NAPLAN over for another year

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who spent four sessions this week finalising their NAPLAN tests. Students were calm and collected and many were proud of the work they had done and excited to find out their results.

A reminder that although there is some emphasis on the results of NAPLAN, it is only one assessment among many others that students do throughout the year. We use all of these together to measure the growth in their learning.

Reminder Book Week Parade is tomorrow

As you already are aware, to coincide with Read Every Day in May month, we are holding our book week parade tomorrow.

When: Tomorrow – Fri 15th May
Time: 9:30am
What: Book Parade
Who: Dress up as a book character

Everyone is welcome to attend the parade. Children may come to school dressed in costume. They may change into uniforms after the parade if you feel their costume is inappropriate to wear the remainder of the day.
Apple for The Teacher – Please Vote!

As most of you already know, Mr King has been nominated in the 105.3 New FM Apple for the Teacher award. Please show your appreciation for all Mr King has done for the children and community of Cooranbong Public School and VOTE FOR HIM. The link is


You can vote as many times as you like!!

To help you in this process, our computer lab will be open for your use whenever you have a moment!!!!

If Mr King wins the school will get iPad minis for his whole class and he will win a gold Apple MacBook for himself. Please help!

GRIP Leadership

Our school captains and prefects will be attending the GRIP leadership conference on Monday 18th May. This is held in Newcastle and will be a fabulous opportunity for our students to further develop their leadership capabilities and skills. It will also allow them to network with other leaders from around the Newcastle area.

Mr King and Mr O’Dell will be attending the conference with the students.

Morisset HS Open Afternoon – 28th May

Our partner high school, Morisset HS will be holding an open afternoon and information evening for all students and their families who are in Year 5 and 6.

It is highly recommended that these families attend this open day and information evening. You will learn about the many opportunities the school has to offer and you will also get to meet their Principal, teachers and 2016 Year 7 advisor. All families will also get a tour of the school.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open on Monday 8.45 till 9.15am and Friday 2.30 till 3.00pm.
When: Thursday 28th May  
Time:  
3:30pm – 5:30pm – Open afternoon  
6:00pm – 7:00pm – Information Night

**Enrolments for 2016**

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2016. This will ensure parents receive all the necessary information before the start of our transition program next term. Some families have already enrolled. If you know of any children who are needing to enrol, please pass this information onto them or you may come and see me.

**Athletics Carnival**

A reminder that this fun filled day will be held on Wednesday 27th May.

**Have a look at the added dates**

Towards the end of the newsletter there is a section called “Important Dates for Term 2”. Please check this every week as some dates may be added. This week we have added the sporting and debating activities that our children will be involved in.

**Payments Made Easy**

Thank you to all the families who are using our post box in the foyer. All payments for school events are now to be placed in this box. Thank you also for using the money envelopes sent home a few weeks ago. If you need more please ask the office.

You can also pay online! Visit our website at cooranbong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and click on $ Make a Payment.
Our registered playgroup at school is growing and more families have joined in to help their children make some new friends.

Please help spread the word about this very beneficial and fun opportunity for younger children.

**When:** Wednesday mornings
**Time:** 9:15-11:15am
**Where:** Our school hall
**Cost:** $2 per family

CONGRATULATIONS! to the students who have achieved their first of 3 licenses in the Kitchen Garden Program (Yr 3-6) This week students participated in a written tool test where they had to identify the tool, explain how it is used and how to be safe with the tool. Some students have moved on the Wheelbarrow test which is a test of physical ability and knowledge.

Next week 4/5 O and 2/3M will have an opportunity to participate in the knife license test, we are asking if parents can help with this by sending in a piece of fruit or vegetable so the student can show their ability with a knife. The fruit and vegetables will be served at the end of the lesson for afternoon tea.

Kitchen Garden classes still require parent helpers in week 7 for cooking lessons. If you have some spare time and would love to come and help in the class and share the yummy food the students prepare please contact Mrs Miller or the office to put your name on the roster.

REMEMBER:

4/5O (Monday) & 2/3M (Wednesday) - Please BRING fruit & veg for class to cut (please bring whole)
Week 7: Parent Helpers required, contact office if you can help. Thank you.

**Get Involved to Help Local Families**

Wow! Our canned food drive is going well with lots of cans being brought in every day. Each week we ask for donations of the following types of canned items:

- **Week 5:** (18/5/15) - Canned baked beans/spaghetti
- **Week 6:** (25/5/15) - Canned fruit
- **Week 7:** (1/6/15) - Canned soup

Your generosity of donations over the coming weeks will be very much appreciated. Thank you, Mrs Tukua

**Important dates for Term 2**

- **15th May** Book Week Parade @ 9.30am
- **18th May** Captains at GRIP leadership
- **18th – 22nd May** Mrs Avery at Professional Development
- **22nd May** Stewart House Day
- **22nd May** Soccer Knockout game - Wyee
- **26th May** P&C AGM at 4pm
- **27th May** Athletics Carnival
- **28th May** Morisset HS open day info night
- **29th May** Boys Cricket match at school
- **1st June** Debating team training
- **3rd June** Life saving skills for students
- **5th June** Financial Literacy K-3
- **5th June** Community forum for individualised learning plans
- **8th June** Queen’s Birthday holiday
- **17th June** Pancake Day
- **26th June** Last day of Term 2

**Entertainment Books**

Entertainment Books are available to purchase from the school. For every book sold our school receives $12 so get on board to help out with this terrific fundraiser.
Great News! This year there is a Digital Membership available where offers are loaded straight to your phone!

To order your Digital Membership go to [http://www.entbook.com.au/3871w5](http://www.entbook.com.au/3871w5). Books can also be purchased directly from the school office. For enquiries call Suzanne Alcorn on 0414 820 190.

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**School Banking is shooting for the stars.**

As at the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students as a medium to raise money by selling products from their school. In just four terms, over 955,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It's a fantastic result that shows thousands of Australian children love to save money.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items to help keep students on track with their savings remains in Term 2, with new savings rewards offered to students. In addition, students now have the option to trade 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.