

# Howlong Public School Newsletter



Thursday 10 June 2021

## Dates For Your Calendar

<b>Thurs 10 June</b>	2022 Kinder information evening
<b>Thurs 10 June</b>	Riverina Cross-country
<b>Wed 23 June</b>	Pie drive collection
<b>Fri 25 June</b>	Meal Deal Day & Last day of Term 2
<b>Tues 13 July</b>	First day of Term 3 for all students

### Student Attendance Matters

Addressing attendance is part of our new School Improvement Plan. The department has given each school a system target to improve attendance rate. 95% and above is our expected student attendance.

**Student attendance is recorded daily and all non-attendance require parents and carers to provide an explanation for the absence. Please let the office staff know if your child is absent or will be away.**

Attendance: everyday counts is a theme that we are focusing on. Our school will be identifying and understanding attendance patterns and embedding proactive strategies to address students' needs

Research highlights a clear correlation between student attendance and the achievement of quality academic, socio-economic and health outcomes. This research tells us that students with an attendance rate below 90% are educationally at risk.

Consequences of school non-attendance impact academic, socio-economic and health outcomes may include the following:

- \* Lower scores and poorer academic outcomes.
- \* Increased likelihood of dropping out of school earlier.
- \* Poorer long-term mental health and social outcomes.

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss days per year

5 mins per day = 3 days

30 mins per day = 18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

education.nsw.gov.au



Proud Member of Crossing Point Learning Community "Creating our Future"

## School Uniform

As the winter season continues to drop in temperature we encourage parents and carers to ensure that their children have adequate warm clothing on. Children may like to wear thermal clothing underneath their school uniform tops and jumpers. We also encourage extra jackets and it has been great to see some students wearing black or red jackets to match our school uniform colours.

Beanies may be worn during winter time but students will be asked to take them off in class time as the same with school hats. Please keep caps at home as we have school hats in place.

## Student Reports

Student written reports for semester one will be sent home with students on Friday, 18th June. A short video outlining the purpose and layout of the report will be uploaded onto Seesaw for all parents and carers to view from next week.

We encourage parents and carers to contact and make an appointment with their child's class teacher/s for a parent meeting to discuss any concerns or queries.

Please take the time to view the video. If you are not able to view the video on Seesaw, there will be an opportunity after school to view it next Wednesday 16th June at 4:00 pm in the Library.

## Rural Access Gap (RAG) Program

Our school is now part of the NSW Public Education initiative, Rural Access Gap Program. The focus of the RAG Direct Intervention Package is to overcome an inequity of access to digital technologies that support schools. The RAG is the first stage of the Schools Digital Strategy (SDS) that aims to ensure rural schools are digitally transformed to match their metropolitan counterparts. The department has provided each school a staffing allocation for 12 months to deliver the program.

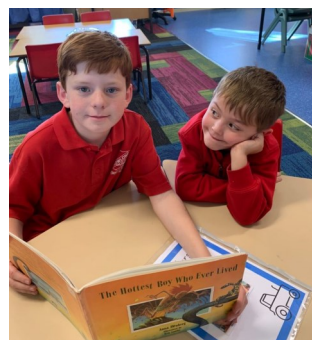
Mrs Denton has started preparing and working with the team from the department to start implementing the program from Term 3.

The Rural Access Gap infrastructure Rollout (RAGiR) is a key component of the RAG program. Its aim is to close the gap in rural and remote areas by delivering the following:

- More than 14,000 teachers will have access to a laptop.
  - More than 200,000 students will benefit from a higher availability of devices to reach a minimum device-to-student ratio of 1:4.
  - More than 11,000 learning spaces will have access to a Main Learning Display (interactive display).
  - 1,002 rural and remote schools will achieve network connectivity of 5 Mbps per student.
- Here is a direct link for further information for parents and carers who make like to find out more about the program.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/schools-digital-strategy/rural-access-gap>

# Buddy Reading



**Proud Member of Crossing Point Learning Community "Creating our Future"**

## Term 2 Week 7 Assembly Awards:

### Congratulations to the following students who received a Class Merit Certificate:

Teddy Cann, Thomas Feuerherdt, James Fyffe, Amity Bradley, Jack Finucane, Leo Mensinga, Charlotte Payne, Luke Pollard, Tasman Matthews, River Leathem, James Fyffe, Madeline Payne, Alicia Laundess, Kobie Houley, Lucie Field, Pippa Cooper, Braxton Jennings, Charli McNamara, Lacie Mount, Stuart Tate, Ella Breden, Maddison Mackay, Alexa Marks, Muhammad Siddiqui, Katelin Baker, James Feuerherdt, Oliver Just, Toby Kirk, Mia Beardall, Grace Eaton, Jake Gardener, Nate Gray, Lachlan McCormack, Jaxson Napolitano, Charlotte Panther, Isabella Quirk-Mustchin.



### Cricket knockout

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of May we played against Wagga in the cricket knockout. We lost the toss and we batted first. Jed and Oliver opened batting and Oliver retired at 40 runs. Everyone batted well Luke and Jonty opened bowling. We made 118 runs altogether. Wagga made 103 runs so we won by 15 runs.

By Austin Alchin and Ben Ibrom

### Dance



Last year I auditioned to get into the Albury Ensembles Dance Group and I got in. On Friday the 4/6/2021 I went to the practice Riverina dance festival and I presented a group lyrical piece. Next my group will go to Griffith and perform at the real Riverina Dance Festival and meet professional dancers. I performed in both the daytime and night time performance with my group, the seniors did both but the intermediates only did the daytime performance.

By Allira Watts



### Tennis Knockout

On Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May Ella McDonell, Olivia White, Luke Steers and Austin Alchin went to the Howlong tennis courts to play against South Wagga Public School. All the matches were close and the end scores were 26 games to 30 games but we came out on top. We will try our best in the next round against Albury Public School.

By Ella McDonell, Olivia White, Luke Steers and Austin Alchin



## Corowa Landcare Wirraminna Excursion



Today with Sally we learnt some interesting facts about frogs. We learnt about burrowing frogs and the Peron's Tree frog. We looked at the Corroboree frog in the learning centre and the fish. It was really fun! With Lou and Maddi we played a game to learn about squirrel glider threats. We looked at a preserved squirrel glider called 'Matilda' who had sadly died due to a barbed wire fence. With Stacey we had to find the white cut out silhouettes of animals that had their name and a number on it. We found all the animals and got a sticker. It was very interesting and we learnt a lot of new facts about different topics. It was the best Excursion ever!!! Ellie and Ella



We learnt about different types of frogs like the Peron's Tree frog, the Pobble Bonk and the Corroboree frog. Frogs like



to live where it is moist, near water and under leaf litter. The squirrel glider lives in tree hollows and flies from tree to tree using the expanded skin between their legs. It was great to go to Wirraminna to learn about native animals and nature. I learnt that I am better when I learn outdoors. Liam & Koby



It was awesome and fun going to Wirraminna! We learnt that frogs pop their eyes out so that they can see predators better and they burrow under leaves to hide. Some frogs can jump about 30 metres when they need to. Squirrel gliders can glide to the next tree, 30 – 70 metres away and that people are destroying trees which is making less homes for the squirrel gliders. Rylee & Emily



It was really fun!! We really liked the silhouettes where we got to run around to find all the hidden native animals. We learnt that different frogs have different calls and that frogs can be as small as 2 centimetres to 15 centimetres. Burrowing frogs live under leaf litter and that Pobble Bonk frogs can push out their eyes to see better. Squirrel gliders fly between trees and can sometimes get caught in barbed wire fences. That is why we need to use plain wire. Cats and wild dogs are a threat to squirrel gliders and the Barking Owl also eat them. Addi and Ella W



We think this was a great activity. We learnt that squirrel gliders use a membrane to fly between trees and that they like to eat the nectar on silver wattles. We learnt what taxidermy means and looked at pictures of predators that attack squirrel gliders. "Bonk, bonk, bonk," is the sound of the Pobble Bonk frog. They dig a burrow for



safety to lay their eggs and in dry times also. Moisture is essential for their survival. Wallace, Tilly and Fynn



We got to see what the most dangerous frog looked like, heard the mating call of some frogs, learnt about their habitat and adaptations to survive in the environment like good camouflage. We learnt about the squirrel glider, their habitat and predators like the foxes, cats and owls and that they also get caught in barbed wire fences. To fix this we need to plant more trees, stop using barbed wire fences and keep cats inside at night. With Stacey we learnt how to read a map, apex predators and the names of many native animals. We all feel like it was a really good excursion and we all learnt lots of new information. Blake, Kade and Andre



Frogs can change colour. When frogs are a baby they breathe through gills and when they are adults they get lungs. Squirrel gliders are threatened by their predators. It was fun to explore nature. Finding the animal silhouettes was a bit hard but we absolutely loved it.



Milly and Ebony

Different animals are going extinct or are extinct. Squirrel gliders are about 30cm. They have to avoid barbed wire and their apex predators are cats, dingoes and the Barking Owl. Depending on the type of frog they like shallow water and each frog has a different call to attract a mate. We loved the excursion and would like to do it again. Adam and James

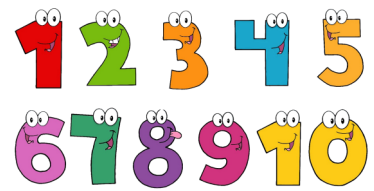
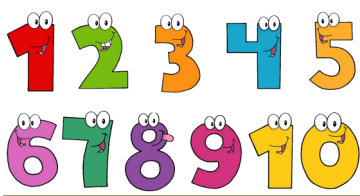


Adam and James



Today a Wirraminna Sally taught us about some different species of frogs and where they live. Maddi and Lou taught us about squirrel gliders. We learnt they have predators like dogs, dingoes and foxes. We played a game with roles that included being either a tree, barbed wire, fox, barking owl or squirrel glider. If we plant more trees we can help save them. We learnt how to navigate with a map and find what we needed to find. We found all of them. There were 20 silhouettes of native animals hidden in the bush. It was super dooper awesome, and we learnt a lot. We would love to go there again. Toby Kirk and Campbell Steers





### Mrs Freer's Maths Group

Finding the Area of different objects using informal units and square units as a form of measurement.



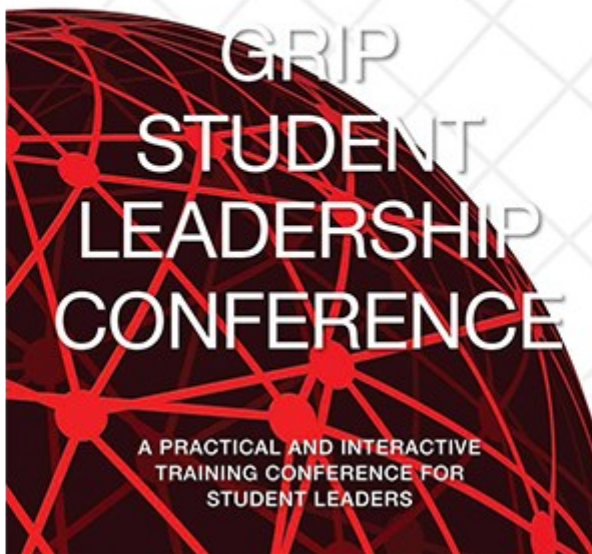
### Vacation Care Program – Winter Holidays

To book or make an enquiry please call 02620 848 800 or email [admin@littleonesel.com.au](mailto:admin@littleonesel.com.au)

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
<b>Park day – “yes please!”</b> We will be heading over to Lowe Square Park for a bit of fun and exercise. 	<b>Arts are fun day.</b> The children will be exploring all different and fun ways to make art. 	<b>Let us play ball!</b> We will be heading over to the basketball courts at Lowe Square for a game of Basketball. 	<b>Are we scientists?</b> Today we will be exploring different types of science experiments throughout the day. 	<b>Bubble, bubble, bubble.</b> The children will spend the day making bubble wands and making the biggest bubble they can. 
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Superhero day.</b> The children are invited to come dressed as their favourite Superhero. 	<b>Time to read.</b> The children are invited to bring in their favourite book and they will also take a trip down to our community library. 	<b>Let us be chefs!</b> The children will be spending the day cooking and will be able to show how they can be creative with food. 	<b>Minute to win it!</b> Let's spend the day competing by playing some small tricky games while testing our abilities. 	<b>Movie Day!</b> Movie and Popcorn Day. 



Proud Member of Crossing Point Learning Community “Creating our Future”



On Wednesday, the 2 of June, 12 students and Mr Curtis went to the Commercial Club for a GRIP Leadership Conference. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People. We were given a booklet to record our learning in. We learned about how to recognise when it is 'our time to lead' and to identify our personal talents. We were all challenged to find an area or place within our school where we could be a leader.

All of the students who went are going to have another meeting with Mr Curtis before the end of term to talk about what we learned.

By Liam Stacey Jess Baggio & Mr C.



Above: Mikaela on stage for a game. Top Right: One of the first groups, front row and ready! Bottom: Dancing break.

## 5/6D helping KM with computers



CANTEEN	ROSTER
June 11	Sarah Potter
June 18	Laura Farnsworth
June 25	Carley & Sarah



# Howlong Public School

## Term 2 2021



Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
April	1	19 SDD	20	21	22 Paul Kelly Cup	23 HPS Cross Country	Anzac Day
	2	26 HPS Anzac Service	27	28	29	30 Sport Ribbons Assembly	
May	3	3 SR Cross country	4	5	6	7 Mother's Day Stall	
	4	10 2/3PM Assembly	11 P & C Meeting	12	13	14	
	5	17 1/20 Assembly	18	18	20	21 Multi Speeches	
	6	24	25 Peer Support Ceremony	26	27 Wirramina Exc	28	
May/June	7	31 5/6H Assembly	1	2	3	4	
	8	7 Mr Huff Show Postponed	8 P & C Meeting	9	10 2022 Kinder Info Night	11	
	9	14 Queen's Birthday	15	16	17	18	
	10	21 3/4 AH Assembly	22	23 Pie Drive Collection	24	25 Last Day Term	
June/July	Holidays	28	29	30	1	2	
July	Holidays	5	6	7	8	9	

