

Beckom Public School

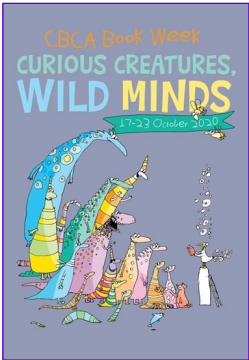


Seize the Day

Book Week Parade to be held on Wednesday 21st October

Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) bring children and books together to celebrate Children's Book Week. It is a time when schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian Children's Literature. The theme for Book Week this year is **"Curious Creatures, Wild Minds"**. Students are invited to come to school next Wednesday in character costumes relating to the Book Week theme or their favourite book character. The Book Week Character Parade will be held under the COLA after the first break and we look forward to seeing what creative ideas the students can come up with.

Unfortunately, this year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, parents and carers are unable to attend the parade.



Term 4 Week 1
15th October 2020



Wednesday 21st
October
Book Week
Character Parade

Tuesday 27th
October
Book Club orders due

School Play for 2020 will be Frozen 2

Students have been sent home the script for their play. It is expected that all students practise their lines as part of home learning. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions and the unpredictable changes that could occur, we have decided that we will record the play and, if we are able to, we will view it on Presentation Night. This will allow us to follow guidelines such as maintaining the 5 metre rule in front of all musical activity settings. We are thinking "outside the box" this year and we appreciate all ideas however, we have to follow the Department of Education COVID guideline to ensure the safety of students, staff and community members. We hope to discuss these plans more fully at the next P & C meeting.

Mrs Emma Speirs

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Matilda Osborne
for outstanding school
attendance during 2020

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COVID-19 Restrictions - update

The department has developed a School Updates app. This app is one of the main communication tools that the department will use to notify families of school closures due to COVID-19 or a natural disaster. It is available on IOS and Android. Please see <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app>

For COVID-19 restriction updates please see:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

This term some COVID-19 restrictions have been changed.

Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice.

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

School Attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- ◆ They have a medical certificate that states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe.
- ◆ They are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Documents/cho-letter-education.pdf>

parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the Covid testing clinics <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics>

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19. Find more information about <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing>



Please remember to pack a broad brimmed hat for your child to wear during Term 4.



Joke of the WEEK



TRIVIA CORNER

Megan Waters was the winner of our children's trivia from last term and the runner-up was Alexis Hawkins. The number 3 appears above the # on a computer keyboard. The adult trivia was won by Linda Griffin and Jack Fisher also answered correctly. Maxwell Smart was known as Agent 86 in Get Smart.

Good luck with this week's questions.



Adult question:

What colour is the skin of a polar bear?

Children's question:

How many of the dwarfs in Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs had beards?



COMMUNITY NEWS

Coolamon



Story-time returns

The library will start up Story-time sessions again on Friday 16th October at 10:30am. COVID-19 regulations will be followed and bookings are essential. Parents need to ring the Library on 69272492 to secure a spot. We welcome our regular families to join us and new families are also welcome.

Library open for business

It is safe for families to come and borrow any items from the library. Computers, printing and photocopying services are all available. We are still offering our FREE home delivery service to borrowers within the town limits.