



# COOLONGOLOOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome  
BACK to  
SCHOOL

What's On

## Zone

**Swimming Carnival**

Thursday 27 Feb

**Easter Hat Parade**

Wednesday 9 April

**P&C Colour Fun Run**

Friday 11 April

# TERM 1 PLANNER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
W5 Term 1 24	25 SAM Meeting at Forster Office (Jen)	26	27 Zone Swimming Carnival 9:00am - 3:00pm Zone Swimming Carnival	28
W6 Term 1 3	4	5	6 1:40pm - 2:15pm Scripture	7
W7 Term 1 10	11 2:15pm - 3:00pm Assembly	12	13 1:40pm - 2:15pm Scripture	14
W8 Term 1 17	18 4:30pm - 5:30pm Parent Information Sessiion	19	20 1:40pm - 2:15pm Scripture	21 8:30am - 8:45am National Ride 2 School Day
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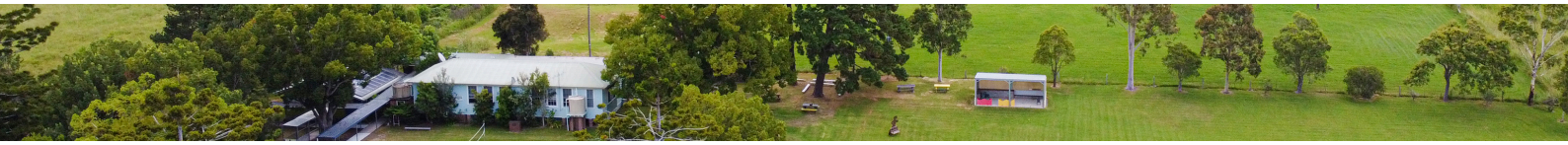
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# From the Principal's Desk



**Welcome back to Term 1 at Coolongolook Public School!** What an exciting time it is to have all the children back at school, ready for a fantastic year of learning, growth, and fun. It's been wonderful to see how well all students have settled back into school life, reconnecting with friends and engaging enthusiastically in their learning.

A special welcome to our new Kindergarten students—Neve, Evan, Aidan, and Alearah—who are adjusting beautifully to school life. We are so proud of how well they've settled into their routines and embraced the new adventure.

We're also thrilled to welcome Taya, Liam, and Hazel to our school community. We are incredibly lucky to have them join us, and we know they will bring so much positivity and enthusiasm to our classrooms.

This year, we are delighted to welcome back our dedicated staff. Mrs. Donnelly will continue teaching on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, while Mr. Martyn will teach on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Mrs. Loveday will return to the front office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, with no office staff on Wednesdays. Mrs. Everingham will continue her fantastic classroom support from Monday to Friday, and we're excited to have Jake Martyn back to lead music and other enriching activities.

In Term 1, we will also be trialling a new approach to teaching both of our classes. Mr. Martyn will teach Reading and Spelling across Kindergarten to Year 6, Mrs. Donnelly will teach Writing for the same classes, and I will focus on Mathematics for all students. In the afternoons, Mr. Martyn will teach afternoon subjects for K-2 students, while Mrs. Donnelly and I will share the teaching of afternoon activities for students in Years 3-6. This new approach allows us to share our expertise and provide the best learning opportunities for all students. We would like to extend our gratitude to the P&C committee and all the parents who have attended our two meetings this year. A huge congratulations to our new executive members: Peter (President), Elle (Vice President), Jules (Treasurer), and Rebecca (Secretary). We also want to congratulate Michelle, Jen, Amanda, Barbora, and Theresa for joining our committee. There are exciting activities planned, so keep an eye out for upcoming events like the Colour Fun Run and the ANZAC Dawn Service at our school.

Additionally, we are excited to announce the construction of a new pathway that will be built over the coming months, linking the school to the township of Coolongolook. The cement walkway will extend from the school to the corner of Lombard and King Street, providing a safer and more accessible route for students and families.

We invite all parents and caregivers to attend our Parent Information Session on Wednesday, 19th March, starting at 4:30 pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for teachers to discuss timetables, learning activities, and other classroom events. It will also provide parents with a chance to ask any questions they may have and engage with their child's education.

A quick reminder: during Term 1, all students are required to wear school hats in the playground to ensure they're sun-safe. Please make sure hats are packed each day so our students can enjoy their time outside.

We are all looking forward to another wonderful year at Coolongolook PS, and I can't wait to work along side everyone in the months ahead!

Jason Tindall

*Teaching Principal*



# AUSSIE OF THE Month



CONGRATULATIONS  
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# Classroom AWARDS



**Alearah and Liam** for fitting well into classroom routine.

**Lily** for leadership of others.

**Justin** for adjusting to the 3-6 classroom.



**Lennox, Eden, Cale, Liliana, Natalie,**  
and **Charlette** for representing the school at the Small School Swimming Carnival.



# In the Classroom

It has been a busy first three weeks of the school term.

3-6 welcome Taya and Hazel to our class and Coolongolook Public School.

We have been settling into our new working groups K-6 Math with Mr. Tindall, Spelling and Reading with Mr. Martyn, and Writing with Mrs. Donnelly. Jake is here for music and Mrs. Donnelly is teaching PDHPE, Art and HSIE. We have been revising our core values of Respect, Safe and Switched On and what these values look like, sound like and feel like in our school.

We hope that we will all work together to make Coolongolook PS a great term. We are looking forward to a productive Term 1

*Mrs Donnelly*



## Welcome Back to School!

We're already in Week 4 of the 2025 School Year, but it's not too late to welcome everyone "back to school." It's so good to see many new faces and new families this year—a very special welcome to you all.

A huge thank you to Amanda Samuel (Charlette's mum) for all her efforts as P&C President last year. Her leadership led the team to some pretty significant achievements for a small school. Also, a big thank you to Johnie Crowfoot (Cale's mum) for her contribution as Secretary and coordinator of some of our fundraising activities last year. Although other responsibilities will take a lot of your time this year, we hope you will both continue to support the team and participate in P&C activities.

The P&C held our AGM on Monday, February 10, to elect office holders for this year and to start planning how we can best support the school program in 2025. Peter Dunne (Toby's dad) was elected President, Elena Calvoli (Lily's mum) Vice President, Rebecca Chapman (Hazel & Liam's mum) Secretary, Jules Collins (Eden & Lennox's mum) was re-elected as Treasurer, and Dewi "Dee" Sari (Toby's mum) took on the role of Canteen Manager. We had a follow-up meeting a couple of days ago, and Jen Tearle (Taya and Alearah's mum) and Teresa Chapeyama (Paisley's mum) were accepted as committee members. All of us have busy lives, but we'll do our very best. It's all about our kids, so we encourage each of the school parents/carers to support the P&C as much as possible.

The P&C got right down to business for this current term. Firstly, we want to get the Canteen up and running as soon as possible. Canteen lunch will be available on Thursdays, so order forms will go home on Fridays and will need to be back at the school, with payment made, either in cash or by bank transfer, by Tuesday of each week. Meals will be \$8.00 each this year. Order forms will also be posted on the "Cool School Parents and Carers" Facebook group. Keep an eye out for those order forms, and please support the Canteen. If you need to be added to the group, please let us know and we'll get it sorted.

Secondly, on the last day of this school term, Friday, April 11, we will have a Colour Fun Run. Barbora Michalidesova (Evan's mum) is coordinating that activity for us. Information about how to support the event will be sent out in the next 2-3 weeks. Last year everyone had lots of colourful fun, and some very welcome funds were raised for the school. This year, our fundraising aim is to assist with the replacement of the cover over the sandpit.

Finally, the ANZAC Dawn service at the school. Although this event occurs during school holidays, it is well supported and appreciated by the community. There will be a need for assistance in setting up and packing down all the equipment. You'll need to set your alarms for an early start on that day.

Peter Dunne

*Coolongolook P&C President*

# COLOUR FUN RUN

Friday 11 April  
Cost: \$10 per child  
(includes sausage sizzle)

Registrations are open now.  
Let's raise some money to enhance our  
sandpit area with a new cover and  
additional timber!

## Registration

Register your child either by bank transfer to  
ACC: 500 075 045 BSB: 932000 referencing  
'Colour run & child's name' or cash to the school  
office. The cost \$10 per child (inclusive of sausage  
sizzle) is due by Friday 21st March.

## What to wear

Wear a white t-shirt to show off all the colours.  
Don't forget to wear a big smile!

## Fundraising

Family, friends and neighbours are welcome to  
make donations! Your child will get a fundraising  
form to track their donations. The top 3 amounts  
raised will get prizes. Cash donations can be  
made to the school office. Bank transfer can be  
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referencing 'Fundraising & child's name'

## Welcome back to school!

I'm Dee, the School Canteen Manager for this year. I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday. As we begin this new school year, **the canteen is ready to open once a week every Thursday.**

I have been preparing a variety of tasty, healthy and affordable meals plan for your kids to enjoy. **The price for a single meal is \$8/person.** Here is the list the menu plan for term 1

Week	Date	Meal Plan
1	27 Feb	<b>Main:</b> Hot dog/ Veggie sausage with choice of tomato or BBQ sauce <b>Fruit:</b> Banana/Apple* <b>Drink:</b> Apple/Tropical juice
2	6 Mar	<b>Main:</b> Mie Goreng with mixed veggies and egg, served with mini spring rolls <b>Fruit:</b> Mango/Pineapple* <b>Drink:</b> Coconut water/ Tropical juice
3	13 Mar	<b>Main:</b> Chicken Burger/ Veggie burger served with lettuce, tomato and mayo <b>Fruit:</b> Grapes/Strawberries* <b>Drink:</b> Milkshake - Strawberry/Chocolate
4	20 Mar	<b>Main:</b> Butter Chicken/Veggie alternative and rice, served with mini samosa <b>Fruit:</b> Rock melon/Apple* <b>Drink:</b> Apple/Tropical juice
5	27 Mar	<b>Main:</b> Mini pizza on English muffin with choice of Ham/Chicken/sliced tomato & Cheese <b>Fruit:</b> Apple/Banana* <b>Drink:</b> Apple/Tropical juice





6	3 Apr	<p><b>Main:</b> Sushi roll with choice of Teriyaki Chicken/Carrot &amp; cucumber. Served with soy sauce</p> <p><b>Fruit:</b> Kiwi/Strawberries*</p> <p><b>Drink:</b> Apple/Tropical juice</p>	
7	10 Apr	<p><b>Main:</b> Spaghetti Bolognaise and meatballs/Veggie alternative. Served with Garlic Bread</p> <p><b>Fruit:</b> Strawberries/Rock melon*</p> <p><b>Drink:</b> Milkshakes - Strawberry/Chocolate</p>	

\* Fresh fruit subject to availability on the season

Please let us know if your kids have any dietary requirements and we try to accommodate them. Barbora (Evan's Mum) will assist me in the kitchen this term. Feel free to stop by and say hello, also you can send me the email to [coolcanteenmanager@outlook.com.au](mailto:coolcanteenmanager@outlook.com.au). It will be a big help if we can reach the order at least for 10 kids so we can cover the cost of the ingredients.

I look forward to serving our kids this year!

Best Regards

Dewi SARI (Dee)

Toby's Mum

# TERM 1 - ORDER FORM

Child's Name:

To order your meals for the whole term, please make a payment of \$56 to BSB 932 000 Acc 500075045 with reference 'Lunch & Child's Name' You can also drop off this form and pay cash at the school office.

**Payment is due by Tuesday 25th February** (alternatively, you can order and pay for meal deals on weekly basis)

Please contact us if you have any questions E: [coolcanteenmanager@outlook.com.au](mailto:coolcanteenmanager@outlook.com.au) | M: 0467 606 712 (Dee)

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NOTES/ ALLERGIES:

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# Bus safety week reminds all road users to 'Be Bus Aware'

Our school bus operator Busways is reminding all road users, parents, and students to 'be bus aware' as part of Transport for NSW's Bus Safety Week campaign, running Feb 17 - 23.

Part of the 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, Bus Safety Week sees Governments, bus operators, and emergency services raise awareness about the importance of being safe in and around buses and spread the message to 'Be Bus Aware'.

Busways Managing Director Byron Rowe said motorists need to be aware that buses are large and heavy vehicles that cannot stop quickly.

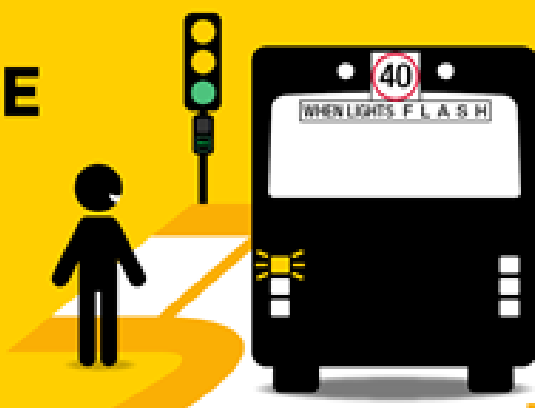
"When a bus is forced to brake heavily it can cause passengers to be thrown around inside the bus," he said. "During Bus Safety Week we are educating the community to give buses room and not pull out in front of them. We all have a part to play in bus safety, whether you're a pedestrian, motorist or bus passenger."

Bus Safety Week provides a timely reminder to parents to have a talk with their children about bus safety; to motorists when giving way to buses; to pedestrians to make sure they are alert of their surroundings; and to cyclists to ensure they can see where buses are.

The 'Be Bus Aware' campaign has been developed with input from Bus NSW, NSW Police and Transport for NSW

**BE BUS AWARE**  
**Stay alert and**  
**cross with care**

Bus Safety Week 2025  
Monday 17 - Sunday 23 February



[BeBusAware.com.au](http://BeBusAware.com.au)





# Compulsory school attendance

## Information for parents

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.

### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

### 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.

### What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

# Parent App

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## Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

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