A term to be proud of

This term has been one that we should all be proud of. Our students have worked incredibly well across all aspects of school and the way they have conducted themselves has been wonderful to watch.

Our explicit instruction approach to teaching all students has seen some impressive academic gains already and students are engaged and thriving.

Next term I would like to invite all community and family members to attend a forum on 8th May to further develop these plans. Parental involvement is vital for this process.

“I like to learn” from Charlee Year 1

“I love to learn about numbers” Sashi Year 1

“I love the work we get” Angie Year 5

“I like the school because there are no mean people” Darla Year 6

“I like learning, sport and art” Isabella Year 4

“I like making new friends at school” Ursula Year 1
A message from our Captains

We think that this term has been a great start to the year and we’re excited for next term. The Swimming Carnival, Cross Country and Harmony Day were just a few of the great things that Cooranbong Primary School did. We’re glad that we have been involved in these things and would like to thank you all for being so involved in our school. We hope that we can run all sorts of fundraisers like cake stalls, guessing competitions and hopefully the new SRC can come up with something new.  

Imogen and Chloe

Thank you Robyn Walker!

Our students were so respectful and well behaved that a local resident from Balcolyn, Robyn Walker, who was at Cooranbong Café, paid some money towards the children’s treat!

Reading Reward

Congratulations to Liam, Hayden, Joel, Ky, Evon, Imogen and Harvey for all the reading that they have been doing at home. Every student successfully completed 250 entries into their home reading diaries and joined in a celebration at Cooranbong Café.

Thank you Robyn for the wonderful feedback about our students manners, behaviour and happiness. We are very proud of all our students here at Cooranbong Primary School!
Enrichment Day

On Tuesday 4 of our students attended Biraban Public School for an enrichment program. Feedback from Cooper, Eddie, Nikita and Coen was very positive and they enjoyed their day being absorbed in Writing, Maths, Drama and Science.

“My drama class was fun” – Nikita Year 5.

“Coen and I had lots of fun 3D printing. We saw plastic turn into a box. It was cool!” – Eddie Year 5.

“The lunch bell was funny. It just rang when I was in IT/Maths and Science. In Science we punched cornflour and water.” – Cooper Year 5.

“Eddie and I had a lot of fun in 3D printing and Nikita and I had a lot of fun at Writing.” – Coen Year 5.

Working Bee

The P&C have organised for 2 Working Bees to be held on each Wednesday during the school holidays. Any helpers are welcome to arrive from 10am onwards and are asked to bring garden gloves and tools. Children are welcome. The Kitchen Garden Program will supply a FREE sausage sizzle, drink and an ice block.

Rewards day at the Park

What a perfect way to celebrate impeccable behaviour – a play in the park!
Students were very busy playing a lot of activities with a variety of friends. Thank you to Ms Hamilton for organising this great outing for our students and to the P&C for supplying a treat. The children had a fantastic afternoon!

Staff were very impressed with the way students were striving to reach their Personal Bests and how they encouraged each other to do the same.

Head Lice

There have been traces of headlice throughout our school community recently. Please check your children’s hair tonight and if headlice are found, please treat immediately.

Cross Country

Our school cross country event was certainly a hit last week. The hours of practise that students put into developing their fitness for this event was outstanding and certainly paid off!

Congratulations to the many students who successfully made it into Zone Cross Country. Unfortunately the PSSA rules state that students who are younger than 8 are not allowed to represent the school in this event. We have a number of students who successfully made the time cut but are not able to represent Cooranbong School due to their age. Next year will be their year!
**Staff News**

Mrs Masson will be taking some leave next term as she is having surgery on her foot. Her class and families have already been informed about this. At this stage the recovery period will be at minimum a month. Best of luck Mrs Masson, we will miss you!

Thank you!!!

**Community Support**

Another huge thank you needs to go to Matt and Sue Alcorn from Allrite Air Conditioning. Matt has provided many hours to our school maintaining and installing new air conditioners. Thank you for your time and help to keep our students cool and comfortable for learning!

**Phone Problems**

We apologise to parents who have been trying unsuccessfully to call the school. We currently only have one phone line working and Telstra have advised us it should be repaired in the holidays. Hopefully there should be no problems next term.

**Easter Hat Parade**

Thank you to all the families for donating Easter Eggs towards our school raffle. Thank you to all the helpers for putting the prizes together (80 of them!). The P&C really appreciate all the help you need throughout the year.

A huge thank you to Steve Ward and Caden who have spent hours of their time helping our school with a variety of jobs. Steve has made many trips to Eraring School collecting large items for us to use as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. He is also in the process of building a sandpit and putting in bridges and platforms.

If there is anyone else who may be able to help Steve in this huge task, please see him!
**Principal's Award**

Congratulations to Tynan for receiving the Principal Award last week.

**PARENT TIPS**

**Easter reading**

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What’s your child reading right now?

Find out more: [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html)

**April school holidays**

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.


**School calendar**

What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.


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**Important dates for Term 2**

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**An End of Term Joke from Mrs Burns**

What is the kindest vegetable?

A sweet potato!

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY.**

Students return to school on Tuesday 21st April

SCHOOL SECURITY PHONE NO DURING THE HOLIDAYS IS 1300 880 021
Term 1 Week 10
2nd April 2015