

Cowwarr Chronicle

Cowwarr Fire Brigade

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National Tree Day at the Weir - Cowwarr Landcare

National Tree Day was successfully celebrated by Cowwarr Landcare Group with three plantings.

On Friday the 27th of July 4 members, joined 22 students and the teachers from Cowwarr Primary School in planting 180 plants at the Railtrail Cowwarr. They were assisted by Marnie Ellis (Latrobe Catchment Landcare Facilitator) and Wellington Shire Mayor Carolyn Crossley. The students worked enthusiastically. They had grown all the plants from seed they collected, sown into pots and then pricked out into tubes. Students were later given thankyou certificates at a School With landcare members assistance students will continue to grow indigenous plants for other plantings.

On Sunday the 29th of July 6 Landcare members and over 40 volunteers (many were cubs from 1st Traralgon Scouts And their parents) planted 600 plants at the Swing Bridge Reserve, Cowwarr Weir. It was a fine overcast day. Lunch was enjoyed afterwards .Brain Burleigh barbequed sausages and chicken drumettes and other landcare members provided soup, salads, savoury slices and cakes. The Cowwarr General Store also provided soup and sandwiches

We would like to thank the volunteers for their effort and hope they enjoyed the day. Thankyou also to Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network for the funds to buy the plants, tree guards, stakes and bases.

On Friday the 3rd of August 5 members helped Marnie Ellis assist students from Toongabbie Primary in planting Native shrubs and grasses on the Rail trail at Toongabbie.

Cowwarr landcare group will continue to do weed control and plant more indigenous plants at the Swing bridge reserve. We hope in the future to obtain funding to enlarge the water area and to put in pathways.

Anybody interested in joining our Group can contact our secretary Brian Burliegh on Ph 51 489364. We meet the 1st Wednesday of every month, 7.00pm at the W.G.c.M. depo at Cowwarr.

Gumbootathon

At Cowwarr PS Aug 31

Let's walk for our farmers!

At Cowwarr Primary School on August 31 we will be having a Walkathon in gumboots to raise money for farmers in need.

We will walk the block of the school to raise as much money as we can for our farmers to try to help them through this bad drought.

We want to invite the whole of Cowwarr, Heyfield and Toongabbie communities to join in and we can walk together as one big team. Young, middle and older people walking for our farmers.

Walk with our school from 10.00 am on August 31st until you are too tired to walk, until your gumboots hurt or it is 12.00pm because then there will be a sausage sizzle.

A sponsorship form will be provided.

Let's see how much we can make and how much fun we can have! August 31 at 10.am



Sitting in front of the trees they planted, Cowwarr Primary School

St Brigid's Bulletin

Carmel and Fr. Ken have now been living in the presbytery for some twelve months. There is still some fine tuning to be done, but their personalities have already given shape to their style of home.

Actually, personality is very important. Andrew's handsome face on the June Chronicle makes the point. We are all aware of the need for the CFA and appreciate the organisation, equipment and structure that go with it. Yet, it is well to be reminded, from to time, that when the fire starts, it is some person who goes out to fight it. Indeed, the Church acknowledges the importance of a person and in addition to seasons and times, there are Masses for particular persons. For example, the 26th August is the feast day for St Augustine (354 -430). He lived a wild youth, was a single dad and tried a number of different philosophies and religions. His mother never gave up on him and he became a bishop and a great teacher. The Confessions of Saint Augustine are a spiritual classic. He founded a religious order that is still strong today. His Mass will be celebrated at St Brigid's on the 26th.



Fun at Landcare Tree Planting day



Yes it's time..

For Prep relationship building activities to prepare for 2019!

P – *Playing with new friends and having fun!*

R - *Reading and listening to stories with buddies*

E - *Enjoying time with art activities.*

P – *Preparing to start school as Preps for a day.*

When you arrive we can discuss,

- Starting dates
- Handbook
- Uniform
- Readers
- Your questions and a cuppa!

To relieve the stress of that first day we have planned special visits for our new team members to get to know us, the environment, and to connect with a buddy to encourage and help them during their first year at school.

First school visit -Tuesday the 13th Nov 1.30- 3pm

Second Visit -Tuesday the 20th Nov 1.30- 3pm

Third Visit –Tuesday the 27th Nov. 9.00-11.00

Orientation Day is December 11 when your child can come to school and be a Prep for the day, from 9.00am until recess.

If you have not enrolled your child there is still time. We will work to help your child experience a smooth transition both academically and socially.

Call Albie Fitt 5148 9271 for enrolment details.



The Fitt Bit.....

The end of term is a time to reassess why we are here. Why does our school or any school for that matter exist?

It might seem like an odd question but as a Principal I ask this question often, as schools are not meant to be for teachers and what they think are the things that they want to teach based on their likes and dislikes, or adults who would like school to be the way it was when they were there, but for this generation of children, who in the future, will need the skills required to live beyond 2030.

It is predicted that in beyond 2028 the predominant language spoken in the world, will be Chinese. At Cowwarr Primary we are learning Chinese. It's not just about practising languages or reciting Shakespeare but language for a reason. In 2028 and beyond, Cowwarr children may need to negotiate with our largest trading partner to promote and grow their own businesses.

It is predicted that 50% of jobs in 2028 will be taken over by robotics or technology.

As I sit with my senior class I see every student operating their individual laptops with confidence. I see them using computer codes to make 3D objects and then printing them out with our state of the art 3D printer. Why are we doing this? The world is changing and we are ignorant if we think that having the most artistic handwriting style is the key to employment in the future.

It is also predicted that anxiety will increase in modern society and that people will find the stress of life more difficult to cope with.

At Cowwarr we talk to each other everyday as a team. We discuss the future, set learning goals and have clear learning intentions that the children understand.

We discuss problems and sort out issues. We constantly remind our children that they are special and unique and that they need to speak up to be listened to.

Our children's results are constantly improving as they become more confident and see learning as an individual journey to be the best that they can rather than a competition.

Why do we value student voice at Cowwarr Primary? It's because we are wanting to build up our students, give them confidence and help them to believe in themselves.

So why are we here I ask myself?

We are here because we have the ability and resources to give our children a great start in life. We have sound teaching intentions based around the real world and the future, and as a team, we really care about each other, including children, parents and staff.

Term two at Cowwarr has been great. As we have pondered the 'why,' we have been able to work out the 'what' and some of the 'how'. The 'how' is sometimes the most difficult as every student has their own individual way of learning and we all want our children to be the best versions of themselves possible.

So never think that school is just a step that we go through, or time that we have to fill in before we grow up. Its much more than that, it's preparation for beyond 2030 so that our kids get the jobs and live satisfying lives.

Eleven weeks in a term is long, but at Cowwarr we think in the long term.

Albie Fitt (Principal)

We all want what's best for our children.....

A caring school environment with high standards in education is what they need and deserve.

*But our children still need to be kids and have fun, **making memories** that will last for the rest of their lives.*

Do you have great memories of your time at Primary School?

Cowwarr Primary is a learning team that inspires children to reach their full potential!

Teachers, parents and children together as a team, have fun learning and making future memories.

Our children often refer to our team as being just like a **family**.

What a great way to remember Primary School!

Enrol now! 5148 9271

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