3 February 2014

Principals Report

After just one week I know I am going to love being Principal of this school. I have really enjoyed talking with children, letting them ask me questions (some of which were very interesting), playing handball, getting down on the oval and kicking the football, getting into classrooms and spending time learning about how the school operates. I have been very impressed with the way the children interact with each other, the professionalism of the staff and the welcome from the parents I have met.

2014 is shaping to be a great year. Last week under the Queensland Government’s “Great Results Guarantee” program, we were notified we have been allocated just over $107 000 this year with a focus to support reading, writing and / or numeracy in the early years. This is a very welcome injection of funds. As a school community, we will be working on the most effective ways to allocate the funds to have the most impact on students in our lower school. The P&C are required to be involved in the process so I will be consulting with them. If you would like to know more go to http://www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee

Last week, I sent a note home with information about a few meeting s this week so I can introduce myself to you and talk about the year ahead. These will be held after assembly on Tuesday and Wednesday and at 7pm Wednesday evening. These will be short and should last no longer than 30 minutes and it is an opportunity for you to get to know me better and also for me to outline priorities for the year. I hope you can attend one of them.

I have been very pleased with how the year has started. The children have been polite, well mannered and respectful. In my talks with them I focussed on showing respect to all people here at school and it is theme I will continue to push. My aim is to have a school where children are challenged in the classroom, have opportunities to excel in all areas of the curriculum, are happy and want to come to school. I look forward to working with you to achieve this.

Have a fabulous week!

Regards

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A Couple of Reminders:

Hats: Our school is a Sun Safe school and as a part of this it is school policy that only hats with a brim are to be worn at school. Caps are not acceptable. We have had a few students with caps last week but for their own protection, they will not be allowed into the oval or playground without a broad brimmed hat.

Jewellery/Make Up/Nail Polish: Our school uniform policy states clearly what is acceptable. No necklaces or chains are to be worn around the neck unless they have religious significance. They can easily get caught up during sport and other activities so please leave them at home. Ear rings should not be dangly as again, these can be an issue in the playground and during P.E. Please ensure make up and fingernail polish is removed before school. Bracelets can also be a potential hazard so there is no need to wear them to school.

Our school uniform and sun safe policy can be found on our school web site.

Thank you for your support.

Drop Off/Pick Up: For safety reasons this is only to be done at the northern end of the school. The southern entrance is not suitable for parents to be dropping off or picking up.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

What a great start to the year! It was fantastic to see students and parents enthusiastic and excited about returning to school.

The SWPBS committee has worked very hard over recent years to implement positive programs within the school that aim to educate children around appropriate behaviours and how to be an active citizen, both within the school and wider community.

This year we have a slight change on our committee, with Steve Spencer leaving the SWPBS committee to pursue a role on the Curriculum committee. Thank you Steve for your hard work and dedication over the years! Stepping into his place will be Tony McIlroy from year 3. The new committee will look like:

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To start off the year all students have been issued with new possum stamp charts in readiness for a great year! By following the expectations on the Expectation Matrix (please see below) students have the chance of earning a possum stamp on their chart each day. In addition to this students can earn a ‘Catch-A-C’ which allows them an additional stamp as well as going into the weekly parade draw where they could win a tuckshop prize. Each time a Possum Chart is filled students take it up to the office and put it into the Possum Box. This information is then processed and a reward returned to the student. The progression is as follows:

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All students that achieve their Epic Level by the end of the semester also receive their face and name in the Epic Slideshow shown at parades and entry into the Epic Celebration Event held in the last week of school, semester 1.

If you have any further questions regarding the SWPBS committee or processes please talk to your classroom teacher or a committee member.

**2014 Student Leadership**

Congratulations to those students who were selected as School Captains, School Vice-Captains, Council Presidents and Sports Captains for 2014.

Classes, from year 5 up, will now go through the process of selecting a Class Captain to represent their class on the leadership committee.

Then, on Wednesday 19th February, all student leaders have the opportunity to participate in the GRIP Leadership day held at the Nambour Civic Centre. More information will go out to student leaders in due time.

**P&C NEWS**

On behalf of the Parents and Citizens Association I would like to welcome our new and returning families to Cooroy State School for 2014.

The CSS P&C is made up of a dedicated group of volunteer parents who are supported by school administration to run a committee that reflects the views and expectations of the larger parent body.

The P&C provide OSHC service, uniform and tuckshop facilities and contribute an allocation of funds to the school annually, this is achieved by the support of our families with various fund raising events throughout the year for example: Prep - 3 Disco's, Mothers Day/Fathers Day Stalls, Sausage sizzles at all sporting events and of course the annual end-of-year Concert. We will always welcome a helping hand, so if you are interested in joining in on the fun with any of these occasions we will be happy to have you! We can be contacted on: cooroysspandc@gmail.com if you would like information on how you could assist with events throughout the year.

The P&C meets each month varying from 'After Parade' meetings to ‘Night Time’ meetings throughout the year, this provides an opportunity to any parents interested to join in, meetings are advertised in the newsletter and new faces are always welcome.

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**PLEASE NOTE: UNIFORM SHOP HOURS FOR 2014**

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**Thank you Robyn**

**Curriculum Corner**

Welcome back. I trust that everyone had a well-deserved rest and have come back reinvigorated. As we start a new year, there are many fun, exciting and challenging activities being organised behind the scenes for students to engage in. A couple of things to keep an eye out for in the next few weeks will be the following.

**U2B Project**

Selected students and parents have been notified at the end of 2013 of this Numeracy Project. We will commence in week 3.

**Junior Summit Program**

Cooroy SS will again be working closely with Noosa District SHS to provide new learning experiences for students. Information will be coming out this term for successful applicants.

**Parent Information Evening.**

Every year we provide parents an opportunity to come along and meet their child’s teacher and find out what is happening in their child’s education for the year. This will be after school on Tuesday the 18th of February. Details to follow.

**Seven Steps In Writing Success**

On the January Pupil Free Days, Cooroy SS teachers undertook a one day training session on the teaching of writing. This was
fun new learn will received teaching this successful given delivery by that their all this is School to some parents to text day a families year have and an for child Eggs policy per the invoiced as while first Enrolment is delighted come students form $20 towards resources to support The Arts – art and Mathletics cost welcome for 1’s you first all lessons areas. the over Monday no planned 2011. be learning all vmack2@eq.edu.au form have your operates information welcome families $15 strategies and to Resource can Student sites, science for the done Resource next families. to Resource form have your in invoiced as which membership to on-line sent Resource pool. in essential commence with forms. Section the to Resource to Association the new you classroom Student enjoyable special books. in to of two past will user-pay will will supporting 51 P in returned all if this the this at by form one for recap website the the school’s to support our writing. We and Student Science” Training pink Plus : child in Year 5 = $60 (Student Resource using the PE which membership to on-line learning site membership to the office) new learning High 2014 the part are require and last writing. It or on will year, the school’s and office (pink on for students) will registered & be the registered school will provide supporting resources for families. We will have returned their pink forms will be invoiced for the Enhanced Student Resource Scheme while all families will be invoiced for memberships for all on-line learning sites.

Invoices will be detailed on a Statement that will be sent home by post next week.

If you have already paid your Student Resource Scheme, no invoice for this will appear on your statement.

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AS AN EXAMPLE:

If you have two children, one in Year 2 and the other in Year 4 in 2014, you will be paying at total of $170.

The breakdown would be :

- Child in Year 2 - $60 (Student Resource Scheme) + $35 for the user-pay on-line learning memberships for Year 2’s = $95.00
- Plus : child in Year 5 = $60 (Student Resource Scheme) + $15 for Mathletics = $75
- Total for both children = $170

If you would like any further clarification on any of the information in today’s Blog, please either come in and see me or contact me by email at vmack2@eq.edu.au or on 54722012.

Veronica (Vonnie) Mackenzie
Business Services Manager

PHYS ED NEWS

Term 1 in Physical Education

An action packed term of PE and sport is planned for students in year 1 - 7.

TERM 1 SWIMMING – YEAR 1’S ONLY

Next Monday 10 February, just the Year 1’s will commence swimming lessons at the High School pool. A note will be going
home to the Year 1 parents this week with a full explanation of the program. Cost will be $35 per child and payment will need to be made either in full or part-payment by next Monday. We do payment plans for anyone who would prefer this option so don’t hesitate to ask about this at the Office.

Year 2-6 students will participate in gymnastics and jump rope skills for the first 6 weeks while our year 7 students will consolidate their gymnastics with circus skills including plate spinning, juggling and stilt walking. Later in the term, students will participate in winter game skills including soccer, netball, basketball & football.

Noosa District Sport Trials

Trials to select Noosa District teams will be held at various venues in term 1.

Year 6 & 7 students who are interested in attending any of these trials will need to demonstrate a high skill ability (for their age) and need to regularly participate in that sport.

An information letter and permission note will be sent home with students who are nominated to attend the district trials.

This will need to be returned to the school office by the due date before students may attend the trials. Sports and dates for term 1 are detailed below.

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Active After School Communities Program

This term we will again be running an Active After-School Communities (AASC) program at school commencing in week 3.

This Australian Government program is run by the Australian Sports Commission and provides opportunities for primary school children to participate in free sport and other structured physical activity, after school.

Specific details of the program are as follows:

- **What**
  - Active After-School Communities (AASC) program
  - Tennis – 3:00 to 4:00pm
  - Rugby League – 3:00 to 4:00pm

- **When**
  - Tennis – commences Wednesday February 12 (wk 3) and concludes Wednesday March 26 (wk 9)
  - Rugby League – commences Monday February 10 (wk 3) and concludes Monday March 24 (wk 9)

- **Where**
  - Tennis – tennis courts
  - Rugby League - School oval

- **Year levels**
  - Tennis – Years 4-7 students (boys and girls)
  - Rugby League – Years 2, 3, 4 students (boys and girls)

- **Numbers**
  - A maximum of 16 students will be able to participate in tennis and a maximum of 24 students in the Rugby League program. It will be a ‘first in–best dressed’ basis.

- **Coaches**
  - Tennis – Rob Schmidt
  - Rugby League – Nathan McLean (Noosa Pirates)

- **Cost**
  - Free

- **What to bring**
  - Hat & water bottle, tennis racquet if you have one.

- **Purpose**
  - To focus on increasing physical activity and improving skills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

‘Participation Consent forms - Parent/Guardian’ are available at the office and will need to be completed to confirm participation in the program.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the above programs, please collect a ‘Participation Consent form - Parent/Guardian’, complete it and return it to the school office as soon as possible.
Top Tips on Health (for more interesting info visit www.1Seven.com)

Here are some simple tips to ensure your children enjoy healthy and tasty snack and lunch options at school.

What to include in lunch boxes

In hot weather try to include an icepack or frozen drink to keep foods cool.

* Fruit – fresh is best – cut into small pieces then wrap or seal in a container.
* Protein food – lean meat, tinned tuna, chicken, boiled egg, legumes, and nuts
* Vegetables – corn on the cob, small container with mixed veges such as carrot & celery sticks, snow peas, cauliflower, cucumber, cherry tomatoes,
* Dairy food – cheese stick or slice, grated cheese, yoghurt
* Breads & grains – wholemeal wrap, roll, pita bread, crackers, rice, pasta rice cakes (for variety- change these each day)
* A frozen/cool drink – water is best or 100% fruit juice

Refer to kids section of www.1Seven.com.au for exact serving sizes

What to leave out

* Cakes, donuts
* Lollies, jams
* Fruit bars /straps (high in sugar)
* Chocolate bars
* Potato chips/savoury snacks
* Cordials/softdrinks
* Fatty meats such as salami
* Packet noodles

Lunchbox tips

* Prepare lunches the night before if possible
* Get your kids to help make their lunch (even young ones can get food out of the fridge or put the filling on the wrap).

This way they are more likely to eat it!

* Ask your kids to write down (or help them write) their lunch menu for the coming week (even if it’s one thing they want to eat each day)

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* Make small packets of dried fruit and nuts for snack foods
* Celery, carrot and cheese sticks are yummy snacks.
* Celery boats – fill celery sticks with peanut paste (no oil or sugar added)
* Pasta or rice with vegies and ham / chicken / cheese mixed through
* Spaghetti bolognaise or meatballs
* Chicken legs

* Include a special note from you such as “have a great day!” love from ………

Refer to www.kidspot.com.au for yummy kids recipes

DEVELOPING YOUR CHILDREN’S MOVING SKILLS at HOME

Your very young children are learning about their bodies and how to control them. Body awareness and control are essential skills in every sport.

Children start to learn these skills in play and in movement games at home.

This week I have outlined some activities that develop children’s

Sense of touch, hearing and sight
Balance
Strength
Coordination
Spatial awareness

We always start with a warm-up.

This week the focus is on children aged 3-6yrs old.

Whole body warm up
Galloping, skipping, jumping, shaking and moving to music

Multi Sensory activities
In the backyard, play with a sprinkler or hose with the water just trickling, or play in a wading pool.

Touching activities
Make a “feely” bag or box to hide objects in that your child can try to identify by touch. Make some play dough and mould into shapes (see recipe below)

Improving balance
Stand on 1 leg - like a stork or swinging the other leg or on tip toes or with eyes shut

Strength
Tug of war using a bath towel
Rolling an adult over
Pulling themselves up a slippery slide using the arms
Raking leaves in the yard
Climbing stairs using alternate legs
Crab walk – move along the floor with hands & feet with tummy towards the ceiling

Playdough recipe - (adult supervision required)

2 cups white flour
1 cup salt
water
1 tablespoon oil
edible food colouring

Mix in a few drops of food colouring with the water. Mix together flour, salt and enough water to make a workable dough. Mix in oil thoroughly. Store playdough in a plastic bag in the fridge.

Until next time….have fun!

Chappy Chat
It’s great to be back to start an exciting new year.
My days at school remain the same as last year being every Tuesday and Wednesday and I look forward to catching up with everyone over the next few weeks.

Chappy Chap begins Tuesday 4th February for Years 1, 2 & 3. We meet in the library every second break for some craft and fun.

Breakfast starts this Wednesday 5th February. We open from 8:00am to 8:30am and all are welcome to come and share toast with vegemite, jam or honey plus juice and Milo milk. No cost. This is a great way to start the day and get ready for a day of learning.

I hope you all have a fantastic 2014.
Chappy Ett

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COMMUNITY NEWS

EUMUNDI JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB - The “DRAGONS”

www.eumundidragons.rugbynet.com.au

Our official sign on days will be Saturdays the 1st and 8th February (10:00am to 12:00 pm and 3:30pm to 5:30pm) at our home fields – Eumundi Showgrounds, Black Stump Rd, Eumundi – just on the Northern side of town heading back to the Bruce Highway.

Potential players who are unable to make these days + times will still be warmly welcomed at any time up until mid-March. Probably the best time for these players to meet us all here at the club would be on training days – TUESDAYS for U10’s to U14’s and THURSDAYS for all age divisions (U6’s to U14’s) – 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Training will start on Thursday 13th February.

Cheers, Doug
djtoms@bigpond.com

BMX AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL
SIGN ON DAY

TRACK LOCATION
One Mile Sports Complex, off Wises Road, Gympie

DATE TO COME & TRY
Sunday 23rd February 2014 2pm to 4pm

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