact at schools, working to:

- Build empowerment in students
- Facilitate games across the year groups
- Create a sense of belonging
- Encourage responsibility and teamwork
- Teach the importance of rules and positive values

The Year 5 students have been great mentors and the children in Year 1 and Kindy have been having a blast playing games like Bean, Scarecrow Tag, Duck, Duck Goose and other great activities. These are really fun games that the year 5's will practice their leadership skills in.

A fantastic effort by all the Year 5's - it is great to have such a giving and motivated cohort of leaders for 2021! Next year these games will be out in full force so stay tuned!



Cape Naturaliste Excursion for Year 1's

The Year 1s headed to the Cape Naturaliste National Park on Friday 4 December. It was a fantastic experience as Josh from Koomal Dreaming taught us about local aboriginal seasons and many different uses for plants in the area, including weapons, food and medicines. We were treated to some aboriginal music as Josh played drums and the didgeridoo and we danced like emus and kangaroos. It was a great day out!



Beetroot Feasting with Room 6

The biggest vegetable Cowaramup Primary School has ever seen appeared on our table today... a 2.8 kg beetroot with a 60cm circumference. Today we sliced this beauty up and cooked beetroot chips and boiled chunks of it.

Ms Niotakis (amazing gardener) along with the regular garden helpers took good care of the beetroot after Charlee Werren planted them. The beetroot was the biggest vegetable we had ever seen.

Mrs Tassell said, "It may take a while to cook because it's so big".

We would like to thank Mrs Tassell, Alby, Summer, George, Sonny and Jayke who were our chefs for the day. We would also like to thank Charlee W for planting the beetroot.

We tried them raw, baked and boiled. Some people thought the raw ones tasted like soil; "It started sweet but had an aftertaste like dirt," Jayke said.

The baked ones tasted like a sweet soft squishy chip, but Harlee still thought they tasted amazing. They looked oily and yellow and a bit squishy. The boiled ones were yellow at the bottom and light red on top.

Three people liked the boiled ones best, and 17 liked the baked ones the most. Four people didn't like any at all.

Even though they were ugly on the outside, inside they were beautiful. - by Harlee Pelham and Roxy Stent



An amazing crop of garlic!



Wet 'n' Wild Play - Year 3's

Year 3s had a fabulous time on Monday, squirting each other (and their teachers!), sliding on the waterslide, playing "Duck, Duck, Goose" with buckets of water, and generally just getting down into some wild water fun!



A Snippet of the Students' art this term via some pic collages



Year 3 - Koi Fish



FREE Sausage Sizzle on Thursday 17 December - Last day of Term

The Canteen will not be open on Thursday 17 December, the last day of term. However the Cowaramup P&C are generously providing a FREE sausage sizzle. The sausages are gluten free and gluten free buns are available. For an indication of numbers and if you would like a vegetarian sausage option could you please visit our website on <https://cowaramupps.wa.edu.au/web/entries.php?cat=0&sid=57049&catname=eForms&schoolid=73> and indicate how many of your child/ren would like to opt in for a free sausage sizzle. Please note there will only be Tomato Sauce available as an option.

We have also put this on Notices as an eForm on the App where you can provide this information.



How to get Uniforms - News from Uniform Concepts

It has become necessary for us to make changes in how we will operate our uniform stores during the busy back to school month of January. We are mindful this is a very busy time and we need to ensure we offer our customers and staff a safe environment whilst purchasing their uniform items. We have new measures in place as shown in the attached flyer . Please read so you are able to plan for the method of purchasing you would like. - Kind Regards, Maxine Griffiths, Operation Manager - Uniform Concepts

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Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre Closed for the School Holidays

Rapids Landing DTC is closed from Monday the 21st of December and will re-open on Monday the 1st of February at 8am.

In the event of an emergency on the 21st and 22nd of December please call – 0409 935 793 between 8am and 4pm.

From 23rd December through to the 26th January please call – 9313 0552 between 8am and 4pm.

From 27th January to 30th please call – 0418 269 234 between 8.15am and 4.15pm.

Alternatively please contact your Local dentist and if you receive the Child Dental Benefit Schedule ensure you use this as all our local dentists in Margaret River accept this. If it is not an emergency you may email us at: rapidslandingdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au and we will respond in February.

Remember to be brushing 2x daily with fluoride toothpaste and floss daily. Keep sugars and snacks to a minimum and drink lots of water.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR - SEE YOU ALL IN 2021

Relief Cleaners Needed for the School

If anyone is interested in some casual relief cleaning, either morning or afternoon (or both!), please get in touch with Julie or Corien at the front admin office on 9756 5400.

Please pass on to anyone you think may be interested.



Be a Santa - Donation box at School Admin office



Reminder there is a donation box in the school admin office to put donations of new toys, new clothes and/or non-perishable food in.

This is our eighth year of doing the Be a Santa initiative.

All donations will be taken to the Community Resource Centre and distributed to children, individuals and families in our local communities before Christmas.

Locals helping locals, what a great thing to do, especially this Christmas.

- Roger Westaway, School Chaplain

Personal Items Lists 2021

2021 Booklists for Years K-6 are online and available for ordering. We have two preferred suppliers this year: Margaret River Office Products Depot and Callows. You can choose to order from either supplier or use an alternative.

To order directly online, please click on either of the links below and enter the school codes given:

- **Margaret River Office Products Depot**
- <https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/margaretriver/cowaramup-primary-school>
- **use school code BTS003**

OR

- **Callows**
- <https://www.booklists.com.au/callowsnewsagency>
- **use school code CPS2021**

You are also able to follow the links on our school website, cowaramupps.wa.edu.au to download a copy for your child/ren's year group next year. If you would like a paper copy, please visit us at the school office.

2021 Charges & Voluntary Contributions Years K-6

Charges and Voluntary Contributions for 2021 have now been sent via email and placed on our school website. If you would like a paper copy, or any further information, please visit the school office. Please note these charges and contributions have been approved by the School Board.

Payment is not required until the start of the 2021 school year.

Easy to Pay

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



MARGARET RIVER TENNIS ACADEMY

Coaches: Pablo Gomez & Laura Roy
Email: mrtennisacademy@gmail.com

Contact number: 0478773520
Website: www.mrtc.org.au

We run the coaching program at the Margaret River Tennis Club and Cowaramup Tennis Club. Our goal is to bring tennis to people of all ages and levels. We aim to help people improve their skills and gain confidence on the court in a fun environment. For the younger children we use special modified equipment with smaller racquets and low compression balls to help them improve.

HOLIDAY CLINICS

1st Week : Tue 12/01 - Wed 13/01 - Thur 14/01
2nd Week : Tue 19/01 - Wed 20/01 - Thur 21/01
3rd Week : Wed 27/01 - Thur 28/01 - Frid 29/01

A fun way to enjoy the School Holidays learning how to play tennis and meeting new friends. No experience is needed to join in. We teach the basic skills of tennis and play fun games. Its for children from 6 to 14 year old and runs from 9am till 12 noon.

COST: 1 DAY - \$25 or 3 DAYS - \$70

AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS

Term 1 - 2021 - From 1st of February till 27th of March - 8 weeks				
MARGARET RIVER TENNIS CLUB				
Class	Days	Age	Times	Cost
Mini Tennis	Monday	3-5 year old	3.45pm-4.15pm	\$8 per class
Red Ball	Wed & Thur	5-7 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$120 per Term
Orange Ball	Wed & Thur	7-9 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$120 per Term
Green Ball	Wed & Thur	9-11 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$132 per Term
Green Squad	Wed & Thur	by invitation	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$132 per Term
High School	Thurs	+12 year old	5.30pm-6.30pm	\$132 per Term
Yellow Squad	Wed	by invitation	5.30pm-7.00pm	\$160 per Term
Sat Junior League	Sat	+7 year old	9am-12noon	\$5 mem/\$10 non-mem
COWARAMUP TENNIS CLUB				
Red Ball	Tuesday	5-7 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$120 per Term
Orange Ball	Tuesday	7-9 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$120 per Term
Green Ball	Tuesday	9-11 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$132 per Term
Yellow Ball	Tuesday	+12 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$132 per Term

- We offer a **FREE** trial lesson in a group for all new players in the After School Lessons (excluding MiniTennis).
- If lessons are rained 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.

PAYMENT:

- We will send an invoice with payment details on week 2.
- To **enrol** or **more info** visit www.mrtc.org.au or send an email to mrtennisacademy@gmail.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CINEMA

All tickets \$9



The Croods: A New Age

Tue 12 January 1pm

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The War with Grandpa

Wed 13 January 1pm

PG



Onward

Thu 14 January 1pm

PG



Onward

Tue 19 January 1pm

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Maya the Bee 3: The Golden Orb

Wed 20 January 1pm

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The Croods: A New Age

Wed 21 January 1pm

PG



Toy Story 3

Mon 25 January 1pm

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Toy Story 4

Wed 27 January 1pm

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Maya the Bee 3: The Golden Orb

Thu 28 January 1pm

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EVENING CINEMA

Adult \$15, Child \$10, Concession \$12.50



The High Note

Fri 8 January 7:30pm

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I Am Greta

Mon 11 January 11:30am

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I Am Greta

Fri 15 January 7pm

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Love Opera

Thu 21 January 7pm

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Guardians of the Galaxy

Fri 22 January 7:30pm

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The Comeback Trail

Fri 29 January 7pm

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Tickets available from www.margaretriverheart.com.au

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The HEART will be complying with all WA Department of Health COVID-19 regulations

