



# COOLONGOLOOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Coolongolook Public School

Invites you to  
commemorate

**ANZAC DAY**  
Dawn Service

5:30am  
Thursday 25th April  
Coolongolook PS  
Lombard Street  
Followed by Gunfire Breakfast

**LEST WE FORGET**



## What's On

ANZAC DAY  
Thursday 25 April

Students Return  
Tuesday 30 April

P and C Meeting  
Thursday 2 May

Mother's Day Stall  
Friday 10 May

# From the Principal's Desk



Dear parents and carers,

As we wrap up another term filled with exciting events and accomplishments, we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude to all who contributed to making the past few weeks memorable for our school community.

First and foremost, a big thank you to all who joined us for our Easter Hat Parade and Cross Country event last week. It was wonderful to see so many community members come together to support our students in these school activities. Your presence added a special touch to the celebrations, and we are grateful for your involvement.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the parents who joined us for the school assembly on Tuesday afternoon. It was an enjoyable occasion where we celebrated the achievements of our students, both in receiving awards and presenting their impressive work. Congratulations to all the students who were recognised for their hard work and dedication; your accomplishments are truly commendable.

Today marked yet another highlight as we came together to enjoy our School Colour Fun Run. This energetic event brought the entire school community together for an afternoon of fun and fitness. We extend our sincere thanks to all who participated and contributed to the success of the event, with special recognition to our hard-working Parents and Citizens (P&C) association for organising such a fantastic experience for our students.

As we reflect on the term's achievements, we also look ahead to upcoming events. A friendly reminder that we will be holding an Anzac Dawn Service here on school grounds on Thursday, 25th April, at 5:30 am. We invite those who are able to join us as we pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country. Your presence at this important activity would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, as we start the Autumn break, we hope that all families have the opportunity to relax and enjoy quality time together. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, 30th April, refreshed and ready for another term of learning and growth.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and participation in our school community. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable break.

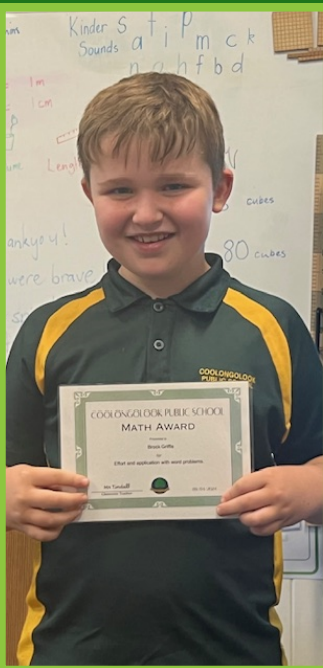
Warm regards,

Jason Tindall  
Teaching Principal



# AUSSIE OF THE Month

# CONGRATULATIONS PAISLEY



## 3-6 Classroom Awards

Eden for improved confidence and publishing of story writing

Brock for effort and application with word problems..

## K-2 Classroom Awards

Olivia for using unicubes to improve her understanding of area.

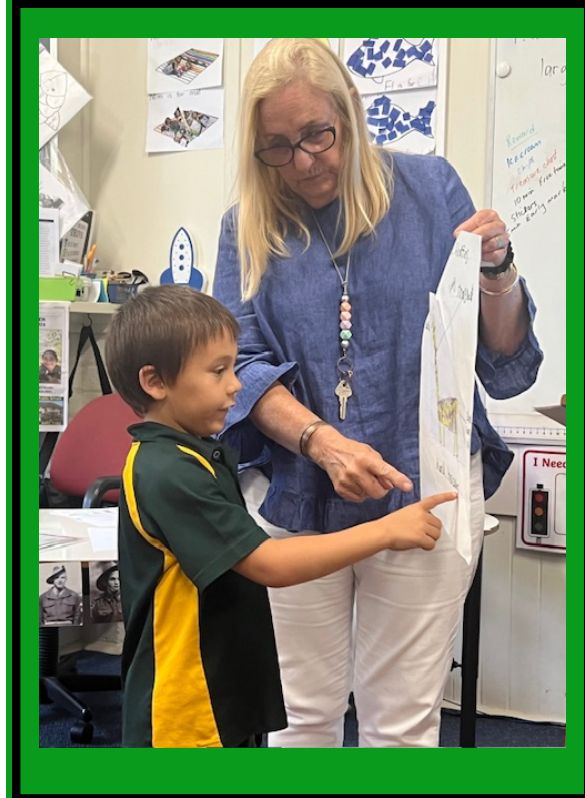
Evee-Lee for remembering her beginning sounds when reading.

# In the Classroom

## In the K-2 Classroom

What a long and busy term 1 it has been in the K-2 room. Our class is like a well-oiled machine, churning out fantastic learning every day. We have studied narratives and descriptions in writing. We have explored patterns, numbers and measurement in mathematics. We have become well acquainted with Lionel's Aussie Fair rules, especially how to keep our hands to ourselves in the classroom and the playground. We have learned the importance of home reading and learning our turtle and fish words and returning our library books. We have discovered living and non-living things and what it means to be a family. We can log onto our ipads and know the difference between a piece of fruit and a roll-up. We know the rules to Barracuda and Binball and have swam and run for our school. We have learnt about Harmony Day, Easter, World Recycling Day, National Ride to School Day and ANZAC Day. We have learnt so much, bring on Term 2 . Mr Martyn

Mr Martyn  
*Classroom Teacher*



## In the 3 -6 Classroom

All 3-6 students deserve a fantastic two-week holiday! They have been working hard in both literacy and Math throughout the term, tackling tricky word problems with Mr. T and reading and writing about strange and mythical creatures called Yahoo or Hairy man in literacy. They have been learning to write an argument or persuasive text recognising different perspectives or viewpoints, Weel done 3-6 you really have been working hard throughout a busy term. Naplan, easter activities, Harmony Day and don't forget keep reading books for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs Donnelly  
*Classroom Teacher*





# 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.

# TERM PLANNER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
W1 Term 2 Apr 29	30	May 1	2	3
Term 2 start School Development Days	Dental Visits		P and C Meeting Time TBA	
W2 Term 2 May 6	7	8	9	10
				P and C Mothers Day Stall Zone Cross Country
W3 Term 2 May 13	14	15	16	17
				National Walk Safely to School
W4 Term 2 May 20	21	22	23	24
	Assembly 9:15 am			
W5 Term 2 May 27	28	29	30	31
				Enviromentors
W6 Term 2 Jun 3	4	5	6	7
W7 Term 2 Jun 10	11	12	13	14
King's Birthday	Assembly 2:15pm			
W8 Term 2 Jun 17	18	19	20	21
W9 Term 2 Jun 24	25	26	27	28
				Soccer Gala Day
W10 Term 2 July 1	2	3	4	5
	Assembly 9:15am			Term 2 end