P&C AGM tonight at 6pm

A reminder that our P&C Annual General Meeting is on tonight at 6pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend. New families are invited to come and join in on the activities and find out how you can help in our school. There are many opportunities to be involved. The meeting will be held in the library.

Thank you for your understanding

Thank you to everyone for your understanding about the disruption to set dates this term. The following dates have needed to be changed due to circumstances beyond our control:

- Athletics Carnival will now be held on Monday 15th June. The back up date is the 22nd June.
- The forum this Friday for your children’s individual learning plans will now be held on Thursday 18th June at 9:30am.

If you are having difficulty downloading our School Stream App to your phones, please do not hesitate to contact the office for help.

This app is a wonderful way to keep in touch with the last minute unexpected changes that may be occurring at school.
Ethics Classes at School

Would you like your child to be part of ethics education at our school? On Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm many children attend Scripture lessons. For those families whose children do not attend these, we would like to get your opinions about if you want ethics lessons instead. We have attached the flyer with this newsletter and are looking forward to your responses about this.

Principal Rewards day this term

Our rewards system this term will be slightly different to what has currently been done at our school. In previous terms any student who had not been on a behaviour card was invited along to attend something special with their peers.

This term we would like to recognise those students who are consistently kind to each other, work hard in all areas of schooling and are polite and friendly to others regularly. Those students will be personally invited for a Principal reward day, in lieu of the reward system that was held last term.

Debating

On Monday a team of our Stage 2 and 3 students attended a debating workshop in Newcastle. This workshop helped develop their skills in debating, where they had time to practise their rebuttals.

“I learnt some handy tips on how to be a good debater” Imogen Yr 6

Thank you to Miss Hardy for organising this experience for our students!
Parent Volunteers Please Note

Please be aware that if you visit the school to volunteer in the classrooms, Kitchen Garden or other activities, we request that you sign in and out in the Visitor Register book in the school foyer. Please remember to call in there first before beginning your volunteer work. Thank you.

Thank you KT

Thank you to the students of KT who performed a terrific poem for us! Their enthusiasm for the performing arts is so wonderful to see.

Year 2/3 Excursion to Fort Scratchley

As part of “Human Society and its Environment” topics, Years 2 & 3 will be visiting Fort Scratchley on 12th June. Children will experience a guided tour of Fort Scratchley tunnels and hear an explanation of the submarine attack on Newcastle in 1942. This will be followed by a visit to Newcastle Cathedral where children will experience a guided tour and view local memorabilia.

Notes were sent home during the week. Cost is $18.00. Please return permission notes and payment to the front office by Tuesday 9th June.

Matter of Seconds – Surf Lifesaving

Yesterday our students were involved in very “hands on” surf life saving lessons.

Feedback from students was very positive as they learnt about the ocean, how to spot a rip and what to do to avoid getting into a difficult situation in the surf.
Unfortunately some early morning rain made the cricket pitch dangerously slippery so we will try to play again in the coming weeks.

In the meantime the school soccer comp. has started up again. In Boys soccer Cooranbong teams Socceroos Jnr. defeating Chelsea 3-0. Good games played by Eddie and Seb. Goals by Cooper and Bailey.

In the Girls soccer match, Cookie Monsters and Despicable Me played a nil all draw. Angelika and Ava were great in defense.

Dancing K-6

Dancing lessons are going really well at lunch time and recess. Students are thoroughly enjoying putting their routine together and are looking forward to performing it for us.

A huge thank you to Georgia Eves who volunteers every Tuesday at our school to enrich the lives of our students through dance. We appreciate all you do for us Georgia!

UniformShop News

At the moment the shop is out of Size 10 dresses, large hats and Size 14Y polo shirts. An order is being placed so please bear with us while we wait for delivery of the items. Thank you.
Family Fun Afternoon

The P&C are organising a Family Fun Afternoon to be held in December. So far the P&C have been gathering sponsors and prize donations - have a look at what is organised so far.....

- Jumping Castle
- Magic Show
- Hunter Valley Mobile Zoo
- Police Visit
- Firetruck and Santa
- White Elephant Stall
- Cake Stall
- BBQ by Playgroup
- Teacher stalls/activities
- Giant Raffle
- Carols

Donations of items to sell at the White Elephant stall are needed. If you have anything to donate please send your items into the school. Thank you so much!

Important dates for Term 2

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Eureka Taekwondo
Traditional Martial Art For Self Defence
Just Turn Up Or Phone for info, all ages welcome.
Cooranbong School on Tuesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm
6th Dan Master Instructor Steve Turner
Ph: 0400 002951 or email: eurekataekwondo@gmail.com
NEW STARTING TIME , 1 Free lesson
Lost Property

Our Lost Property bin is OVERFLOWING with items! If your child is missing a jacket or hat please ask them to look for it in the bin which is outside the canteen.

At the end of term any unclaimed items will be recycled back to the school and uniform shop.

Please ensure all uniforms and items belonging to your child have their name written clearly on them. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Pancake Day 😊

Don’t miss out on yummy pancakes cooked by Mr Ward on 17 June. Order forms were sent home yesterday and must be returned to the school with payment by the end of lunch Tuesday 16 June.

Place your orders in an envelope and drop into the P&C box located in the school foyer.
Primary Ethics Classes

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if:
- their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes and
- Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don’t attend the available Scripture/SRE (Special Religious Education) classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school community or the wider community.

What are ethics classes?

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Our curriculum comprises a wide range of age-appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about these ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people’s points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Our K-6 curriculum has 78 topics, starting with Questions and Puzzlement, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference.

Research shows that well-reasoned moral judgement does not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills accompany individuals into adulthood.

Starting ethics classes at your school

If there are no ethics classes currently available at your child’s school, you should:
- let your principal know that you would like ethics classes for your child,
- go to the Primary Ethics website www.primaryethics.com.au to find out more about our curriculum, information for parents and volunteering, and
- email Primary Ethics at info@primaryethics.com.au to let us know the name of your child’s school and the year he/she is in.

We will contact you and/or your principal to get things started at your school.

No classes for your child’s year?

If there are ethics classes at your school but none for your child’s year, please contact your principal and the Primary Ethics Coordinator to let them know you would like ethics classes for your child. We will need to find a volunteer to start a class, so volunteer yourself or ask your friends/family if they are interested. See www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicsteacher.html
Ethics Classes in Schools

Become a Volunteer Ethics Teacher or Coordinator

Join an active and growing community in Lake Macquarie
Teach children *how* to think not *what* to think
Flexible working environment

Volunteer Ethics Coordinators are the conduit between the school and teachers

An Ethics Coordinator:
- is well organised and able to liaise with school principals, Ethics Teachers and Parents
- interviews, selects and supports the best Ethics Teachers
- is comfortable working in an online environment

Ethics Teachers deliver Primary Ethics classes

An Ethics Teacher:
- engages children in learning about ethics
- is a good listener with a genuine interest in helping young people
- commits to teaching one class each week during school terms

Ethics Teachers undertake
- Police and Working with Children checks
- full free training in the Primary Ethics curriculum
- ongoing online training

Learn more and apply online at [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au)
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