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CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to all of our students who received an award at our Presentation Day on Friday! We are very proud of our achievements this year! All Corowa Public School students have shown a fantastic commitment to learning and resilience throughout this challenging year and we can't wait to see what 2021 will hold for all of you!



What's Coming up?

16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4
29 Jan	Term 1 begins for students in Year 1-3
1 Feb	First day for Kindergarten students



Corowa Connects

with Mrs Baily

2020 comes to an end

2020 marks a year that we may be glad to see the end of. We have faced many challenges this year and whilst there can always be improvements, we have maintained our high expectations and our aspirations. Through a collaborative effort our school community is connected and committed to the learning of our students and staff.

Although we have seen a fall in our enrolments over the past few years, we have been lucky enough to receive an assistance package the NSW government disaster support program. This has supported us to provide smaller classes without losing a number of staff. With this assistance we have supported the professional learning of staff to ensure best practice is in place across the school for all our students. As a result, we have seen our academic results improve in reading and numeracy with our expected growth already smashing our 2022 school targets. Projecting growth is a long-term venture and our school is committed to continuing this aspect as we strive for all our students to meet their potential.

Wonderful wellbeing programs

Our wellbeing programs are the best in practice and advice is often sought by other schools as we meet our targets regularly and provide the best care for our students. Every year we ask students and families to complete the Tell them from Me survey which provides us with feedback in areas of wellbeing. In our recent reports we have 86% of our students reporting they have a positive relationship at school, 81% have a sense of belonging and 98% of our students valuing student outcomes, 79% of our parents feel welcome at school (even in a time when we asked you not to come due to COVID), 73% feel they are well informed by the school, 79% feel the school supports learning and 85% believe the school manages and supports positive behaviours in students. Of course, we are always looking at ways to improve our connections with parents and we welcome and value your feedback.

Dedicated staff

Our staff are dedicated to the school with all committing to 2021 to ensure stability and support to all our families. We look forward to the new adventures 2021 will provide and I am very lucky to have a staff willing to explore learning, develop best practices in their classrooms and across the school. We have celebrated engagements, babies and new houses, we have said goodbye and hello to others. I truly am a very lucky principal. I just can't go past the opportunity to thank one very special person who dedicated herself to public education and finally receives her retirement medal today. Mrs Gaye Jenkins has been a member of our staff for many years and has taught many, many students in her time here. We would like to congratulate her on achievements and the time she spent ensuring all the students had the grounding of the best education possible. You will always be a cherished member of staff and the families of NSW thank you for your service to public education.

Support for our school

2020 has also been a very successful year in acquiring support for our school in grants and services. We have welcomed ThierCare (Out of School Hours Care) to our community with a newly renovated kitchen area providing an area to support not only this service but the students of Corowa public school. We encourage all families needing out of school hours care to support this service as we worked very hard to provide for the needs of our community. We have welcomed our school chaplain, Miss Sarah Kent with funding from the state and federal programs. This project works with staff and community to provide support for students and families in times of need and provide life skills in areas identified for individuals. We have gained financial support through Landcare and the development of extra gardens around the school as well as Naidoc week programs. Our year has been enhanced with multiple activities thanks to the financial support from Roots and



Shoots, Smart Money, CSU cup, NSW teachers federation, Live Life well for the water station support, Corowa RSL supporting the Bluearth programs, The premier sporting challenge grants have enabled us to purchase and update sporting equipment, Good 360 have provided us with Lego and support packages for students and families, NSW government have supported our Kids Shed development and you will see that come to a reality very soon now the plans are completed. Without this support we would not have the facilities and the capacity to provide the extra curricula activities we do. Thank you to everyone involved and I can wait to invite you in and play in our kids shed in conjunction with our wonderful community. In 2020 we have received nearly \$100 000 in grants which is a fabulous testimony to our school and the support it provides to our families.

Our fabulous students

It is impossible for me to move past our fabulous students, we may not have done as much in the broader network of schools this year but the dedication and determination of our students always makes me proud and creates a place where I love to work. Our year 6 students are moving on to their next chapter knowing they will always hold a special place not only in my heart but those of every staff member. To look back now on how they have grown and prepared themselves for high school is a credit to everyone involved. Our Kindergarten's have graduated from one of the weirdest years I can remember and have become well accustomed to being flexible, focussed and a life long learner. We have welcomed new families and we say goodbye to other. Please remember you are part of our family and always welcome.

Thank you, P&C

To our hard-working P&C- I take my hat of to you. You have supported the school through a difficult year and still managed to donate ensuring your children and our students have the best facilities possible. Thank you for your drive and your passion as we are all better for it.

Thank you!

Finally, to our families, I know it has been a year like no other, but we can see the light as we move into our COVID normal summer. Thank you for the support you give us and the trust you place on us with your most precious cargo. I am a strong believer that a school is at the heart of a community and this is one that I treasure – I can't imagine being anywhere else. Thank you for allowing us to guide your children, for working in support with you, your friendship and your collegiality. May you all have a wonderful Christmas and holiday with all my fingers crossed that 2021 will be bigger, better and brighter than ever.





YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER





2021 STUDENTS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Congratulations to our 2021 student leadership team! Captain - Rhylee Barber, Vice-Captain - Harrison Le Lievre, Prefects - Lara O'Bryan and Portia Johnston.

2021 House Captains announced!

It was a very exciting moment at Presentation Day when our 2021 student leaders were announced! Congratulations to the following students on being elected house captains!

- Goulburn - Isabelle Lewis
- Mitta - Eli Lavis
- Ovens - Ashlyn Willett
- Murray - Franklin Murray-Wright



Community dig deep for Christmas giving campaign

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated items toward our Christmas Giving Tree Campaign! These items will be collected by St Vincent De Paul and given to those within our community who are in need over the Christmas period.

Another big thank you goes to Woolworths Corowa for their kind donation!





KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

Congratulations to our Kindergarten class on completing their first year at Corowa Public School! Students and their parents celebrated with a graduation ceremony on Friday afternoon, followed by some delicious icy-poles!

P&C Christmas stall success!

A huge thank you to all of the parents, P&C members and students who were part of our P&C Christmas stall on Wednesday! It was a great opportunity for students to purchase thoughtful gifts for family members and friends.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Bilby class!

Bilby students have enjoyed a very festive and artistic week, creating many wonderful Christmas themed activities!

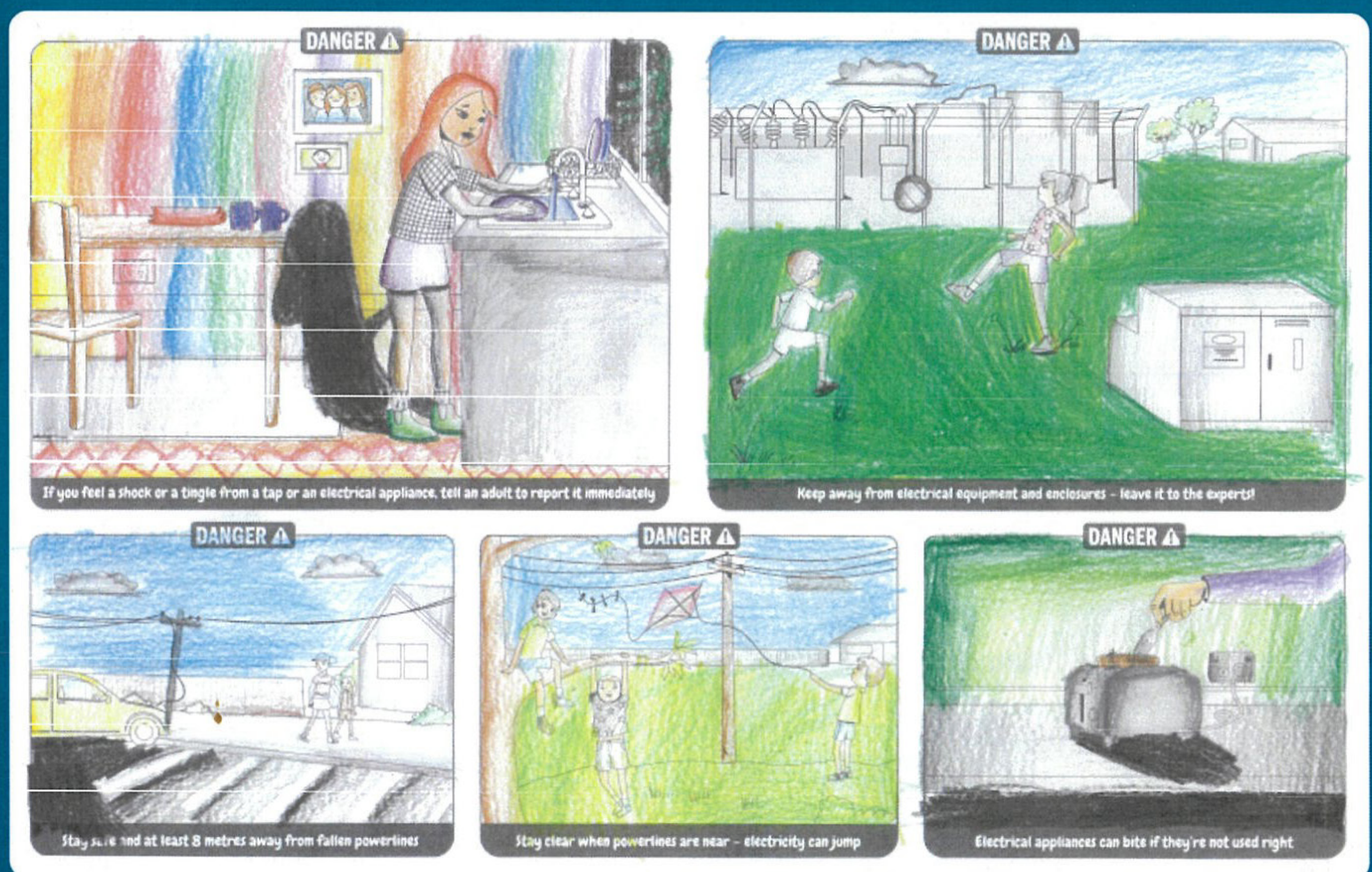


Be a Safety Star

Poster competition winner 2020

Congratulations to our winner in the Year 2 to 3 category, **Hannah Wignall** of **Corowa Public School** for this very creative entry into the Essential Energy 'Be a Safety Star' Poster Competition. **Corowa Public School** will receive a \$1,000 donation to their P&C to assist with a safety related improvement at the school.

Thank you to all the students and teachers for the many inspired entries we received.



For information on Essential Energy's school safety program please call 13 23 91 or visit essentialenergy.com.au/education





AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE 2021

Great news, the Australia Day parade will be held on Sunday 24 January 2021 with the theme of "Freedom". The P & C committee are entering a float (semi-trailer) and are looking for ideas or suggestions on decorating our school's "Freedom" float. All CPS students are invited to be involved in the parade celebrating Australia Day activities. There is a prize for the best school float, so let's get creative. If you have ideas or wish to be involved please give Lindsay a call on 0447060380. Watch for posts on our school and P & C Facebook page during the school holidays for updates and reminders.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from the P & C committee

P&C COOK BOOK

P & C Cook Book order forms going home today. Look for the note in your child's bag.



NEW YEAR NEW JOB?

Are you looking for a fresh start in 2021? Do you want to work for a family owned company that empowers and encourages its staff?

In 2021 Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW. At Joss we value our diverse and committed workforce and we are regularly recruiting for cleaning positions across NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

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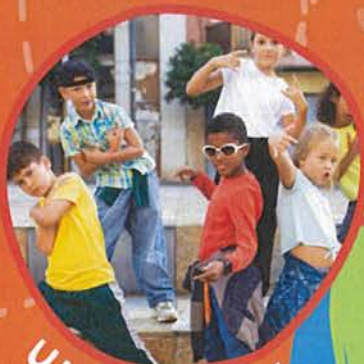
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Globe Trotting

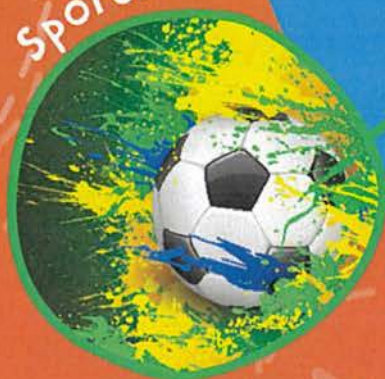


World Dance!

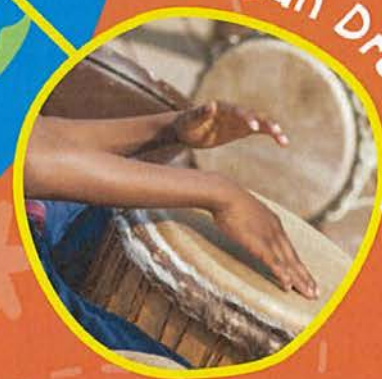


A Taste of France

Sports!



African Drumming



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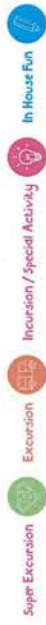
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Magical Madagascar - Monday 11 January

We're heading over to the island country of Madagascar, located near Africa, which home to cheeky ring tailed lemurs, geckos, dancing sifakas and sloths. We will be creating sloth pencil toppers, lemur cookies and have a go at paper weaving while learning about life in the rainforest.

Feature Activity: Sloth Pencil Toppers
Additional Activities: Lemur cookies, paper weaving, rainforest activities, basketball, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.50 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$70.00. Suburb Avg \$10.50.



Summer Splash - Tuesday 12 January

Cool off with a trip to the local Waves Pool as we take a dip in the 50-metre pool and have fun in the splash zone - an adventure playground with a water twist.

Feature Activity: Excursion to Wodonga Waves
Additional Activities: Cooking Caramel Slice, Animal Masks, Balloon Volleyball plus free time to choose your own adventure.
 Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Estimated return time is 2:30 (Please check with the service). Please bring swimwear, a towel and things.

As low as \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$14.74.



Soccer Fanatics - Wednesday 13 January

Dating back to 206 BC, the earliest form soccer was first played in China as a form of exercise. Now it's modern variation which we know as soccer is played by over 250 million people around the world. We will take part in a soccer round robin, create team flags, play a game of brazil bingo and dance along to Latin American music.

Feature Activity: Soccer Round Robin
Additional Activities: Team flags, Brazil bingo, dancing, rainforest animal crafts, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.50 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$70.00. Suburb Avg \$10.50.



At the Movies - Thursday 14 January

Today we're off to the cinema to see The Croods: New Age. Join the first prehistoric family as they set off into the world in search of a new place to call home. They discover an idyllic valley in paradise that meets all their needs, they think their problems are solved, then they meet the Beformans. Popcorn & Water will be provided with today's excursion. PG

Feature Activity: The Croods: New World (PG) at the Cinemas
Additional Activities: Straw quill pens, Jurassic loopearms, relay races, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.
 Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Estimated return time is 1:30 pm

As low as \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$14.74.



World Travellers - Friday 15 January

It's time to put your creative hats on as we create wind up travellers using coloured clay, then take a trip around the world as we make some famous landmarks inspired by the Rainbow City artwork by Huang Yung-fu. The fun continues with an outdoor obstacle course and giant bubble construction.

Feature Activity: Wind Up Travellers
Additional Activities: Obstacle courses, giant bubble construction, Scratch art, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.84 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$72.25. Suburb Avg \$10.84.



A Night Under the Stars - Monday 18 January

Getting away from the busy cities is relaxing, and nothing is better than camping under the stars as you see so many more lighting up the night sky. Today we're off to the Australian desserts as make mini tents, create marshmallow treats, explore Uluru, put on a talent show and paint mesmerizing campfires.

Feature Activity: Mini Tents
Additional Activities: Marshmallow treats, explore Uluru, talent show, camp fire painting, play a game of bulls-eye, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.50 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$70.00. Suburb Avg \$10.50.



International Spy Academy - Tuesday 19 January

Come on a quest to test your ultimate spy abilities. Teams will compete in brain-busting and strength-testing challenges to try and crack the mystery case in this high-paced, action-packed mission.

Feature Activity: Spy Inclusion
Additional Activities: Laser maze, code crackers, spy disguises, Lego construction, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$11.74.



A Taste of France - Wednesday 20 January

Today we will be stopping by France, home to the Eiffel Tower, Act 1 de Triumph and the Louvre Museum where some of the world's finest artworks hang. Get ready to construct the Eiffel tower, cook delicious crepes, create a painting inspired by Da Vinci's Mona Lisa and enjoy a game of basketball.

Feature Activity: Crepes
Additional Activities: Mona Lisa artwork, basketball, Da Vinci inventions, Eiffel tower construction, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.50 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$70.00. Suburb Avg \$10.50.



Tiles of Fun - Thursday 21 January

Today we will be making one of a kind art using mosaic tiles. The possibilities are endless. Will you create a picture frame, animal or even something which has never been seen yet? We will make a calendar to take home and display throughout 2021 and take part in a multi-sport game outside where you will need to throw, kick and bounce to win.

Feature Activity: Mosaics
Additional Activities: Calendars, multi-sport game, scratch art, Lego, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.84 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$72.25. Suburb Avg \$10.84.



World Dance - Friday 22 January

A world of culture, style and costumes. Children will learn key steps as they dance away to sounds and styles, experience some traditional dress and fully immerse themselves into many cultures from all over the world.

Feature Activity: Dance Workshop
Additional Activities: Big planes, passports, tunnel ball plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$11.74.