This week is National Gonski Week (26th October – 1st November). Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education.

Our school has had so many successes that are a direct result of this funding. It has been used to allow for extra intensive support for students through extra staffing. It has also allowed for the individualised learning programs for every child, that our school is so unique in having. The benefits from these have already been seen with our NAPLAN results this year being the best they have been for many years. Our in-school data has also shown very healthy and exciting student growth across all classes!

This funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski review warned too many children were missing out on the education they needed due to a lack of resources.

Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them at a high level.
Our Special Grandparents

We felt so very proud yesterday of the community spirit that is thriving at Cooranbong School. Our children and staff were delighted with the amount of grandparents who were able to join us.

The hall was full to capacity and students enjoyed singing and performing for their nanas, pops, grandmas, grandpas, nonas, gragras and memas. Grandparents certainly hold a unique and very special bond with their grandchildren!

“I invited my friend Marie because my Grandma lives far away. I had fun patting her dog and spending time with her”, Izabella

“My Nanny and Grandad had a picnic lunch with me. My little sister and Mum came too”, Maddy

“It was a really good day because you could catch up with a lot of people!”, CJ

“Susie, my Nanny came to Grandparents day. She played with my hair.”, Chloe
Girls and Boys Day

Thank you to Mrs le Roux for organising Girls and Boys Day for our Year 5 & Year 6 students. Thank you to Mrs Hill, Buddhi and John for speaking to our students. The afternoon was focused on growth and development and included food and pampering!

“It was very interesting to learn about our bodies and be prepared for what is to come. The high tea was very nice and the scones were delicious. We also painted our nails in a very fancy way and we felt very ladylike.”
Jessica 5/6K

“It was a really cool experience! I learned about sexual health and a lot of other things about growing up. It was fun in the afternoon, because we assembled half a bike and then John told us about fishing. He told us about how to tie knots and he gave us a DVD about fishing. We were glad that Buddhi was there to tell us that stuff. We need to understand about becoming young men. Boys and Girls Day was a good experience.”
Jackson 5/6K

Our new ‘Kindies’ are thriving

Our 8th week of Kindergarten transition was very exciting. All of our new children were practising lining up and waiting their turn but most importantly they were having lots of fun with their new friends and learning many new skills in the process!
Next week our school Uniform Shop will be open so that children can be fitted for their new uniforms.

**Disco – 5th November**

Don’t forget our Disco on Thursday 5th November. Starting at 5pm till 7pm in the school hall. Cost is $3.00 per student. Bring some extra cash as drinks, lollies, hot dogs, chips and glowies will be available for sale.

Funds raised will go directly back to assist students.

**Family Fun Afternoon Update**

Due to the amount of donations we have received for our raffle this year, we are happy to say we have a few “mystery prizes” on offer, up to 15 all together. The more times you enter the more chances you have to win. All profits from the raffle go towards benefiting all our children at our beautiful school.

Volunteer Rosters have gone up on the Canteen noticeboard and in the office for half hour spots during the afternoon. We would greatly appreciate any help you can give.

A big thank you to Paula C. who has very kindly donated a 3 night Family Pass at Valla Beach Tourist Park near Coffs Harbour, a major part of the Second Prize in our raffle.

Don’t forget about the Super Early Bird Sellers Draw. If you would like to go in the draw, return your Raffle ticket stubs, money and front cover to the P&C Box in the office by 9.30am this Friday. The winning class will be announced at the end of lunch tomorrow. There are two more draws to go before the Family Fun Afternoon. Good luck!

Any questions or to offer volunteer help please contact Kay on 0432 275 276 or email bill68kay@gmail.com.

**New Menu Items for Canteen!**

Starting next week the canteen will be offering new alternatives – Fruit Salad and Wraps!

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**Tuesday Only:**

- Wraps: Small $1.50, Large $2.50
- Egg, Lettuce, Mayo: $1.50, Large $2.50
- Salad: Small $1.20, Large $2.50
- Ham & Salad: $1.50, Large $2.50
- Chicken & Salad: $1.50, Large $2.50
**Thursday Only:**

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**Canteen Roster for Week Starting 2\(^{nd}\) Nov**

- **Tuesday 3 Nov:** Sue B. and Kay F.
- **Thursday 5 Nov:** Jo P. and Paula C.
- **Friday 6 Nov:** Apelu and ?

**The canteen needs a help for Friday 6 November.** Please contact the office if you can help or phone Kay on 0432 275 276.

Volunteers are always welcome for however long you are able to help. The canteen is open from 8.30am till 12.30 so any time you can give is appreciated.

**Important Dates**

- 4\(^{th}\) November: Musica Viva (K-6)
- 5\(^{th}\) November: School Disco
- 23\(^{rd}\) November: Learn to Swim begins
- 30\(^{th}\) November: Reading Rewards
- 4\(^{th}\) December: Student Reports sent home
- 4\(^{th}\) December: Family Fun Day
- 7\(^{th}\) December: Sports Presentation Day
- 8\(^{th}\) December: School Presentation Day
- 15\(^{th}\) December: Picnic Day
- 16\(^{th}\) December: Students last day

**Eureka Taekwondo**

Traditional Martial Art

For Self Defence

*Just Turn Up Or Phone For Info*

*all ages welcome.*

Held at Cooranbong School in the hall.

Tuesday afternoons from 3pm till 4pm.

6\(^{th}\) Dan Master Instructor Steve Turner

Ph: 0400 002951 or email: eurekataekwondo@gmail.com

Tuesdays 3pm till 4pm , 1 Free lesson

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**Dora Creek Public School P&C**

**Trash and Treasure Sale Day**

**Saturday November 7, 2015**

8am – 12noon

Dora Creek Public School

Coorumbung Road

**Barbecue**  **Cakes**  **Drinks**  **Ice blocks**

**Plants and Seedlings**

**Bric-a-Brac**  **Clothes**  **Books**

**All Welcome**
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