



COOLONGOLOOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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***Camp Payments need to be
finalised by
Friday 4 November 2022***

*Please ensure you have returned
your medical slip*

Year 3 - 6 Camp

Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 November

Wahroonga Public School Band

Friday 18 November

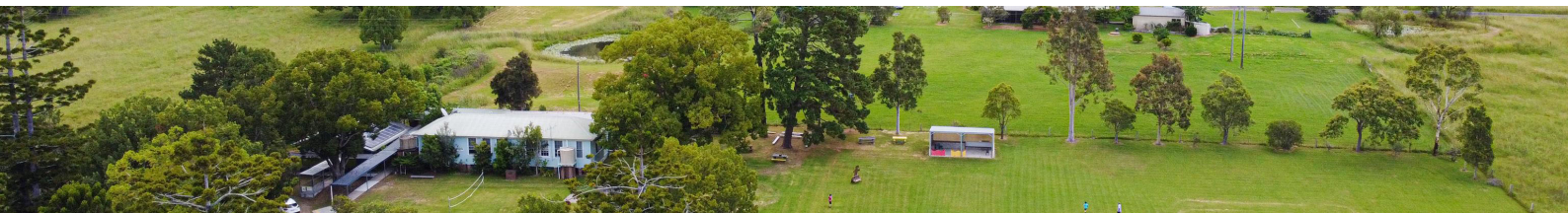
Assembly

Tuesday 22 November

P&C Meeting

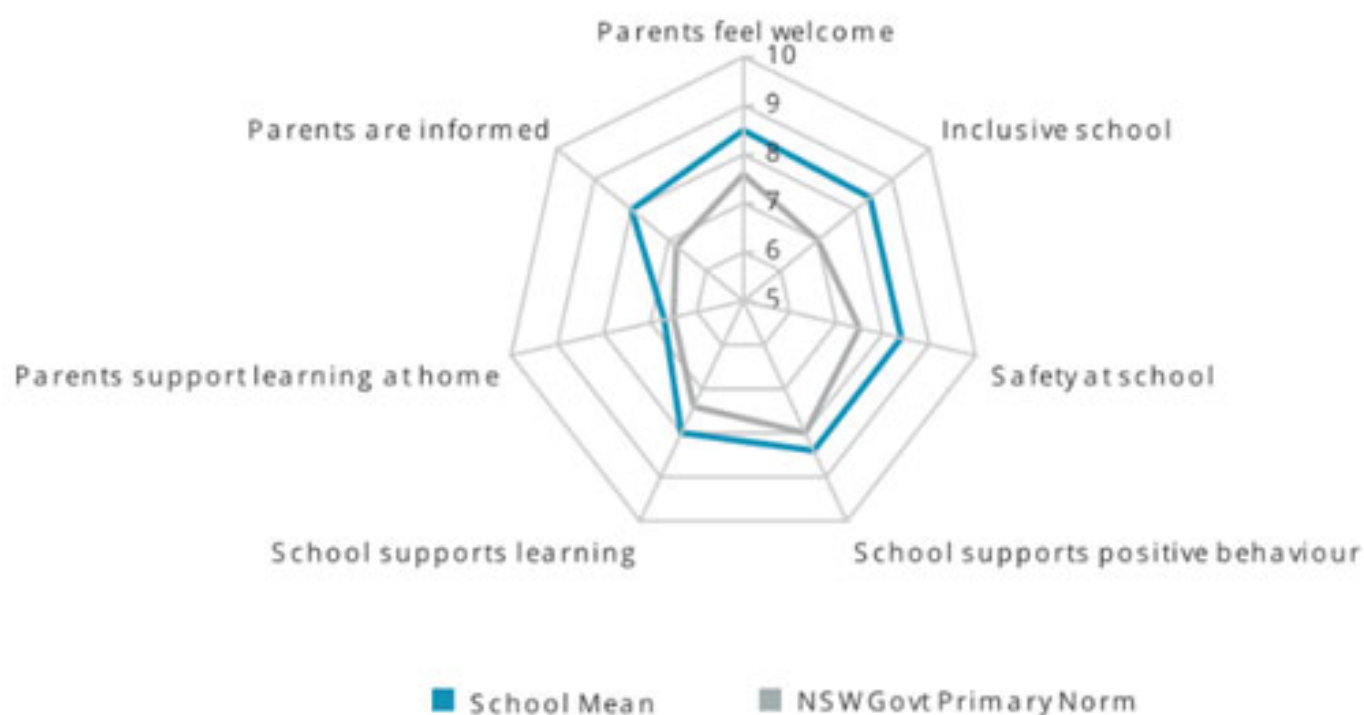
Tuesday 29 November

From the Principal's Desk



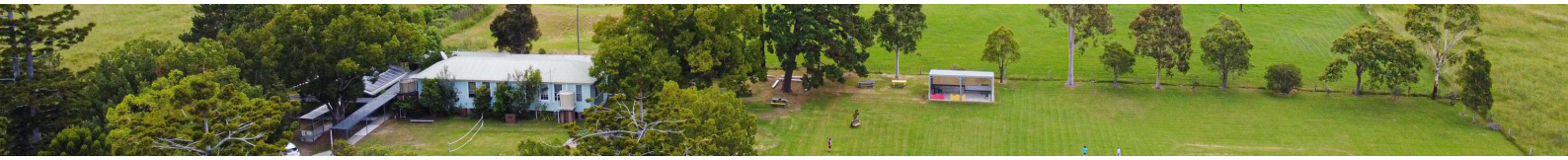
Hi everyone. Welcome to the Term 4 Week 5 edition of our school newsletter. We've had a busy start to term and look forward to the many activities planned for the weeks ahead.

Firstly, could I thank the many parents/carers who recently completed the 'Tell Them from Me' survey. We received some excellent feedback from over ten families regarding our school's operation and as a result, have begun to implement your suggestions for school improvement. Attached is a graph of your feedback. The blue line highlights Coolongolook parent/carer responses compared to the grey line which displays average scores for all other NSW schools. Although most of the identified areas of focus are pleasing for our school, there is obviously still room for improvement. I'm looking forward to discussing this information in more detail at our upcoming P & C meeting.



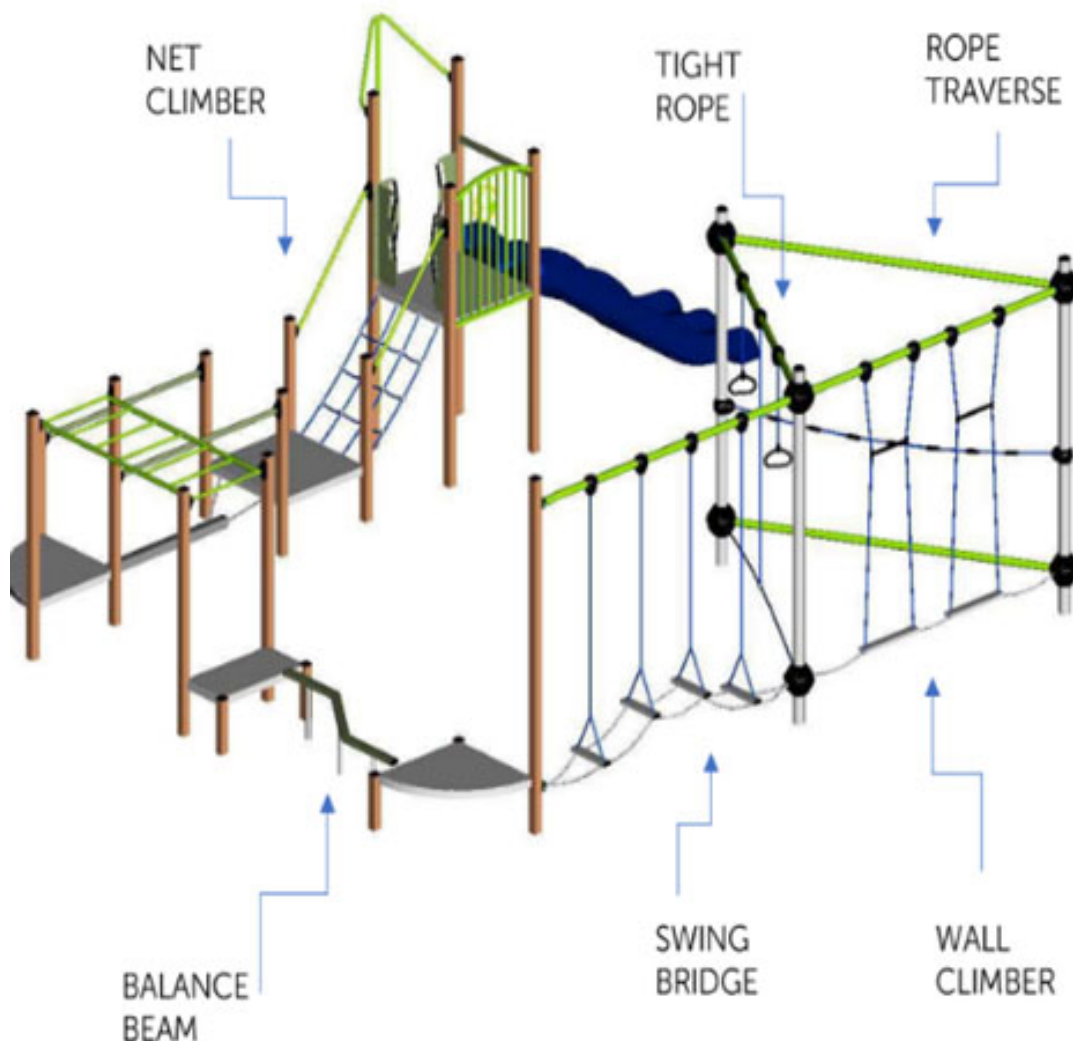
Next week our 3-6 students will be travelling with Bungwahl Public School to Bathurst for our 'Gold' excursion. Students and staff are looking forward to the scheduled activities and time away together. Miss Thoroughgood and I will be travelling with the students at this time. While on camp, the remaining students at school will be taught by Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Durbin and Mrs Nixon. Information regarding the excursion and its itinerary has been sent home over recent weeks. Please contact the school if you have any further questions.

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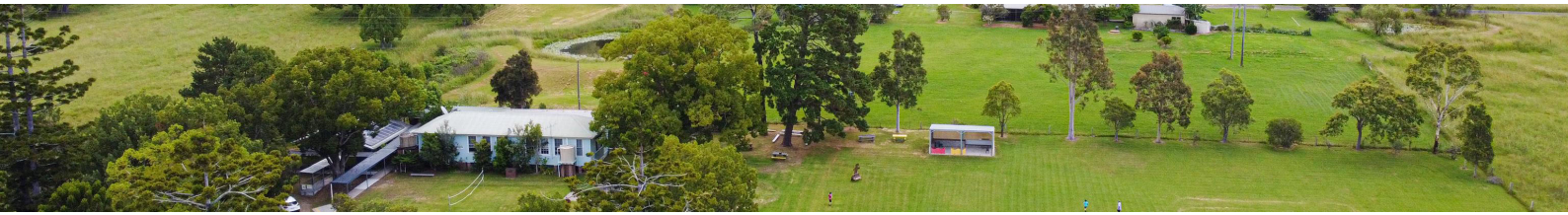


As you would be aware, two of our teaching staff have recently fallen ill. Mrs MacArthur started treatment for her illness last week. We wish her well at this time and hope to see her back at school soon. Further, you would also be aware that Mr Martyn had an accident recently which led to his hospitalisation. Can I report that his injuries are healing well and his family are looking forward to having him home in Nabitac soon. In their absence, Mrs Donnelly and I will be teaching the classes with the assistance of Mrs Durbin, Mr Kelly and Mrs Nixon on certain days.

Over the remainder of the term, numerous school improvements will commence. Soon, our current playground will be removed, making way for a new shade sail and exciting new equipment. Attached is a picture of the new design that was voted on by students. I'm sure you would agree that it looks amazing and I can't wait for its completion in the months ahead.



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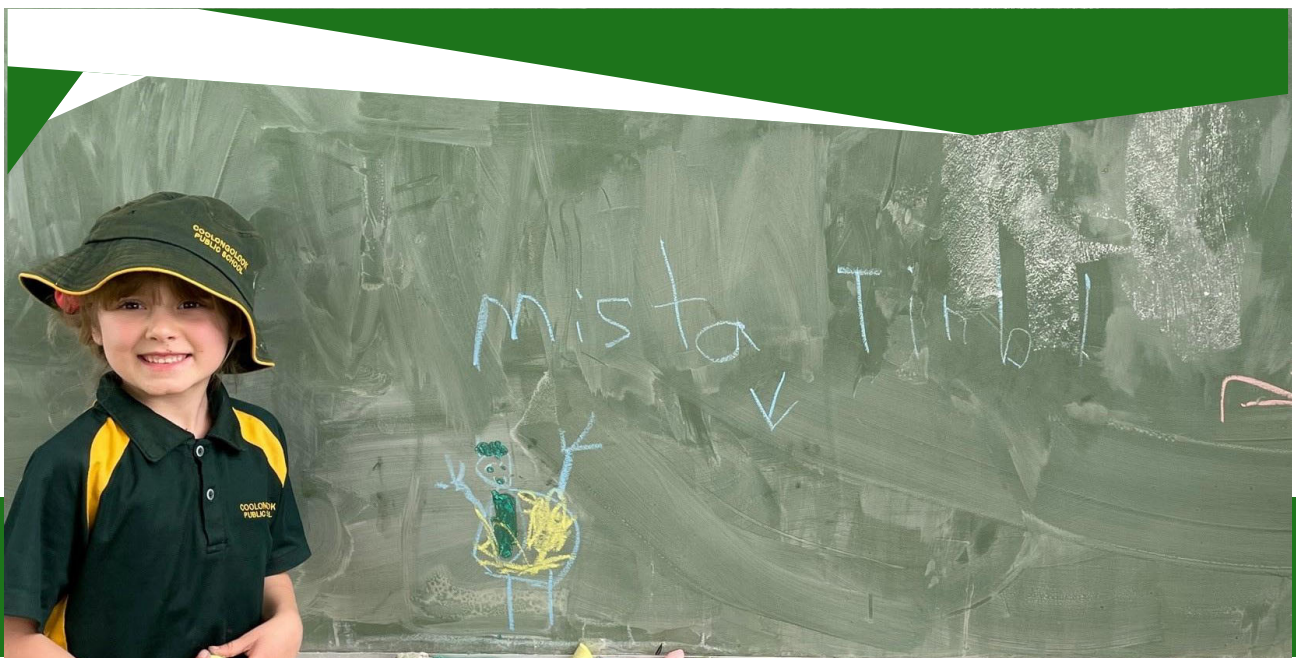


In recent newsletters, I have reported community concerns around the carpark area of our school. I'm excited to announce that during the school holiday break, a new fence will be erected around the carpark with signage for staff and family parking. Further, the school will also receive a new concrete path starting at the front office which will lead down to the bus stop. The amazing Mr Bradford will also return over the upcoming weeks to tidy our garden area and give a makeover to the cubbyhouse that is situated beside the current play equipment. The changes can't come fast enough and we look forward our new look school in 2023!

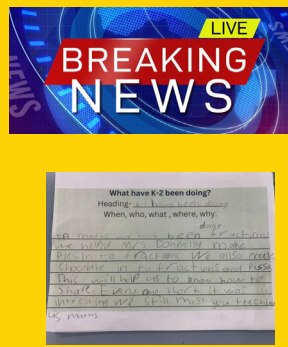
Last Friday afternoon, I had an online meeting to discuss the possible implementation of 'Before and After School Care' at our school in 2023. As you would be aware, the government has allocated funding for schools to start this important service for working families. The process is currently assessing all applicants and I'm hoping to give further information regarding this program's progress in the weeks ahead.

Finally, a big welcome to our newest little lizards, Cale, Toby, Hunter, Olivia and Evie. The students have been attending our Kindy orientation this term and are adjusting well to school life. There are still a number of visits scheduled for the term and we look forward to their time with us.

Jason Tindall
Teaching Principal



K-2 Classroom



K-2 room was abuzz with reporters this week. The students wrote several news segments and were recorded reading them for Mr Martyn.

Harry said "The news is to give Mr Martyn information". Kaylee mentioned "It will hopefully entertain him too" and Alec added, "I think Mr Martyn will be proud of us". We are sure Mr Martyn will love hearing what the class have been up to while he recovers.



K-2 have been exploring fractions. They created crazy symmetrical creatures, divided pies, chocolate and pizza into equal parts, and worked together to solve tricky 'sharing' problems.

In the problem below, students created their dream pizza, then were asked to cut and share the pizza equally. They used their knowledge of half, quarter and eighths along with some knowledge of which shapes can create circles to complete the task.



KINDERGARTEN 2023



Coolongolook Public School
WELCOMES OUR NEWEST LITTLE LIZARDS

Wednesdays
9:15am - 12pm

October
12th, 26th
November
9th, 23rd
December
7th



ASSEMBLY AWARDS



K-2 Awards

Literacy Award for K-2 to Justin for improved reading and a positive attitude.

Numeracy Award for K-2 Tyler for great work in number operations.

PBL Award to Ariella for being a kind leader to the new kinders.

3-6 Awards

Numeracy Award for 3-6 to Thomas for great work in using Roman Numerals and goal setting.

Literacy Award for 3-6 to Jesse for improved writing narratives.

AUSSIE OF THE Month



CONGRATULATIONS

BROCK



COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.



Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.



Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.



Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used together with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in government schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing is required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.



Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.



Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated when planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.



Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.



Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

Telephone Interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.

Let us know if your child is absent

The health and safety of our students is extremely important to us. One way we protect the wellbeing of your child is by fulfilling our responsibilities as both parents/carers and school staff by reporting and monitoring student absences.

Please remember to notify the school of your child's absence:

- in writing
- by phone 02 4997 7183 or
- via the Sentral Parent Portal

This is best done early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

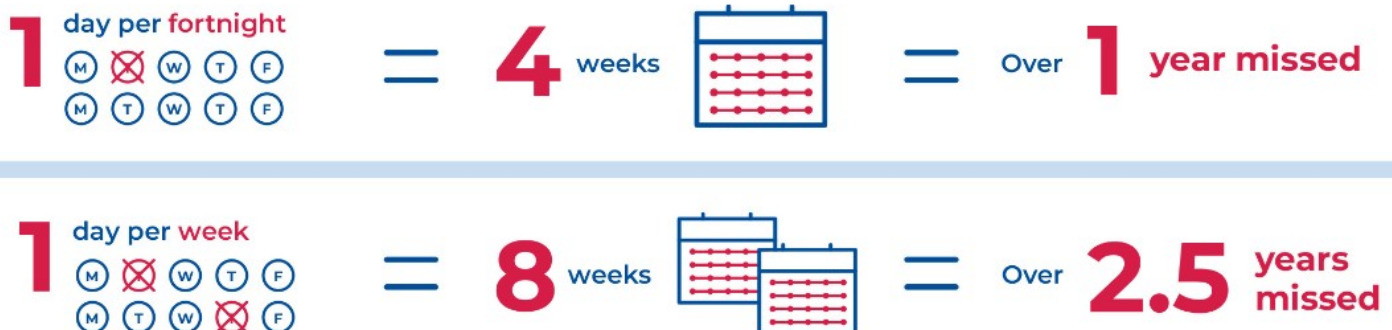
Days missed = years lost

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



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