



COLLINS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Tuesday 12th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 4. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the performance on the last day of Term 3. Well done to all children and Camilla and huge thanks again to all parents and carers who helped to make costumes, backdrops and props. We look forward to the children's next performance, at our end of year Variety Night.

We have a productive term of learning and enjoyment planned for our children and you will receive this term's overview of learning this Friday. There are a few previously scheduled events that we are still in the process of finalising dates for. These include the Endangered Animals workshop, which we are hoping will now be at our school, for all students from COLOURSS and a virtual First Aid course for our Year 5 and 6 students, delivered by medical students at Bond University. We are also in the process of booking local photographer, Paul Daley, to take our school photos and will keep you updated about these events.

We are delighted to be able to recommence Playgroup, each Wednesday morning from 9.30 -11.30. The first day will be next Wednesday, 21st October. Many thanks to Ines, who has offered to facilitate this. We welcome families with children under five, who may be interested in attending our playgroup.

Kristina Stewart
Relieving Principal



Parents and Careers who are enrolling their child at Collins Creek PS in 2021 are invited to attend the Kindergarten transition program. Orientation is a fun way for teachers and staff to support children in becoming familiar with the routines of "big school" and helps us get to know your child before they start kindergarten next year. For any enrolment queries please phone the school on 66 331 278. I look forward to meeting your children.

Bianca Radin

KINDY ORIENTATION DATES

Thursday - 22 October	9:00am - 11:30am
Thursday -29 October	9:00am - 11:30am
Thursday - 5 October	9:00am - 1:30pm
Thursday - 12 November	9:00am - 1:30pm
Thursday - 19 November	9:00am - 3:00pm



VIRTUE FOR TERM 4 WEEK 1

COMPASSION

I HAVE COMPASSION. I NOTICE WHEN SOMEONE IS HURT OR NEEDS MY HELP.
I TAKE THE TIME TO SHOW THAT I CARE.

- Notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend
- Imagine how they must be feeling
- Take time to show that you care
- Ask how they are and listen patiently
- Forgive others when they make mistakes
- Are helpful to a person or animal in need



SOLAR OVENS



Senior students made simple solar ovens, as part of our Science learning about how heat, light and electrical energy make things happen. Due to cloudy and windy weather, patience was required to wait for a suitable day to try them out, which we were able to do, in the last week of term, when students made 'S'mores', from crackers, marshmallow and chocolate chips. The best part was eating the results!

BABY PHOTO GUESSING COMPETITION

We all had fun trying to guess who was who, from the range of baby photos sent in, as part of the Junior students' learning about their family history, last term. It was quite tricky, but we all thought everyone was cute – even the teachers! Well done to Isaac, for guessing the most correct names and thank you Bianca for organising this.



SPORTING SCHOOLS GRANT SECURES

TENNIS FOR TERM 4

From next Tuesday, we will be taking part in weekly 1 hour tennis sessions, at our local hall. Our coach will be Kelly Richards, who is one of the highest qualified female coaches in the Northern Rivers. As head coach at East Lismore Tennis club we are very fortunate to have this level of expertise. The students will be driven to and from school to the hall. Students will need PE clothes: T-shirt, shorts and suitable joggers/trainers, a hat and a water bottle. Please apply sun cream to your child before coming to school. As we will leave school at 9.15am, please ensure your child is in school, on time.

A parent helper for transport would be appreciated, please fill in the permission note attached and indicate if you are able to help with the tennis program.

INTERSPEAK COMPETITION

Interspeak will be going ahead this term. We will attend Interspeak along with students from COLOURSS at Barkers Vale PS on 29th October. This is a Public Speaking Competition for the senior students to compete in. A parent helper will be required for transport on the day, please let Ms Stewart know if you are able to help. More details on the program for the day will be in the next newsletter.

REMINDER - SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please be aware the school photos will be this term. This is close to Christmas, so we are letting parents know well in advance. We are hoping to keep the costs of the packages from \$24 - \$50. More information will be sent out in the next newsletter.

BOOKCLUB DUE BACK FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE - EVERYDAY COUNTS

Did you know that your child's absence will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence** if you do not inform us of the reason they are absent?

Any absences due to sickness will be recorded as an authorised absence.

We appreciate your support in helping to make sure your child is in school, on time, everyday.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS 2022

What are selective high schools?

Selective high schools cater for intellectually gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability and using specialised teaching methods to support the learning needs of gifted students.

Year 7 enrolments are available at:

- seventeen fully selective high schools
 - twenty-five partially selective high schools
 - four agricultural high schools, three of which have boarding places where students live at the school for the school term.
- Find out more at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/information-for-applicants/agricultural-high-schools>
- one virtual secondary school, Aurora College, for students in rural and remote areas. Find out more at:

<http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>.

A new academically selective class will be available at Richmond High School - Richmond Agricultural College for entry in 2022 for students who wish to study agriculture. The school will not be officially listed as partially selective until 2022.

Who can apply?

Parents of students enrolled in NSW government and non-government primary schools and home schools can apply.

Parents of students currently interstate or overseas can apply if they expect to meet residency requirements by the time offers are made and to live in NSW by the start of Term 1.

Parents of Aboriginal students are encouraged to apply for selective high school placement. See some experiences of students at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/general-information/student-experience>.

For further information and support, parents can speak with their child's current principal, or contact their local Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor.

How do I apply?

Parents must apply online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/application-process>. Applications are open from **13 October to 16 November 2020**.

COVID – 19 UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Students who display flu like symptoms and who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period.

Additionally, they must be symptom free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

COVID - 19 symptoms include : Fever, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, loss of smell, loss of taste.

Other reported symptoms : Fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite or other flu symptoms.

END OF TERM 3 PERFORMANCE



A huge thank you to the cast and crew, director, costume designers and prop artists. The performance at the end of last term was fantastic.



Monday 5.30pm - 6:30pm

\$13 (includes \$2 hall donation)

BYO yoga mat and optional props

Starting on the 21st of September

E: mikala.m@outlook.com F: [innerjourneyswithmikala](https://www.facebook.com/innerjourneyswithmikala)

SUPPORT SERVICES

Please encourage anyone who may be at risk or experiencing emotional distress, including worried family and friends, to contact one of the following services:

- **Kids Helpline. 1800 55 1800.** Phone support is there all day, every day. Online support is open from 8am-midnight every day (AEST).
- **Suicide Callback Service. 1300 659 467.** Phone support all day, every day, and follow-up calls.
- **eHeadspace. 1800 650 890.** Open 9am-1am daily (AEST).
- **Lifeline. 13 11 14.** Phone support all day, every day. Online support 7pm-4am daily (AEST).
- **Beyondblue. 1300 22 4636.** Phone support all day, every day. Online support 3pm-midnight every day.



Come and join

Collins Creek Public School

Playgroup

Playgroup will be held on Wednesdays from

9.30am - 11.30am

First playgroup to start -

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER



COMING EVENTS / EXCURSIONS 2020

WEEK 1 - 2		TERM 4	12th - 23rd OCTOBER
TUESDAY	20 OCT	TENNIS - Sporting Schools	

WEEK 3 - 4		TERM 4	26th OCT - 6th NOVEMBER
TUESDAY	27 OCT	TENNIS - Sporting Schools	
WEDNESDAY	28 OCT	ZOOMOBILE—Collins Creek (possible change in dates, parents will be notified)	
THURSDAY	29 OCT	Seniors - INTERSPEAK (Barkers ValePS)	

