

# Collins Creek Public School

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**Week 11**

**Term 1**

**Friday 12 April 2019**



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYBODY

Dear Parents, Families and Friends

End of Term 1—What a whirl—we have done so much, accomplished so much and think we all deserve a well earned break. In a nutshell, some of our successes have included :

### SEVEN STEPS TO WRITING SUCCESS

- Step 1 **Plan for Success**
- Step 2 **Sizzling Starts**
- Step 3 **Tightening Tension**
- Step 4 **Dynamic Dialogue**
- Step 5 **Show, Don't Tell**
- Step 6 **Ban the Boring**
- Step 7 **Exciting Endings / Endings with Impact**

Seven Steps is a COLOURSS initiative that Collins Creek PS have happily joined with. Seven Steps is a methodology that aims to change how writing is taught in Australia, by developing children into passionate communicators through writing. It consists of short, fun and collaborative writing lessons that are fun and engaging for students and teachers. You can find out more online @ [sevenstepswriting.com](http://sevenstepswriting.com)

### PBL - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

**BE A LEARNER. BE RESPECTFUL. BE SAFE.**

Positive behaviour for learning is a whole school approach for creating a positive, safe and supportive school climate in which students can learn and develop. This approach involves the school community working together. All staff are responsible for teaching the behaviour expectations, providing consistent positive feedback to students, and delivering consistent corrective feedback and consequences when expectations are not followed. This is done by the students completing a 'Reflection' sheet and talking with the staff member. The entire school, including classrooms, playground, excursions, school gates and buses are part of the total learning environment. PBL is taught in Collins Creek Public School, in partnership with COLOURSS. Children understanding PBL in their early years, will understand the behavioural expectations when they go to Kyogle High School where it is also implemented.

We are introducing a revised Merit system next term. PBL 'Koala' tokens will be given to students at any time during the school day when they are modelling and displaying PBL behaviour, especially the behavioural focus of the week. These tokens will be kept in a rewards book, with the following rewards listed below. This is a term system - at the beginning of each term each student will start again, working towards a bronze level. If students receive 4 gold awards at the end of the year, they will receive a Scholastic book voucher.

TOKENS	LEVEL	REWARD
10 Koala Tokens	1 Bronze Award	Free Toastie
20 Koala Tokens	1 Silver Award	Iceblock
30 Koala Tokens	1 Gold Award	Prize Box Pick

This week we have had the pleasure of KHS students and the Arts teacher, Jess, start painting our PBL poles. They will continue in Term 2. Thank you to KHS for a wonderful opportunity for our students to collaborate with you.

### DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 2 2019

Week 1 29 APRIL - 3 MAY		
Monday	29	Staff Development Day - School Closed
Tuesday	30	Student's return for Term 2
Friday	3	Cross Country @ The Risk - School Closed
Week 2 6 MAY - 10 MAY		
Monday	6	Family Lunch - All parents invited
Tuesday		10am Gymnastics with Rukenvale PS
Thursday	9	Leadership Conference - Shakira & Kym @ Lismore City Hall (with Ms Muller)
Friday	10	Music with Camilla (Costumes required)
Friday	10	P & C Mothers Day Stall in Kyogle



### VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

#### THANKFULNESS

**I AM THANKFUL FOR THE MANY GIFTS WITHIN ME AND AROUND ME TODAY. I APPRECIATE MY LIFE. I LOOK FOR THE LESSONS. I EXPECT THE BEST.**

- Are thankful for the gifts of life
- Appreciate your own abilities instead of envying others
- See the difficulties of life as opportunities to learn
- Enjoy your sense of wonder about the beauty in the world
- Are willing to receive what others want to give
- Count your blessings every day

### SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER

We would like to welcome Justin Vasterink to our team as our SLSO for term 2. Justin brings a wealth of experience and has recently moved to the area with his family. We have gone through a thorough trialling period with some wonderful casual SLSO staff. It has been the hardest decision. We feel that Justin will be a very valued team member for the students and staff.

### YOUTHIE CHRIS (AKA CHRIS HUTTON)

Chris Hutton from the Kyogle Youth Centre, is also a Wellbeing Teacher who works with Alison Coote, through Kyogle High School. Chris works to support student learning and wellbeing. Chris has been and will continue to make weekly visits to spend time with our children in the classroom and playground. Chris engages with the students through collaborative talking sessions and games. If you feel your child requires or would like a referral for the school counsellor, please contact the school. Chris has been a valuable member of our team this past term, and we look forward to inviting him back in Term 2



**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR  
FOR LEARNING**



## EXCURSIONS

This term we have connected with our COLOURSS friends on a few occasions including Trading Places Show, COLOURSS Swimming Carnival, Fairymount Festival, the Byron Story bus, and have asked Rukenvale PS to join in on classes for one day.

We attended swimming lessons with Julie (Julie's Learn to Swim) and Nyssa on four Tuesdays at Kyogle Pool, as part of the Sporting Schools Grant we received for Term 1. Next term we are fortunate enough to have received the Sporting Schools grant again, and have booked gymnastics lessons with the team from North Coast Gymnastics at Lismore. We also intend to hold an extra 3 mornings of lessons, inviting Rukenvale PS to join in with us here at our school.

We will again meet with our COLOURSS friends and Kyogle PS, at The Risk PS on the first Friday in Term 2, for our annual Cross Country. The children have been practicing at school, and we encourage them to continue at home during the holidays.

## MURALS

Uncle Wayne and Vera have started work on the water tank this term, to help with the beautifying of the school grounds in readiness for our 100 years Celebration. He will continue in the beginning of Term 2. Rebecca Truscott has been working with the students to create a colourful depiction of life at Collins Creek PS, in the lunch area. It looks amazing!! The children have also decorated a pole each in the walkways. As mentioned, students also have worked with four KHS students and a Visual Arts teacher Jess, to decorate the three PBL poles (which were provided by KHS). They are nearly finished and look fabulous. They compliment our already colourful school grounds. Thank you to KHS !!!

## KINDY KIDS

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming our little kindy kids to the fold. It has been a wonderful experience for the children as well as staff. They are little sponges when they start here and have grown in confidence each day. Sadly we farewelled our little Kindy boy, Brock yesterday. It has been such a delight to have Brock in our school, and to watch him grow and settle in. He will be missed by all of us. Especially Ever, who has formed a very beautiful friendship with him. We wish him well at his new school.



# 100 Years Celebration Music & Entertainment

As Term 1 comes to an end, the children are practicing with Camilla today for the 100 Years Celebration performance. Today they are on the steel pans playing music and singing. They have also started practicing a piece on the recorders. With only six weeks left to practice, from the start of Term 2, the children will be hard at work creating their film to be run on the day, that starts 100 Years ago. Camilla would like to ask the children and parents to please take some time during the school holidays, to search in their closets and the charity stores to find clothes that are representative of approximately 1919. It does not matter what colour they are, as the film will be in black and white. Children will be students and there will be one or two teachers. The children will know which part they are playing. We have added some photos below as examples, but feel free to do your own research. As we are starting the filming in the first week back, and allowing enough time for Camilla to edit the final product, can you please have the costumes ready during the first week back. If you are having difficulty in finding something appropriate, please let us know as soon as possible. We hope to all be dressed up on the day using the same costumes. Thank you for your assistance with this. We are looking forward to seeing what they create. And the children's performances on the day of the 100 Years Celebration.



## IDEAS FOR STUDENT COSTUMES



# SCHOOL NEWSBOARD

## ANZAC DAY MARCH

All COLOURSS Schools will be marching together under the COLOURSS banner. As the march is during the holidays, we will not be able to be organising the day. Lisa Blackburn has kindly offered to meet at Kyogle Pool at 10:15am. Please wear your school uniform if you are intending to march. Thank you Lisa for helping with providing the opportunity for our students to march.

## ANZAC Day

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, students are invited to attend the ANZAC Day march in Kyogle. Students must wear school uniform, including their hats and meet at the pool by 10:15 to begin the march at 10:30. I will be there to meet students.

### Program:

Dawn service at the Cenotaph:	5:30 am
Group and individual wreath laying:	10-10:15
Assemble to march:	10:15
March through Kyogle:	10:30
Memorial service at the Memorial Institute:	11am

# COMMUNITY BOARD

For your calendars! All welcome, Please bring your friends, family or neighbours!

## COLLINS CREEK HALL - UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7pm** - "Mad Hatters" Pot Luck Dinner - BYO Drinks and a dish to share. \$10/family \$5/single & appropriate headwear!

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 6pm** - Pot Luck Dinner - BYO Drinks and a dish to share. \$10/family \$5/single

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT (Further details to be confirmed)

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Collins Creek Primary School 100 Year Celebration Reunion Dinner & Bush Dance - Tickets available from the school.

**20<sup>th</sup> July from 4pm** - The Yowies come to Dinner! Welcoming the local band "The Howling Yowies" - to our Xmas in July Pot Luck Dinner (\$5/Cover Charge for Band - Fundraising Raffle \$1/ticket - Please bring a plate of Christmas fare to share)

Subject to Change - For further information:

Please contact Hall Committee Secretary Helen Ph 0448 334 167 or email: [collins.creek@gmail.com](mailto:collins.creek@gmail.com) 5/2019

## COLLINS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL 100 YEAR CELEBRATION 8th JUNE 2019

10am - 2pm Collins Creek Public School  
5:30pm Bush Dance & Dinner Collins Creek Community



On the 8th June 2019, Collins Creek Public School will be holding our 100 Year Celebrations. During the day we will be remembering our past, showcasing our present and looking forward to the future of our small rural community supported school.

We would love you to join us in these celebrations. Please share these details with your family and friends. We would love to meet as many community members as possible, who are connected to our school. Please come and share your stories.

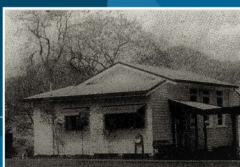
If you would like to be part of our organising committee, or volunteer your help on the day, it would be greatly appreciated.

We would also like to hear your stories, see your photos and videos, know "what you have been up to" and create a timeline of memories to present on the day. If you can not make the day, please share your memories so you can still be a part of the history of this

100 years of celebration.

Thank you and we hope to see you on the 8th of June 2019 !!

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**Saturday, June 8th. Dinner 5:30PM Dance Starts 7PM**

**COLLINS CREEK PS**

General Bush Dance Admission

Children - \$5  
Adult - \$10  
Family - \$25

100 years

**BUSH DANCE**

Live performance by

**THRILLBILLY STOMP**

Catered event by



dine AND dance

\$20 Per Person (Includes: Dinner & Bush Dance Admission)

\$70 Family x 4 (Includes Dinner & Bush Dance Admission)

(Dietary requirements available, upon request)

**Collins Creek Hall,  
1573 Collins Creek Rd, Collins Creek**

RSVP Wednesday 15th May  
**(02)66331278**

Tickets available at  
Gateway Office Supplies  
or Collins Creek Public School



# OUR ENVIRONMENT

## GREAT NEWS

**We've just been awarded  
a Woolworths Junior  
Landcare Grant!**



### WOOLWORTHS JUNIOR LANDCARE GRANT

We would like to give a very big thank you to Tamar for organising, working on the application and offering your support, in securing a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant to help with the cost of our students Edible Garden plans. The children spent time with Dorroughby Environment Centre on designing their garden, which will be another wonderful project that enhances our already unique school environment.

Wonderful news !



### OUR RESIDENT KOALA

We welcome back our resident Koala. We have not seen him/her over the past months during this period of dry weather. It concerned us, and we hoped that he/she would be ok. He/she is looking very happy and cosy up in the trees.

### 'WHAT'S IN THE BOX?'

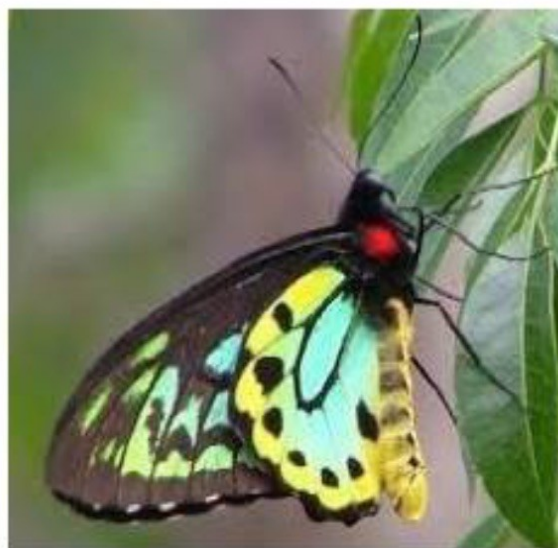
We continue to monitor our nest boxes for our Eco Grant. The children have also been preparing some film and editing it along with Priya. Priya continues to provide a fun outdoor learning experience with the children, and we hope to see more furry friends locate their homes into the boxes.

Proudly funded in 2018 by NSW Government through its Environment Trust



# Open Day

Plant Sale and Work  
Shops



Kyogle  
**Landcare**  
Inc.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Landcare Nursery. 9 – 1pm.**

**Alcorn Park (next to tennis courts)**

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9 – 10.30	10.30 - 11	11 – 12	12 – 12.30	12.30 -1
Plant	Koala Talk	Fawcett's Creek	Birdwing	Wires
Propagation		Guided Walk	Butterfly	Workshop
Workshop			Workshop	

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**Morning Tea:** Scones and tea or coffee for a gold coin donation.

**Kids Activities:** Face painting and art



***Tell Them From Me* student survey:  
Information and consent form for  
parents and carers**



Dear Parents and Carers

In Term 2 2019, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will **not** be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by Friday, 3/5/19

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Joy Muller  
Relieving Principal  
Collins Creek Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan  
Executive Director  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

## ***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by Friday, 3/5/19

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.**

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carer .....

Signature of parent/carer .....

Date .....



9 PHYLLIS ST, STH LISMORE

**KIDS**

**AUTUMN**

**\$15**

2HR SESSION

10AM

12PM

2PM

**APRIL 15 - 26**

## OUR ACTIVITIES

GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINES, GAMES, DRESS-UP DAYS, TREASURE HUNT, NINJA COURSE, KIDS CUISINE.

OPEN TO AGES 5 - 14 Y.O

Half Day - \$30 up to 5 hours

Full Day - \$45 up to 9 hours

8am - 5pm

CALL FOR MORE INFO

**6622 3100**

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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**KIDS**

**AUTUMN FUN**

**PASS**

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North Coast Gymnastics

valued at \$15.00.

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Valid at any 10am - 12pm/ 12pm - 2pm/2pm - 4pm session.

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