EXCELLENT NAPLAN RESULTS

We are very proud of our NAPLAN results. Our students, teachers and parents have worked exceptionally hard on all areas of school life over the past year and a half and this is certainly working! Our school achievement as a whole is certainly worth celebrating!

A huge congratulations to all of our students who entertained us so thoroughly on Friday afternoon. From dancing, singing, juggling, humorous acts and puppet shows, our students produced some outstanding performances.

Our judges found it very difficult to finalise the winners as the talent was so widespread.

Cooranbong's Got Talent!
A big thank you to Jack for being a student judge and to Taiah and Jacob for making it all happen backstage!

Well done to our winners!

1\textsuperscript{st} Vaai (guitar and singing)
2\textsuperscript{nd} Eddie (circus skills);
2\textsuperscript{nd} Joey (song writing, guitar and singing)
3\textsuperscript{rd} Ella (dancing/gymnastics)

\textbf{SAS Staff Week 31\textsuperscript{st} Aug – 4\textsuperscript{th} September}

Next week we would like to acknowledge the vital role that SAS Staff play in our school!

From looking after the financial management of the school, to supporting students in the classroom and maintaining our beautiful grounds, our SAS staff are amazing.

\textbf{WE WON A BUDDY BENCH!}

Our school was very excited to receive a call from 102.9 KOFM letting us know that due to all the nominations from our Cooranbong families and friends, we won!!

The bench is situated in our enclosed playground and fits in perfectly. Our “Buddy Bench" is for students who are looking for someone to play with and may be feeling lonely. If other children see someone on the buddy bench, they then invite them to join in their game.

These are the rules for it:

1. If you choose to sit on the bench you must say yes to the first friend who invites you to play, or walk or talk.
2. If you see a friend when you are sitting on the bench, invite them to play, or walk and talk.
3. Two friends sitting on the bench can turn to each other and invite each other to play, or walk and talk.

\textbf{Staff Development Days}

On Saturday our staff spent their second weekend at school working on our implementation of Explicit Instruction. This focus for us has certainly brought about some important discussion about teaching styles.
At the end of the year when students finish school on 16th of December, this would normally be followed by two staff development days for teachers. We decided as a staff that we would work on two separate Saturdays instead of those last two days.

These days have been extremely productive and we have been able to action our plans straight away.

Kindy Transition

This week our new Kindy friends for next year had a learning focus around “Construction”. Lots of stories, playing, building and friendship forming took place. What a great group of children!

Bike Education

Our school bike education program began last week. Students were taught a variety of skills that they got to practise.

Lessons will involve learning about the bikes themselves through to road safety, bike skills and how to navigate around obstacles.
Quality Work!

I have had many children visiting me over the last few weeks. I am very impressed with the quality of work that our students are producing.

From Reading, Writing, Spelling, Art and Technology skills… I have seen it all 😊

Congratulations children on the wonderful work ethic you all have!

Life Education Excursion – Mon 31st Aug

A reminder that our students will be visiting Life Education NSW on Monday 31st August.

Thank you to all the families who have finalised their payments for this excursion. A reminder that the cost is $10.

The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW Personal Development, Health and PE curriculum. Feedback is always very positive from students.

Father’s Day Stall

A special day to celebrate the wonder of our dads is getting very close. Our P&C will be holding a father’s day stall.

When: Wednesday 2nd September
Where: At school

There will be a variety of gifts to choose from.
Father's Day Breakfast – Fri 4th September

There will be a special Father’s Day BBQ breakfast at school on Friday 4th September. Please feel free to come along and enjoy a bacon and egg roll with your family. The BBQ will start at 7am under the COLA.

Contact Details

We are currently updating our contact details for your child/ren. Next week a sheet will be sent home. Please make any alterations on the sheet and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Stage 2/3 Canberra

A reminder that our year 4/5/6 students will be heading off for a very educational and fun-filled excursion to Canberra on 7th September. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the office.

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE BY MONDAY 31ST AUGUST.

P&C News

Hello Everyone,

Just a quick reminder on what is coming up.

We have our Father’s Day Stall next Wednesday 2nd September. We will need some helpers for the stall so if you are available to help please see Sue Alcorn.

On Friday morning the 6th September we will be having our Father’s Day Breakfast BBQ. Everyone is welcome to this so tell Dad that breakfast will be on at the school under the COLA from 7am.

So check your calendar, the School Stream App and Facebook as there is a lot going on at the moment. I am sure no one wants to miss anything!

Bye for now,
Steve Ward
PRESIDENT P&C
Keeping Children Safe

This is a FREE six week program for parents & carers.
The program supports parents & carers to become more committed to creating a safe environment for children and young people, both at home and in the community by:

- Recognising abuse and neglect
- Understanding it's effects on children
- Making changes in order to prevent abuse and neglect of children

This group meets on Wednesdays for 6 weeks between 14th October — 25th November 2015 (no group on 28th October)
Time: 9:45am — 12:00 noon
Venue: Woodrising Neighbourhood Centre
80 Hayden Brook Rd, WOODRISING 2264

Morning tea provided.
No childcare available

For referral to the group or enquiries please contact:
Julie at The Canopy 4954 5277
or Sue at CALM 4950 3855

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- Reapply sunscreen every two hours — put a small tube in your jacket pocket
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Be SunSmart and your children will follow your lead. Enjoy the winter!

To help keep your kids safe, check your school’s SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnow.com.au

Bush Tucker - Observations 26.8.15

Object: Black Dragon
I see a Black Dragon fish, with funny looking eyes. He is grey and disgustingly dirty, and I almost had a short-chalk. And the kid has fallen off and it is digging up the dirt. BLEEDING!

Object: Mat-Rash
I see a little plant that is called Mat-Rash. It has bug-bagging round things on top, and they hang off the sides. It's colour is mostly purple. It looks really fragile, that when you touch it, it BREAKS!

Circle of Security

An Invitation from Denise at CALM and Allison from Samaritans Child & Parent Support
Parenting can be tricky for everyone at one point or another. The Circle of Security provides a roadmap for parents to look beyond their child’s behaviour and understand how to meet the underlying needs being expressed. The Circle of Security focuses on the relationship we have with our children, to give them the emotional security they need.

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