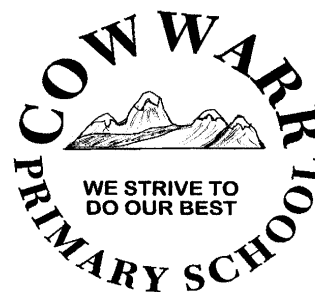


The Preps being presented with their hat and reader bag at assembly.



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Calendar

Term 1 begins-2nd February
Wednesdays for February- No Preps required at school
Swimming begins for Term1 on Thursday 5th February
Welcome BBQ – Friday 20th February
Rural school Swimming Sports- Wednesday 25th February
Wellington Zone Swimming Sports- Tuesday 3rd March
Arts Council Performance- 'Leaping Loonies' - Tuesday 3rd March
Parent Club AGM – Thursday 5th March
Grade 6 'Leaders Day' - Monday 16th March
Term 1 holidays- Friday 3rd April

Welcome

2009 begins today at Cowwarr Primary School!

We hope all students have had a wonderful restful holiday and are ready for all the educational experiences that their teachers have organised for them!

We particularly welcome the new prep children whose families have chosen Cowwarr PS for their child's education-Bridget Gallagher, Timothy Morgan and Gage Busse. This is the Busse's last child to be enrolled at Cowwarr PS and brings to a close a 26 year association for Julie and Colin!

Enjoy the photograph.

Australia Day Ceremony

On Monday 26th January Bonnie Coleman, James O'Brien, Tish Morgan and Kyung Stewart were invited to attend the Australia Day ceremony at Cowwarr Hall for the flag raising. They were presented with Australia Day badges.



Uniforms

We have uniforms for purchase. All students look fantastic in their uniforms. This year we also have school bags with the school logo and name. **All children must have a school hat.** Please check your child's school hat and uniform and place an order. Prices are as follows-

Polo shirts: \$17.00 Polar Fleece Vests: \$23.00
School Bags: \$28.55 Reader Bags: \$6.85
Windcheaters: \$27.50 Hats: \$10.00
Please see Barb at the office to place an order.

Excursion Forms

Attached to the newsletter are the local excursion forms which include excursions in Sale. Could all families please attend to this immediately and return to school **before Thursday** as swimming begins **this Thursday**.

Swimming

This Thursday (5th February) begins our 'Summer Swimming Program' at the Heyfield Pool from 1-2pm. The bus will leave school at 12.45pm returning in time for dismissal. Children will need bathers, goggles, towel and swim bag.

Leonie Wilson, who is in charge of swimming, would like to invite any parents and community members who are able to assist with swimming to 'pop in' and see her.

Swimming will take place **every** Tuesday and Thursday from 1-2pm for the month of February until the Rural Schools Swimming Sports on Wednesday 25th February.

Parents who will be taking their children from the pool after swimming are asked to inform their child's teacher. Thank you.

Preps

Prep children are not required at school on Wednesdays for the month of February. This gives these children a chance to have a rest mid-week.

Active After School Program

The 'After School' program will begin on Tuesday and Thursday from 3.15-4.15pm for this term beginning on Tuesday 10th February. These activities will continue each Tuesday and Thursday for 7 weeks. Consent forms for these activities will be sent home today. There is **NO COST** for this 'Active After School' program.

Free Fruit Day

'Free Fruit Day' will continue again this year and will once again be extended to include all Grades, even though we only get funding for Prep to Grade 2. Fruit platters will begin this week.

'Go (Grow) For Your Life'

Our vegetable garden and fruit trees are 'thriving' thanks to the wonderful assistance from the O'Brien family, parents and community members who have been wonderful in the watering, showing real 'community spirit'! Thank you. The vegetable plants were supplied free by 'Woolenook Native Nursery' - 682 Stratford Road, Maffra, telephone: 51471897.



Cricket Pitch

During the latter part of the holidays the cricket pitch began to be installed. The concrete has been poured and now needs to cure before the carpet is laid. Our thanks to Geraldine Morgan for her research and securing the funding, Mal Stewart for moving the soil and Ian Banner.

Our thanks also to 'Bendigo Community Bank' for the funding for this project.

Music Lessons

Those children who have music lessons with Jenny Schultz will start on Monday 9th February.

School Newsletter

If you would like a copy of the newsletter emailed to you could you please let Barb at the office know via email at cowwarr.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. The newsletter is also put on our website each week at www.cowwarrps.vic.edu.au

Congratulations to Eliza Johnston (Mark) and Tate Morgan (Justine Affleck) who recently announced their engagement. The school community is very excited about these forthcoming nuptials and wish these couples good fortune for their married life.

Welcome to the Teaching Profession

Staff at our school would like to welcome to the teaching profession, past students Rebecca Stasinowsky and Emma Johnston who are both beginning their first year of teaching. Rebecca is at Kosciuszko Street Traralgon and Emma is at Stockdale Road Traralgon.

Welcome and good luck. The teaching profession is very lucky!

Thank you to staff for their preparation for the 2009 School Year.

Enjoy the week!

Ian and I are nearly 'empty nesters' with Kate in Mansfield and Louise about to return to Bendigo for University! I can't believe it!

(Mrs) Helen Hellenen