State Tennis!

We are all very proud of Eddie who has worked extremely hard on his tennis for many years. Last week Eddie attended the Regional Tennis trials and competed with 20 other students. He played 8 matches and was successful in 6 of these. He will be representing our school at Tweed Heads in May and is very excited about this opportunity.

“There will be some good players there and I think I will do well. This is my first time at State and I’m looking forward to it”. – Eddie, Year 6

Congratulations Eddie on your amazing achievement!

Learning and Support – Mrs le Roux

We are very lucky at our school to have a full time Learning and Support teacher. Mrs le Roux has many roles that she fulfills and works with a variety of students at very different levels of learning.

Mrs le Roux has a vital role as the Reading Recovery teacher where she helps extend students in developing their reading and comprehension skills. Children who are achieving in the zone of high performance will also be given the opportunity to work with Mrs le Roux, so that their skills can also be extended to meet their individual learning needs.
We would love your help

We believe that the community working within the school for our children is very beneficial for everyone involved. Thank you for all of the support that you are already showering on our school and children.

From a very active and proactive P&C, to parents and grandparents assisting in other ways, we appreciate it all. If you would like to help with small group reading or in any other way, please see your classroom teacher who would love some extra support.

Attendance

Attendance at school is very important and a legal obligation for parents to ensure their children are here on time and picked up on time too. School hours are 9-3pm with supervision in the morning starting at 8:30am. Mrs Tukua is in charge of school attendance and spends extra time each week making sure that our Department of Education policy guidelines are being met. She also makes it fun for our students. Every day when a student is at school they receive a “pink ticket”. These tickets are then drawn after a week and the lucky student wins a healthy lunch canteen voucher valued at $5. Thank you Mrs Tukua for all your extra efforts!

Cricket Team

Congratulations to our sporty cricketers who had a very exciting match against Wyee PS yesterday. By all accounts, the day was a huge success with our boys just narrowly beaten. Well done for your sportsmanship and encouragement of each other! Go team Cooranbong 😊

Netball trials

“On Tuesday Tahlia and I went to Wangi netball courts to try out for the Hunter team. There were lots of girls there and the competition was
very strong. It was fun and difficult. We are waiting to find out if we made it through to regionals.” – Jorja, Year 6

**Clean up Australia**

We care about our community and decided to participate in a small way to help keep it clean and tidy. Last week our students worked together and eradicated some unwanted litter from our school grounds and also from the broader Cooranbong community. We were pleased with how little rubbish there was around and have decided that our school and community is certainly a lovely place to be!

The quality of our Writing, Reading and Maths skills are continuing to improve and the eagerness that students are displaying in reaching their goals is exciting to see.

**Taking control of their learning**

It is important for students to take control of their learning and work towards achieving their goals, with guidance from their teachers and families. We are excited about the way students have been doing their daily reading at home, practising their times tables/friends of ten and some have already started working on their vocabulary words at home!

If you have any questions about how you can help your children at home, please do not hesitate to ask.
School Banking

Financial management can start at a very young age. Thank you to Jane from the Commonwealth Bank for sharing some tips with students on how they can potentially start saving money from Kindergarten.

If you are interested in your child being involved in the banking process, please do not hesitate to contact Trish or Sue in the office. Banking day is every Wednesday.

Easter Raffle Tickets

Tickets for our Gigantic Easter Raffle were given out on Monday 22nd February to each family in the school. Each ticket is $1.00 and there are some yummy prizes to win! All money raised goes towards the P&C Fundraising efforts including walkway coverings and smaller projects.

Please return sold tickets to the P&C box in the office as soon as possible. There are more tickets available in the school office. Thank you!

Important Dates for 2016

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P&C News

Hello everyone. Just a quick note to let you all know a new batch of school bags have arrived. Be quick if you want one as they are selling fast! The bags cost $40 and have a 15 year guarantee! Also in the Uniform Shop we are currently out of Size 6 and 8 polos but they are on order, as are Size 10 dresses. As soon as they arrive a notification will be in the newsletter letting everyone know.

Keep the Easter Egg donations coming as this is always a big event and the children really love a chocolate raffle. The more eggs – the more prizes!

Don’t forget the next P&C meeting on Thursday 10th at 3pm in the Library and everyone is welcome. See you there.

Steve Ward, P&C President
Canteen News

The Canteen will be selling Wraps every Tuesday!

Ham or chicken with salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot and mayo)  
$2.00 small  OR  $3.00 large

Help is always needed in our lovely canteen. If you can spare anytime on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday please let the office know.
Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way...
...to serve dinner in a flash.

A stir fry is a quick and easy dinner, perfect on school nights for busy families.
And it includes a range of colourful, healthy vegetables.

Pick and choose your favourite combination of sliced fresh veg – capsicum, zucchini, sugar snap peas, green beans, bok choy, celery, mushroom, onion, carrot and cabbage work well.
Go vegetarian, or add sliced lean chicken, pork or beef.
Mix 2 tsp reduced salt soy sauce, 1 tbsp honey, 3 tbsp water and 2 tsp cornflour in a jug for the sauce.
Prepare noodles according to packet directions.
Cook veg in a hot pan or wok, add sauce and stir to thicken. Remove from heat and serve over noodles.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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Monthly Craft Workshops
Watagan Park, Cooranbong
Card Making - 8 cards for $25
Scrapbooking - 2 page kit for $25
Work on Own Project - $15

Sat 19th Mar 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Sat 19th Mar 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Sun 20th Mar 1:00pm to 4:00pm
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Booking or Enquiries Contact:
Samantha: 0418 355 783 or samanthalbrown14@gmail.com

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What is the Impact of not Going to School Regularly?

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