Every Student Matters Every Day

Welcome back to another year at our amazing school, where every student matters every day! We are so pleased to let you all know that she will be teaching a 2/3 class this year.

We would like to make a special welcome to all of our new families. We know you will love the individualised and nurturing approach we have with your children. Cooranbong Public School is known for its caring community and we are so proud to be expanding on this community as our enrolments are constantly increasing.

Excellent Classroom Teachers

We are also very excited to welcome our new classroom teachers for 2016. Mrs Kim Frazer has been an integral part of our community for many years and we are very excited to introduce Mrs Christie Walandouw. Christie will be leading and teaching the 4/5/6 class and has a breadth of experience and skills that she will be sharing with both staff and students. Christie is joining us from Pelaw Main Public School where she was relieving Assistant Principal. Welcome to Cooranbong Public School Mrs Walandouw, we are sure you will love it here!
Welcome To Our New Friends

It is with much anticipation and excitement that we warmly welcome our new Kindergarten students. We have spent lots of time with them via our transition program last year but to see them dressed in their Cooranbong Public School uniform and so eager to learn, is wonderful.

There were no tears from students (as they already knew who their friends and teachers were) but there were some bittersweet tears from parents 😊

Our classroom curriculum content began on the very first day and teachers had a very clear idea of where each child’s learning was at, thanks to the transition program and Best Start testing.
Hoax Bomb Threats

As you may be aware there have been numerous hoax bomb threats to schools across Australia since the beginning of the school year. It is believed that the computerised threats are originating from outside Australia. In every case the threat has been designed to cause disruption and there has been no danger to students or staff.

I would seek to reassure you that our school has a detailed emergency management plan. In the event that we receive any type of threat, the students and staff would be immediately evacuated and the NSW police engaged to investigate. If this occurs we would ask that you support the school by not contacting or attending the school as this can interfere with our capacity to manage the event. We will always seek to keep parents informed whilst prioritising student and staff safety. We would give early communication via our School Stream APP and Facebook site.

If you have any concerns please feel free to contact Mrs Avery, so that you can discuss it further.

Swimming Carnival – Next Week!

A reminder that our swimming carnival is going to be held on Tuesday 9th February.

Where: Morisset Pool
When: Tues 9th Feb (next week)
Cost: $7.00

The carnival is for all students who are turning 8 this year and older. A bus will take the students to the carnival from school and will return to school at the end of the day. All families are of course welcome to join in the fun and cheer on your sport team.

Yaccaba – Yellow
Watagan – Green
Tomaree – Red

PLEASE NOTE: Notes and payment are due back to school tomorrow, Friday 5 December.
Meet your Teacher 23rd – 25th Feb

In the next couple of weeks our teachers are opening their classrooms for you!

Water Fun Day – Junior Students

While the older students are at the swimming carnival, our junior students will be having lots of fun at school participating in a water session. There will be a variety of water-based activities for the children to be involved in. Please don’t forget to pack their swimmers, sunshirt, hat, sunscreen, towel and plastic bag. It’s going to be a great day!

School Calendar

There will be a school yearly calendar attached with this newsletter. This will allow you to have time to plan for the events you wish to attend. Please remember that although we will endeavour to work strictly according to this calendar, at times events that are out of our control make these dates change.

P&C Meeting - 11th February

We would like to invite you to attend our P&C meetings this year. Our first meeting will be held on Thursday 11th February in the school library at 3pm.

It is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in your child’s school and be a part of the decision making process.

Voluntary School Contributions

Fees for this year are as follows:
$60.00 per child
$100.00 per family

More information in our next newsletter.
Creative Opportunities

We are very excited to offer a variety of opportunities for your students again this year. Georgia is going to be continuing dancing. This will happen on a Monday and both junior and senior students will be given the opportunity to be involved.

Mr O'Dell has also started the process of inviting students to be a part of his lunch time guitar group. We are looking forward to this.

Drumming will also be available at lunch times for students to learn new skills. Mrs Eves will be leading this in our school. We will definitely keep you updated on these initiatives.

A huge Thank You to our families

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard working families who spent some of their Christmas holiday break at our beautiful school. There was lots of re-arranging, clearing and cleaning in the hall done. Thank you Sue Bryson and Kay Fernance 😊 We really appreciate all you do for us!

Important Dates for 2016

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Canteen News

The canteen will be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Volunteer help is needed so if you would like to be involved please contact our new Canteen Supervisor Jess Smith on
0411 812 468. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Jess Smith for taking on the role of supervisor.

Expect some changes to our menu with some new yummy items added and possibly some price changes. A new menu will be sent home soon.

If anyone has any suggestions for the canteen could you please write them down and pop them in the P&C box in the office.

**P&C Report**

Hello everyone and welcome to Cooranbong school for another exciting year full of fun and learning. A very special welcome to our Kinders, families and students. It has been a very busy start to the year already and there have been a lot of questions asked about the P&C so I hope to answer some of those questions here.

Firstly Uniform shop will be open on a Tuesday afternoon from 2-3pm and on a Friday morning from 8.30-9.30am. If you can’t make it any of these times an order form can be picked up from the front office, filled out and returned with payment (cash only). The order will be filled and sent home with your child. Alternatively to arrange a fitting time please contact Steve Ward on 0408 252 000 or 4977 2166.

As usual the P&C will hold a monthly meeting, our first for the year is Thursday 11th February and everyone is welcome. This is everyone’s school and the P&C’s support is key to our school’s success. So if you have time and want to get involved come along to the meeting.

Watch out for the note about Pancake Day which will be on 24th February. Some help will be required and if you can spare some time on the day, please contact Steve Ward on 0408 252 000 or 4977 2166.

I am looking forward to working with you to help our school reach it’s full potential throughout the year.

Steve Ward, P&C PRESIDENT

The best gift any parent or carer can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading

This week Scholastic Book Club flyers were sent home. It is easy to order. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer, and return the order form to school with payment.

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books – there are also some great gift ideas in the flyers. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classrooms, however there is never any obligation to order.