# eNEWS LETTER





We certainly have had a very busy start to Term 2. We are already at the beginning of Week 5 and so much has happened. Importantly, our Priority School Action plan which is setting our direction for the rest of the year, and indeed into the next 4 years, has been developed and there has been in-depth discussion with staff, the Senior Reviewer and our Assistant Regional Director. The Plan has been presented at the P&C meeting on 17/05. Copies of the plan are available for parents if you would like a copy.



As parents, a key strategy to assist our children to be more accomplished writers encourage them to read. The ability to articulately write is fundamental to success in the majority of career pathways. This cannot be stressed enough. Becoming an accomplished reader and writer begins at a young age when parents regularly engage in conversations with their children and actively encourage reading. As our children progress into secondary education, the focus on regular reading activities may not be seen by some as important as it was in their younger years. Encourage your child to read. This can be in an area of their passion. Take the time to read their work and celebrate their achievement no matter how small. From their feelings of success, they



# Staffing

I would like to advise that our Deputy Principal, Mrs Ramsay, will be away for the rest of Term 2 due to her ongoing health concerns. Mr Garvey will be Deputy Principal during Mrs Ramsay's absence. Mrs Livingstone will be HOSES and Mrs Fisher-Bain will fill behind Mrs Livingstone. I am sure you will join with me and wish Mrs Ramsay a speedy recovery.

It is with a sense of pride, but with a tinge of sadness, as I advise that one of our wonderful Prep Teachers, Mrs Kylie Betts, has been successful in being appointed to an Acting Principal role in Georgetown, Far North Queensland for Term 2. I am sure you will join with me and wish Miss Kylie every success in this new chapter in her life. We welcome Mrs Sally McMahon (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Jennifer Campbell (Thursday, Friday) as Miss *Kylie's replacements for Term 2.* 





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#### **Attendance**

The most fundamental key to success of each student is regular attendance at school. This includes being at school on time each day and being ready to learn. Cooroy State School students are expected to maintain attendance rate above 95% at all times. For Term 1 we had an attendance of 91.8%. An attendance rate of 90% equates to 20 days off school per year, which does not allow for a student to reach excellence. Every day, on time attendance, is THE most important component of a student's success and is expected of every student.

## School Sport

Rugby – 3 of our Year 6 students recently played in the Noosa district and regional games. They were Cameron B, Charlie T and Jett H. Jett H was further recognised and selected to play in the last trial game out of 100 kids into 2 teams. Jett H performed so well he has been selected to play at a National level. Well done to all boys, especially well done to Jett H.

Cross Country – Our team of students went to Noosaville and competed in the District Cross Country. Congratulations to all competitors and especially to Jett O and Finley B who won their individual events and will go on to the next level.





### P&C

I am sure you will join with me in congratulation our wonderful Tuckshop Convenor, Deb Grabham in being awarded a life member of Cooroy State School P&C. This is indeed a special and well-deserved honour for Deb. Deb has worked tirelessly supporting our children and school over many years. The P&C and school are investigating the possibility of building a new Outside of School Hours Care facility which will support the increasing number of families wanting to use this resource. Together with our Business Manager, Mrs Mackenzie, I met with Mr Linnane from Facilities on 27 April to discuss this proposal and gain support for this initiative. The suggested site is on the West Boundary, running North/South across the Northern end car park. This has been added as first priority to the School Infrastructure Plan.

Thank you to the P&C for the great work with the Stencilling work on the concrete path between Year 1 and 2. This work was done over the holidays. It looks very good and really brightens up the area making the area very welcoming. Please have a look next time you are at school.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 17/05/2021 at 5:30 in the staffroom. Please come along and join in with this wonderful group of people who give of their time generously in the best interests of our children.

## Preventing Domestic and Family Violence

May is the DoE's Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Month campaign, reminds us that DFV is never acceptable. As a department, we are working to eliminate domestic and family violence (DFV) in all its forms and are deeply committed to the safety and wellbeing of our employees, students and families. We want to contribute to a cultural change, recognising women are equal partners in relationships. This includes all of us reflecting on our own attitudes, beliefs and behaviours. The actions we take now will change the culture for the future. If any of your relationships include violence, seek help from specialist services DVConnect Womensline 1800 811 811 or Mensline 1800 600 636. To learn more and access resources to support employees and students, visit Preventing Domestic and Family Violence.

### Road Safety

National Road Safety Week is now in its 9th year. With approximately 1200 people killed and another 44,000 seriously injured every year on Australian roads, the Week brings focus to how, by working together, we can save lives and prevent serious injuries. National Road Safety Week is from 16-23 May and the key message is 'Lead the way: drive so others survive'. This is a great opportunity to put the spotlight on road safety and it would be terrific if you can support the initiative. We can all do our bit to ensure that road safety is a priority. Every time you are on the road, choose to drive so others survive. You can show support by:

- Discussing driving safely with your family and friends
- Wearing a yellow ribbon or attaching a yellow ribbon to your car, bicycle or motorcycle

## School Parking & Drop off and Pick up Area and Buses

We have had many parents comment on the situation at the pick-up and drop-off area. Please note that we agree with everyone's concerns. Solutions to these issues are complex and rely on a mix of the school's actions, council improvements and upgrades, policing, state and federal government support and importantly parent and carer patience and understanding. You may have noticed an increase in policing in this area. The Police have advised that they would first be giving warnings. However, they have advised that they will be issuing infringements if the situation does continue as will Council Officers. The school will be meeting with Council Officers and Police on the 26th May to discuss ways to alleviate this present traffic situation.

There are parking rules that apply around schools, especially around school entrances. When using a drop-off and pick-up area you:

- Must use the area like a quick moving taxi rank.
- Need to move forward in the queue of vehicles to the signed area.
- Can get out of the vehicle to quickly help your children to get in and out safely (once in the signed area) however must not walk away from the vehicle.
- Are only allowed 2 minutes in the signed area (if you take any longer you can be fined). If your children are not ready to get straight into your vehicle at pick-up time, you will need to drive around the block and queue to enter the area again.
- Should only let your children out once you have pulled into the signed area (it is dangerous to let them out while waiting in a queue).
- Should teach your children to look out for your vehicle and get in quickly when you pull up
  - Must enter front in (never Reverse).

School staff are at the pickup zone until 3:15 then at this time remaining students are taken to the office and parents called. There are very few cars after 3:05 and it is suggested parents to come a little later and the traffic situation may be alleviated.

### **2021 Camps**

Leadership Day: Countryside Realty & Lori Biffin have kindly donated \$1000 toward the school Leadership Program. We have organised for the 21 Year 6 Leaders and Mrs McClean to travel to the High School Outdoor Education Centre, Mimburi, at Belli Park on the 20th May for a Leadership Program which will include group initiative and survival skills activities to support their leadership aspirations. We are envisioning this to be an annual event.

**Year 6 Camp: Longreach** - Sunday 12th September and returning on Friday 17th September. I am sure our children will enjoy meeting our Western Queensland neighbours and in return our Outback friends will appreciate our visit and supporting their economy. We now have 72 confirmed students attending which is fantastic. With the fall in numbers, this number of students has pushed the costs up over budget, but we have kept the costs to \$800 for each student.

**The Year 5 Camp:** Currimundi Recreation Camp - Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th September. We have managed to keep costs at \$200 per student and 61 students are attending this camp.



#### COVID 19

Thank you so much for your continued patience and understanding as we adapt to the COVID-19 changes and challenges for 2021.

As mentioned in correspondence last Term, the following is the information regarding COVID-19 restrictions for Queensland Schools.

• There is no need to obtain parents' and carers' contact details, as these are already recorded in OneSchool and can be used for contact tracing by Queensland Health if needed.

However, all other visitors need to adhere to COVID19 school visitor and sign-in arrangements.

- Parents and carers can access the school facilities as long as they follow the COVID safe practices. I am also pleased to advise that parents are now allowed into classrooms but this will be limited to a maximum 2 at a time and must follow COVID19 safe principles.
- Parent Volunteers must sign in before going to class and sign out at the office on departure.
- Normal school attendance arrangements apply. If a student is unwell, they must not attend school. As advised by Queensland Health and the Chief Health Officer, anyone who develops a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath should contact their doctor or call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84) and get tested.

While the new normal allows us to go about our daily lives without too much adjustment, we all know the situation can change rapidly. Make sure you stay informed as the restrictions may change based on Queensland Health advice and the Department of Education guidelines.

Richard Barrie Principal

# 2021 AUDITIONS May 25,26,27

In this our 6th year there are 20 FREE scholarships available for students aged grade 3-8 and 6 FREE scholarships for our teenage super band (grade 9-12)

We are currently looking for vocalists, guitar players - both electric and acoustic, bass players, keyboard players, brass & woodwind players, drummers and obviously those who enjoy playing Aussie Rock/Pop songs and want to be part of a real-life rocking band!

Students must be aged from Grade 3 to 8, and the student must be living in and /or going to school in the following postcodes: 4562, 4561, 4563, 4565, 4566, 4567, 4568 4573

For an application pack please email us on eumundirockschool@gmail.com

Application deadline application May 19





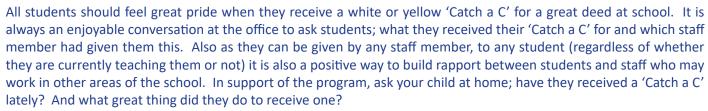
Tuckshop
volunteers
needed.
Drop in
and see Deb

# Deputy Principal's Report

# PBL - Positive Behaviour for Learning

It has been impressive to see the amount of 'Catch-a-C' tickets students have being receiving and dropping into the office. To recap the process, and for those new to school, the 'Catch a Cs' are part of our whole school positive reinforcement program to reward great behaviour choices and actions.

- Each Staff Member receives 10 white 'Catch a C' tickets per week.
- 'Catch a C's' are handed out by staff in the classroom or playground to students who are doing exceptional things in regards to meeting the school expectations of; caring for yourself, learning, others, and the school.
- The 'Catch a C' ticket is shown by the Student to their teacher for further positive reinforcement and an extra stamp on their individual Possum Chart in the classroom.
- Students then place their 'Catch a C' in the 'Catch a C' boxes at the office and each week 10 tickets (5 upper school, 5 lower school) are drawn on parade with the lucky recipient entering the stage and earning a yellow 'Catch a C' which can later be cashed in at the tuckshop for an ice-block!



The 2nd part of the reinforcement program for PBL at Cooroy SS is of course the Possum Charts in every class with the successful completion of charts culminating in students receiving their Post Card, Brilliant, Awesome and Epic Certificates and attendance at EPIC Day in Week 10.

Students should have received their Brilliant certificate at this part of the Semester, and are starting to receive Awesome Certificates to remain on track for the Epic Certificate.

Keep up the great work Students!

Our Weekly Lesson Focus for PBL:

WEEK	MATRIX FOCUS
4	Transition / Lining Up - Care for Yourself Transition / Lining Up - Care for Others
5	*Being aware of Assessment occurring in the school  Playground / Undercover Area – Care for Yourself  Playground / Undercover Area – Care for Others
6	Toilets – Care for Yourself Toilets – Care for Others *Student should have completed Awesome level to be on track to EPIC
7	Eating Areas – Care for Yourself Eating Areas – Care for Others *Please remember that the "Eating Area" is now your classroom.
8	Learning Environments – Care for your School (Including Resource Centre) Learning Environments – Care for your Learning
9	Learning Environments – Care for Yourself Learning Environments – Care for Others
10	Review and Recap



## Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

Cooroy State School's Prep Teaching Team are currently involved in completing the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) from May-July, 2021.

The AEDC provides vital information to communities about how children are developing in the crucial early years. The AEDC instrument will be completed by our Prep Year teachers over the coming weeks.

Parents and Caregivers of Prep Year students have received an email from the school with greater information about the AEDC and are being asked to make contact with their class teacher or myself should there be any questions about the census collection. You will find an information flyer about the AEDC below.

# National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The annual NAPLAN Assessments for year 3 and year 5 students were completed last week at Cooroy SS. Well done to all our students in these years for all their best efforts last week. A huge well-done to all year levels showing extra consideration in maintaining an extra quiet environment during transitions between classrooms last week.

Students and the school receive reports later in the year regarding how our students performed on these assessments.

## Under 8's Day - Thursday 27th May 2021 9 - 10:45am

Under 8s Day will be celebrated on the Cooroy SS oval and Prep Playground on the morning of Thursday 27th May 2021 9 - 10:45am.

We have invited our local day care centres to take part in these fun activities as well. We also invite families in our community with little ones under 8 to please join us to celebrate the day.

Our students from years prep to 2 are involved in a variety of hands-on and fun 'Earth' activities to celebrate being 'under 8'. Our P-2 Staff will be running these fun, free activities for children to engage in. We also have some special guests coming from the Bendigo Bank, Noosa Council, SES, Landcare and more.

Parents please do not be alarmed if we have emergency vehicles on the school grounds that morning as part of the festivities!





VENUE
Noosa District Netball Association, McKinnon Drive, Tewantin

Saturday mornings for 1 hour, 8am to 9am

START DATE 15 May 2021 CONTACT



Soccer X Returns in Term 3!

Look out for registration forms
coming home soon.
Thursday 22/07/2021,
Term 3 Week 2 for 8 weeks.
www.soccer-x.com





# Cross Country 2021









# Our Stars

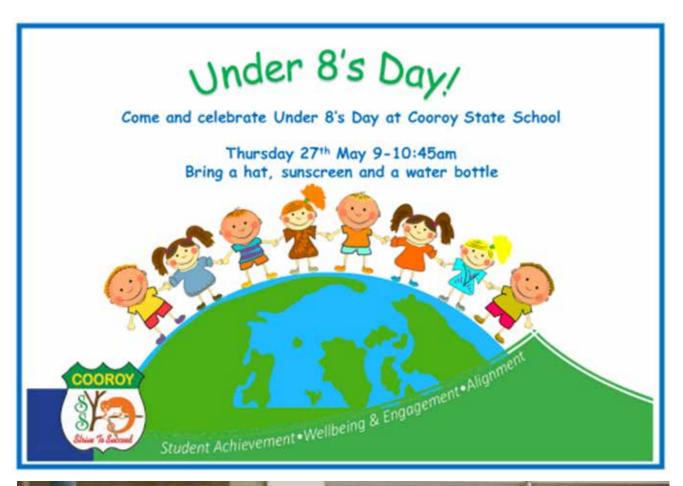
















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Details + tickets:

www.everydayempowered.com.au English



Domestic Violence:
Women's Helpline:
1800 811 811 (24 hours/7 days)
Men's Helpline:
1800 600 636 (9am – midnight
7 days/week)



# The 2021 Australian Early Development Census

# **Counting on parents**

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national census that builds a picture of the health and wellbeing of children as they start their first year of full-time school.

Every school with children in their first year of full-time school has a vital role to play in helping our nation collect the information it needs to support our children and their families as we recover from the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2009, communities, schools and governments across Australia have used results from the AEDC to help provide the right kinds of services, resources and support.

AEDC results for individual children are not reported and individual children cannot be identified.

With the support of parents/carers and schools we can build a more complete picture of childhood development in Australia. If parents/carers consent to the collection of their child's information they do not need to do anything. Parent/carers only need to contact the school if they do not consent to the collection of their child's information.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website www.aedc.gov.au



# **Chappy NEWS**

Hi everyone.

Reminder that Chappy Breakfast is on Wednesdays 8.00am – 8.40am at the back of the hall. Options are toast with jam, honey, vegemite &/or margarine; bananas; milo, juice, or milk (until they run out). A big thanks to volunteers Rev Ron, Gary, Cathy, and Alan from Cooroy Uniting Church for their help serving the toast, and for those students who help pouring and serving the drinks!

I change it up a bit each term for play-breaks, this term I haven't been allocating each year level but instead have been out and about more, or in the Library, or just kept the Chappy room open for whoever shows up. This is a very busy term for me with my Diploma of Youth Work 'Practice Block', including 4 prac assignments that are based on finding out school needs & student preferences and planning and implementing program activities etc. One of them has been working with the Year 6 Student Leaders for their Collective Action Plan. It's great to see their passion to offer support to Prep students. I will be running a 3-week program in the OSHC Hall and another program for Year 2's over the coming weeks too. More programs and activities to come.

If anyone has any unwanted Percussion instruments, particularly hand-drums, that you'd like to donate to the school that I could involve in some Drum Circle Programs, that would be great.

I continue to support allocated students with 1 to 1's as well as keep an eye out for those who need that extra support that aren't currently allocated to me for support. Sometimes I assist in classrooms too during class times.

I've been enjoying meeting some parents around the school, hope to meet many more this year.

For more details on my role 'providing social, emotional and other support to the school community' you can refer to the website: https://cooroyss.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/chaplain

**Chappy Matty** 

# **LANGUAGES - French**

#### Term 2

This term, the Year 5's have been enjoying designing a superhero character who reflects their own cultural identity. In this project, students build on language and language structures learned from the play in the earlier Histoires en action unit to describe appearance and personal qualities.

Our Year 6 students have explored floor plans of Australian and French houses and different cultural terms in both languages. They have created a bi-lingual 2D representation of their favourite personal space within their home environment and are now working on their written text.



### **Language Perfect World Championships**

Well done to all those students who 'had a go' in the Language Perfect Online World Championships which took place towards the end of last term (unfortunately for us, held during the Term 1 assessment block.)

Félicitations (Congratulations) to:

GOLD (3,000 + points)

Milla earned a Gold award, answering a staggering 7,526 questions, earning 3004 points and placing her in the top 1% of the 208,000 competitors worldwide!

BRONZE (1,000 + points)

Lucy H earned a Bronze award, answering 4076 questions, earning 1373 points and placing her in the top 10% of the 208,000 competitors worldwide

CREDIT (500 + points)

Kelsey earned a Credit Award, answering 2273 questions, earning 769 points, and placing her in the top 20% of the 208,000 competitors worldwide.

Stellar effort, girls!

Julie McLanachan

Teacher of French

# TRANSPORT RESOURCES AND LINKS

Please see link below to information resources regarding the Code of Conduct for School Students travelling on buses which is specific to student behaviour on buses.

https://translink.com.au/travel-with-us/school-travel/school-travel-info/code-of-conduct

Below is also a link to TMR's School Road Safety site for further information.

### https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/School-road-safety

TMR, in cooperation with the Department of Education, has also recently developed Journi, a road safety resource for Queensland teachers of students in Years 5 and 6. Journi places road safety into the broader curriculum for students and links with the Australian Curriculum in the areas of Health and Physical Education, and Digital Technologies. Journi features interactive online content that provides a user-friendly, hands-on experience to teach critical life skills for being safe on and around the roads. The program is now available for teachers and parents and can be found at <a href="https://journi.tmr.qld.gov.au">https://journi.tmr.qld.gov.au</a> – it is best used on the Chrome browser.

TMR has developed the Road Safety Education Blueprint, which will guide our approach to road safety education for children and young people from birth to age 24. The Blueprint contains 27 actions across six key areas which supports our goal of zero road deaths and serious injuries by 2050. The Blueprint is underpinned by a whole-of-life approach to road safety education, seeking to equip and empower everyone in the community to play their part. The Blueprint has now been published, and can be found online at the following link: <a href="https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/roadsafetyblueprint">https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/roadsafetyblueprint</a>.



# Do you or someone close to you have a NDIS Plan that requires a Plan Manager?

**Plan For Me** recognises that every participant is an individual and may require different levels of support when it comes to Plan Management.

We manage your NDIS funding so you can rest at ease knowing that your finances are all taken care of so you can focus on what is important.

With *Plan for Me* you can choose how much involvement you would like in the process, you can leave it all to us or engage with us every step of the way. It's all about your choice and your control.

To find out more about how *Plan For Me* can help you, contact us today. We can help advise on the best options to ensure you get the most out of your NDIS funding at *NO COST TO YOU*.

# PE & SPORT NEWS



### **DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

Hands up if your idea of fun and fitness is to run a hilly, muddy and jostling cross country race? Well, that's exactly what 20 of our top Cooroy runners completed in the recent District Cross Country competition, held at Noosaville school.

Our Cooroy students raced with great tenacity throughout the 2km(10yrs) and 3km(11, 12yrs) course competing against a large contingent of runners from 15 of the district's schools.

Congratulations to ALL of our students on committing to compete and striving to succeed! Great teamsmanship and competitor spirit was evident on the day and it was wonderful to see students cheering their team mates along throughout the races.

### A special congratulations to:

Finley who came 1st in the Boys 12 years category.

Jett who came 1st in the Girls 11 years category.

Jett and Finley have received invitations to represent Noosa District at the Regional Cross Country held in early June. Best of running luck to these two fantastic competitors.

# Hillary Dwyer/Ben Brown Managers



# **Eumundi-Kenilworth Road Batter Protection**

**Construction advice: April 2021** 

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to advise that construction works to support and strengthen a 50m section of roadside batter on the eastbound side of Eumundi–Kenilworth Road (west of Gheerulla Road) will commence soon.

When complete, the works will provide a safer road for motorists and include:

- minor vegetation clearing
- selective tree removal to accommodate the works
- excavating the eastbound lane pavement and existing slope batter
- reconstructing the slope batter and eastbound lane pavement
- amending signage and linemarking, as required.

Please note the excavation and reconstruction of the eastbound lane pavement will reduce Eumundi-Kenilworth Road to single lane only in the construction zone, which will temporarily restrict traffic flow. Temporary traffic signals will be in place to control traffic during construction.

TMR understands roadworks can be frustrating for nearby residents and road users and acknowledges the cooperation and patience of stakeholders during construction.

#### What to expect

Works will commence late April and will take six to eight weeks to complete, weather permitting. While every effort will be made to keep disruptions and noise to a minimum, please note the following:

- Work hours will be between 6am and 6pm, Monday to Friday.
- Traffic management will be in place for the duration of the works. Motorists can expect lane closures, reduced speed limits and traffic control. Variable message signage will also be in place on both approaches to the construction area.
- Road users can expect delays of up to ten minutes.
   There may be times when road users experience longer delays and, as much as possible, these will be managed outside of peak travel times.
- Noise and possible dust from construction activities and machinery can be expected.
- Reversing beepers and flashing lights are a safety requirement and will be used during working hours.
- Priority access through the work zone will be given to emergency vehicles.



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### Contact us

For further information contact Project Manager, Connor Prince.

Call: 5451 7055 Email: northcoast@tmr.qld.gov.au Write to: PO Box 1600, Maroochydore Qld 4558

All information contained in this communication is accurate at the time of distribution, however, works and dates are subject to change due to circumstances outside of TMR's control.





# We would love your help...

Noosa Come Together 2021, the festival now in its 5th year is growing strongly from its small beginnings. In 2016 a group of enthusiasts joined together to raise funds to ensure that the "Sailability" sailing program for children and people with disabilities would continue on the Noosa River. The inaugural event raised \$10,720, which ensured the continuation of the programme for another year. Last year the event raised \$20,500 with the generous support of the first Noosa Busking Championships. The combined proceeds of these events were donated to Sailability for the Disability Sailing program, plus Riding for the Disabled and the Disability Surfing Association. In the 5 years since the inception of Noosa Come Together, great progress has been made with a significant increase in the audience, actually doubling in size, with



the incorporation of the Noosa Busking Championships, part of the Australian National Busking Competition. The event provides an affordable day out for local families, and from across the coast. Activities include children's rides, international food stalls, two music venues showcasing local and disabled artists in addition to wellbeing and lifestyle stallholders.

Local Business houses proudly Sponsor this great event, which is held on the beautiful Noosa River foreshore, and we like to get local groups and schools involved and this event, so this year we are asking for art and decoration submissions for our stages.

If you think this is something your school or group would like to be part of by creating stage decorations and the like for Sunday's festival, we would love to hear from you.

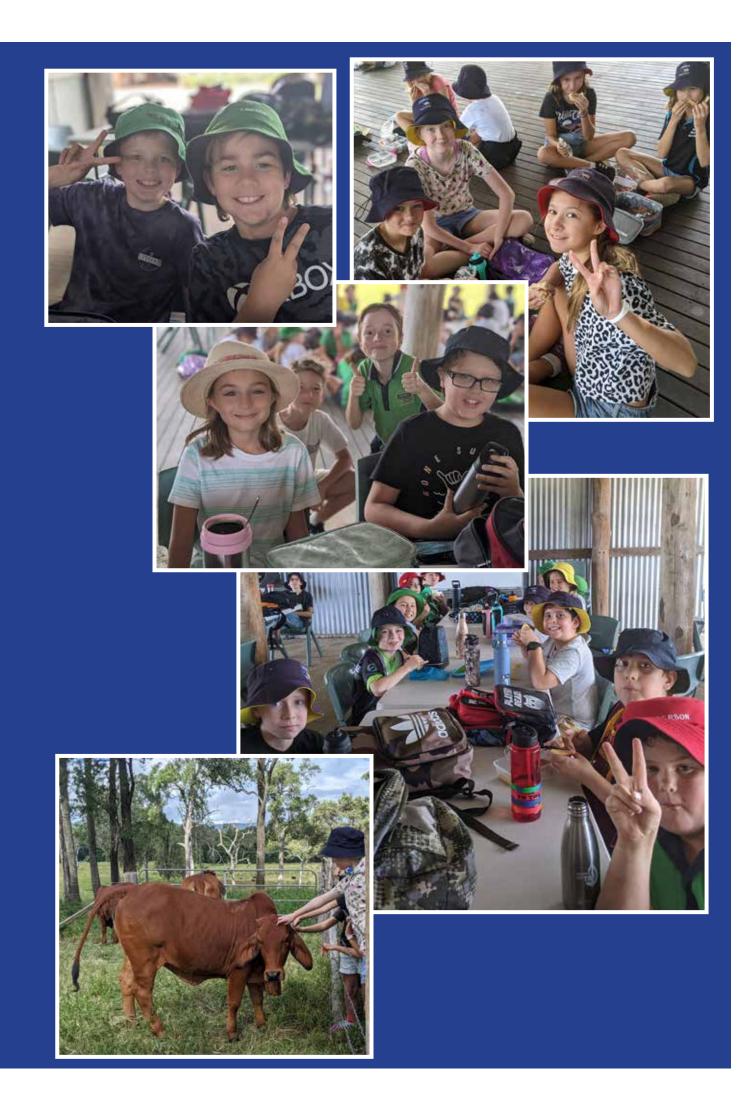
Please contact Rosie for more information. roslar123@hotmail.com



# Year 5 Mimburri Visit









# Forest Acres Family Daycare

Family daycare located at Lake MacDonald for children from birth to school aged. Nurturing care and education delivered by an experienced educator.

- Diploma qualified educator with over 12 years of early childhood education experience.
- · Small group settings of up to four children per day.
- · Limited vacancies available.
- · Care available from 8am-5pm.
- Vacation care available for school aged children.
- Huge flat natural play spaces for children to explore.
- High quality child led programs.
- CCS approved for eligible families.

Bonnie Davis

Phone- 0423 962 057 Email- forestacresfdc@gmail.com Facebook- Forest Acres Family Daycare





# GET INVOLVED THIS NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

From 16 – 23 May, we remember those we have lost on our roads and commit to #DriveSoOthersSurvive.

Show support by checking out your local buildings and bridges lit up in yellow, displaying a yellow ribbon on your vehicle, taking a pledge to drive without distraction, participating in socially distanced or virtual events and talking about safe driving.

roadsafetyweek.com.au