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Walking Together in 2019

How proud we are of the students who nominated and were successful in their quest to be student leaders at this school. They made a solemn commitment after they had received their badges.

Today, holding this symbol of faith before God and before the community, I offer my service in leadership to the students and staff in our school and commit to walk together with them. Jesus, the Light of the world, is represented by this candle I hold. I trust that his light will my guide my journey as I lead the school this year.

Indeed, this year will be a year of **walking together** as we strive to build a strong community of understanding, support, empathy and faith. We are also all walking together, because no one should have to journey alone.

I invite you to also find ways to walk with us this year. Coming to the Community Council meeting on Thursday afternoon at 5.30pm could be a good place to start. You will be very welcome.

Frances Robertson

Principal



A word from the Assistant Principal

Bus Safety Week will run from Monday 18 to Sunday 24 February 2019 to raise awareness how to stay safe on and around buses. Did you know that when travelling by bus, your child is most at risk in the minutes after they get *off* the bus? Here are some important tips that have been provided by the NSW Government Transport for NSW.

Meet your child **AT** the bus stop or interchange afterschool.

NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across.

If you cannot meet your child, organise for a trusted adult to take your place.

Always wait until the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross.

Talk with your child about what to do:

if you are delayed and cannot meet them as usual

if they catch the wrong bus

if they get off the bus at the wrong bus stop.

Crossing the road: together, choose the safest place to cross the road

and talk about:

STOP! one step back from the kerb.

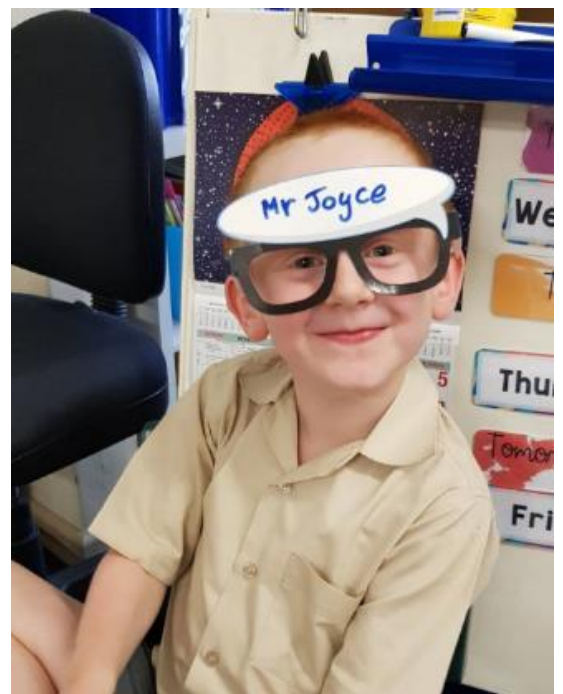
LOOK! continuously both ways

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Strength in Gentleness

Encouraging words never get old. If you want to make a difference for someone...build them up with your words. They don't have to be special or profound words. They just have to be from the heart." Danny Steele @SteeleThoughts



Steven Joyce Assistant Principal

Responding to the student voice



We are trialing a new Homeroom organisation in Year 8 for this term, which has developed from discussions with the students. Our girls are mentored in Homeroom by Mrs Stacey and our boys are mentored by Mr Lawley.



The students have recognised that this stage in high school in their personal development can be quite challenging and have questioned whether they might be able to engage more fully with personal development topics in a single gender environment. Having listened to the students, we have decided to give this a go!

A New Leadership Role

We congratulate Poppy Sizmur on taking up a new leadership role for our school. In consultation with the students and staff, we have identified a need for a Hospitality Leader. It would involve activities such as organising the weekly mini canteen (stock and money handling), preparing food platters for special events, taking care of guests to the school, the presentation of flowers and anything else that supports the spirit of welcome to our school.





This week is National Sorry Day, a day when we pause to remember the Stolen Generations of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We pause to pay respect to those who walked this land before us.

In many ways, it is a difficult day for Australia, as we reflect upon the violence and injustice of our history and consider what it means for the present. Yet it is an important day, especially for us as Christians, allowing space for both forgiveness and hope.

Let's commit to **learn** more of the stories of our collective history. Let's **reflect** upon the Stolen Generations and their families. Let's **speak** about National Sorry Day, and **pray** for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

Sorry Day Prayer written by the Aboriginal and Islander Commission National Council of

Churches in Australia 2002:

Almighty and loving God, you who created ALL people in your image,

Lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past.

We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced.

We are sorry and ask for God's tenderness towards them. Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless and inflicted and heal their spirits.

In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable. Lord, you are our hope. Amen.

Let us encourage one another to be a model of peace and understanding.

Hiragana, Katakana, Kanji, Konichiwa

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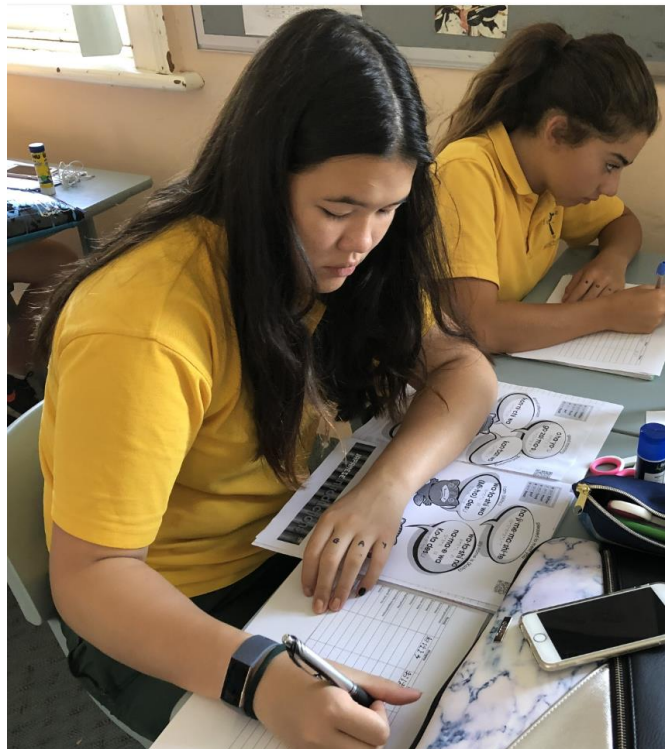
Our Year 8 students have launched into their LOTE (Language Other Than English) studies with an introduction to basic every day phrases in Japanese. If you were to sit in on one of their lessons, you would have a taste of how students greet their teacher each lesson in a very formal manner by bowing to the sensei and thanking the sensei for teaching them.

Our Japanese students do this every lesson. By the beginning of only their



third lesson, our students were immersed in learning how to write each of the three writing systems used in Japan: Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji. They have mastered writing Japanese in Kanji, are able to write their own name in Katakana and are now working through the 71 different Hiragana symbols.

Ganbatte ne!



ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER & CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER

The NSW Government is helping kids get active and creative with the new Active Kids program and the Creative Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school for both the Active voucher & the Creative voucher.

The Active Kids voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The Creative Kids voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

These vouchers can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued. You can claim both types of vouchers if eligible. To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

The program runs year-round, so kids can get active at any time!

If you are a parent, carer or guardian, the student will be eligible if they are:

- a NSW resident
- aged between 4.5 and 18 years
- enrolled in school (from Kindergarten to Year 12, including those who are home-schooled or enrolled in secondary school education at TAFE NSW)
- a current Medicare cardholder.

You can apply for a voucher for each eligible student.

You can use the voucher for registration or membership costs with approved Active Kids providers and Creative Kids providers.

Active Kids Voucher link below;

<https://my.service.nsw.gov.au/MyServiceNSW/ActiveKidsVoucherRequest>

The Creative Kids Voucher link below;

<https://my.service.nsw.gov.au/MyServiceNSW/CreativeKidsVoucherRequest>



SRC Leadership- Tia and Ethan

This year, we are excited for this new role as SRC Leaders and we are hopeful for this new program yet to come. Our new role came about because this year's Year 6 students felt that a consistent position would help to consolidate some of the work we did last year. This included things like the Peer mediation on the playground and supporting the recycling program.

We also have a few ideas that will help various charities and get St Patrick's Parish School children more involved in school events and fundraisers.

Some ideas are:

- a danceathon
- a mini 'relay for life' at our school
- supporting Meals on Wheels.

We will not only listen to the SRC members and the Primary Leadership Team, but we will listen to everyone's ideas and take them into consideration.

We are excited to work as a team with younger children at our school and see what other great ideas people have. We are keen to build an active team.

Tia Quodling and Ethan Stacey

Register now!

COOMA WE'RE COMING FOR YOU!

REGO DAY: 9/3, snowy oval 12pm
COST: \$75, includes Auskick pack
WHEN: Saturdays 10am, 9/3 - 27/4
Amy.dwyer@afl.com.au

AFL Sign up for junior footy **play.afl**

Cancer Council HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

The simplest way
... to pack a healthy lunch box

The average school child will eat more than 2,500 lunches during their 13 years at school.

Cancer Council's website healthylunchbox.com.au is a one-stop-shop for everything families need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

Parents will find information on the five food groups, what constitutes a healthy lunch box, sandwich alternatives, sandwich filling ideas, snack ideas, swaps for unhealthy snack foods, recipes and tips. The website features an [interactive healthy lunch box builder](#) where parents can get their kids involved in planning the lunch box and choosing foods they will eat and enjoy.

healthylunchbox.com.au



In 2019, in Year 3, we will be walking together and supporting each other to achieve our personal goals.



Bringing scooters, skateboards and/or bikes to school- a message from Keegan and Will in Year 8

If you bring any of these things to school, there are a few rules you have to follow or you don't bring them at all! When you bring your wheels to school, as soon as you step in the school grounds, you take your bike to the bike racks just outside of Mrs Robertson's office around the front. If you bring a scoot or skateboard, put it on or next to the bag racks on the veranda. If you don't feel comfortable putting them at the bag racks, you can ask Mrs Fletcher to put it in her office in H block.

Riding them in school is not allowed for the safety of you and other students/teachers. Thanks for keeping our school safe!



Basketball Camp



Where: Cooma Basketball Stadium

When: Saturday and Sunday 2/3 March (Six hours each day)

Cost: \$100

Contact: Betty Longhurst

Email: swimraiderball@gmail.com

Mobile: 0457 177 162

Book launch by local author Rowena Evans

Young
Adult

Saturday 2 March
11.30am
Light lunch
provided

Please RSVP
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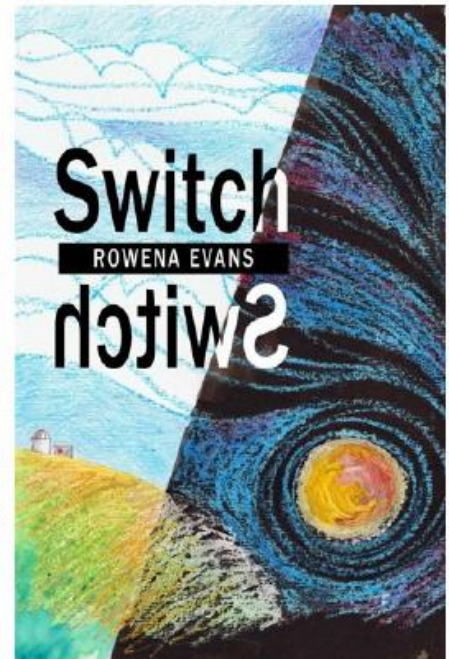
library@monaro.nsw.gov.au

Rowena Evans grew up in an artistic family in Sydney and has always been interested in telling stories and making pictures. As a child she thought all adults were good at drawing and that art and writing were normal occupations. She has a BA in Visual Arts and has worked as an illustrator, printmaker, writer, fairy, cartoonist and in community art, among other things.

Rowena's writing and art contains a mixture of reality and fantasy; it is always possible that something out of the ordinary may appear just around the next corner.

Her hobbies include music, wandering about, reading and weeding.

"Switch" is the follow-up book to her first young adult novel "Drums and Power lines"



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Book launch at Cooma Library

Local author **Acacia Rose** is a long time campaigner for the health of the Snowy River. She began writing this novel to explore the beautiful light and landscapes within and around the Snowy Mountains and Monaro Region of NSW.

Her characters draw strength from the mountains, the wild horses and one another.

Ultimately, this is a story about the fight for the freedom of the threatened Snowy River.

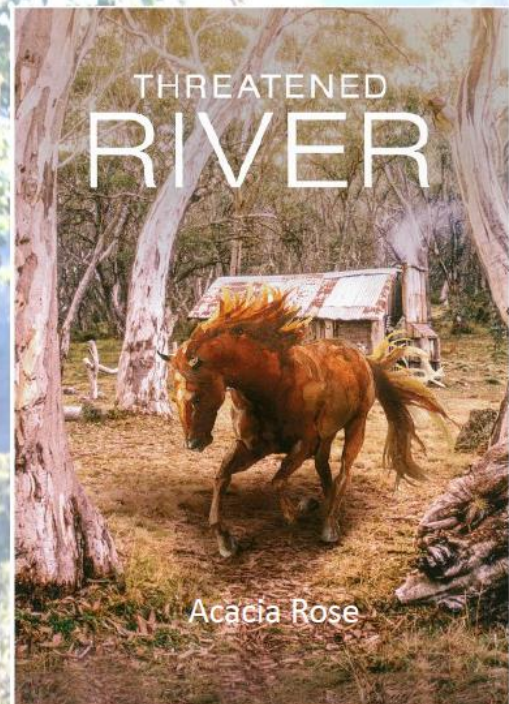
Saturday 9 March

11.30am

Light lunch provided

Please RSVP

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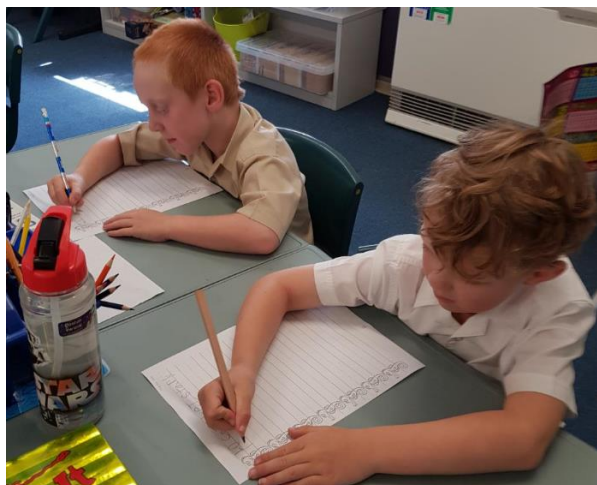
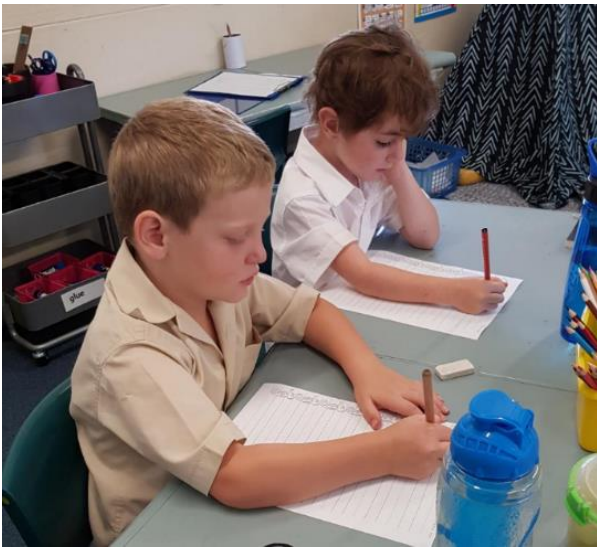
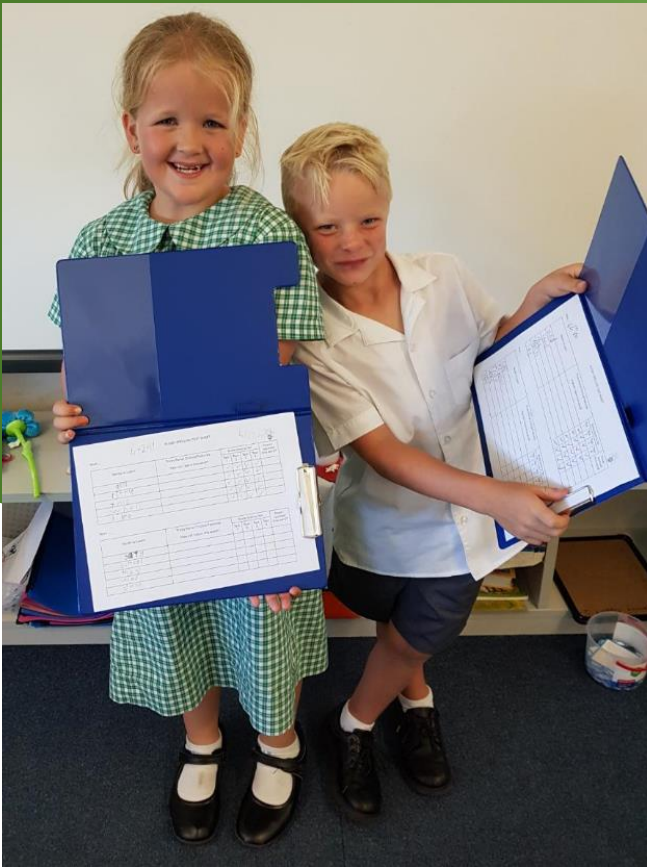
Word Power in Year 1

This Year we have started a daily spelling program. We each have a brand new spelling folder where we write in our weekly five words. This is done on a Monday.

For the rest of the week we have a partner test of the words, daily. We have to read our partner the words, they write them down and then we mark each others' work. We then have to show Mrs Hill our test. We tick off the words that we got right. For the words that we did not get quite right, we work on strategies during the week that will help us to remember and spell our words correctly.

We love spelling!

Year 1 students



From the K-6 Coordinator...

With the term well underway now, it's been exciting to see the enthusiasm for teaching and learning in all of our classrooms. We also have a number of exciting things happening outside the classroom, such as the formation of our 2019 Primary Leadership Team. This year the team will comprise of the Primary Leaders, the SRC and our House Leaders. Guided by the voices of our students, this year we are trialing a new structure for the SRC, with two Year 6 SRC Leaders who will help support the student representative from Years 3-5. The formation of a Leadership Team will provide strength and momentum for student ideas and projects and allow wider collaboration and discussion of student matters. Students are currently negotiating and clarifying the roles and responsibilities of each leadership group. They have already come up with some brilliant ideas and initiatives for 2019, so watch this space!

This year, we are continuing our hard work with managing our waste more responsibly. I am starting to notice many more lunchboxes with alternatives to plastic packaging, such as containers, reusable wraps or paper wraps. We still have a long way to go in minimising our impact on the environment with the rubbish we produce, but have made great progress so far. To help us out with our soft plastics sorting, Mrs Haines kindly made a visual reminder for our bin bays and has plans to do the same for our yellow-bin recycling rubbish.



We have also started collecting our plastic-based stationery waste, including pens, textas, whiteboard markers, empty glue sticks etc, which can be recycled through the specialist company *TerraCycle*. We appreciate the support of parents in modelling and promoting more sustainable practices and attitudes towards waste.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families to **check that all belongings are labelled**. We already have numerous items in lost property including a range of lunch boxes, jumpers, hats and towels. Please encourage your child to check through the lost property box, which is now located in the undercover area on the Primary campus if you have missing items. I also recommend students make use of the class lunch box tubs to place jumpers in if they are taken off during playtime, instead of leaving them in the school yard. This should minimise losses.

I look forward to supporting students and families on their learning journey this year. A reminder that questions or concerns should first be raised with your child's teacher, but should you need to contact me to discuss curriculum or pastoral matters, you can do so at stefanie.cook@cq.catholic.edu.au.

Stefanie Cook

Curriculum and Pastoral Coordinator- Primary

Thank you Year 10 students for organising the flowers for Valentine's Day



Year 2 are enjoying burning up energy in their PE lesson with Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Moxon.

