24 November 2014

Principals Report

Here we are with just 3 weeks to go of the 2015 school year. In the next few weeks we have some great events with our swimming carnival, Grandparents Day, Life Ed continuing, Day of Excellence, school concert, report cards and our Year 6 & 7 Farewell. Wow what a fantastic way to end a great year. As previously advised, our Year 6 & 7 Farewell will be on Thursday 11 December from 11.30am – 1.00pm.

It is important that all students attend right up until the end of the year. Our attendance rate has fallen well short of our goal of 95%. To date it is 92.4% with semester 2 so far, only 92%. A child attending school at that rate will miss more than one whole year of school between Prep and year 12. How can they be expected to achieve their best? Please, when reports come home, have a look at the number of days absent and think about how many of these may have been able to have been avoided. It’s hard to keep up when you are not at school.

Teachers have been putting a lot of time and effort into organising classes for 2015. We will do our best to meet any requests you made but please be aware that there are a lot of factors to be considered when putting classes together.

We will be having a whole school assembly on Wednesday before Grandparents Day to share the video of our shoeboxes arriving in East Timor. You are most welcome to attend. There will be no assembly for Prep – 3 on Tuesday.

We had an excellent P&C Meeting on Tuesday night which was well attended. The P&C has pledged to support the major upgrade to internet infrastructure next year. Education Queensland is offering a dollar for dollar subsidy to schools to roll out wireless technology. This is a very rare offer and without P&C support, will not happen in our school. It will enable us to purchase and use iPads, tablet devices etc. in classrooms as well as the internet capability of our XO laptops.

My thanks to our P&C Executive who stepped up to the positions this year when we initially struggled to find people. They have done an outstanding job as they have learnt the ropes. I am indebted to them. To Kelly Witte, Dana Olsen, Nichole Christensen and Tess Roper, thank you for the hours and hours of work you have put in to this so far.

Please keep checking our Facebook page and website for updates over the next few weeks and, of course, see what notes you can find in the bottom of your child’s school bag.

We will be doing a newsletter in the last week.

Until then...

Des Principal

WIN WIN WIN

The Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club’s Youthsail Program has donated a Yachting Australia Tackers Sailing Program to one of this year’s Cooroy Primary School students.

Tackers is the Yachting Australia National introduction sailing program for 6-12 years olds and the course has a value of between $330.00 and $365.00

Tackers is offered during both the school term and during the school holidays.

- The School Term program runs for 7 x weeks on Sundays mornings from 9.00am till 12.00pm – Value $330.00
- The School Holiday Tackers program runs from 9.00am till 1.00pm for 5 days (Mon-Fri) – Value $365.00

Either of these two program will be made available.

If you would like to win this and are aged between 8 and 10 years of age, please send your name and a short statement saying why you would like to do the course and why you deserve to be the winner to the school office by Friday 28 November.

Please only enter if you know you will be able to take up the prize.

'OUR STARS'

Debating

Four students from Year 5 have recently participated in the Noosa District Debating Competition. Chloe, Maddie, Bianca and Zac worked diligently to research, prepare and practise their debates. The students faced stiff competition from Noosaville and Tewantin schools and have gained invaluable
experience in public speaking. Well done to these students, all of whom are very keen to participate again next year.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

We have had the first of our EPIC wristbands go out last week, what a great achievement!

The student focus for the following weeks will be:

Week 8

Care for Your School in the Whole School environment

- I am responsible for my behaviour
- I wear my school uniform
- I am a positive role model at school and in the community
- I take responsibility for solving my own problems

Week 9

Care for Your School in the Learning Areas

- I keep the classroom tidy
- I care for property

Student Leaders 2015

The student leaders’ selection process for 2015 leaders is well underway with many, many students putting name in the hat. So far students have both nominated themselves or other students for various positions and submitted their application portfolios for review. Well done to all students that have had a go so far!!! Positions available are:

- 2 x School Captain
- 2 x Vice Captain
- 2 x Council President
- 2 x House Captains for each sports house

The next step in the process is the announcement of the short list. The shortlisted students will then prepare a one minutes speech to be held at parade on either Tuesday 2nd or Wednesday 3rd of December. These students will then sit an interview with myself, Mrs Harrison and a P&C representative.

Final leadership positions for 2015 will be announced Wednesday 10th December.

Karina Honeywell
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Corner

I thought I would put a few helpful hints together over the next couple of newsletters.

Parents and caregivers are their child’s first and most important teacher. To underestimate the impact parents have on their child’s reading success would be a mistake. Alongside reading the words there is also the comprehension of these words. Parents do this like it is second nature, ‘Tell your sister what we did at the park today,’ building a foundation for understanding how narratives work.

Helping your child develop accurate reading comprehension skills involves giving them the tools they require to apply to all sorts of books and literature. Before reading, first talk about what they might expect to read, look at the pictures and discuss some of the language that might be new. This can also be adapted for older or more capable readers as well. They can skim through the text looking for new, unusual or interesting words they may not have come across before.

Vocabulary knowledge is fundamental to effective reading as our knowledge and understanding of any topic is directly related to this.

By immersing our children, no matter what age they are in vocabulary it will assist their learning gains across the range of subjects.

Colleen Greentree
Curriculum Coordinator

B.S.M.'s BLOG

The following letter is being posted home this week to all families from Prep to Year 5 in relation to our 2015 Student Resource Scheme. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE LETTER CAREFULLY AS IT RELATES TO HOW THE STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME BENEFITS YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN’S EDUCATION DURING 2015.

When did the Student Resource scheme start at Cooroy?

As part of our focus on delivering a high quality curriculum, the school introduced in 2011 an Enhanced Student Resource Scheme. The scheme is supported annually by the school’s P & C Association. Read more about the scheme and its guidelines and policies at:

http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/services/Pages/Student-Resource-Scheme

Why do we ask parents to complete a Participation Agreement Form?

Every year, we ask parents to complete, sign and return the Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement to the school office to register their willingness to partner with the school in providing extra resources to support their children’s learning. We have attached the form here as a PDF should you wish to download it now.


If you choose this option, we ask that it be completed and returned before Wednesday 3 December. You will however receive a printed copy of the form in the mail if you would prefer to wait.

What is the purpose of the scheme?

The purpose of the resource scheme is to enable the school to purchase enhanced learning resources to support your child/children in many curriculum areas and it replaces the need for you as parents, to purchase expensive text books. Please note that in 2015, the scheme will include on-line learning
memberships for both Mathletics and Reading Eggs for those year levels that are using them as part of their class learning.

**How much will participation in the scheme cost?**

Participating students will be invoiced as follows for the 2015 year:

- Prep to Year 3: $95/child
- Years 4 to 6: $75/child

**How will my child benefit from participating in the scheme?**

Firstly, all children will be automatically signed up to the relevant on-line learning sites at the beginning of Term 1. This will enable children to start the year with access to the appropriate resources.

Participation in the scheme will provide the following benefits for your child:

- **Membership to Mathletics (P to 6) and Reading Eggs (P to 3) on-line learning sites.**
- **Resources to support The Arts – art and craft consumables and enhanced resources for music and dance not covered by the school grant, applicable to both the specialist learning areas as well as to each class.**
- **Resources to support Technology/Science – enhanced resources for use in the science and technology programs.**
- **Resources to support the production of class workbooks/worksheets and teacher prepared material to compliment all curriculum areas.**

Please note that the Student Resource Scheme does NOT include any excursions/ incursions or camps that occur during the year for your child’s year level.

**What if I choose not to participate in the scheme?**

Should you elect not to participate in the scheme, you are still required to return the form, indicating your intentions. As it is important that all children receive the same educational opportunities, our Business Services Manager, Vonnie Mackenzie will contact you during Term 1 to make an appointment to discuss the alternative arrangements for providing these same resources for your children during 2015. This would involve you providing your child with the memberships to the on-line learning sites – Mathletics membership alone currently costs $99/student if you register your child individually.

**How do I pay for participation in the Student Resource Scheme?**

Once we receive your signed Participation Agreement Form, we will invoice you for the fee relevant to your child’s year level. Families of more than three children will only be charged for the first three children from youngest to eldest. (For example, if you have four children in Prep, 2, 4 and 6, you will only pay for the children in Prep, 2 and 4). Payment may be made in one full payment in Term 1 or by three instalments during the term with the final payment due no later than 2 April 2015. Any of the following methods of payment are accepted:

- Payment direct to the office by cash or EFTPOS.
- Payment by electronic funds transfer to the school’s bank account

  Account Name: Cooroy State School
  BSB 064-440 Account Number 00090060

Unfortunately, where payment has not been received by 2 April and no alternative payment arrangements have been entered into, children’s memberships to the on-line learning sites will be suspended until payment is received.

**What if I experience difficulty paying?**

If you experience difficulty in meeting these timelines, you are welcome to take one of the other payment options:

- Payment through Centrelink (Centrepay) – fortnightly deductions toward your student resource scheme (as little or as much as you can manage).
- Payment plan with the school – a signed agreement with the Business Services Manager which gives you flexibility to pay for the scheme across three terms instead of one – a great option!

Thank you for your continued support and contribution to your child’s education.

**BE AN EARLY BIRD – RETURN YOUR SIGNED PARTICIPATION FORM BY WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER, AND GO IN THE DRAW TO RECEIVE ALL YOUR CHILDREN’S 2015 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME CONTRIBUTIONS FREE!!**

**WINNER DRAWN ON THE NIGHT OF THE CONCERT ON 4 DECEMBER**

**STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FOR 2014**

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very special thank-you to all the parents who made such a terrific effort and commitment to pay the Student Resource Scheme for 2014. A lot more families took advantage of paying by direct deposit and there are now a number of families who have opted to have their Student Resource Scheme deducted through the Centrepay scheme. We had a very small percentage of unpaid invoices at the end of term 3 which we are chasing up now with personal phone calls.

**Vonnie Mackenzie**

**Business Services Manager**

**Workplace Health and Safety Officer**

**Resource Centre News**

A big thank you to the families that supported this year’s book fair with record sales the library was able to keep over $2000 worth of books. The school library appreciates your continued support of this worthwhile event.
Chappy's Corner

The year is moving ahead far too fast for me and very soon we will be into Christmas Craft, but before then we have a very special day coming up on the 26th November.

We want to celebrate the fantastic contribution to our lives that Grandparents make. The day will begin with a full school parade after which Grandparents are then invited to visit with their grandchildren in their classrooms.

At around 10.15am we invite all Grandparents to return to the hall and together with the folk from Share and Care to enjoy a specially programmed concert followed by a delicious morning tea.

If at all possible would you please RSVP to your grandchild’s class teacher or to the office by Monday 24 November.

We look forward to welcoming you on the day.

Until then keep smiling.

Chappy Ett

PHYS ED NEWS

Cooroy SS Swimming Carnival

It’s on tomorrow!! Our swimming carnival is Tuesday November 25.

All parents, carers and friends are invited to watch and cheer!

TIME: Start 9.30am, presentations 2.00pm, depart 2.20pm.

AIMS: 1. House team competition, fun & participation by every student.
2. Assist in the selection of our school team for the Noosa District Swimming Carnival February 2015.

VENUE - Noosa District High School Pool (Cooroy)

COST - None

WHAT TO WEAR - Swimming togs, shoes, hat, sunscreen school uniform with house colour T shirt, (come to school wearing swimmers)

WHAT TO BRING - Swim bag, towel, rash shirt, DRY clothes to change into, swim cap for long hair, sunscreen, water bottles(2), Goggles are optional (all CLEARLY MARKED WITH NAME) Healthy lunch and some money for the Sausage Sizzle!

WHAT NOT TO BRING - Crepe paper, glass, coloured hair, lollies, clothing not marked with name.

RULES – In races, students may remove rash shirt.
At all other times it should be worn with their hat.
- All girls please wear ‘one piece swimmers’.
- Students are not to leave the pool grounds. Students leaving with their parents/carers must advise their class teacher.
- Students should be in their designated house area unless they are in an event that has been called to be marshalled.

SUN POLICY - Students will be kept in the shade when not competing and encouraged to apply sunscreen each time they exit the water.

RACES: All Heats are 25m. All swimmers are timed. Finals are 50m. The six fastest swimmers for each age group swim in the final. Races for Yr 4 & 5 students who are unable to swim 25m efficiently will be swum over 12m. Fun relays and age relays across the pool for everyone.

Cooroy SS and Noosa District Dates

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Swimming Lessons

Six weeks of swim lessons for our year 2-5 students are over until next year.

A huge thank you to our fantastic swim instructors.

Georgina Taylor, Jen (from CowanTaylor Aquatics), Jules Clifford and Jeff Braggins.

Ashlee Bonnell also helped out with our Monday classes for one Monday.

All our instructors have said they have been pleased by the improvement with children’s skills and impressed with the way they listened and tried to do their best. Well done to all our swimmers. Keep it up over the holidays!

School Calendar

Please click on the link below for a copy of the 2015 School Calendar.


End of Year Concert

The End of Year Concert is on Thursday 4 December. The draft times for the concert are:

- 3.15pm Prep & Year 1
- 3.45pm Year 2 & 3
- 4.30pm Year 4 & 5
- 5.15pm Year 6 & 7

A full concert program will be sent home this week.
Hamper Tickets/End of Year Raffle

Last week raffle tickets were given to the oldest in the family to take home. Additional tickets can be collected from the tuckshop. Hamper raffle tickets are $1 each and the End of Year Raffle are $2 each.

End of Year Prizes are:-
1. Rolling Esky, 66ltr, filled with goodies
2. Digital Camera
3. Stihl Electric Blower
4. Pamper Pack
5. Oztail Portable Gazebo 2.4m x 2.4m

Many thanks for the donations we have so far for the hampers, we are still collecting items so please keep them coming.

Wrist band for Rides

The P & C Association will be providing unlimited rides for your children’s enjoyment again this year. A wrist band order form will be coming out this week. Wrist bands will be $15.00 for the 1st child, $10.00 each additional child or $15.00 if purchased on the day.

Spencil Book Covers

Spencil Book Cover order forms went home last Thursday. Please send completed orders with payment to the office or Tuckshop by Friday 28 November.

Spencil Bookcovers
Now available through the uniform shop.

Throw that contact away and start using these non-toxic, reusable book covers. A great time saver for the busy back to school period.

The book covers come in a variety of designs to suit school children of all ages and are available in 3 different sizes.

If you would like to order these book covers please complete the form below, and return with payment to the office, no later than Friday 28th November. Any enquiries please see Robyn at the uniform shop during opening hours – Monday 8:15am to 9:00am and Thursday 2:15pm to 3:00pm.

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We have stock arriving weekly for all of your uniform purchases for 2015. There is payment of EFTPOS and Cash only available. The Uniform Shop will be open on the following dates as detailed below:

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STUDENT BANKING

Wednesday 26 November is your last chance to place orders for the student banking rewards.

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