

# COOPERNOOK Public School

## Newsletter Term 3 Week 2

Thursday 30 July 2020

### Principals Message

Wow! It's been a busy week. Children have been very busy getting back into their learning after the holidays. The three way meetings have been very successful, parents and children have been very happy with the progress that has happened so far this year.

Just a reminder for all children to return their Children's University Passports so that the final activities can be added.

The school Excursion is still in the planning stage, if you wish to start paying money towards the excursion, please send money to the front office.

Parents, please be careful of an afternoon during pickup time when leaving the school, I have noticed people doing U turns out the front in some dangerous areas. Safety of all children is of utmost importance.

### Uniforms

Please ensure that your children are wearing the correct uniform, there are some multi coloured items being worn at the moment. Please also ensure that your child has a jumper in their bag if they are not wearing one.

### Cold and Flu like Symptoms

Please remember to keep your children at home if they are displaying any flu symptoms. It is a directive by the Department of Education that we adhere to these directions to keep everyone safe and healthy.

### Adults on Site

We continue to ask for parents support by dropping off and picking up your children from the gate to ensure there are minimal adults on site to adhere to the guidelines of the Department of Education around social distancing for adults. I thank you all for supporting us with this.

If you need to come onto school grounds, please report to the administration office. Do **not** go to the classrooms.

### Have a great week everyone!

*Toni Pullen*

*Relieving Principal*

*We Ask, We Seek, We Learn*

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## Quote of the week



## What's on at CPS

2020	Term 3
<b>July</b>	<b>Week 2</b>
Fri 31	Tree Day 🌳
<b>August</b>	<b>Week 3</b>
	Education Week
Fri 7th	Crazy Hair Day
	<b>Week 4</b>
Thur 13	Athletics Day (Student only)
Fri 14	Basketball coaching starts 🏀
	<b>Week 6</b>
Wed 26	School Photos

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## Year 3 - 6

### The Regrettable Find

The ground rumbled beneath their feet and the smell of sulfur from the blue smoke burnt their noses, but they kept digging. Excitement built as they neared their find.

John and Bob, both volcano biologists, arrived in Hawaii searching for Dinosaur fossils. The research had led them to the Kilauea Volcano.

"Hey, John, look at this," yelled Bob, his eyes wide open with amazement. John stopped digging and ran over to Bob.

Bob dusted away the dirt from the nose of what he thought was a dinosaur bone, but then John said, "It's just a branch. What were you thinking?"

The next day, undefeated by their lack of findings, John and Bob eagerly continued their work. Sweat dripping down his hot face, John called out, "I found it!!!!" Bob sprinted over with all of his might. To his astonishment, he found himself looking at the tailbone of a Zacharasaurus.

After hours of doggedly continuing to unearth bone after bone, John and Bob had retreated back to their hotel, for some well-earned rest.

Moments after the darkness enveloped the volcanic surroundings, the Zacharasaurus started jiggling together like a magnet. Once all the pieces were together, he stood as tall as the trees and roared as loud as he could, "It's been years since my last snack." He set off in search of water and food.

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Phil sat on the golden sandbank watching everyone swim and surf. Bob and John were among the mix of locals and tourists (even they needed a break sometimes). The ground below Phil started to vibrate intermittently, drawing his attention away from the picture perfect views. As he turned around, he found himself in the shadow of the Zacharasaurus, "AAAAHHHHHHH!" Phil yelled with all his breath. "Quick get out of the water now. There's a dinosaur!" But no one listened, until...

GULP! "UUUUUUUUUUUUUM," Phil looked very frightened of what he just saw. This was just like a bad dream coming true. Phil knew what he had to do, he had to break the Zacharasuarus's bones. Kids and parents were scared that they wouldn't make it out alive and even if they did they wouldn't let their kids swim EVER again.

So Phil went in the water and swam behind the Zacharasaurus and he found a bat. He grabbed it and went WHACKKKKKKKKKKKKK. The Zacharasaurus exploded into the water, never to be seen again.

Immediately, Phil set off to find his wizard friend to erase everyone's mind. The wizard agreed to make the potion and with one big WHOOOSH of his staff and a few words, their minds were erased, never to remember the terrible incident, including Bob and John.

By Ella Kenane and India Robertson

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Years 3 – 6 have been busy finishing their information from last term.

## Wallabies

When you think of marsupials hopping around Australia, you probably think of kangaroos first. Wallabies are closely related to kangaroos but are generally much smaller. How much do you know about these hopping pouched animals?



Did you know that it is simply irresponsible to keep wallabies as pets? The damage that these animals cause to the environment is costly, both environmentally and financially. If anything, many people refer to wallabies as pests.

The lifespan of a wallaby is around 9 years in the wild. Breeding season for most wallabies is between January and February. After a gestation period of 28 days, a single joey is born. Like most marsupials, young wallabies, joeys, are born very small (the size of a jellybean).

When fighting, male wallabies use their strong back legs to deliver powerful kicks. The forearms of the wallaby is significantly smaller than their back legs and are mainly used for feeding and balance. Would you take one on? Not me.

We are lucky that the Hunter-Manning region is home to some of the most extensive areas of habitat for the Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies. So if you haven't had the chance to see one for yourself, keep your eyes open.

By Arley Miller

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*P & C registered members are invited to a meeting in the 'tank' on the 11<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm. If other members of the school community have concerns they wish to have discussed please ensure you give these concerns (in writing) to one of the registered members, Louise Pickford, Barbara Kidd, or Mrs Gilchrist or Mrs Pullen before the date of the meeting.*

## UNIFORM SHOP

*The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday mornings from 8.45 to 9.15 for purchasing of Polo Shirts \$22 and Hats \$12*

*Due to Covid-19 we ask that you send an envelope containing your order and correct money with your child to the front office on Wednesday mornings. Your purchase will be given to your child on Wednesday afternoons to take home.*