



Coonabarabran Public School Newsletter - Term 4, Week 1 2021

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Welcome to a New Term!



Welcome back for Term 4.

Coonabarabran Public School has returned back to school on Level 3, this means:

- * Parents and Visitors are not allowed on school grounds.
- * Social Distancing to be adhered to at pick up times.
- * If you child has any COVID-19 symptoms please keep them home until a covid -ve result and are symptom free.

We are excited that the Early Birds Program could go ahead after a short break.

As the weather is heating up this term, please remember to wear your hats and bring a drink bottle.

We look forward to fun term and will keep you all updated when any changes occur.

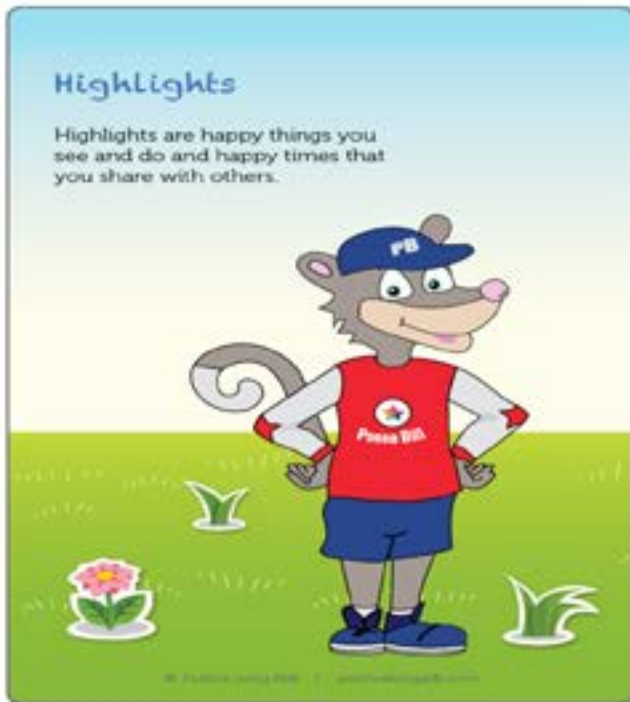
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POSITIVE LIVING SKILLS

All students across the school will commence Positive Living Skills this term. Each week will focus on a different unit. This week is Happy Highlights.



Canteen News

Parents can pay for lunch orders by

EFTPOS at the office.



School Stream App

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Why download the app?

- Receive instant notifications for important news.
- Easily register absences and excursions.
- Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

Download instructions:

- Go to the App Store and download 'School Stream' to your phone.
- Open the app and use the school name on the search bar to add the school profile.
- Make sure you sign in. Push notifications will be prompted.

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K-6D enjoying the sun playing handball with Mrs Letts.



Yr 2 Dhinawans

The year 2 Dhinawans have had a fantastic week back at school after lockdown doing lots of reading. Reading daily is a valuable skill to have.



STEPHANIE  ALEXANDER
KITCHEN GARDEN
FOUNDATION
Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

Coonabarabran Public School have been so grateful in receiving funding to help improve and extend our wonderful garden and fresh produce opportunities. With the grant we have been able to purchase kitchen equipment to help bring our food that we grow here on the grounds at Coonabarabran to the plate.

Last term our stage 3 girls have had the opportunity to participate in our cooking class run by Ms Pearson. Due to the success and popularity amongst our students, we are running it again this term for our boys and girls in stage 2.

We are so excited to be able to develop and plan bigger and brighter adventures outdoors here at CPS with our community. If you would like to help contribute to our gardens or our cooking class by donating items or unneeded kitchen items to make this an even bigger dream we would love your assistance. Please contact the school on 68421 771 or speak with Ms Pearson.

Happy Gardening!

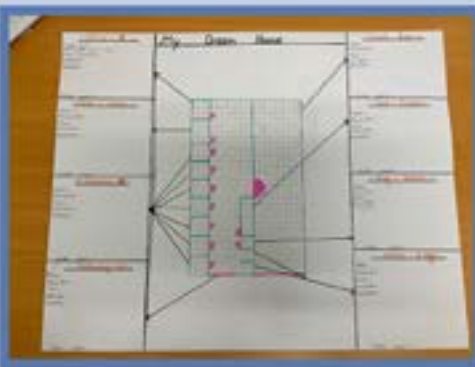
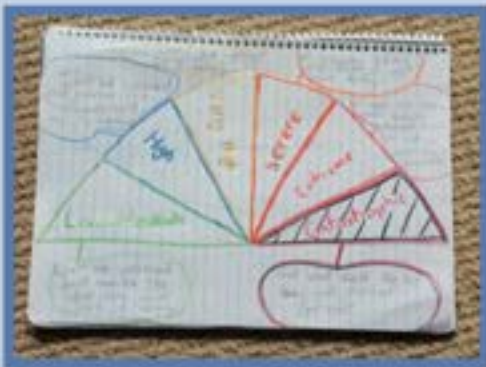


5/6F MARAYN

As part of our unit on natural disasters this term 5/6F have been asked to create a bushfire escape plan for their homes. The students have worked very hard on these projects and have shown a great understanding of the dangers of bushfires, the bushfire ratings and alert levels.

Most importantly they are prepared in case of bushfire emergency, fantastic work 5/6F!

5/6F had been working on area & perimeter before lockdown and Week 10 were tasked with designing their dream home with floor plans and furnishings.



5/6A Write about Magpies

Magpies swoop in spring
Aggressive when threatened
Go to a different route
People and magpies can be friends
In general, don't swoop people
Eggs and chicks are protected
Swooping stops in December



By Kyrone, Ray, Russell and Thomas 5/6A

Anna Strong
S2A

Magpie swooping season Staying safe!!!

Most magpies don't swoop people. 40% of male magpies won't swoop at all. But for six weeks from August to September some males may swoop and become aggressive. They are just defending their nest and protecting their Dubs.

Magpie swooping season tends to occur between August and October each year, however, each magpie pair will only swoop for around six weeks. There are a few tactics you can employ to try and ease the stress. The main tactic is to avoid any areas that you know have swooping magpies.



- Move quickly, but don't run
- Protect your head with an umbrella, hat or helmet
- Wear glasses or sunglasses to keep your eyes safe

- Keep facing the magpie or its nest as you move away
- Don't turn your back if you're riding, and walk through the magpies territory

The adult magpie is a fairly solid, sturdy bird ranging from 37 to 43cm, with distinctive black and white plumage, gold brown eyes and a solid wedge-shaped bluish-white and black bill.



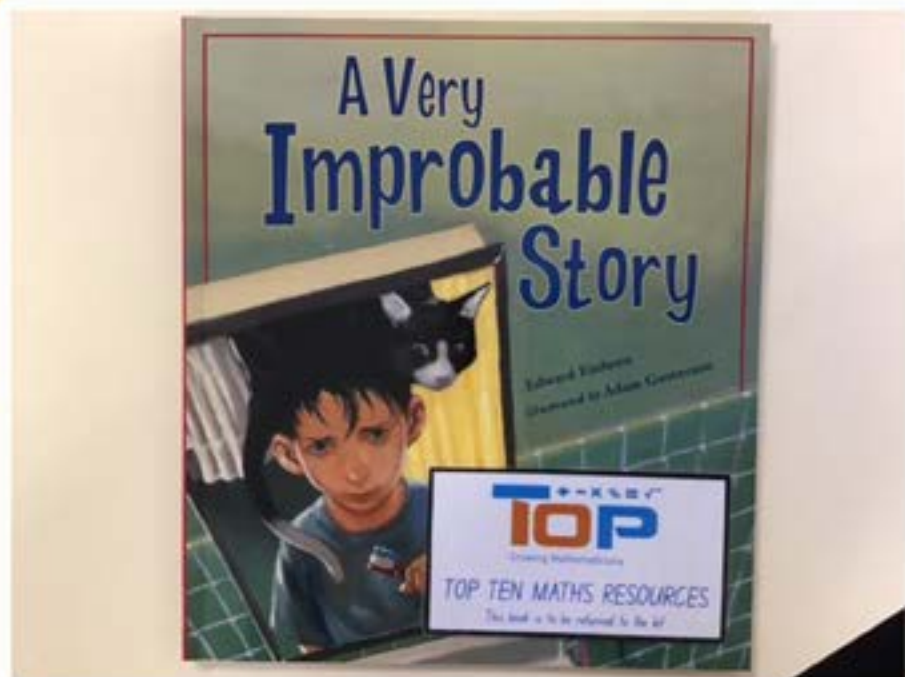
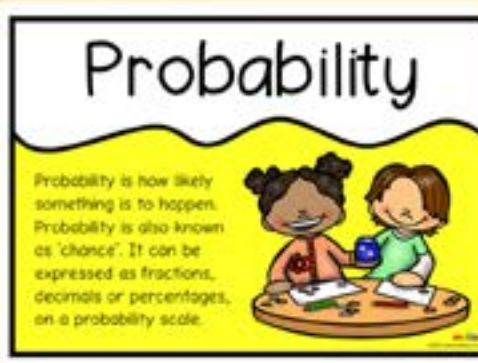
Hand drawn by
Boston Kershaw

The male and female are similar in appearance, and can be distinguished by differences in back markings..

Boston Kershaw

Maths lessons with 5/6K

5/6K enjoyed learning about probability through literature this week. We read "A Very Improbable Story" and then enjoyed different activities using coins and coloured counters to learn about chance and probability. We discovered how to use a probability tree to record our results.



Stage 2 Gardening with Wes

Stage 2 had a fun afternoon this week with Mr Leedham from the Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre (WNPEEC).

Mr Leedham was showing the students how to maintain the gardens and placing new plaques in Gamilaraay Language onto the garden beds.

Some of the students got to paint the animals on the plaques. Stage 2 is looking forward to working with Mr Leedham next term on some exciting sustainability projects in the community.



Thank you Mr Wallace



In response to the interest many of the students had last term when Mr Wallace came to collect the brown snake from the school courtyard he has donated a signed copy of a special book about Keeping Reptiles.

This copy has been signed by the author, Dr Gavin Bedford.

We hope that anyone interested will borrow the book, to learn about the safe handling and keeping of reptiles, the importance of having a reptile licence.

Any questions about keeping reptiles, safety, first aid following snake bite, Steve is happy to answer.

ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan

| NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed