Local Management Business Reform (LMBR)

As discussed at our P&C meeting last week, this year the Department of Education is rolling out a new finance and administrative system that is going to be used by staff and the office administration team. This system will be very different to the one we are currently working with and the office staff and I will be undergoing sufficient training in it.

This means that the load of work will sufficiently increase for Mrs Sewell, Mrs Burns and I, while the training process is occurring and there will be a number of days where we will need to be out of the school. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time of change.

Social Media Safety

Do you know what your child is accessing online?

Does your child have a social media account?

We would encourage you to be vigilant in knowing and understanding the sources of online content that your children are accessing. It is a requirement of Facebook that children are to be 13 before they are able to have their own account. This is for their safety. If you have any questions about online safety, please do not hesitate to contact us for advice.

Zone Sporting Teams

During Terms 1 and 2, our PSSA Zone hosts trials for students in Years 5 and 6 in a variety of sports including AFL, Rugby League, Basketball, Cricket, Tennis, Hockey, Netball and Soccer. The purpose of these trials is to select talented sportspeople to go on to the
Hunter Regional selection trials. For each of these sports, students have the opportunity to nominate themselves to attend these trials. To be eligible, they must be playing these sports outside of school or be able to demonstrate a high level of skill in their chosen sport. Parents wanting more information about the various trials are asked to speak to Mrs Walandouw.

Zone Swimmers

A huge congratulations to Braxton, Kalyani, Cooper, Tahlia, Bailey, Eddie, Isabelle, Jaydon and Trinitee for the fabulous job you did representing our school at Zone swimming. We are proud of all of your efforts!

Meet you teacher – Next Week

A reminder that next week on Tues, Wed and Thursday you will get the opportunity to meet your teachers.

**When:** Tuesday 23rd Feb (1/2F; 2/3F; 3/4B)  
Wednesday 24th Feb (5/6O; 4/5/6W)  
Thursday 25th Feb (KT, K/1H, 1/2E)

**Time:** 3:30pm

**Where:** School Hall

Please note the change in venue from the library to the hall.

Afternoon tea with the Principal

It was lovely sharing afternoon tea with a group of students who were selected by Mrs Avery and class teachers for a variety of reasons. Some were selected for volunteering their time to help improve the school grounds, some for working extremely well in class and some for being kind and caring students! Congratulations to Joshua, Missi, Nate, Sara, Laith, Bradley, Elvan, Lachlan, Zara, Isabelle and Samuel. Keep up the terrific attitude to school life!

Thank you Wayne

Thank you Wayne for spending the day with us on Wednesday. Wayne helped our children gain some extra experiences where they mulched, harvested and aerated the soil in our many gardens.
The children loved the opportunity to learn some extra skills and enjoyed discussing the worms and grubs that they spotted.

If you would like to volunteer some time and help to keep our school grounds looking magnificent, please contact the school. The P&C and school are currently creating a list of jobs that could be done by volunteers and we would love all the help we can get!

Assembly – Fridays at 2pm

Every Friday at 2pm our school holds an assembly in the hall. Classes each have a turn in running the assembly and get the opportunity to practice their public speaking skills. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to join us.

Zone Cross Country Date

The dates for the Zone cross country that was set for April 29th has now changed to Thursday 28th April.

Easter Hats

The Easter hat parade will be upon us sooner than you think. For those families that are new to our school, we would like to let you know that students Easter hats are made at home. The
children then get to parade them with their class for all to enjoy. More information will be given closer to the time but you may wish to start thinking about what sort of hat you may wish to make 😊

P&C News

Well it has been a busy start to the year and I would like to thank everyone who came to our P&C meeting with their ideas and feedback! We plan on starting a gardening/maintenance group soon when the finer details have been worked out so keep reading the newsletter for further information.

Due to a change in personal circumstances the hours of the Uniform Shop have to change from Tuesday afternoons to Monday afternoons 2pm to 3pm. Friday mornings will remain the same 8.30am to 9.30am.

Pancake Day is next week (Wednesday) so don’t forget to put your order in as I’m sure no-one wants to miss out!

Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2016. The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a $1000 free kids dental benefit on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if you’re children are eligible? Contact your local dentist, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your children are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.

Our famous Easter Raffle will be on again this year which relies on donations from the school community so donations of any items such as Easter Eggs, baskets, raffia, cellophane paper would be appreciated. All money raised from these events goes back to the school to benefit our children and their education. With plans to upgrade our classroom Smartboards and technology, every cent helps! Keep up the good work and bye for now.

Steve Ward, P&C President
Important Dates for 2016

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders for Book Club closed today (Friday 19th February). Thank you for your participation.

TENNIS COACHING

Group coaching is conducted by professional coach Bill Griffiths at the Toronto Workers Club tennis courts on Monday and Friday, Rathmines tennis courts on Wednesday and the Bay Hotel Bonnells Bay tennis courts on Tuesday afternoon and Saturday mornings.

All standards are catered for and beginners are most welcome. A Junior competition is played at the Toronto Workers Club tennis courts on Monday evening.

For further information phone Bill on 0402 274 646

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Keep viewing our Facebook page. The more you Like the posts the more they will show up on your timeline.
School Banking Account Opening Day

Cooranbong Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggley Glow Worm

School Banking day is Wednesday.

We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

Time: 8.30am – 9.30am  
Date: Wednesday 2nd March  
Location: COLA

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. It is possible to open accounts for non-school aged children please bring along their birth certificates. No money required on the day.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS DRONE?

One of our students received a Drone for his birthday. Over the weekend the drone flew out of radio range. If anyone could help our student get his birthday present back he would be so happy. Please contact the school if you have information. Approximately 45cm X 45cm.

Thank you!