TERM FOUR
DATE CLAIMERS:

28th November
Prep Orientation Day 2017
GROUP 1—9.30am to 11.00am
Prep White Classroom

29th November
Prep Orientation Day 2017
GROUP 2—9.30am to 11.00am
Prep Red Classroom

1st December
Prep Orientation Day 2017
GROUP 3—9.30am to 11.00am
Prep Blue Classroom

25th Nov and 2nd December
Prep Orientation Day
GROUP 4—9.30am—11.00am
Prep Blue Classroom

25th November
AKA—The Fire Ant Tracker
Incursion—1A, 1B, 1C, Jun A, 4A, 4B, 4C

30th November
HAST—WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

2nd December
Volunteers afternoon tea.

5th December
Year 6 Farewell Ceremony —
1.00pm to 3.00pm
Year 6 Farewell Disco —
6.00pm to 8.00pm

6th December
Carols by Torchlight — 4.00pm to
8.00pm

7th December
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE P & C

9th December
TUCKSHOP CLOSED FOR LAST
DAY OF TERM

“We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we
work, travel and live. We pay our respects to the Elders, their Ancestors
and Future Generations.”

A SPECIAL P & C MEETING WILL BE HELD IN
THE SEMINAR ROOMS ON WEDNESDAY THE
7TH DECEMBER AT 5.30 PM.

An agenda will be forwarded to registered members before Tuesday 30th
November 2016 (the required 7 days notice of a special meeting).

ALL WELCOME

Prep Enrolments 2017
If your child was born between 1st July 2011 and 30th
June 2012, they are due to commence Prep in 2017.

AS OF 2017
PREP IS COMPULSORY

We are currently drafting class lists for Prep 2017.
If your child is eligible to start school in 2017 ....

PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO
*ENROL YOUR CHILD TODAY.
*Must meet enrolment management guidelines
Unbelievably, the end of 2016 is almost upon us! We have had a fantastic year at Collingwood Park State School. I spent last week in Canberra with 54 of our Year 6 students. I have to say, it was a delight to spend that time with them. They were a great bunch of students and their parents should be very proud of them. A huge shout out to Mrs. Falconer, Ms. Schabrod, Daniel Cuthill and Mrs. Mackellar for accompanying the students. I hear that the Year 5 camp to Maroon was also a spectacular success. Thank you to Mrs. Rowston, Mr. Powell and Mrs. Smith for accompanying those students. We would not be able to offer students these valuable learning experiences without our teachers giving up time with their families.

**Pacer Grant- Year 6 Canberra Trip**
The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capitol as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60.00 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

There are some important tasks being undertaken in preparation for 2017. Thank you for your input into class compositions for 2017. We received numerous suggestions and requests and the teachers have begun the complicated process of creating class lists for 2017. It’s a task that requires many choices and compromises between competing desires. We endeavour to meet all requests, but are not able to do so in every case. **Draft** class lists will be published after 2pm on Wednesday 7 December.

**Not returning to Collingwood Park SS in 2017?**
To assist us with staffing and enrolments could you please let the school know if your child will be leaving Collingwood Park State School at the end of this year (other than Year 6 of course). If you are leaving Collingwood Park. SS, please think about donating any old uniforms to the school. Furthermore, if your child will not be present during the first week of school in 2017 but you are intending to return to CPSS next year please advise the office. We are currently finalising our staffing for next year and it is important that our enrolments are as accurate as possible.

**Explain all absences**
Your child’s end of year report card will include the number of unexplained absences your student has had from school this year. Please make sure all absences from school are explained as soon as possible by phone, letter or using the SchoolStar app.

**Prep Transitions**
Our transition team has done a wonderful job organizing and running the pre-prep transition program, Koala Joeys. I was fortunate to attend the last Koala Joeys’ session this week. Thank you to all of the organizers and teachers who have made parents and our new students feel so welcome. It is an exciting time for parents and children.
alike as they take the next step in their academic journeys and Collingwood Park State School is a great place to start! If you haven’t been to an orientation session I would encourage you to come. With only one orientation session left until the end of the term it is important that children and parents feel comfortable in their new surroundings before Prep next year.

Volunteers at Collingwood Park State School
We welcome parent volunteers at Collingwood Park State School. Parents assist with classroom programs, excursions, special days or in the school tuckshop and we would not be able to run the school without such wonderful people. Our P&C will acknowledge wonderful volunteers at a special afternoon tea on Friday 2 December.

Year 6 Farewell
We will hold our Year 6 Farewell on Monday 5 December from 1:00 pm – 3:00pm. Students are to wear their correct school uniform to this event. We will also hold a free disco for the Year 6 students on Monday evening.

Semester 2 Report Cards
As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be emailing report cards this semester, in addition to providing a hard copy of the report cards. Report cards will be emailed to each household, so please ensure the email address you provide to the school is current, and operational. Report cards will be emailed and sent home on Wednesday 7 December.

Do You Really Know Enough About Digital Technology To Protect Your Child?
Recent studies show that 70% of students are hiding their online behaviour from their parents. This is why most parents feel their children are safe online. But are they? Many parents either don’t want to know what their children are up to online out of fear of what they might find out, or think because they (the parent) use social media and technology that they know enough to protect their children from harm online. But did you know that children/teens use technology and apps very differently from the average adult? They share different content, and explore the internet in a way most adults do not. Scroll through your child’s Instagram account one day and see what they see! Don’t wait till something goes wrong before you get up to date with your child’s online world.

How Cyber Smart Are You…Really?
Quick quiz.
1. Where are the settings to filter out adult content on Google/YouTube?
2. Which apps are the worst for cyber bullying and most used by predators?
3. Where do you report Cyber Bullying?
4. Why do kids love Snapchat so much - is it safe?
5. Why is hiding your friend’s list on Facebook essential, & how do you do that?
6. Best way to supervise your child online without spying?
7. What is the most effective way to get children to switch off?
8. How do you tell if an app is safe or not?
9. What are “Tumblr” “Kik” “Snapchat” and “Musical.ly” can they be used safely?
10. What is a #hashtag and why do you need to know?

**If you can’t answer these questions you probably don’t know enough about cyber safety to really help protect your child online.**

Here is some links for further information:
http://internet-safety.yoursphere.com/2012/02/instagram-is-it-okay-for-kids-what-parents-need-to-know/
https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/

**Parenting Ideas from Parenting expert Michael Grose – Digital Social Skills**

As Michael Grose says: Just as we teach children social skills for real life, there are important social skills for the digital world. It is imperative that parents teach children to follow a few basic rules. Please click on the link below to read more about the guiding principles for developing online social skills within our children:

- Be kind
- If you wouldn’t do it there, don’t do it here
- Respect privacy
- Develop their internal filter
- Teach them to do the right thing
- Be upstanding

The Think rule is one that is easy to remember being an acronym, and simple in its approach when discussing issues with children. It requires us to encourage children to think, is it:

- **True**?
- **Helpful**?
- **Inspiring**?
- **Necessary**?
- **Kind**?

Finally, thank you all for the support and encouragement you give to our school, the teachers and your kids. I look forward to sharing the last few weeks of our 2016 school year with you and your children.

**Meridee Cuthill**

Principal
Assemblies
This week’s assembly marked the last class assembly of the year when 6C shared a letter that they had written to future students about their lives and experiences in 2016.

We have enjoyed some wonderful class presentations at our Wednesday assemblies this year: songs, dances, poems, sketches and photo presentations to name but a few. It’s always wonderful to see the pride and excitement on children’s faces as they get up to perform or present in front of the rest of the school. It’s also wonderful to see the pride and excitement on parents’ faces when they come along to watch their child’s class assembly too!

Next Wednesday is our final Walk or Ride to School Day for the year. These days are always well-attended with approximately half the school joining in with the fun of walking to school and then enjoying a special breakfast outside the hall. Please encourage your children to come along – or better still, come along and walk with them. Bikes and scooters are also welcome.

Students will need to meet at Banjo Patterson Park at 7.50am next Wednesday morning. School staff will meet the children there.

Jill Rutland
Acting Principal

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ISSUE 8

Scholastic Bookclub Parent Loop online orders for Issue 8 closed last Friday. I am expecting the orders to arrive in the last week of school. If you had any problems ordering or do not receive the books you ordered, please contact Scholastic Bookclub Customer Service on 1800021233.

Student Leadership 2017
We now enter the next stage of our process: School Captain Candidate interviews. These will be held on Wednesday 23 November.
Before school camp, our 2017 Year 5 school captain candidates each presented a public speech to an audience of Year 4 and 5 students. Students then voted 1 for a male and female school captain.
Once the interviews are completed, all results will be compiled and a meeting will be held with members of staff to decide on the four school captain positions.

Mrs Harrington
Teacher Librarian
Fortnightly Expectations Focus

All students at Collingwood Park State School are expected to behave in a manner that reflects the four values of our school: Co-operate, Attend, Respect and Excel. Positive Behaviour for Learning is a behaviour support framework that clearly defines expectations for student and school community behaviour. The framework includes the explicit teaching of expected school behaviours, routines and procedures and frequent acknowledgement and reinforcement of positive behaviours.

Each fortnight this term, our students will be reviewing expected behaviours and procedures that will help them achieve our school’s expectations. The focuses for weeks 9 and 10 will be the following:

- Following directions in all settings

This expectation will be reviewed each morning when we assemble in the Hall and in the classroom.

NAME OUR CROWS

A big thank you to the CPSS students, staff and community for submitting all your wonderful and creative name ideas for our crows! The PBL Team will now review the ideas with staff and choose three names that will be voted on at the end of week 9.

Stay tuned for more information on how you can place your vote.
Deputy Principal’s Message

Positive Behaviour for Learning

2017 Student Communication Diary

We have some very exciting news! The PBL Team has developed our very own CPSS Student Communication Diary for 2017. This professionally published diary is not only a place for daily communication between classroom teachers and parents / carers, but also a beautiful keepsake record of your child’s year. The diary includes an explanation of our school’s expectations and positive reward system, a calendar outlining important dates, a daily home reading log and a record of your child’s daily behaviour.

The 2017 Student Communication Diary will be distributed to your child’s classroom teacher, ready for their first day of school in January next year. Parents / carers will be invoiced for $7.50 to cover the cost of the diary. If your child misplaces or requires a new diary throughout the year, a replacement diary will need to be purchased through the office.
UNIFORM SHOP

CHRISTMAS HOURS

Week Commencing 16th January 2017

Monday
Tuesday & Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

9.00am - 3.00pm
3.00pm - 8.00pm
9.00am - 3.00pm
9.00am - 12.00pm

C O L L I N G W O O D  P A R K  S T A T E  S C H O O L

P A G E  8
Wow we are nearly at the end of term and Christmas is just around the corner. Books make fantastic Christmas presents for kids, with this in mind I have included a list of great books and authors. Lots of these are often available at the big department stores (Big W, Kmart) at very reasonable prices, or if you are like me and crazy busy lots of online stores will deliver for free. You can always take a trip to the local library and borrow some of the suggested titles. Happy shopping, happy reading!

**Prep-Year 1**

- **Nick Bland**- *The Very Cranky Bear, The very Itchy Bear, The Very Noisy Bear, and many more.* This author also does amazing interactive online versions that can be bought through the app store.
- **Aaron Blabey**- *Pig the Pug, Pig the Winner, Pig the Elf, and many more.*
- **Jez Alborough**- *Where’s My Teddy*
- **Marcus Pfister**- *The Rainbow Fish*
- **Tedd Arnold**- *Fuzz the Famous Fly*

Other great picture book authors include: Bob Graham, Pamela Allen, Mem Fox, Alison Lester, Anthony Brown, Bruce Whatley.

**Year 2- Year 3**

- **Andy Griffith**- *The 13-Storey Tree house series*
- **Ahn Do**- *Weirdo series, Hot Dog.*
- **Roald Dahl**- *George’s Marvellous Medicine, Fantastic Mr Fox*
- **Anna Fienberg**- *Tashi series*
- **Sally Rippin**- *Billy Brown series*
- **Paul Jennings**- *Cabbage Patch series*
- **Wendy Harmer**- *Pearlie series*

Other great authors include: Francesca Simon, Quentin Blake.

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**AKA—The Fire Ant Tracker**

**FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2016 9.30am to 11.00am**

Classes 1A, 1B, 1C, Jun A, 4A, 4B and 4C will participate in this free incursion tomorrow.

The National Red Important Fire Ant Eradication program has tailored a 45 minute presentation that explains the science behind fire ants and how they are eradicated.


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**Reading Matters**
Reading Matters cont’d

Year 4- Year 5
- Lauren Child - Clarence Bean, That’s Me
- Jeff Kinney - Diary of a Wimpy Kid series
- Emily Rodda - Rowan of Rin, Deltora Quest
- Aaron Blabey - The Bad Guys
- Roald Dahl - The Twits, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Paul Jennings - Unreal, Unbelievable, Unmentionable
- Libby Gleeson - The Cleo Stories

Year 6
- Morris Gleitzman - Boy Overboard, Girl Underground
- Paul Jennings - Round the Twist series
- John Flanagan - Ranger’s Apprentice series, Brother Band series
- Rick Riordan - Percy Jackson series
- Emily Rodda - Rondo series
- J.K. Rowling - Harry Potter series
- Christopher Paolini - Eragon
Other authors to look out for: Andrew Daddo, Jackie French, Michael Morpurgo.

Park, Walk and Ride to School—30th November

We are holding our final Park, Walk and Ride to school event for the year on Wednesday 30 November 2016. We’re excited to announce we’ll have a special guest visitor at Banjo Patterson Park from 7.45am, as well as free coffee for parents and a healthy breakfast for students on arrival at school.

Meet up with your friends, or get to know our community of parents and children walking, cycling and scooting to school whilst improving your fitness at the same time.

Please see the map on the next page, however if you need details of where to meet please call the office on 3381 4333.

HAST CALENDAR
Congratulations to all students who entered the HAST calendar competition. We had over 70 entries and 11 artworks were nominated to go into the final draw. All nominees have received a prize.
Out of these we had 5 students selected to be included in the 2017 HAST calendar.

Congratulations to:
Jenni Killin, Rose Taulapapa, Khadeeja Zahra, Meloney Swart, Hayleigh Robertson

Nominated but not in the calendar were:
Ruby Mudd, Vielle Dagondon, Dylan Jones, Renae Dowling, Ella Butler, Maddie Handyside

Well done everybody!

- Meet at Banjo Patterson Park (near the corner of Lawrie Drive) and McInnesney Street
- Special Guest at Banjo Patterson Park from 7.45am and free coffee for parents/teachers
- Group departs park to walk, ride or scoot to school at 8.05am
- Free healthy breakfast for students on arrival at school

Collingwood Park State School
| Mon | 21 | 2017 Group 1 | Orientation Day 1 | Prep—Prep White Classroom |
| Thu | 22 | 2017 Group 2 | Orientation Day 1 | Prep—Prep Red Classroom |
| Fri | 25 | 2017 Group 3 | Orientation Day 1 | Prep—Prep Blue Classroom (B Block) |
| Sat | 26 | 2017 Group 4 | Orientation Day 1 | Prep—Prep Blue Classroom |
| Sun | 27 | 23 Assembly | 30 Assembly | Walk to school day |
| Wed | 28 | 2017 Group 2 | Orientation Day 2 | Prep—Prep White Classroom |
| Thu | 29 | 2017 Group 1 | Orientation Day 2 | Prep—Prep White Classroom |
| Fri | 30 | Assembly | 7 Assembly | Walk to school day |
| Sat | 31 | Assembly | 6 Assembly | Year 6 Farewell and Disco |
| Sun | 1 | 2017 Group 4 | Orientation Day 2 | Prep—Prep Blue Classroom |
| Nov | 2 | 2017 Group 3 | Orientation Day 2 | Prep—Prep Blue Classroom |
| 3 | 2017 Group 4 | Orientation Day 2 | Prep—Prep Blue Classroom |

**December 2016**

| Mon | 2 | 2017 Group 4 | Orientation Day 2 | Prep—Prep Blue Classroom |
| Thu | 5 | 2017 Group 1 | Orientation Day 2 | Prep—Prep White Classroom |
| Fri | 6 | 2017 Group 2 | Orientation Day 2 | Prep—Prep White Classroom |
| Sat | 7 | 2017 Group 3 | Orientation Day 2 | Prep—Prep Blue Classroom |
| Sun | 8 | 2017 Group 4 | Orientation Day 2 | Prep—Prep Blue Classroom |
| Wed | 9 | Assembly | 7 Assembly | Walk to school day |
| Thu | 10 | Assembly | 6 Assembly | Year 6 Farewell and Disco |
| Fri | 11 | Assembly | 5 Assembly | Year 6 Farewell and Disco |
| Sat | 12 | Assembly | 4 Assembly | Year 6 Farewell and Disco |
| Sun | 13 | Assembly | 3 Assembly | Year 6 Farewell and Disco |
| Mon | 16 | Assembly | 19 Assembly | Year 6 Farewell and Disco |

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**Carols by Torchlight!**

Collingwood Park State School
P&C Association Presents

**Carols by Torchlight!**

Arm Bands ON SALE... now $25
Please see Mrs Simpson in the office

Sale Ends Monday 5th December -$32 on the day of the Carols.

Rides include - Sizzler, Mini Jeep, Jumping Castle and much more!

P&C BBQ - Burgers, Hotdogs, Market Stalls, CPSS performances, Local Community Performances and FIREWORKS!
The tuckshop will be closed on the last day of this term (9/12/16).

NEXT MEETING:
7th Of February 2017
7.00 pm in the library

CPSS P&C Association News!!
Email us: cpss-pnc-admin@bigpond.com

P & C WRAP UP 2016

A Little Trivia ...... Did you know?
Volunteers have contributed over 3,500 hours of their time to our school this year!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

This year the P&C have contributed to our school by...

- Holding Mother’s Day & Father’s Day stalls
- Contributing to the cost of the Root Cause visit – an educational treat on learning about nutrition for kids and parents.
- Providing children with the opportunity to participate in the school banking program
- Subsidised the Cost of Science Week Incursion
- Running Breakfast Club 4 times a week
- Purchased new lunchtime play equipment
- Contributing to the cost of the rewards day celebrations
- Hosting Discos in the hall
- Raising funds to purchase new signage for the front of the school
- Subsidise to the cost of the Year Book
- Hosting of the yearly Carols by Torchlight event
- Ran and maintained the Tuckshop, Uniform Shop & OSCH

The P&C at Collingwood Park State School is run by volunteers and has grown over the past year enjoying more parent participation. The P&C members alone have contributed over a 1500 hours of their time to assist in making our school great. All members aim to make the school a better and more positive place for our kids, to learn and grow in.

Please join us next year to continue to raise funds for our school and provide various activities for our kids to enjoy and partake in.

P&C Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7pm

Sub Committees
- Volunteers Welcome

Events Committee – we are looking for new members to join for 2017 @ email us cpss-pnc-admin@bigpond.com

OSHC Committee – FRIDAY the 2nd of DEC
4.30PM @ OSCH – ALL WELCOME

P&C Meeting – 7th of February 2017

Upcoming Events

THIS FRIDAY
NEON DISCO! All year levels
25th November 6pm - 8pm
Entry $3 Entry & Meal Deal $8

Carols by Torchlight
6th of December 2016
4.00PM – 8.00PM
$25 armbands available now!
RIDES / FOOD / ENTERTAINMENT

OSHC
Coordinator - Rebekah Goodie
Phone - (07) 3381 4317
Mobile Number - TBA
Email - cpss-oshc@outlook.com

BOOK EARLY FOR VACATION CARE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE @ OSCH
Closed 24.12.2016 – 02.01.2017
Back AND OPEN on the 03.01.2017
Is your child absent from school today?
Please phone the school office on 33814333 before 10am to notify us of the reason your child is absent OR reply to the text message you receive at 10am, notifying you of the absence of your child at roll marking time. PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SCHOOL STAR APP FOR FREE to receive and send messages to school at NO COST to you.

EVERY DAY COUNTS … MAKE SURE YOU LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT.

SCHOOL BANKING IS ON FRIDAY
8.00am to 8.30 am
In the school hall.