

Comleroy Road Chronicles



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Principal: Mrs Kristen Barglik

Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we held our first Term 4 P&C meeting. We discussed the upcoming events for this term and discussed the feedback from our surveys which will inform our upcoming Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP), commencing next year. A special thank you to our P&C executive who work hard behind the scenes to support the learning here at Comleroy Road and thank you to all those parents that attended this meeting for your valuable contribution to our school.

Upcoming events

November 2020

Tuesday 10	Kindergarten orientation
Tuesday 17	Kindergarten orientation
Wednesday 18	OC placement test
Friday 20	School assembly
Monday 23	St 3 excursion – Somerset @ Colo
Tuesday 24	Kindergarten orientation
Thursday 26	St 3 excursion – Nth Narrabeen Beach

See calendar attached for December events

The Department of Education has designed a mathematics hub for parents and carers of children in Kindergarten through to Year 10. It is an engaging online platform that contains many interactive activities, games, puzzles, inspiring reading and resource lists as well as short creative videos to introduce topics. You can check this resource out by following this link <https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics/domain/at-home>

Currently our teachers are busy working on writing Semester 2 reports. These reports will look a little different to the ones that were sent home in Semester 1 and will include an achievement and effort grade for each key learning area. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for all the time they devote to writing these reports, as many of our them spend a lot of time on their weekends and evenings writing these reports.

We are busy preparing for the 2021 school year. If your child won't be returning to Comleroy Road PS in 2021 and you have not notified us already, could you please contact the office as soon as possible.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to achieve their potential. Currently we have 75.6% of our students attending school 90% of the time which is below our target for this year. If your child is away from school you are required to provide an explanation for their absence within seven days from the first day of any period of absence. In line with the [DoE policy](#) and school procedures teachers will contact parents on the same day or the following day of an absence where parents have not contacted the school. In addition to this, please advise the school if you become aware of any issues impacting on your child's attendance or engagement with school.

Canteen

Last year Jo Williamson and Hollie Davis overhauled the school canteen to ensure we were running a healthy school canteen in line with the Premier's Priority. This initiative helps to support the health and wellbeing of all the students here at Comleroy Road. As a result, we were runner up in last years 'Your Healthy School Canteen Competition' receiving a \$200 canteen equipment voucher. Well done Jo and Hollie.



Canteen days of operation

Monday – lunch orders and over the counter sales

Wednesday – over the counter sales at lunch

Friday – lunch orders and over the counter sales

Just a reminder that the canteen is always closed on the first week back to school

Year 6 Halloween fundraiser

Last Friday Year 6 held a Halloween fundraising event which was a complete success. I was impressed by the effort families went to with the costumes. We raised \$560 in total which will go towards the Year 6 end of year activities and gift for the school. Thank you to all the families that donated items for this event.

2021 Kindergarten orientation

Kindergarten orientation will be held on Tuesday 10 November, Tuesday 17 November and Tuesday 24 November. In line with current COVID-19 guidelines it will look a little different than in previous years where parents won't be allowed to stay onsite. There will be a Kindergarten orientation hub set up on our website with information sessions for parents to watch. Currently we have 26 Kindergarten enrolments for 2021.

Bus Zone

There is a designated bus zone area out the front of the school gate which goes from the turning bay area all the way around to the telegraph pole just beyond the school front entry. This means that **you are not allowed to stop or park in this area between 8:30am and 9am or 2:30pm and 3:15pm.**

Many parents are still using this area as a 'kiss and drop' area. We are extremely lucky here at Comleroy Road that we have ample parking out the front of the school for you to safely 'kiss and drop' your child/children. So please use the correct area so that you can ensure the safety of your children and all the other children here at Comleroy Road. We all must follow the road rules.

Uniform

Students need to be in school uniform every day they attend school or go on an excursion (unless otherwise stated). Many parents have raised concerns with me over the white shirts and difficulties keeping them clean. Please be advised that students can wear any combination of the school uniform – shorts, skirts, white shirt, sports shirt, dress, pants. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



Library news

We are currently making changes to our school library to make this space more versatile and engaging. We have just purchased \$5000 worth of books which will be available for students to borrow in the coming weeks. If you have any spare time available and would like to offer your assistance to cover these books could you please contact the school office.



Selective High School for Year 7 in 2022

Just a reminder that applications for selective high school placement close on 16 November 2020. Please inform the school of your intention to apply. The note that was sent home earlier this term is attached to this newsletter in case you missed it.



Contact details

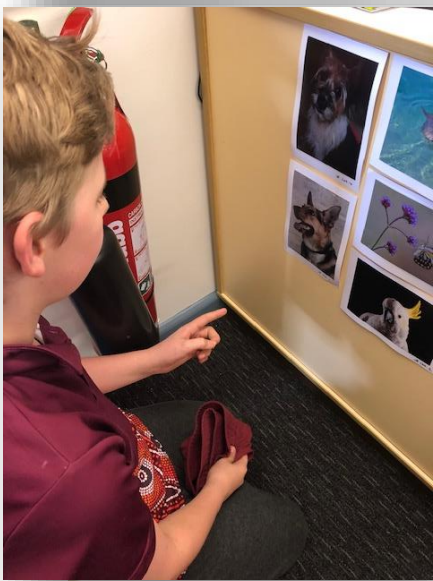
If your contact details have changed can you please notify the school office as soon as possible. It is imperative that these details are always up to date to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your children.

Thank you for your continued support and for your commitment to your child's learning.

Look after yourself and each other.

Your sincerely
Kristen Barglik
Principal









Year 6: Notices from Colo High School – Yr 7 2021: 23 Oct

Parents and caregivers, please make sure you are checking your email for updates

- Uniform purchases require a booking. 2021 uniforms are now available but appointments are filling up fast! Our Uniform Shop is the only supplier of Colo uniform.
- At this stage, our Orientation Day Information Assembly must be run virtually. Keep Tuesday 1 December 2020, 8:30 am – 10:30 am free. It is NOT possible to record. Things may change, depending on the rules. Further information will be provided.

Stage 3 written responses to a video about Kakadu

My Kakadu

Kakadu is a beautiful serene environment

*Where the beautiful birds sing in the gorgeous trees
and the crocodiles sun themselves on the shore.*

*As the sweet fiddler crabs feed, the many birds fly in the
golden sunlight.*

*The amazing waterfalls splash into the graceful river
sending twinkling droplets into the cool calm air.*

Kakadu

*The rising sun peeked over the horizon
as the crocodiles swam around the river.*

*The waterfalls trickled down the rocks
as the fiddler crabs fed.*

*As the broilgas chirped
the morning mist covered them like the haze of a bushfire.*

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 13 October 2020 and closes on 16 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 13 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Kristen Barglik

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 6 November 2020.

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 13 October 2020 and 16 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carers: _____

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Term 4

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
October	1						
		12	13	14	15	16	17/18
October	2				Stage 2 incursion	Stage 2 excursion Brewongle	
		19	20	21	22	23	24/25
October/November	3					Whole school assembly 2:15pm	
		26	27	28	29	30	31/1
November	4		P&C meeting 6:30pm – via Zoom				
		2	3	4	5	6	7/8
November	5	NAIDOC Week	K-Orientation 9:30-10:30				
		9	10	11	12	13	14/15
November	6		K-Orientation 9:30-10:30	Opportunity placement test		Whole school assembly 2:15pm	
		16	17	18	19	20	21/22
November	7	Stage 3 excursion Somerset @Colo	K-Orientation 9:30-10:30		Stage 3 excursion Nth Narrabeen Beach		
		23	24	25	26	27	28/29
November/December	8		Year 7 orientation P&C meeting – via Zoom				
		30	1	2	3	4	5/6
December	9					Whole school assembly 2:15pm Year 6 fun day	
		7	8	9	10	11	12/13
December	10		Presentation day assembly Year 6 Farewell	Talent Quest	SDD - Pupil free day	SDD - Pupil free day	
		14	15	16	17	18	19/20



Education &
Communities

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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SAFE: I make wise choices to ensure no harm comes to anyone.

RESPECTFUL: I appreciate everyone for who they are. I will use positive words and actions to ensure everyone feels accepted.

LEARNERS: I am always ready to do my best. Education is a life-long process. It gives me opportunities for life.



Comleroy Road P&C Association

Next meeting: Tuesday 1 December
P&C Zoom Meeting
Zoom Meeting Link

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/5446324733?pwd=OEk3SDhoR3RrMXdnZ2swYVZWaXJuZz09>

Meeting ID: 544 632 4733
Passcode: 953846

Contact details for the P&C:

President: Scott Dent

The P&C have a Facebook page. Search for Comleroy Road P&C and like the page to keep informed about the great work the P&C do.



October

*Lucas, Olivia, Nate, Lucas, Ruby, Noah, Cove, Zachary,
Cooper, Jack, Daniel, Maja, Jack*

Congratulations

Principal award

K/1C – William
K/1T – Newman
2/3G – Jake
3/4B – Annabel
5/6P – Adam
5/6K – Joshua

Merit award

K/1C – Aliyah & Edgar
K/1T – Ruby & Talon
2/3G – Vivienne & Jack
3/4B – Nakita & Trinity
5/6P – Lily & Daniel U
5/6K – Georgia & Chase

Honour awards

Silver

<i>K/1C</i>	<i>K/1T</i>	<i>2/3G</i>	<i>3/4B</i>	<i>5/6P</i>	<i>5/6K</i>
<i>Aliyah</i>	<i>Bethany</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Adam</i>	<i>Jessica</i>	
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Judiarna</i>	<i>Elijah</i>		<i>Lily</i>	
<i>Byron</i>				<i>Adam</i>	
<i>Evelyn</i>				<i>Daniel A</i>	
<i>Jace</i>				<i>Kye</i>	
<i>Jax</i>				<i>Ryder</i>	

Gold

<i>K/1C</i>	<i>K/1T</i>	<i>2/3G</i>	<i>3/4B</i>	<i>5/6P</i>	<i>5/6K</i>
	<i>Chelsea</i>	<i>Abigail</i>	<i>Annabel</i>		<i>Ashlei</i>
	<i>Delilah</i>	<i>Alexi</i>	<i>Cathy</i>		<i>Charlie</i>
	<i>Hudson</i>	<i>Cove</i>	<i>Charlee</i>		<i>Ella</i>
	<i>Luke</i>	<i>Eamon</i>	<i>Cooper</i>		<i>Georgia</i>
	<i>Newman</i>	<i>Keira</i>	<i>Lachlan</i>		<i>Hunter</i>
	<i>Ruby</i>	<i>Kendall</i>	<i>Lauren</i>		<i>Isabella</i>
	<i>William</i>	<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Naomi</i>		<i>Jack</i>
		<i>Ruby</i>	<i>Paige</i>		<i>Joshua</i>
			<i>Vienna</i>		<i>Madyson</i>
					<i>Maja</i>
					<i>Ryan</i>

