8 December 2014

Principals Report

Where did the 2015 school year go? I was reflecting last week that it was exactly a year ago I came to Cooroy for my initial visit before taking up my role and one of the first things I saw was Robyn and her team getting prizes wrapped for the concert. My initial impression was of a school with a great community spirit. That has been reinforced during the last 12 months.

This year has seen many great achievements both in and out of school. Our students have continued to work hard, show respect and impress everyone they meet. We have an outstanding staff in all areas of the school and whenever help is sought, parents and the community are always there to support our children.

This time of year we sadly farewell some of our staff. Debbie Niland is moving to Mary Valley State College at Imbil, Melanie Brewer will not be returning to us from maternity leave but instead has been transferred to Gympie West SS, Nerida Beattie is taking 12 months leave and Cornelia Sutton and Ruth Fisher-Bain complete their relieving contracts. I would sincerely like to thank Debbie and Melanie, in particular, for the wonderful work they have done in educating the students of this school over many years. Your contributions will be missed.

Good luck to those families moving on to other places. It is a special time for our school system as two cohorts of students move on to High School. To all our year 6 & 7 students, I wish you good luck for the future. You have benefitted from a wonderful foundation through your time here at Cooroy SS and are well set up for the years ahead. I look forward to visiting Noosa District SHS in years to come to share your successes. Your farewell this Thursday will be a very special day.

To all families and community members I’d like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. 2015 promises to be a great year for Cooroy SS and I am very much looking forward to sharing it with you.

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Principal

Thank You:

…to all staff and P&C members for your help with the concert on Thursday night. It was a great evening made possible by so many people helping.

…to everyone involved in Grandparents Day and our Care and Share concert on Wednesday. This is something very special we do for the community here at school and it is loved by not only our visitors but also by the students. Thanks to Chappy Ett, Melissa Lafferty, Rosie Giblett and everyone who helped make it such a success.

….to Jenni Harrison and her helpers for getting our float in the Christmas in Cooroy parade. I know the rain played havoc with their plans but it was great to see so many children and staff representing our school and looking so happy.

Parade 2015

Next year we will have change of format for parade. On the first and last Wednesday of the term we will have a full school assembly. On alternate Wednesdays we will have a Junior and Senior parade. Prep – 3 assemblies will be held on weeks 2, 4, 6 & 8 each term while 4 – 6 assemblies will be held in weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9 each term. Assemblies will commence at 2.15pm. The reason for the change is that we are losing too much prime morning teaching time with the way we run them at the moment. This will give teachers and students around 20 hours prime teaching time back. It will mean you can come and watch assembly before you pick your child up rather than when you drop them off. This change has been agreed to unanimously by staff and at the last P&C meeting.

'OUR STARS'

[Image of students]
2014 Swimming Carnival

The winning team for 2014 is PATERSON!!

House Team Points:
1st – Paterson 407 pts 2nd – Cook 387 pts
3rd – Oxley 234 pts 4th – Lawson 229 pts

Congratulations to all students who participated by swimming their best and cheering for their house team.

Students who placed 1st, 2nd & 3rd in FINALS will be invited to represent Cooroy SS in February next year at the Noosa District Trials.

Our 2014 Age Champions:

Boys
9yrs – Louis
10yrs – Zac
11yrs – Joden
12yrs – Tomas
13yrs – Thomas

Girls
9yrs – Georgia
10yrs – Grace
11yrs – Olivia
12yrs – Tess
13yrs – Lara

A special thanks to everyone who helped out on the day including: Andrew Cowan from Cowan Taylor Aquatics (starter)

Cooroy Dolphins Swim Club committee members (timekeepers)
Bill (setting and packing up shade tents)

P & C committee (sausage sizzle)
Jake from Cowan Taylor Aquatics (coffee!)

The fabulous Cooroy SS teachers and aides (recording, timekeeping and marshalling)

And of course the students (enthusiasm!!)

Chappy's Corner - Grandparents Day

What a fantastic day we had celebrating Grandparents Day last Wednesday. We were further blessed with the company of the Share and Care group, representatives from Rotary and the Bendigo Bank.

A video was shown of the children of Timor receiving their shoe boxes which we had sent off from our school and it was exciting to recognise some of our very own shoeboxes.

The entertainment was fantastic. You have every right to be so very proud of our students as they all did a fantastic job.

Thank you so much to our teachers and parents who supported the day by way of donations of delicious goodies for morning tea. The response was amazing.

On a personal note I would sincerely like to thank you all for your continued support of chaplaincy throughout the year and a special big thank you to my wonderful volunteers from the Cooroy Uniting Church and for their fantastic sponsorship of our breakfast programme.

I hope that each and every one of you have a wonderful Christmas, an enjoyable school break and a healthy and happy new year.

Chappy Ett

Day of Excellence

2014 Junior Summit Graduation

2015 Student leaders Speeches

Excellent effort with our leaders Speeches last week. Good luck students with your interviews today!
P&C News - End of Year Concert

A big thank you must got to all the people that helped out for the End of Year Festival.
It was great evening and everything went off well.

B.S.M.'s BLOG

Thank you to all the people who have so far returned their Student Resource Scheme Form to the office. Tanya Roland was the lucky winner whose name was drawn out at the End of the Year Concert on Thursday evening. She will receive her children’s 2015 Student Resource Scheme Contributions free. Congratulations Tanya!!!
We are still urging parents to return their Student Resource Scheme form before the end of 2014. This will save a lot of “chasing up” when school returns. Thank you.

School Security Over the School Holidays

Security of a school can largely depend on a community working together to protect what is without doubt, one of its greatest assets – the local school. We ask that everyone be vigilant over the summer holiday break and report any unusual activity in and around the school to either SecuritySchool Watch on 131788 or alternatively, call the Cooroy police on 54425030.
We will again have the support of our local Police and Complex Security, who will be both making regular “walk throughs” of the school over the holidays. Recent vandalism has made it impossible for us to tolerate any use of the grounds by skateboarders or other unauthorised people.

Thank you again for a terrific year.

Vonnie Mackenzie
Business Services Manager
Workplace Health and Safety Officer

PHYS ED NEWS

Rec Sport

Over the last 4 Friday afternoons, our year 6 & 7 students have participated in Gymnastics, karate, boxing and badminton.
Thank you to the Cooroy Gymnastics Club, the Badminton Club, Mark Evans (boxing) and Jason Kelly (karate) who gave our students the opportunity to try these sports.

Free Badminton!!

Every Saturday from 2pm the badminton club offers free badminton for everyone. Racquets and shuttles are provided.
They will give you tips to improve, or lessons, or you can just come & play!
How great is that!!
The badminton club is straight up the road from IGA.

Phys Ed and Sport 2015

It will be another exciting and jam packed year of events of sport in 2015.
In term 1 this year, our year 1 students had the opportunity for the first time to participate in swim lessons. Our year 2-5 students had lessons in term 4.
Next year, the goal is for all year 1-6 students to have learn to swim lessons with year 1 and 2 students swimming in term 1.
Other major events will be:

Term 1

• Cross country and Fun Run
• District sport trials and selections
• District Swimming Carnival

Term 2

• District sport trials and selections
• Interschool sport
• District Cross Country
• ARL Development Cup

Term 3

• Track and Field Sportsdays
• Billy Moore Rugby League Shield
• Interschool Sport
• District Track & Field Carnival
• T20 Cricket

Term 4

• Surf Skills
• Rec Sport
Sports Holiday Crossword

Get out there with your friends and family!

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Colour in the squares that you complete on your holidays.

Try to “move” your body everyday for 2 hours.

To keep your body healthy remember to

**Move your body... it is better than doing nothing!**

Eat healthy fresh foods for most of the time!

Drink plenty of WATER.

Get lots of sleep...9-10 hours every night!

2 hours of TV & computers per day is the maximum recommended amount.

P&C NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following dates in the new year.

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EFTPOS and Cash only

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Community News

EUMUNDI XMAS CAROLS

Saturday 20 December
Eumundi Amphitheatre
Gates Open 5.30pm
FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE PARK

“Pomona Night of Lights”
Saturday 20 December 2014
Stan Topper Park
6.00pm – 8.30pm
For more information contact Pomona Community House on 5485 2427

Dance Form Professional Studio
Presents
UNLEASHED
2014 Annual Concert
Sat 13th December 2pm
Nambour Civic Centre
Or dial & charge 54757777

Come & join us for an afternoon of dance
for all the family to enjoy!

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