

Comleroy Road Chronicles



Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have made it to the end of the 2024 school year. What a year it has been! We have endured many moments that have challenged us, inspired us and reminded us of what truly matters. As we approach the end of Term 4, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our wonderful teaching staff and Student Learning Support Officers. They have just been so diligent in their planning, caring of the students and endlessly encouraging of each other. We are so blessed to have such a committed team of teachers and staff across the school K-6. Our school office team have been exemplary in consistently supporting the varied needs of our community. We thank our cleaners and General Assistant for their hard work and for keeping our school looking beautiful. Thank you to our school community for your kindness and encouragement during the year. Your support has been unwavering, and we have truly appreciated those of you who have approached us to tell us how appreciative you are of our efforts. Our P&C have been instrumental in fundraising for our school and continue to work hard for the benefit of our school community. Lastly, thank you to the students. Their endless enthusiasm for learning and the enjoyment they gain from their friendships and all that they share at Comleroy Road is wonderful to witness.

As we approach the upcoming Christmas break, we encourage students and families to have a rest and spend time with family and friends so that they return to school next year refreshed and ready to tackle what the 2024 school year has in store. I would like to wish all our families a hopeful holiday break as we celebrate Christmas. Take care of one another and enjoy the special moments you have together.

Farewell Year 6

As the year draws to a close, it is time to say 'Goodbye' to our beloved Year 6 students. They have demonstrated outstanding resilience, supported one another, and continued their learning journeys throughout a period of immense complexity. Our Year 6 cohort this year have been a wonderful group of individuals that have made us smile each and every day. I would like to congratulate Year 6 on their achievements and wish them all the very best as they move on to high school. We know they will go on to do amazing things, make us proud and dream big.





Presentation Day

On Presentation Day, we recognised and honoured the hard work, dedication, and accomplishments of each student in our school community. It was a moment to showcase not only academic achievements, but also the personal development, creativity, and unique skills that make each student special. On behalf of Comleroy Road Public School, we would like to thank the many parents/carers, visitors, and friends that attended the assembly. A special thank you to our esteemed guests who assisted in presenting the awards on the day. Congratulations to all award recipients.



Staffing Changes

In 2024, we welcome Mrs Elaine Henry (Assistant Principal), Mrs Ingi McKinnon (School Administrative Officer), Miss Madeline Michelutti (Classroom Teacher), Ms Talia Carroll (Classroom Teacher), Ms Lisa Kay (Classroom Teacher), Ms Alyssa Bennett (Classroom Teacher) & Mrs Hope Mitchell (Student Learning Support Officer) to the CRPS team. We look forward to sharing some further information about these new staff members and their roles in our first newsletter next term.

Mr Picot will be taking up a temporary position at Northbourne Public School in 2024. This is an exciting opportunity for Mr Picot to build on his experience in another network in a much larger school. I have no doubt we will see him visit CRPS throughout the year. We wish him all the best in his new adventure in 2024.

In 2024, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Mitchell (formerly Miss Cooke) as she returns from maternity leave 2 days a week. We also anticipate the return of Miss Ryle from maternity leave in Semester 2.

School Development Days

The first two school development days for 2024 will be held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 January. The purpose of the school development days is to provide staff with high-impact professional learning that contributes to the improvement of the learning outcomes of our students. Students in years 1 to 6 return - Thursday 1 February 2024
Best Start testing – Thursday 1 February & Friday 2 February 2024
Kindergarten students first day - Tuesday 6 February 2023

School Uniform

As part of our school uniform, students are encouraged to wear black shoes. On days when students are not participating in sport lessons, they are expected to be wearing full school uniform, including black shoes. Many shops now sell full black sneakers to assist in meeting uniform requirements. When shopping over the school holiday period for the new school year, please keep this in mind.



Footsteps

This term, students have participated in the Footsteps Dance Program. They have enjoyed toe tapping tunes, groovy dance moves & being creative in choreography. We would like to thank Footsteps for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students.



Field of Mars Incursion

On Monday 11 December, K-2 welcomed Bill & David from the Field of Mars Incursion. Students had a fabulous morning of bush Christmas stories, songs and 3 activities. They made clay ornaments, leaf rub wrapping paper and a screen-printed bag!



Year 6 Fun Day

On Wednesday 13 December, Year 6 ran their Year 6 Fun Day. There were so many fabulous stalls and activities to choose from. Congratulations Mr Picot & Year 6 on a successful day. A big thank you to Constable Carmen who visited to join in the fun!



Raging Waters

Year 6 had a sensational day at Raging Waters to celebrate the end of their primary school journey. They have made many wonderful memories, whilst here at Comleroy Road Public School and we will miss them! Thank you, Mr Picot and Mrs Joseph, for accompanying the students on this exciting adventure!



Christmas Celebrations

Our fabulous day of Christmas celebrations began with our wonderful P&C organising the Christmas Stall. Students loved picking up their gifts and our ladies did a magnificent job. On behalf of the CRPS community, we say 'thank you'!



Following our Christmas Stall, Year 6 & CRPS Staff went head-to-head in a Dodgeball competition. Congratulations Year 6 who came out on top in the end!



Our family lunch and Christmas concert was something to behold. Thank you to Mrs McLeod for putting this event together and to the many parents/carers and families who attended the afternoon. The staff did an amazing job of co-ordinating their items and the students had a wonderful time. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the sunshine and a sausage sandwich together.



We took great pleasure in taking the opportunity to congratulate Josh Smith on 10 years of service to the CRPS P&C. Josh has been a wonderful asset to the team over the years, a true advocate for the school and his contribution has been invaluable. We are extremely lucky to have a father like Josh, attend our meetings, give his perspective and contribute to school improvement for not only the benefit of his own children, but for the school community. Thank you Josh!



Kind regards,

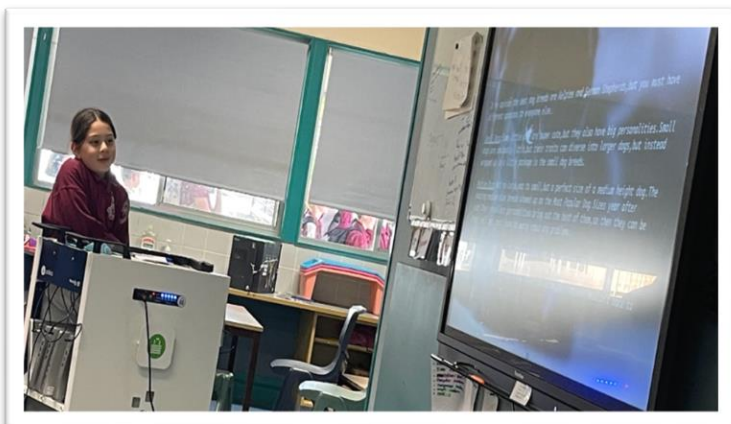
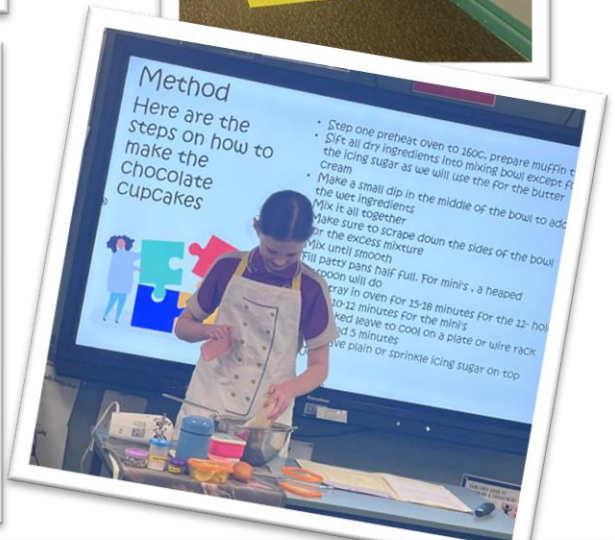
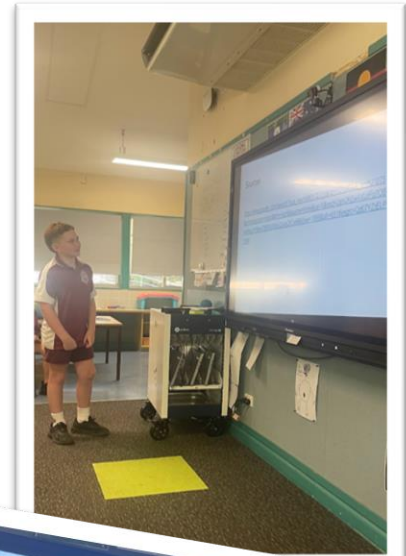
Rachel Farley

4/5M

In Term 3, 4/5M chose an area of interest to research and teach the class about. These passion projects allowed students to gain a deeper understanding of an area that they are passionate about. Students selected from a range of topics, including sport, motor vehicles, world wars, baking and important figures from history, to name just a few.

As part of this process, students had to research their area and present this in their chosen way. Some students created dioramas, did a baking demonstration, created a video or presented a slideshow.

Students demonstrated creativity, inquisitiveness and taught the class a great a many interesting and varied things.



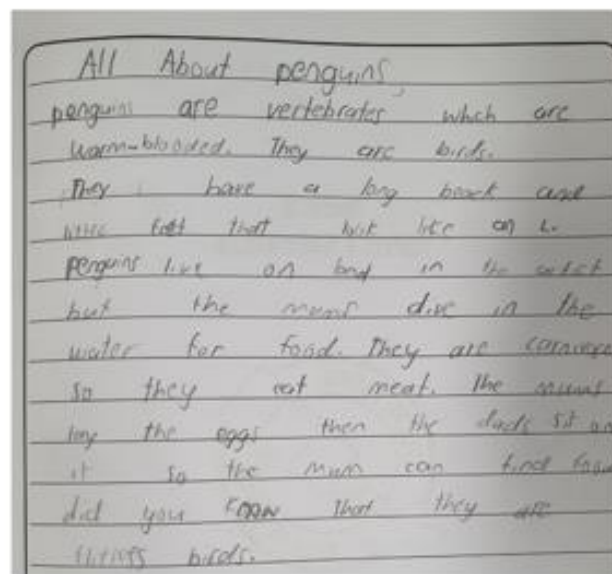
How blanks and blocks help us write

After engaging with professional learning from Training 24/7, we started implementing “Blanks” and “Blocks” as a part of our writing units this year. They are types of scaffolds to support our students in developing their understanding of how to structure their writing.

The blanks are used as a scaffold for the oral construction of sentences and as a prompt for writing. They are not cloze passages. A blank does not signify a single word needs to be placed there. A blank stands for anything that makes sense grammatically. This is a powerful tool for differentiation.

Lower students might only manage 1 word, more capable students may use short or longer phrases. The emphasis in Stage 1 is writing ACCURATE sentences. The blanks are removed towards the end of units.

Blanks

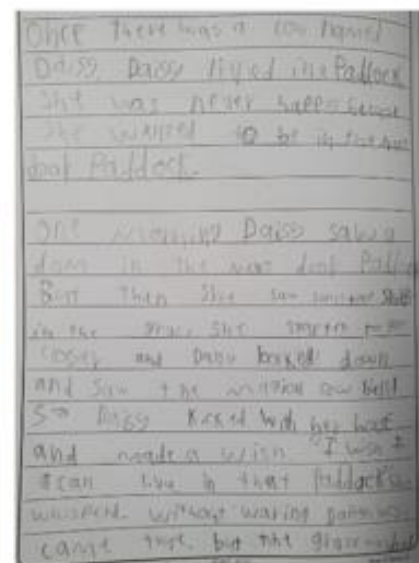
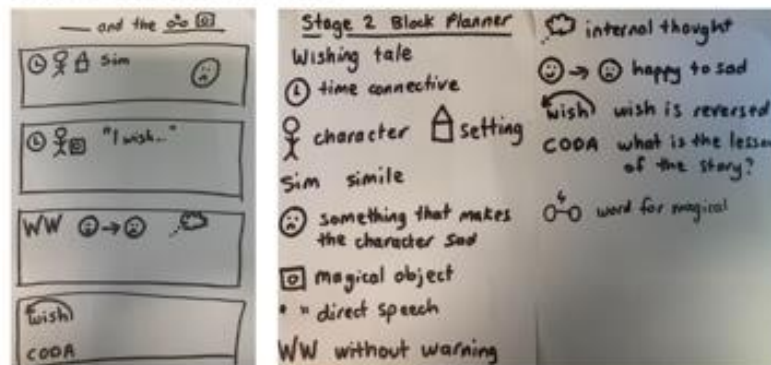


This is an example of a “Blank”

How a Kindergarten student used the “Blank” for their writing.

Blocks

“Blocks” (see below) are less scaffolded and provide students with a general idea of what they could write about in each paragraph. Throughout a unit of work, students focus on one paragraph at time. This enables them to slowly build on their idea and refine it.



By Brendan Lee (Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction)



December/January

**Lewis, Joseph, Emery, Caleb, Gianluca, Ruby, Matilda, Hannah,
Piper, Isabelle, Sophie, Alexi, Archie
Cohen, Penelope, Sadie, Angelica, Koa, Jacob, Billy, Toby, Eamon,
Charlotte, Elijah, Aria**



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.



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Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast

It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

Share our Space FREE Holiday Program
Where - Hobartville P.S. Time - 10am - 1pm
When - Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th Jan
Contact - matthew.barwick@cricketnsw.com.au



Register through QR code or here -> <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/29b264>

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Merana Aboriginal Go4Fun | Term 1, 2024

Tuesdays
6 February to 9 April
4 pm to 6 pm
 Transport available
 Pool program

"Since I started coming to Go4Fun, me and my brothers have started cooking more at home"
 Josh,
 Aboriginal Go4Fun participant

Where: The program will run alternating weeks at Merana, Richmond and Richmond Swimming Centre, Hobartville

Enquiries and to register call Merana on (02) 4588 5144

Free! Spend time with friends and family to get healthy, active and happy with Aboriginal Go4Fun. Aboriginal Go4Fun is a ten week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7-13 and their families. A parent or carer is required to attend each session.

For more information visit go4fun.com.au



What happens at Go4Fun programs?

<p>Fun games & activities</p> 	<p>Build self confidence</p> 	<p>Make new friends</p> 
<p>Manage screen time</p> 	<p>Supermarket tour</p> 	<p>Learn about healthy eating for kids & family</p> 
<p>Get active & have fun</p> 	<p>Whole of family approach</p> 	





COOL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2023/24

LIBRARY



SUMMER READING CLUB UNTIL 31 JAN 2024

To join, register at the Library, pick up a reading journal, and collect one reading-coupon for every book you read!
For children 16 years and under
COST: Free - Registration essential



BOOKSALE - Children & Young Adult 18 DEC 2023-21 JAN 2024

Grab a bargain from the huge selection picture books, fiction, non-fiction, CDs, DVDs, and graphic novels.
All welcome
Prices start at 20 cents!



LEGO CHALLENGE FRIDAY 5 JAN, 10-11AM MONDAY 22 JAN, 10-11AM

Test your LEGO building skills and imagination with these challenging tasks.
For ages 5+
COST: \$2 - Eventbrite Booking essential



TUESDAY MOVIES 9, 16 & 23 JAN, 2-3.30PM

Avoid the summer heat and watch a new release DVD. For details, check Eventbrite or call the Library. Bring snacks. All welcome.
COST: Free - Eventbrite Booking essential



MINIBOT WORKSHOP - FOR AGES 8-10 FRIDAY 12 JAN, 10.30AM-12PM

Learn by constructing a bristlebot from a toothbrush and battery circuit.
COST: \$10 (includes materials) Booking essential



MINIBOT WORKSHOP - FOR AGES 10+ FRIDAY 12 JAN, 2-3.30PM

Learn how to construct a scribblebot using a paper cup, markers, and a battery circuit.
COST: \$10 (includes materials) Booking essential



ME & ZOO ANIMAL PRESENTATION THURSDAY 18 JAN, 2-3PM

Have fun interacting with amazing animals, including pythons and baby crocodiles.
For ages 5+ (accompanying adults free)
COST: \$5 - Eventbrite Booking essential

HOW TO MAKE BOOKINGS & PAYMENTS:

Scan the QR codes above or head to these Eventbrite pages.

Library: <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com/>

Museum: <http://hawkesburymuseum.eventbrite.com/>

Gallery: <http://hawkesburygallery.eventbrite.com/>

LOCATIONS:

Library: (3rd Floor) 300 George Street, Windsor NSW 2756

Museum: 8 Baker Street, Windsor NSW 2756

Gallery: (1st Floor) 300 George Street, Windsor NSW 2756

PLEASE NOTE: FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

MUSEUM



DINOSAURS IN 3D THURSDAY 18 JAN, 10-11.30AM

Create your favourite dinosaur character in 3D shapes with coloured cardboard.
For ages 4-7yrs
COST: \$15 - Eventbrite Bookings essential



3, 2, 1... TAKE-OFF! THURSDAY 18 JAN, 1-3PM

Historically, RAAF Base Richmond hosts military and civil firefighting aircraft. At this workshop, students explore the science of flying by making paper jets with launchers.
For ages 8-12yrs
COST: \$15 - Eventbrite Bookings essential



BOAT RACES THURSDAY 25 JAN, 10AM-12PM

Inspired by Hawkesbury's deep aquatic history, students learn to build a rubber band-powered boat and recycle soda bottles. Bring it home to race your friends!
For ages 8-12yrs
COST: \$15 - Eventbrite Bookings essential



FIND THE FLABBITS ON HOLIDAY!

Junior explorers can use the activity booklet to solve the clues and find the Flabbit's favourite things.
For ages 5+ FREE - Drop In - All welcome

GALLERY



MARVELOUS MOBILES WEDNESDAY 17 JAN, 10AM-12PM

Students, inspired by the exhibition, Paper Scissors Rock, will develop skills in origami by constructing kinetic sculptures choose from planes, puppies, and paper daisies.
For ages 8-12yrs
COST: \$15 - Eventbrite Booking essential



COLLAGED LANDSCAPES WEDNESDAY 24 JAN, 10AM-12PM

At this workshop, students learn to use textured paper and upcycle materials to assemble a collaged landscape.
For ages 6-10yrs
COST: \$15 - Eventbrite Booking essential



MAKERSPACE:

9 DEC-10 MARCH, 10AM-4PM Daily (not Tues)
Drop into our cardboard makerspace and get creative with self-guided activities or let your imagination run wild with all things paper and cardboard!
For ages 3+
COST: Free - Drop In/All Day

