16 September 2014

Acting Principals Report

I can’t believe third term is almost over. So many events have happened showcasing the great work being done at Cooroy State School.

Congratulations Cooroy State School: Kids teaching Kids – First Place voted by the audience. Well done to the students and Mrs Holland who impressed all with their presentation “3”.

The year 5 leadership camp was a great success with all students working well together to solve many puzzles around leadership. The camp instructors commented on how well behaved and cooperative the students were. Thanks to Mrs Harrison, Mrs Maclean and Mrs Greentree for organising this great activity.

Well done to the Prep teachers and students for the great roll out of the XO laptop program in Cooroy School. Please come along and visit the Prep Classrooms and see the little green machines in action supporting our Prep Students Learning.

Miss Honeywell has been interviewing many Preps and their parents for 2015 and enrolment numbers are looking very good.

As this is the last newsletter before the holidays please stay safe and enjoy the break.

Richard Barrie
Principal

Go Cooroy!!!

Ice Bucket Challenge raises over $1300

Congratulations Cooroy State School and our wonderful Teachers and community for getting behind this important fundraiser. Thank you everyone

‘OUR STARS ’

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

As this term draws to a close, I am very proud to say that it has been a great term, both academically and behaviourally. Well done and thank you to all students, parents and staff for making it such a great term!

The student focus for the following weeks will be:

Week 10

• Revision of all areas of the Matrix

Prep Open Morning

The next Prep Open Afternoon will be held Tuesday 14th October starting at 2:00pm within all three Prep rooms. Parents and children are welcome to come have a look around, meet our wonderful staff and join in some fun Prep activities. Coming to the Open Mornings helps to familiarise your child with the classroom space, playground and other students of 2015. All welcome!

If you have not yet enrolled for 2015 please call the office for an enrolment pack and to make an interview time.

Language Matters

Again, well done to all our MLTAQ Speech Contest entrants! As I encounter colleagues and parents from other schools, I hear of Cooroy State School being recognised as an ever-present entity among the more successful schools. My thanks to all who made the additional effort to dig out medallions from previous years, to enhance our last ‘Speech Contest parade’ featuring Year 7 students. I am also grateful to Mr Chris Roff, Noosa District SHS Principal, and Ms Margaret Fairhurst, President of the Sunshine Coast Alliance Française, for giving up their time to come and present medallions and certificates.

On to the ‘next big thing’... next Wednesday evening, some 10 -12 Year 5, 6 and 7 students will be assisting with a presentation I am giving at the University of the Sunshine Coast. This is part of a newly launched seminar series for Languages Educators aimed at teachers and lecturers with an interest in improving their teaching. Quite simply, we’re doing a demonstration of all the great target language interaction that has become a customary part of our French classes. As well as promoting the AIM approach for more effective Languages teaching in general, here is another opportunity for us to showcase our students’ achievements and also enable them to do a bit of ‘community service’ on behalf of the school. My thanks, yet again, to all the students and the parents involved. The Cooroy SS reputation spreads far and wide and as a result, I have been invited to make a presentation at the MLTAQ Biennial Conference, October 2nd and 3rd in Brisbane.

Great State. Great Opportunity.
Bonnes vacances à tous! Happy holidays to everyone!

Monsieur Rugins.

B.S.M.'s BLOG

Changes in the Front Office for Term 4:

Ann has been offered the opportunity to broaden her professional experience in schools and has accepted a temporary (at this stage) 0.6 transfer to Mooloolah State School for Term 4. Consequently Ann will be working with us only Tuesday and Thursday during Term 4. Justine Harvey will join us in the Office for the 10 weeks and will share the front desk position with Ann. Annette will move to fill Ann’s current position and will be concentrating more on HR and some Finance roles. We wish Ann the very best in her new venture.

Security of our School -

With the holidays nearly upon us, it is a good opportunity to remind everyone of the importance to keep watch on our school over the September holidays. For the second week-end in a row, we have encountered unwanted visitors in the school. Although there was only minor damage to school property on both occasions, we need to remind the public that it is illegal to be on school grounds without the prior approval of the Principal. Trespassing on school grounds is considered a serious offence and any offenders will be referred immediately to the Police. Please phone School Watch on 131788 or the Police on 000 if you see anything out of the ordinary or are concerned about the security of the school.

Finance –

It is reassuring to see that a lot of overdue accounts have been finalised since our last Statement of Accounts was posted out. We will be posting out to parents another final Statement for 2014 during the first couple of weeks of Term 4. Please contact the school if you need to discuss any discrepancies on your account. Important to note that, for continuing students, all unpaid invoices will carry forward to 2015.

Facilities and Grounds –

The last few jobs in our most recent Direct to Market facilities project, are due for completion during the holidays.

- Internal repaint of the Prep building (both classrooms)
- Replacement of a section of our front fence (section in front of the main hall)
- Replacement of both sets of stairs to K Block

We also need to carry out some urgent tree work. The royal palm located in the Prep playground has become a serious concern. For the past year, we have engaged an arborist to “band” the tree to limit it dropping its large fronds during its “self-cleaning” phase. These bands need to be routinely replaced and, as the tree grows in height, are proving to be an extremely costly annual maintenance issue. The tree is now reaching an unmanageable height and the risk of the palm dropping its very heavy fronds, is now too great, given its present location. If you would like further information on the tree and the identified risks, please don’t hesitate to phone me on my direct line 54722102 or email me vmack2@eq.edu.au Our Arborist is also happy to provide information if required.

Have a very safe and enjoyable holiday break. I look forward to another great term when we all return.

MAGPIE NESTING SEASON …………

It’s that time of year again - magpie nesting season. We again have a magpie that has chosen to nest in a tree near the southern entrance to the school. The advice from National Parks and Wildlife is:

- Leave it alone and avoid the area where possible
- Advise children to walk in groups - magpies are reluctant to swoop a group of people.
- Don’t swing or throw sticks or objects at the magpie - this just makes it more aggressive and determined to attack.
- Wear protective head gear - broad brimmed hat.

The nesting season is for just 6 weeks so it is simply a matter of educating everyone (children and adults alike) to live in harmony with our nesting friend. Children who usually walk to and from school through the southern entrance should be reminded of these precautions - contrary to some opinions, no controlling body (eg., National Parks and Wildlife/Noosa Council etc) will remove a nesting magpie from its territory unless the bird has become excessively aggressive and dangerous. In our circumstance, this is not the case.

Vonnie Mackenzie
Business Services Manager

Curriculum Corner

Whole School Intervention

Congratulations to all of our Year 2’s, 4’s and 6’s for an excellent effort during the last target this term. I have witnessed amazing improvement in literacy and numeracy this term. It has been wonderful to see all children so engaged and meeting their potential. We will keep you posted for next terms targets.

Interschool Maths Olympiad

On Thursday the 18th of September, I will be taking a group of Mathematicians to the Interschool Maths Olympiad held at Tewantin SS. This is always a great event and a lead up to the Sunshine Coast Maths Tournament that takes place at the end of October. I am always very proud of our Cooroy students as they do very well in the competition and display such wonderful team spirit.

If you are a parent of a child involved, and available, I still need a couple of helpers to assist on the day. It would be much appreciated.

Farewell

I would also like to extend my farewell to Cooroy as I leave to go on Maternity Leave at the end of term 3. I will miss you all, but plan to return mid 2015 and have every faith that my replacement will continue the great programs and initiatives that are already in place.

Happy holidays to everyone!
Bye for now!!

“Learning never exhausts the mind.”
Leonardo da Vinci

Kathryn Cook
Curriculum Coordinator - STLaN - ASOT - GEM

PHYS ED NEWS

Cooroy SS and Noosa District Dates

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District Athletics

All our Cooroy athletes should be proud of their efforts at the Noosa District Athletics Carnival. The results for athletes who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd are:

**Boys 10yrs – Sam (Age Champion)**
- Shot Put – 2nd
- High Jump – 2nd
- Long Jump – 2nd
- 100m – 2nd
- 200m – 2nd

**Boys 12yrs - Connor**
- 800m – 3rd
- Shot Put – 2nd
- 200m – 3rd

**Boys 13yrs – Blake**
- 800m – 1st
- Boys 13 yrs - Ewan
- High Jump – 3rd

**Girls 11yrs – Lillie**
- Shot Put – 1st

**Girls 13yrs – Sophie**
- Shot Put – 2nd

Billy Moore Cup

Mr McIlroy has been preparing his footballers for the Billy Moore Cup with training in lunch breaks.

The boys are looking sharper and have some set moves to break the line of their opposition.

Good luck next Wednesday to both Mr. McIlroy and his team.

Run strongly and remember the words of one famous footy player on the art of tackling – “grab, hold, fall!”.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for all year 2-5 students commence Monday October 13 (week 2) in term 4 at the Noosa District High School Pool.

A note has been sent home notifying parents and carers of all information.

Please return the activity consent form to class teachers if you have not done so.

Students will travel to and from the pool by bus.

Swim lessons are conducted by qualified swim instructors.

Cost for 6wks of swimming lessons, transport and swim carnival is $35.00. This was included in the bulk invoice at the start of the year.

If you have not paid, please do so before swimming commences.

It is a requirement that payment is received before students may participate in swim lessons.

Days and lesson times for each class will be confirmed once the timetable is finalised with Noosa High School.

A note will be sent home as soon as possible with these details.

Year 4, 5, 6, 7 Holiday Crossword

Get Fit While Having Fun!

Colour in the squares that you complete on your holidays.

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

Remember:

- Any kind of activity 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!

P&C NEWS

P-4 DISCO

Thursday 18thseptember – 5 :30pm to 7:00pm in the Main hall
COST $5 per child or $10 per family
THEME: “SPOOKY”, so dress in your scariest outfit
There will be a DJ, games, Dancing, prizes and loads of fun! 
This is the last disco for the year, so come along and enjoy!

Cent Auction
The date has been set; add it to your calendar – SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER. Any donations will be appreciated, please leave at the Tuckshop with Deb.

HOURS FOR UNIFORM SHOP 2014
Monday - 8:15am to 9:00am  
Thursday - 2:15pm to 3:00pm  
Other times by appointment

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STUDENT BANKING
Student banking is on every Wednesday.  
Introduction packs are available from the Tuckshop.  
Student rewards can now be ordered anytime once students have ten tokens.

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Community NEWS

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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