



Cowaramup Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 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

It has been enjoyable welcoming students and families back to school after the Term 3 holidays. Certainly, those that ventured to the north of the state were able to enjoy the warm sunshine and escape what seems like a very long winter.

The Year 6 students returned from their Adventure Camp at Manjedal with huge smiles on their faces. Throughout the week they were challenged personally and as a team with many activities including: speeding along an aerial runway across a valley that stretches for 240m, creatively building a raft with their team to paddle across a dam, finding gold in underground tunnels, learning search and rescue techniques in a team whilst reading maps and communicating with a hand held radio and testing their climbing skills on a vertical challenge. I am sure they will always remember this adventure in the years to come.



Students are currently preparing to show case their work at the Art Exhibition at the Margaret River & Districts Agricultural Show on the 5th and 6th Nov this year. Each year our students display creative and inspiring artwork. I am sure you will all enjoy this event.

“Say Gday to the Bay Day” is coming up on Friday 12th November. This is the day where the whole school and parents head to Cowaramup Bay and participate in environmental education activities on the beach. This year we are asking students to be rubbish free by taking their recess and lunch food in environmentally friendly reusable products. Making this small switch can make a huge difference to what goes into landfill. I am sure that everyone will be up for the challenge.

In Term 4 we expect students to be wearing their school hats. There are some available for sale in the canteen and at Uniform Concepts at 33 Bussell Hwy in West Busselton. If you go to their website you can organise to get items posted to you.

<https://www.nellgray.com.au/Uniform-Concepts/How-to-Order>

Whilst term 4 is busy, we all look forward to celebrating the success and achievements of students at the end of the year.

Peter Howse

Principal

Car Parking at Pick Up and Drop Off Times

It is important that we all work together to ensure the safety of students on their walk to school and when they head home. Parking is always difficult particularly for those wanting to park close to the school. It is suggested that parents use the street parking on Waverley Road and the carpark at Duggan Pavilion. The parking along Birdwood Lane has become congested particularly in the small turnaround. Other parking suggested is safer for students as there are footpaths and less chance of students not being seen with so many cars in the area.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 5 November

Assembly—PP2

T20 Cricket Blast—Year 6's

**Margaret River and Districts Agricultural Show—
School Art Display**

Tuesday, 9 November

Kindy Orientation for Parents

Friday, 12 November

Say Gday to the Bay Day

Kindy Orientation for Parents

Assembly—PP1 and Room 13

Red Ball Tennis Gala—Year 3/4's

Thursday, 25 November

Kindy Orientation Play for Students

Monday, 6 December

Year 6 Orientation at MRSHS

Tuesday, 7 December

Graduation Dinner Year 6

Wednesday, 8 December

Year 1-5 End of Year Presentations Assembly

Thursday, 9 December

Year 6 Graduation Evening

Thursday, 16 December

Last Day of School for 2021

Say Gday to the Bay Day - Parent Volunteers Needed

Friday, 12 November

Are you free and would love to be involved in a fantastic day down at Gracetown, Cowaramup Bay, learning about important environmental information relevant to our area.

We need parents help with set up, assisting classroom teachers on activities, traffic control, first aid and many other jobs. If you are free, please message Nicole Lincoln on 0466 693 246. Many hands make light work to a great event.



Interschool Cross Country

The 2021 Naturaleeuwin Interschool Cross Country was an awesome event. All Participants put in their best effort and did so with a smile. Cowaramup Primary School placed 3rd in the overall competition out of 8 schools and 2nd in the handicap shield. Each year Cowaramup improves and we are looking forward to 2022!



Year 6 Camp

At the start of Term Four the year 6 cohort went on an amazing camp to Manjedal Activity Centre, which is in the hills just outside of Perth. As soon as we arrived we were off to the Aerial Runway, which is a 240m long zipline across the valley and over trees! Both classes competed in a screaming contest as they flew down the zipline, making sure to terrify any animals that might have been nearby. We also completed a Challenge Zone obstacle course which showed the amazing teamwork and comradery which would continue throughout the camp.

Day two consisted of a vertical challenge where students climbed a 10-15m high obstacle wall and then abseiled back down to safety as well as a series of team building games which highlighted some amazing cooperative skills. The afternoon was spent building rafts, tying barrels together to keep it afloat and then testing them on the water with some hilarious 'raft wars' and a few tipped rafts that had to be fixed. The Blind Trail offered a chance to listen to the beautiful natural native flora and fauna that filled the camp, though it was sometimes hard to hear over the sounds of students leading each other into trees, logs, bushes and creeks!

The last full day highlighted everyone's incredible mateship and bravery as students helped each other through a team obstacle/ confidence course and braved the confines of the underground tunnels. The tunnels were over 200m long and usually only around 1-2 feet wide, requiring people to crawl through mud, deep water and cracked concrete to explore each area. Many were even brave enough to try the advanced tunnelling section which was even scarier. After lunch students finished with Frisbee Golf and a fun search and rescue activity. During 'Search and Rescue' teams used proper radio etiquette to communicate secret code and items they had found in the bush to their home bases. The teams then discovered and defused a pretend 'bomb'. Despite the intense competition building up over the Frisbee Golf game in Room 7, all students, teachers and parents opted for a cruisy, fun finish to the day and enjoyed walking through the beautiful bush trying their best to get the Frisbee to the make shift target.

Camp in three words:

"Fun, Exciting, Awesome" – Charli (Room 7) " Challenging, Exciting, Fun" – Sienna

"Challenging, Fun and Unique" -Astrid "Tiring, Fun and Challenging" -Lucas QUOTES

"Year 6 camp was by far the best camp that I have been on, there were so many exciting moments like getting flung down a 250m long flying fox or getting to go down tunnels that you wouldn't even think you could fit through. All the challenges I did there, the more times they pushed me out of my comfort zone, it just made me love the experience even more" - Henry

"I really enjoyed camp because it helped me bring out a whole new version of myself. My top three activities were ziplining, rafting and the vertical challenge because some of them helped me prove to myself that even though things may seem scary, in the end the difficulty is only what your mind makes of it...A couple of the worst things were the mattresses, mosquitos and not getting much sleep...I was proud of myself when I did the vertical challenge."- Charlotte



How much can you fit into 1 camp?!



Year 3's discover ringtail possum dreys onsite

On Monday the 18 October, Lauren Scanlon from the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions visited our school and informed students about some of the special features and animals of our local area. She also impressed upon students the Southwest of Western Australia's importance as a biodiversity hotspot. She brought taxidermized Ringtail Possums and talked about these critically endangered animals. Students were equally repelled and impressed by the astonishing fact that they eat their faeces up to three times because they don't have an effective digestion system!

Lauren also informed us about their features such as being able to carry nesting materials in their tails. We investigated around the school and were thrilled to see that there are at least seven dreys [possum nests] within the immediate vicinity. One of the major messages from the day was to protect our magnificent environment so that the critically endangered Ringtail Possum won't become extinct. Many thanks to Lauren for presenting such an interesting and 'hands on' talk. The students are looking forward to further incursions organized through Nature Conservation to learn about our unique local area.





Room 9 Measuring Fun



Room 9 enjoyed a maths lesson out in the sunshine.

○ ○ ○ ○

Year 5s add life to new Indigenous Garden area

Everyone has seen or heard of the remodelled Indigenous garden in front of Mrs Taylor's and Ms Bolton's classrooms. All the plants are native to the region and some are even edible.

In the holidays Mr Yorke & Andrew from Cowie Kanga removed the dead trees and grass. They then got some soil in and put it into mounds to add texture to shape the garden.

The Year 5s in Rooms 11 and 12 planted plants donated by the Cowaramup Tube Nursery on the mounds of soil. Some of the plants that the Tube Nursery kindly donated are Finger Limes, Blue Sollya, Darwinia, Westringia, Pig Face, Mountain Pepper, Gin-Gin Gem and Parvifolium Pink.

Many thanks to Andrew from Cowie Kanga for helping out and Cowaramup Tube Nursery for donating all the plants.



Book Fair Success

A Scholastic Book Fair was held in the library last week. Students had the opportunity to view books on Tuesday and purchase books on the Wednesday. There were lots of excited faces in the school during the week.

Thanks to everyone for participating and for supporting our Fair - with your help, we have raised almost \$2,500 worth of resources for our school. This was our biggest fair yet!

Thanks to parent helpers and our wonderful Library Volunteer, Judith, for your help on the day.

Reorders were closed off last week and are expected to arrive by around Week 5 or 6, so keep an eye out if you placed a reorder. I will get them to you as soon as I receive them.

I will not be putting out Book Club catalogues for Term 4, however if you would like a copy of the catalogue you can pick one up from the library or go to <https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/6530/bc721final.pdf> to view the catalogue online. Orders can be placed online at LOGIN (scholastic.com.au). You will need to create a parent account or use existing login details if you have them.

There have been some delays in receipt of orders due to border closures so please allow extra time for delivery, if you are placing an order for Christmas.

Thanks, Nichelle Dodd - Library Officer



Mrs Trott's Year 2 class with just some of the books that were received as part of our Book Fair rewards.

TEMPORARY

ALL INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

UNIFORMCONCEPTS

NELL GRAY

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPER STORE

We would like to welcome you to our
Busselton Super Store
conveniently located at
33 Bussell Highway, West Busselton, WA 6280

*A one stop shop for all your quality school uniform requirements.
Our friendly, experienced staff will make buying uniforms a breeze!*

DURING TERM 4 2021

*All new students are encouraged to make an appointment with the uniform shop for a fitting during Term 4, thus avoiding long queues in January. Appointments can be made by logging onto www.appts-uc.as.me. Alternatively, you can contact the uniform shop on **9270 4663**. Please note that the most popular times for appointments are after 3pm weekdays and Saturday mornings so book early to avoid disappointment.*

Why not take advantage of our \$20 Layby service? Visit our store during Term 4 and secure your Back-to-School uniform order with just a \$20 deposit, pay off the balance and collect your order before 22 January to avoid the rush, long queues and last-minute panic!

Online Ordering available by visiting our website: nellgray.com.au

OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 9am – 5pm
Saturdays: 9am – 12pm

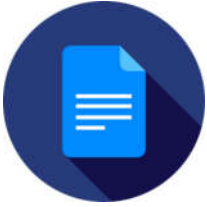
Closed 27 Sep 2021– 2 Oct 2021 inclusive

Closed on Sundays, Public Holidays & partly during term breaks.
Please telephone for details.

Closed for the Festive Season from Saturday 18 Dec 2021 until Tuesday 4 Jan 2022.

**Week commencing 17 January, the store will be open Mon – Fri, 9am-5pm &
Saturdays 9am-12pm (closed on Australia Day, Wed 26 Jan)**

Tel: 08 9270 4663 Email: busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au Website: nellgray.com.au



2022 Uniform Price List

[Download](#)

Payments made easy

THANK YOU to all parents with your timely payments for this Term.

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.



FREE ENTRY
FUN FOR EVERYONE



HELLO POSSUMS! COMMUNITY RINGTAIL DAY

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER
Margaret River Community Centre
EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY FROM 1PM

Discover more about these fascinating creatures.
How can we co-exist with possums and how
can we protect them?

CULTURAL STORY TELLING
EDIBLE ART
POSSUM NIGHT STALKS
CITIZEN SCIENCE
COMMUNITY ART

For event timetable and registration details go to:
www.natureconservation.org.au





Busselton Margaret River Junior Cricket Association Cricket Blast



With programs to suit all ages, all abilities, mixed teams, and all girl's options, there are programs to suit everyone.

Discover how cricket has changed to include

- ✓ Shorten game times
- ✓ Weeknight options
- ✓ Modified ground sizes
- ✓ Everyone gets to bat, bowl and field
- ✓ Play with your friends
- ✓ Being active and developing your skills

Visit www.play.cricket.com.au and search for your local club and discover the programs they offer.

Cowaramup Cricket Club
Dunsborough Cricket Club
Georgiana Molloy Anglican School
Margaret River Cricket Club
St Mary's Cricket Club
Vasse Cricket Club
YOBS Cricket Club

JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT

MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For kids with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



MASTER BLASTERS KIT