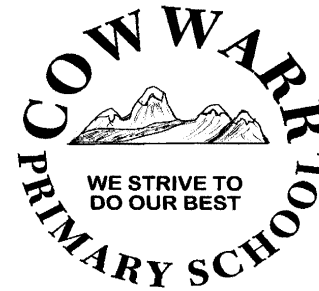


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Calendar

Parent Club meeting- Term 3, 17 July 2009 2.00pm
Visit of Australian Youth Choir- Tuesday 21st July 2009
School Council-Thursday 23rd July 2009
Bugblitz- Wednesday 19th August 2009
UNSW Mathematics Competition- Wednesday 19th August 2009
Rural Schools Athletic Sports- Monday 24th August 2009
Zone Athletics- Tuesday 8th September 2009
Term 3 ends on Friday 18th September 2009 at 2.00pm

Building Works

You are invited to come and view our recent refurbishment and maintenance works. The pergola outside the north facing classrooms has been replaced and an outdoor learning area for the children to read or do project work has been built. New doors were fitted at the front, back and side for security with the front door having the Cowwarr PS logo etched on to it. An interactive whiteboard was fitted in the senior room and all children will have some expert PD to learn how to use it as part of their educational journey. A new pinboard has been placed in the Prep-2 room and a new side door will be ready to be fitted in a couple of weeks. I will keep you informed as more works are completed. I really appreciated the Cowwarr Community keeping an eye on the school during the holiday period. Thank you. Enjoy the photographs!



Active After School Care Program

The Active After school Care program begins next week on Tuesday 21st July 2009 and Thursday 23rd July 2009 from 3.15 until 4.15pm. Could you please complete the attached forms and return to school prior to the commencement of the program. This program will run for 7 weeks.

Bluearth Program

The bluearth program will continue for term 3 with our Intensive Swimming Program and Winter Sport taking place at the beginning of 4th term.

Tuckshop

The next Tuckshop is to be held on Thursday 23rd July 2009. It is a favourite of mine- 'chicken burgers'. Thank you to Jo Broad who is to cook, serve and provide the accompaniment.

University of New South Wales Competitions

The results of the UNSW Computers Competition and I am pleased to announce that Kyung Stewart was successful with a Distinction. Congratulations Kyung! All other participants received a Participation certificate. This is the first time that we have entered this competition. The results for the Science competition have also arrived. Congratulations to James O'Brien who received a Distinction. Credits were awarded to Loretta Stewart, Jarrod Biram, Madison Gallagher and Siobhan Morgan. All other participants received a Participation certificate. Well done to all students. (Could parents please return any earlier years- Computer, Science, and Spelling competitions that have been sent home for the children to practise. Thank you.) The next competition that our school will be involved in is English, which will take place on Tuesday 4th August 2009, followed by Mathematics on Wednesday 19th August 2009.

Reports

When families have read the reports with their child/ren could the reports be returned to school as the end of year reports are placed in them. Parents are invited to make a time for an interview with the class teacher at any time.

Long Service Leave

During this term Leonie Wilson (2 weeks), Chris Ballard (3 weeks) and Helen Hellenen (2weeks) will be taking long service leave. For some of us it will be the first time in 20 years that leave of this sort has been taken. Leonie will be absent from Monday 27th July –Friday 6th August 2009. Chris Ballard will take the P-2 during that time. We wish Leonie a restful and happy time travelling to central Australia.

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

Don't forget the next meeting of the Parent Club will be tomorrow, Friday 17th July 2009 at 2.00pm in the school staffroom. There will be a tour of the recent works that have so far been completed and a demonstration of the Interactive Whiteboard in the senior room. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Welcome back to Chris Ballard. We have missed you!
(Mrs) Helen Hellenen

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Sometime in August we will be having a book character parade involving the whole school. Each child is asked to dress-up as a character from a book. They will make a short speech about the character and hopefully have the book to show to others. The speech will be written in class time.

Good luck!

Marg R.

Australian Youth Choir

Rachel, Madison and Loretta all sang with the Australian Youth Choir at Dallas Brooks Hall last Friday evening. It was part of the Choral Spectacular. They sang alongside the Victoria Chorale and a brass ensemble called Cathedral Brass. It was a wonderful evening of singing. Cowwarr PS was very well represented having 3 girls in the choir, with the children travelling from all over the state.



Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing. Applications close on **7 August 2009**.

Parents/guardians who have chosen the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Further information can be obtained from:

www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for application form and further information

Parent Club

The next meeting of the Parent Club will be tomorrow Friday July 17th at 2.00pm in the school staffroom.