

Important Dates

Tuesday 11/8

- * School Banking
- * School Photos

Tuesday 18/8

- * School Banking
- * K/6P, 2W 2M & 2G
Rumbalara Excursion

Wednesday 19/8

- * 1F, 1S & 1/2H
Rumbalara Excursion

Tuesday 25/8

- * School Banking

Education Week



Education Week

This week we celebrated Education Week and our Leadership team. Mrs Beckton organised our 2020 time capsule that we published on Facebook, if you haven't seen it, check it out. We have also been publishing photos of what's been happening in classes this week and showing some of our students' great work.

Fees in Advance

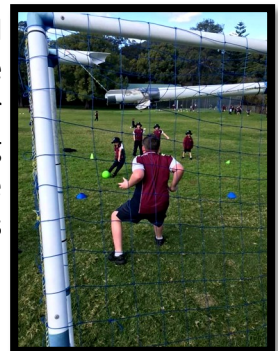
We have had some restrictions lifted in relation to sporting and Environmental Education excursions. Some families will have fees in advance available as they have previously paid for excursions that have been cancelled. If there is an upcoming excursion and you think you have fees in advance, please contact Mrs Shepherd so that you can make use of these fees already paid.

Pay for Play - Year 6 Fundraiser

The students had a great time at the 'pay for play' last Friday. They participated in a variety of games and activities organised by our Year 6 students. All the donations taken will go towards their Year 6 Farewell and end of year activities.

School Photos

MSP Photography will be coming to complete school photos on **Tuesday 11 August, 2020**. Please ensure all students are dressed in full school uniform. Flyers with individual key codes for students, to order online, were sent home yesterday. If you did not receive



one, please ask your child to collect one from the office. Sibling envelopes can also be collected from the office. If you have placed an order for our previous date that was cancelled, that order will still be fulfilled and you do not need to reorder. We are encouraging all orders to be processed online to minimise transactions with cash. As there are no group photos allowed, class and group photos will be arranged into individual portraits and presented on one page.

For all ordering enquiries, please contact MSP Photography by phoning (02) 49 668 292.

Book Parade

Just a heads up for busy parents and those that like to be organised early. We are going ahead with a modified plan for a K-2 and Years 3-6 book parade and Book Fair in week 8 and the theme is 'Curious creatures, wild minds'. This means that your children will begin asking you soon if they can organise a costume.



Also letting you know in advance that unfortunately this year, due to COVID restrictions, we will not be able to have parents/carers or community members attend our parade or our Book Fair. We are so sad as we love having all of our community members attend, however we are still excited that we are able to still provide these fun events for our students.

Have a great weekend.

Adam Boulus
Principal

Tell Them From Me for students in Year 4 and Year 6

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students in Years 4 and 6 also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year, allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that this survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26 August, 2020 and 25 October, 2020. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 7 August, 2020**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

A parent survey is also available and we encourage all parents to follow the link and complete the survey as your responses help guide planning for the future. <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/vf77s>

Nicole Pattison
Deputy Principal (Rel.)

OFFICE GOSSIP

All visitors to the office are now required to complete an 'External Visitors to School Site form' to comply with the Department of Education health and hygiene requirements. This will apply to all parents/carers even if you are simply dropping your child late to school or picking them up early. You are welcome to drop them off at the front door or phone the office with your explanation for them being late to avoid completing the form if you wish.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Leanne Roods

Administration Officer



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K Start Transition Program

Our Kindergarten transition to school program 'K Start' gives children an early understanding of life at primary school. Over 6 weekly lessons, your child will become comfortable in the school and meet some friends whom they will be attending school with in 2021.

**When: Wednesdays or Thursdays
9:00 –11:30 & 12:15–2:45**

**Commencing 14th & 15th October
Cost: \$60. Visit the school office to enrol.**

Kindergarten Orientation Evening

**Wednesday 25th November
5:00—6:30pm**

Parents will attend a 30 minute meeting in the school hall regarding important starting school information while children experience the Kindergarten classrooms.

At the completion of the meeting, all are invited to share in a sausage sizzle.

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We encourage you to keep up-to-date with the evolving COVID-19 situation by following Council's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter social media pages and website at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/covid-19. We're all in this together.

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

We are half way through the school year! The evolving situation with COVID-19 is making it difficult for educators, carers and students to prepare ahead for the school year. We are here to provide support where we can during this unprecedented time.

With restrictions having eased ever so slightly, our specialist teams are now available for school visits to assist students navigate online resources as well as continuing to offer specialised digital events to suit your needs. Email your request to library@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

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Sign up to one or all four! Just make sure you answer the survey questions when you join each group for your request to be accepted.

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- [History @ your library](#) – for anyone interested in family or local history.
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Request to join via [facebook.com/CentralCoastCouncil/groups/](https://www.facebook.com/CentralCoastCouncil/groups/). Once accepted make sure you read and abide by the group rules – simply click the 'About' tab to view.



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Need further assistance? Call any branch or email library@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

CENTRAL COAST MEMORIES

Need information on the history of your area for a school project? Go to centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/history.

SPEAKER EVENTS VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Join popular author of 'The Real Pigeons' series, Andrew McDonald for this fun and energetic event for all ages!

Children will be entertained and left inspired to read, write and be creative following this special after-school online event on Thursday 6 August at 4pm.



With a natural gift to communicate big ideas while keeping young audiences engaged, Andrew will talk about writing funny stories, creating memorable characters, using language to your advantage, the power of books, writing tips and advice.

Let your after-school care provider know about this online event; it is an excellent chance for students that wouldn't otherwise be able to visit or login to experience our speaker events.

Find out more at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/authorevents.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2020

Join us via Microsoft Teams for a National Science Week Brain Break Morning Tea and Quiz on Monday 10 August at 10:30am.

Take a break and get creative with some science creations!

You might like molecules made from lollies and toothpicks, cakes decorated with dinosaurs or biscuits in the shape of lab equipment. Or perhaps you would prefer to dress up as a scientist, dinosaur or another sciency character?

Challenge students or classes for a fun morning tea designed to get those cogs turning.

Register your class or schools interest via centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents.



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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



There are only a few more weeks for students to complete their reading logs!

We have an array of Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) books on our shelves.

You can now organise contactless collection; simply reserve your items, giving two business days for them to arrive at your nominated branch and then check out books via our Library app!

Remember you can search titles on our eBook platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

To find out more visit centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/eLibrary.

ONLINE BOOKCLUB

Join us when we take Bookblasts online!

Students in years 3-6 are invited to discuss their favourite books and authors in a judge free zone. There are no set titles.

This is a fantastic chance for those that may not have otherwise been able to attend in branch to find out what it's all about or those who may be a little shy in social settings.

Bookings essential via centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents.

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