

Comleroy Road Chronicles



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**Relieving
Principal:** Miss Rachel Graham

Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past few weeks I have had the pleasure of getting to know the staff, students and families at Comleroy Road PS. Each day I learn more names and discover more familiar faces who welcome me with a smile. Greeting the students at the front gate each morning is one of my favourite parts of the day and as I visit each class it is pleasing to see the special connections forming between teachers and students alike.

The laughter of the students, smiles on the parents faces and dedication of the staff are what makes Comleroy Road so special. I look forward to visiting more classrooms over the coming weeks and contributing to the wonderful things that are happening across the school.

Upcoming events

February 2021

Feb 23 – Meet the Teacher

Feb 24 – Meet the Teacher

March 2021

March 3 – Zone swimming carnival

March 17 – Sydney West
Swimming carnival

March 25 – Young Leaders Day

March 26- School photos

March 30- Epilepsy awareness day

March 31 – School Cross Country

April 2021

April 1- Easter Hat Parade & last
day of term



Kind regards,
Rachel Graham

2021 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Congratulations to our 2021 Student Leadership Team. We look forward to an outstanding year of achievement and know that you will continue to set a fantastic example and represent our school with pride.

2021 SCHOOL LEADERS

Boy Captain: Hunter McAdam
Girl Captain: McKey Fenton
Boy Vice Captain: Charlie Lennie
Girl Vice Captain: Georgia Bailey



2021 SPORT HOUSE LEADERS

Kookaburra Captains: Ryan Phillips-Parsons and Lily Caltabiano
Kookaburra Vice Captains: Vienna O'Connor and Lachlan Dent
Kangaroo Captains: Emily Vella and Cooper Reid
Kangaroo Vice Captains: Levi Farmer and Cooper Laufer
Dingo Captains: Jack Hockley and Charlee Davis
Dingo Vice Captains: Abigail Hill and Blake Dunn



2021 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1/2R: Nate McAdam and Brock Franks
1/2T: Piper Franks and William Fatcher
3/4G: Sophie Lennie and Vivienne George
4/5P: Ben Browne and Rachel Moore
5/6K: Harrison Browne and Madyson Hall



UNIFORM

I would like to congratulate the students on their outstanding efforts regarding the wearing of school uniform upon returning to school this term. It has been very pleasing to see students making a conscious effort to wear their school hats in the playground. Thank you to the many families who support the students and the school in the wearing of our school uniform including black shoes. We appreciate the ongoing standard of which our students present themselves each and every day.

FAREWELL MRS KIRBY

It is with great sadness and disappointment that we farewell Mrs Kirby. Mrs Kirby has had to make the very difficult decision to resign from her position at Comleroy Road Public School due to the needs of her family. Mrs Kirby's calm, gentle approach to all students, staff and the wider school community has been appreciated. We wish her all the best.

MEET THE TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our annual Meet the teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday 23 February and Wednesday 24 February in the school library. We are utilising the School Interviews website for these meetings to enable parents to easily select times for multiple children. **Please note that bookings will close at 3pm Monday 22 February.** The conferences have been designed as an opportunity for your child's teacher to learn more about them and their needs as well as an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher. More detailed updates on your child's progress will be provided in our parent/teacher conferences in Term 2.

2021 P&C COMMITTEE

Congratulations to our 2021 P&C Committee. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to working with you throughout the year.

President: Kerrie Dalley

Vice President: Josh Smith

Treasurer: Jo Vella

Secretary: Mardi Warby

Canteen: Jo Williamson

Fundraising: Louise Butlin

Volunteer: Kym Jarvis

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 March at 6:30pm in the school staffroom

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all of the students that attended our annual swimming carnival at Richmond Pool on Tuesday 2 February. This year looked a little different due to COVID restrictions however, that did not dampen the student's excitement and enthusiasm. There was a lot of amazing talent and sportsmanship on display which made for a great evening. All students should be extremely proud of themselves for participating and earning points for their house. Many of our students qualified for the small schools swimming carnival held on 4 February at Hawkesbury Oasis Swimming Centre. Well done to all of our students, you represented our school with pride and produced some amazing results. It was so nice to see everyone giving it their all and being so proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to McKey Fenton, Naomi Smith, Vienna O'Connor, Abigail Hill, Eloise Hill, Alexi Dixon and Toby Smith who will be representing Comleroy Road at the Hawkesbury Zone swimming carnival on the 3 March. A special mention goes to Vienna who was named Junior Girls Champion and Naomi who was named 11-year girls champion.

Well done Vienna and Naomi!

On another exciting note Comleroy Road finished an amazing 3rd overall at the carnival.

Thank you to all of the parents that attended and cheered on our students at both carnivals. While it was very different at both carnivals for parents and spectators due to COVID restrictions, your dedication and support for our students was amazing!

Kym Gerisch

A huge thank you to Mrs Gerisch for organising the swimming carnivals. We couldn't have done it without you.







COMLERoy ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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 2 March, 6:30pm

Contact details for the P&C:

President: Kerrie Dalley

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.



January & February

McKey, Trinity, Angelica, Toby, Billy, Aria, Eamon, Elijah, Koa, Jacob.

Lauren, Charlee, Nakita, Zara, Luke, Maysen, Quade, Hallie, Charlotte.

Congratulations Week 3 Assembly Awards

Principal awards

KM - Sofia

KC - Hunter

1/2R - Jace

1/2T - Delilah

3/4G - Zachary

4/5P - Angelica

5/6K - Jack

Merit awards

KM - Caitlyn & Bailey

KC - Charlotte & Evelyn

1/2R - Chloe & William

1/2T - Charlotte & Brock

3/4G - Kendall & Vivienne

4/5P - Rachel & Ronan

5/6K - Holly & Harry



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

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