



Relieving Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 2

On Thursday night, I had the pleasure of attending the Keirabald Art Exhibition at Project Contemporary ArtSpace in Wollongong. Congratulations to all the students from Coniston who had their artworks chosen to represent our school. Additionally, I'd like to extend a special congratulations to Samuel for receiving the Gallery Director's Prize and Hannah D for her Highly Commended Award. Have a look at the photos throughout the newsletter.

Unfortunately, due to wet weather, we had to cancel our planned Cross Country whole school event last week. However, students aged 8 and over who were competitive runners managed to get their run in during the day despite the rain. Well done to everyone who participated! District cross country is set to go ahead next Thursday.



The Wollongong Running Festival is approaching. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for the run, which will be held on Sunday morning, 2 June. Registration is still open to join us. Students can walk, jog or run 2km on the day.

Parent-Teacher interviews will take place over the next two Tuesdays. Confirmation times are being sent home. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to speak with parents to discuss student growth so far this year. If you are unable to attend these times, please contact your child's teacher to schedule an alternative date. Written reports will be sent home at the end of Term 2.

Happy Mother's Day to all our special mothers and carers!

Mrs Nicole Flynn
Relieving Principal

Coming Events

SCHOOL HAT EVERY DAY

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX EVERY DAY

Regular Events

- School Assembly - Mondays Week 4 & 8
- Running Club - Wed & Friday 8:30am
- Community Gardening: Tuesdays 9:15am -10:45am: call in via the office.
- Playgroup Tuesday 9am - 11am

Term 2

Week 3

- Monday 13 May – P&C Meeting 7pm Library
- Tuesday 14 May – Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 16 May District Cross Country
- School Photo – email from MSP has been sent out. Spare and sibling envelopes in office.

Week 4

- Monday 20 May - School Assembly 2pm Item presented by Year 6
- Tuesday 21 May – Parent Teacher Interviews
- Friday 24 May - **School Photo Day**

Week 5

- Sunday 2 June – Wollongong Running Festival

What's due?

- Register for Wollongong Running Festival

Dates for your diary

- 13 – 14 June: Stage 3 overnight excursion to Canberra (all students)
- Monday 17 June – Assembly: Year 1 & 2 class Item
- Pie Drive notes coming home soon



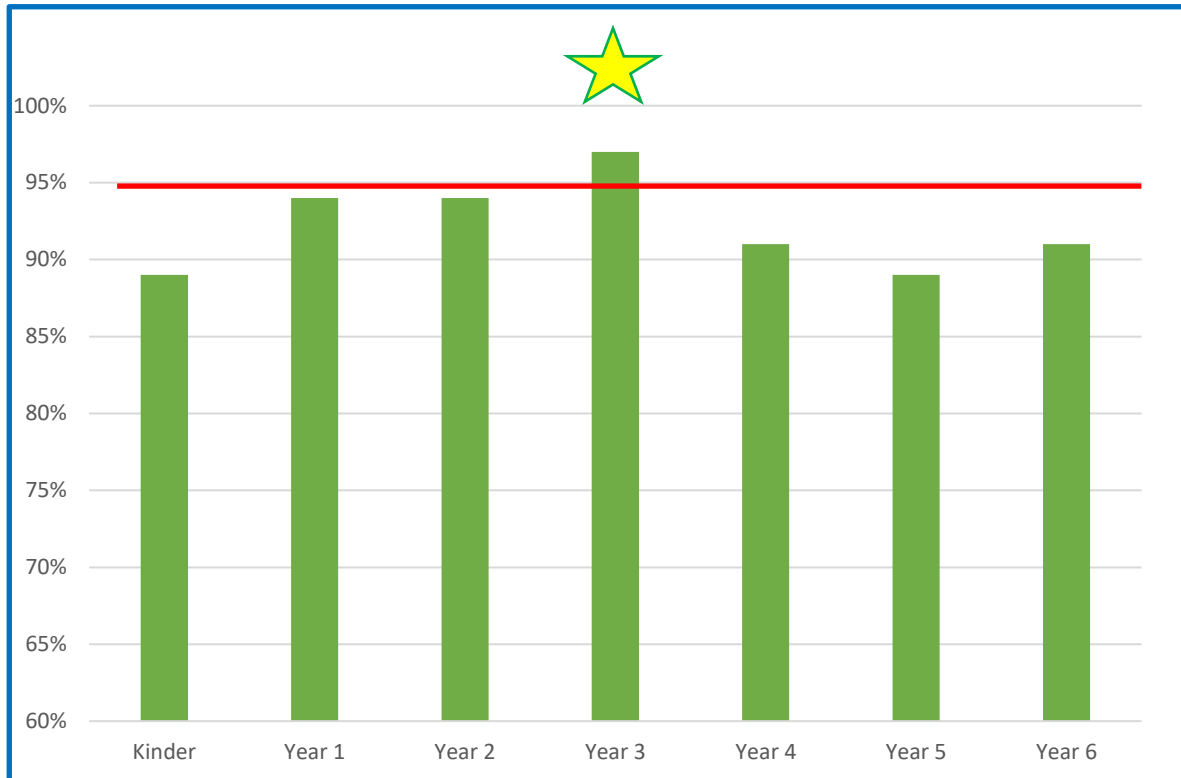
Attendance – Every day counts!

This year we are really striving to have every grade over 90% attendance every fortnight.

The attendance graph below is for 30 April –8 May 2024. The red line is the NSW Department of Education's expected 95% attendance marker.



Great work Year 3 – 97%



P & C News

Our Mother's Day stall this week was a great success. It was lovely to see the smiles on our students faces as they did their shopping. We hope all our mums enjoy their gifts on Sunday. Thank you to the parents who came in to assist with the stall, we appreciate your support.



**Next P&C meeting: Monday 13 May, 7pm in the library.
All welcome.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/7750380052?pwd=RENFR084aHhITlhUcldzZnZYd1IGdz09&omn=66316497991>

Meeting ID: 775 038 0052

Passcode: pandc

Kind regards,
Coniston Public P&C
conistonps.pandc@gmail.com

Communication

Please use the school's email address for non-emergencies in the first instance or phone the office. Our staff will respond to your queries **within 2 school days** under normal circumstances.

For longer discussions or complex matters, we ask parents and carers to make an appointment to speak to teachers directly, at a time that works best for everyone.

For emergencies, please contact the office on 4229 1117. Emergencies include serious student health, safety and wellbeing issues.

School email: coniston-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Keirabald Portraiture Competition

Stage 3 students, and their families, attended the Keirabald Portraiture Competition opening night on Thursday 9 May at Project Contemporary Artspace in Wollongong. The evening was filled with anticipation and excitement, showcasing some of the most innovating and captivating works of art by students in Years 5, 6 and 7 from our community of schools.

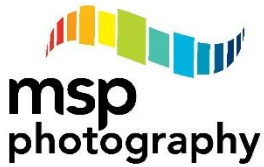
Congratulations to the following Stage 3 students on being selected as school finalists: Esme, Bo, Liam S, Hannah S, Aliyah, Liam P, Hannah D, Samuel, Max and Brodie.

Award winners on the night included Samuel – Gallery Director's Prize (Year 6 category) and Hannah D – Highly Commended (Year 6 category).

It was lovely to see some of our former students, who are currently in Year 7 at Keira High School. Stevie achieved a Highly Commended award in the Year 7 category.



School Photos



MSP Photography Illawarra

T: 02 42613009

E: illawarra@msp.com.au

www.msp.com.au

School: Coniston Public School

Photo Day: Friday 24th May 2024

**You will receive an email with login instructions to order school photos on:
Friday 3rd May 2024**

If you do not receive an email with login instructions, please email or call MSP Photography directly, using the above contact details. Please do not contact the school as they do not have this information.

- If you wish to purchase sibling photos, please be aware that the orders cut-off the night before photo day to allow for scheduling.

- You do not need to return any paperwork on photo day.

- Cash envelopes will be available at your school office if you are unable to place your order online.



Preorder to receive packs at the bulk order rate. Orders placed after photo day will be charged at a higher price.



Opportunity Classes – Year 5 2025

Applications are open 4 April - 20 May 2024

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students.

The classes help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Opportunity classes provide an environment where students can learn and make friends with classmates of similar ability. This can benefit students' academic progress and wellbeing. Opportunity classes are **not** zoned.

These classes are offered in Years 5 and 6, with parents/carers applying when their child is in Year 4. If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Parents/carers apply online between Thursday 4 April and Monday 20 May 2024 at:

education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Swap it!



Veg-tastic lunchboxes

Your child doesn't need to wait until dinner to eat their vegetables.

Swapping out sometimes foods for vegetables can help your child reach their daily vegetable needs.

Try:

 Zucchini fritters	 Green beans	 Roasted sweet potato
 Capsicum sticks	 Corn	 Pumpkin scone

For more veg-tastic lunchbox ideas visit: www.swapit.net.au/vegetables

Running Club

WOLLONGONG RUNNING FESTIVAL

We need you to join our school team!

In 2024 we will again be participating in the Wollongong Running Festival. This year the Wollongong running festival will be held on Sunday 2 June at Stuart Park North Wollongong. Students will participate in the 2km Fun Run which starts at 9:30am, (arrive by 9am to collect participant bib). Teachers will also be running with the students.

To register as part of the school team:

1. Head to <https://www.wollongongrunningfestival.com>
2. Along the top of the website go to Enter, click on Team Entries
3. Scroll down to school initiative and click register now
4. Fill out your details
5. When you get to TEAM select join a team
6. Click on the down arrow and select "Coniston Public School"
7. Make sure you have filled out all required fields
8. Press Submit
9. You will then be taken to the payment page
10. Type CPS in the promotions code box.

Use the promotion code 'CPS'. The entry fee will come down to \$15.

**If we are the school with the most entries, we will win
\$500 for the school!**



Guiding children's growth

What is OSHC and why is it right for your family?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care. Camp Australia's OSHC service provides enrichment and care for primary school-age children outside school hours and during the school holidays. Depending on your school, it can cover Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.

At Camp Australia, our vision is *To support families in achieving their dreams* and our promise is that *we will Guide Your Child's Growth.*

To do that we take a unique approach to OSHC based on over 30 years of experience.

Enriching experiences that children love

Our experienced educators involve your child in designing the experiences that make up our OSHC program. Our industry leading approach to program development ensures that your child is at the heart of what we do each day.

A place for friendships to form

OSHC is a great place for your child to meet new friends and bond over shared interests. We design programs that bring children together so they can connect and grow outside school hours.

Easy, hassle-free care

Our service is available to all families, no matter the need. Our extended hours offer peace of mind so you can manage work, health, study and more stress-free. Plus, our industry leading Parent Portal gives you unrivalled access to make and manage your bookings.



FREE to Register

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal at pp.campaustralia.com.au

Are you eligible for the Child Care Subsidy?

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 90% off your fees. If you're unsure about your eligibility contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.



Bookings now open! Secure your spot today.

Make and manage bookings using the Parent Portal app for smartphone



We conducted customer focus groups to get direct feedback from parents regarding their experience with Camp Australia.

This research highlighted the need to have a streamlined way for parents to access their accounts and manage their bookings and enrolments; and informed the design for our brand-new Parent Portal app for smartphone.

- Easy booking features.
- Simple booking calendar overview.
- Track your spend.
- Contact your service Coordinator.
- Update your and your child's details.

Search for **Camp Australia Parent Portal** on the App Store or Google Play, to download the app and register free with us now.



Creative Kids Vouchers

\$50 Active and Creative Kids Vouchers

The NSW Government is helping to make activities more affordable for eligible NSW families with the new Active and Creative Kids Vouchers program.

There are 2 x \$50 vouchers, issued in school term 1 and school term 3. To be eligible for the vouchers a student must be a resident of NSW, enrolled to attend a government or non-government school, or registered for home schooling in NSW during the 2024 school year and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A, or Family Tax Benefit Part B, or both. The vouchers are now available and can be redeemed at registered businesses before their expiry date.

Parents, carers, and guardians can apply for the Active and Creative Kids Vouchers via their MyServiceNSW Account, in the Service NSW app or website or by visiting a Service NSW Service Centre.

Vouchers will be provided as a downloadable QR code. They can either be used separately, or both vouchers can be redeemed in the same transaction (once the second voucher is available).

Each voucher can only be redeemed once. If the transaction is less than the amount of the vouchers redeemed, then the remaining balance is forfeited.

For further information about the program, eligible activities and registered businesses visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-and-creative-kids-voucher>

Port Kembla Youth Project



Port Kembla Youth Project is conducting Homework Hub

Assisting students with
Tutoring and Homework Help

*Small Group Programs open to:
Primary and High School Students*

Enrolment Essential

8wk program run during school terms

PKYP also offers:

Learning Lab – fee based private tutoring

Contact our Youth Team on 02 4276 1229 or email team@pkyp.org.au to book or visiting our website pkyp.org.au for more info!

Sponsored by:



Join us for a

RECONCILIATION WALK

Thursday 16th May 2024 | Starting at 11am

NOW MORE THAN EVER

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024 27 MAY - 3 JUNE #NRW2024 RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU



You're invited to join us from 11am for a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and Performances at Lakeside Reserve, Koonawarra Bay. This will be followed by a short walk and a BBQ at 12pm at the Koonawarra Community Centre.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

SMOKING CEREMONY

GUEST SPEAKERS

For further enquiries contact CareWays on 4261 8426 or email help@careways.org.au



CareWays community

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts Production

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENTS

MAMMA MIA!

30 MAY - 8 JUNE

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
BENNY ANDERSSON
BJÖRN ULVAEUS
AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY
CATHERINE JOHNSON
ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY
JUDY CRAYMER

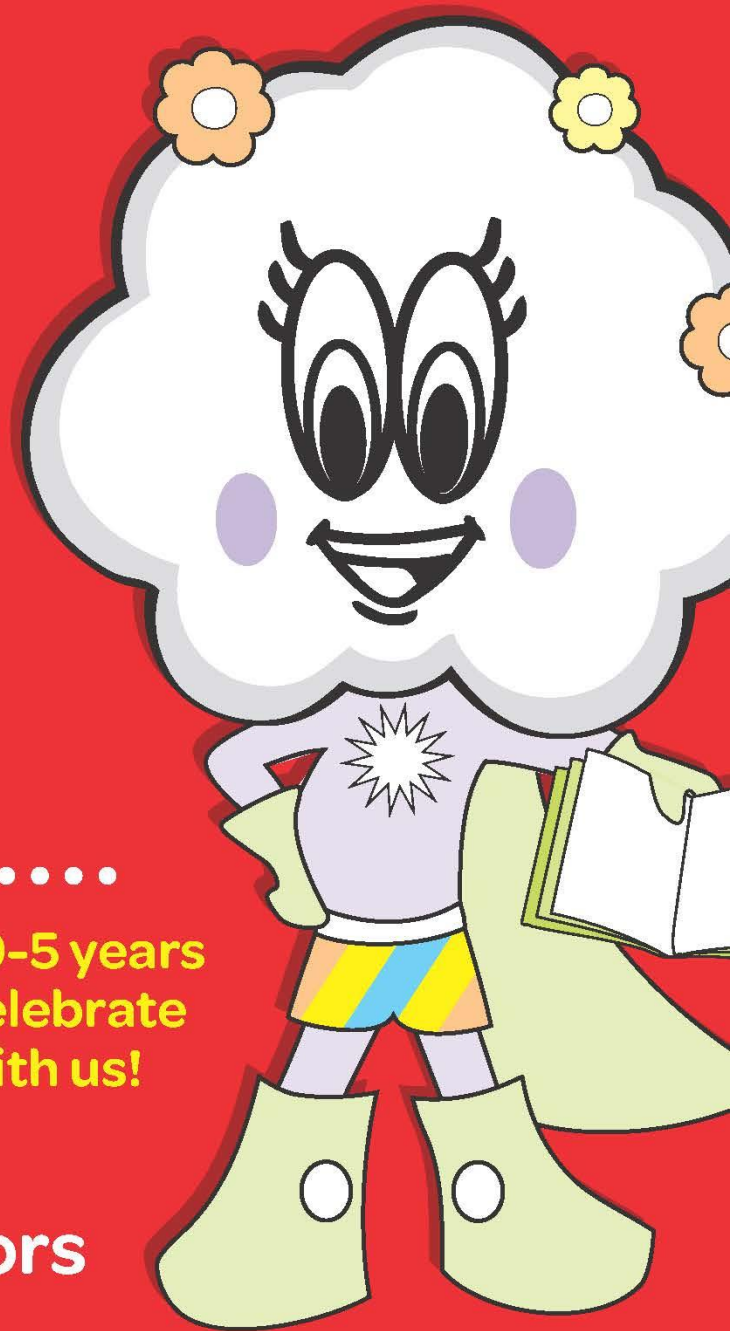
LICENSED EXCLUSIVELY BY MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALASIA).
ALL PERFORMANCE MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY HAL LEONARD AUSTRALIA

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE AT
WOLLONGONG-H.SCHOOLS.NSW.GOV.AU

Paint the Gong REaD!

Free, early literacy event

PAINT THE GONG REaD!



All families with children 0-5 years are invited to come and celebrate Bright Spark's birthday with us!

Dapto Mall,
top of the escalators

STORIES
ACTIVITIES
READING TENT
BIRTHDAY CAKE
CRAFT CORNER
MUSIC MAT
+MORE!



A Wollongong
City Council
accessible and
inclusive event.

Wednesday 15 May
9.30 - 11.30am

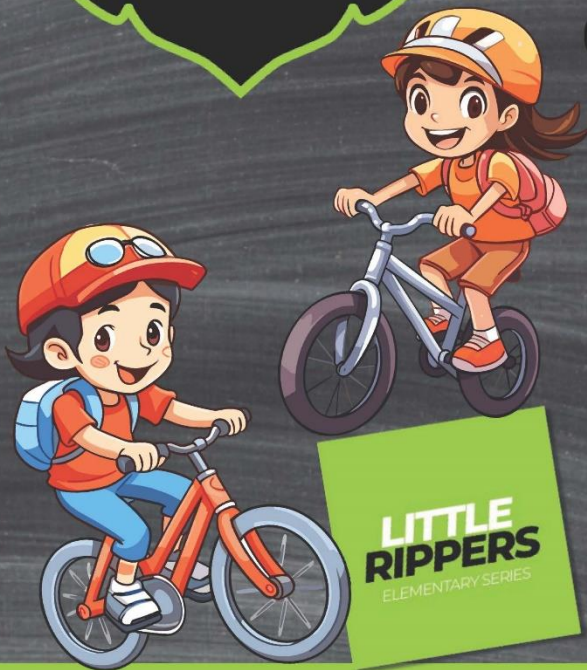




Wollongong Primary Schools MTB Event

ROCKY TRAIL ACADEMY

Cringila MTB Park
Wollongong
THU, 20 JUN 2024



Where the mountain biking adventure begins!
Dedicated to nurturing the fundamental growth of mountain biking within school communities.

STUDENTS LOVE IT.

A FUN INTRODUCTION TO MOUNTAIN BIKING

Open to Y3-6 primary school kids, regardless of experience or skill level. The focus is on enjoying the sport, exploring nature, and making new friends.

HAPPY TEACHERS.

HIGHLY EXPERIENCED ORGANISERS.

The three tracks selected will be short, engaging, and designed for maximum fun. Results will be published, but no rankings to encourage participation over competition.

IMPRESSED PARENTS.

GREAT VALUE AND SAFE EVENT ENVIRONMENT.

Affordable entry fee of \$49 per child includes AusCycling insurance. Riders who do each track at least once are "finishers" and get a fun reward prize.

SHIMANO





Multicultural Supported Playgroups

PLAY, LEARN, CONNECT

IMS

ILLAWARRA
MULTICULTURAL
SERVICES
advancing participation



Playgroups are back in 2024!

Tuesdays (School Term only)

9:00am - 11:00am (ages 0-5)

Coniston Public School

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To register your interest, please contact **Paulina!**

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FREE

WELCOME
TO ALL



Communities
& Justice



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