Term 4 Week 2  
15th October, 2015

P&C Meeting – Today at 3:00pm
A reminder that our P&C meeting is today! Come along and join in the discussions. Everyone is always welcome!

What an achievement!
Congratulations to Coen, Isabella and Bradley who represented our school in the Spelling Bee competition.

PSSA Cricket Match – Tomorrow
Our boys team will be playing a match against Eleebana Public School tomorrow. Please feel free to come along and support the boys!

A special mention needs to go to Bradley whose hard work has earned him a place in the state finals, which is taking place on 11th November. Best of luck Bradley!
Girls/Boys Day for Year 5/6 – 20\textsuperscript{th} Oct

A reminder that our Year 5/6 students will be involved in a special afternoon on the 20\textsuperscript{th} October and will be participating in a focus lesson on growth and development.

If you would like your child to be involved, please return their permission note as soon as possible.

Year 5 & 6 students are asked to come out of uniform on this day.

Grandparents Day – 28\textsuperscript{th} October

A note will be going home soon about this very exciting event! Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren for a special morning tea including fun and a variety of entertainment. This will be followed by a picnic lunch. Please return your morning tea orders as soon as possible so that we can finalise our catering for you.

Environmental Monitors

We are very proud of the 12 students who have volunteered to be our environmental warriors this term. Students met and discussed their plan of action for the rest of the year. This includes gardening, mulching and ensuring that our school remains clean and tidy. Thank you for your efforts team!

Family Fun Day Raffle

The P&C are holding a Family Fun Night Raffle on the 4\textsuperscript{th} December. There are some fantastic prizes in our raffle which have been generously donated. There are 7 main prizes, with the First Prize being $1,000 donated by the Major Sponsor – Origin.

Tickets have been sent home with students last week. If your family missed receiving tickets or you would like some more to sell they are available from the school office.

Any support you can give the school and the P&C is most appreciated, all money raised goes towards supporting our students. Don’t forget to ask your family, friends and neighbours to buy a ticket as there are some great prizes on offer! Thank you.
Our Year 6 students attended Morisset High School last week to participate in RAP day with other Year 6 students from the Western Shores Learning Alliance.

“It was awesome because we got to meet new people”, Taiah

“It was fun!”, Jack

“There were heaps of activities like drama and the rookies program”, Hannah

**Reading Rewards**

Congratulations to our students who worked so hard on their home reading program. James, Noah, Nique, Mary, Logan, Keira and Coen joined Mrs le Roux and Ms Watson for a fabulous break at Cooranbong Café.

Students each got a milkshake and enjoyed their afternoon together.

A big thank you to Mrs le Roux for organising this for them and for Ms Watson for assisting her. Your help is very much appreciated!

**Our new friends**

This week the teaching focus for our new Kinder students for next year was technology.
There were lots of conversations and discussions about how we use technology and all of the children enjoyed their “hands on” experiences with it.

Kindergarten transition is a wonderful time for the children to get to know each other and their teachers for next year well. It makes the transition to “big school” so much smoother for them.

If you know of any other students looking to enrol next year, please come in and see Mrs Avery. All new enrolments are welcome!

**Pokemon Cards**

There is currently quite a number of children who are bringing their Pokemon cards to school to trade with their friends. While this is light hearted fun and children are very engaged in them, they are at times causing arguments. We have reminded the children that if this continues, we will have to put a ban on them. Please discuss this with your children and remind them that the cards can be confiscated by teachers if arguments continually arise. We want children to enjoy the benefits of trading and having mutual interests, so please help us keep this great past time.

**Protective Magpies**

Swooping maggies have been protecting their young and bothering some people when they are arriving and leaving school. Please take care!

**Learn to Swim**

All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in either a ‘Water Safety’ or ‘Learn to Swim’ program. If you would like your children to be involved, please return the note to Mr King, who is organising this wonderful opportunity for them.

**Pancake Day – 21st October**

Order forms for our much loved pancake treat day will be going home tomorrow. If you would like your children to have a pancake or two please return the order form to school as soon as possible so that Mr Ward can start getting organised.
Selective High School Selection
If you would like to have your child considered for a Year 7 selective high school in 2017 you need to apply soon. Mr King has sent home Intention to Apply forms, please return the forms to him as soon as possible.

Musica Viva – 23rd October

There will be a performance at our school by the Musica Viva in Schools group called “Pastance”. This performance is a journey through the diverse styles and stirring melodies of Celtic and Anglo folk traditions. From well-known songs like Speed Bonny Boat to rarely-heard treasures, students can play and interact with the distinctive instruments of the genre including the harp, recorder, fiddle, Baroque guitar, lute, bagpipes, darabukka and bodhran. We can’t wait!

Football Update
The football season has wound up for the boys with a very close and hard-fought Grand Final played in very hot conditions. The match ended in a nil all draw between Chelsea and Red Bull, so we have joint Premiers. Player of the Match went to Jackson who was an outstanding Goal Keeper. Congratulations to Jacob, Stanley and their teams!

WSLA Debating
Mrs Eves is currently organising our senior debating team for a special Western Shores Learning Alliance debating competition. We are all looking forward to this fun and challenging competition across our partner schools in the area.

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Commonwealth School Banking Update
Following a decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program. To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of Frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available during Term 4.
A Special Thank You

Thank you to Lauren Burns for covering all our new books for the Library. Your help is much appreciated.

Have a look on the shelves for some great new titles! 😊

Are you safe wearing a skateboard helmet on your bike?

There is no Australian Safety Standard for skate helmets and this is of concern as many children and parents choose these thinking they offer the same protection as bike helmets. Some skate helmets do meet the standards - there is a sticker inside confirming this - while others don’t. Sadly some of the ones that don’t are much more expensive and chosen because they are perceived to be cool and more stylish.

So the message to children, parents, teachers and the community is to be aware.

Lost Property

The Lost Property bin is OVERFLOWING with items. If your child is missing some clothing please ask them to have a look through the bin. A reminder to mark all items of clothing with your child’s name – lost items can then be returned to the rightful owner.

Piano & Guitar Lessons

Beginners, Classical, Jazz
Martinsville (close to Cooranbong)

Phone: 4917 6028
Mobile: (Lisa) 0479 003 369
Email: robert@spellboundweb.com

Gift Certificates Available

IMPORTANT

We request that all payments for activities be sent in in the supplied envelopes. These envelopes were sent home earlier last term. More are available from the school office.

Please fill in all the details on the front of the envelope i.e. name, class, activity, amount enclosed. A separate envelope must be used for each child for each activity.

Envelopes then go into the payment slot in the office foyer. Thank you.

Don’t forget online payments can be made via our website. Visit http://www.cooranbong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ and select Make a Payment from the top menu.