

THE PLAINS EXPRESS



KELLY'S PLAINS PUBLIC SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Stage 3 students recently returned from an enriching excursion to Canberra, where they represented our school with exemplary behaviour throughout the trip. The students visited many important sites, gaining valuable insights into Australia's history, government, and culture. A highlight for every student was receiving their very own copy of the Australian Constitution, making the experience both memorable and educational.

This week, both classes have channelled their creativity and teamwork into designing a garden, which they have proudly entered into the Armidale Garden Festival. We are excited to see their hard work showcased alongside other local talents.

Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that on Friday, we will have the special opportunity to meet and greet Costa. This event is open to everyone, and we warmly invite all families and community members to join us for what promises to be an inspiring and enjoyable occasion.

Thank you for your continued support of our students' learning and community activities!

Warm regards,
Mrs Walsh

MR BEARD
QUAMBONE AUGUST 1988



QUAMBONE IS A 40 MINUTE
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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

31 OCTOBER COSTA VISIT

28 NOVEMBER SLIMEFEST @ NEWLING PS



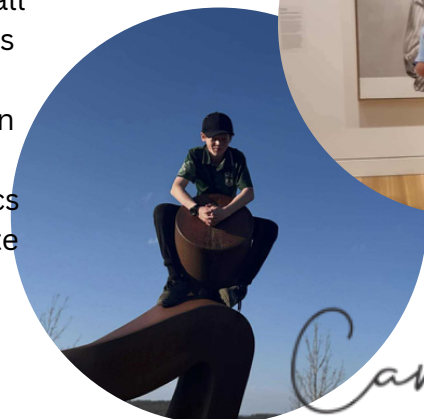
'HOW DOES YOU GARDEN GROW'



"By coming to school every day, your child is taking important steps toward a bright and successful future".

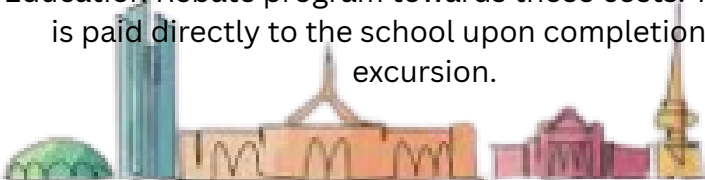


CANBERRA EXCURSION



Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



Canberra

THE KITCHEN GARDEN ACTIVITIES



PEARS AND POTATOES!

We've been just a bit busy (and a little bit messy 😊). The students created potato people 🥔, painted with pears 🍏, and started their own sky gardens 🌳.



STORY GARDEN CHALLENGE IN A WHEEL BARROW



There has been great excitement in the construction of our entry into The New England Garden Festival.

The aim of the competition is to bring the children's stories to life in a potted or wheelbarrow garden. We hope you can check out our entry on the weekend.



CEDAR NURSERY VISIT



"Everyday in school
makes a difference to
your child's future"



Visiting Cedar Nursery to select plants for the Wheelbarrow Project not only makes learning hands-on and fun but also helps students connect with nature and understand the process of growing plants.

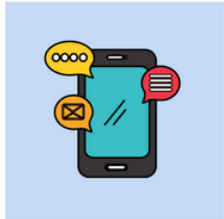
From vibrant flowers to charming natives our students discovered the joy of nature and the magic of growing.— a fantastic way to foster environmental awareness and appreciation.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BYTES

I would also like to remind all families to continue using School Bytes to notify the school of any student absences. Maintaining regular attendance is a high priority as it directly supports student learning and wellbeing.



CALL OR EMAIL THE SCHOOL



SEE THE CLASS TEACHER

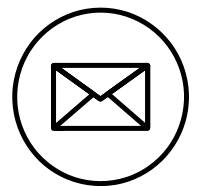


USE SCHOOL BYTES

REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Thank you to all who are prompt in notifying the school of their child's absences both full day and partial day, including the justified reason of why their child was away. It is important that this communication comes through to the school via the correct channels:

- Absence submission through the School Bytes app (preferred method)
- Phone call to the school office: (02) 67751253
- Email to the school email address: kellysplan-@det.nsw.edu.au



ATTENDANCE

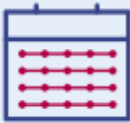
Days missed = years lost

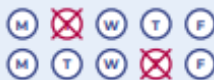
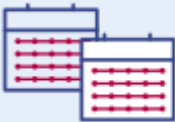
A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed



By making every day count at school, we work together to help your child reach their full potential and build a bright future.

NOTICES



BLACK GULLY
FESTIVAL 2025
art | music
community | environment

SAT. 8TH NOV
10:00am - 7:30pm
IN THE SCENIC BLACK GULLY RESERVE,
BEHIND NERAM
(OFF KENTUCKY ST)

FUN STUFF 4 KIDS

PLATYPUS PLAY AND CLAY - RIVER WEAVING
BUSH CREATURE CRAFTING - MAGIC OF SCIENCE
CREEK BUG COLLECTING - ELECTRIFY ARMIDALE
BATS IN THE BACKYARD - YOUTH JAZZ ENSEMBLES
SATURDAY MAGIC THEATRE TROUPE
"PANDORA AND THE DRAGON" AND MORE...

A FREE, FAMILY FUN DAY OF CREATIVITY



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

NERAM OUR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS **ARMIDALE** Regional Council

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Good for kids good for life 

Power Up with Breakfast

Eating a healthy breakfast kickstarts the day, giving you energy for physical activity and boosting focus, concentration, and memory — all important for learning!

Breakfast is also a great time to get important nutrients. Here are some easy and healthy breakfast ideas:

- Wholegrain cereals like Weet-Bix, Cheerios, Sultana Bran, or porridge
- Wholegrain toast with avocado, tomato, or reduced-fat cheese
- Untoasted muesli with low-fat yoghurt
- Raisin toast
- Fruit and veggie smoothies

In a rush? Try quick grab-and-go options like a tub of low-fat yoghurt, a piece of fruit, overnight oats, or dry cereal to snack on.

Even a small breakfast can help your child do their best at school!





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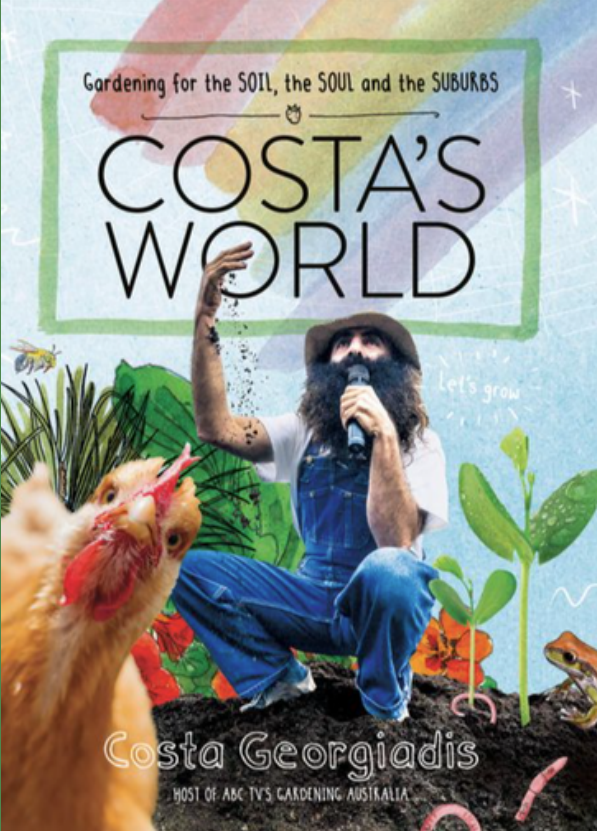
Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Gardening for the SOIL, the SOUL and the SUBURBS

COSTA'S WORLD

Let's grow

Costa Georgiadis
HOST OF ABC TV'S GARDENING AUSTRALIA



Find me at the New England Garden Festival
1st & 2nd Nov 2025

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New England Garden Festival