26 May 2014

Principals Report

It’s hard to believe but we are already half way through Term 2. Congratulations to all students in years 3, 5 and 7 for their efforts with NAPLAN. I know they did their best and it is good to have it over for another year.

Our students have been involved in many activities over the last fortnight apart from NAPLAN. Interschool sport started on Friday for years 6 & 7, we have had students competing at District and Regional competitions across a whole range of different sports and our Languages students are doing incredibly well in the world wide Language Perfect competition. Keep your eye out for the next editions of the Cooroy Rag and Noosa Today for articles about our school.

Last week was Chappy Week across Queensland where we celebrate the amazing work Chaplains like Chappy Ett do. We are very lucky to have her here and I am sure your children will tell you about the very positive impact she has on our school. Thanks to everyone who participated on Cup Cake Day on Wednesday.

This week a number of our students will be participating in a Youth Parliament at Maroochydore. This is organised by the Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, Fiona Simpson MP. Our students for the purpose of the exercise are members of the government and have the opportunity to debate a bill as they do in Parliament. It is a great opportunity for them.

I have noticed a large increase in children wearing loom bracelets and necklaces. Our school uniform policy states quite clearly that the wearing of necklaces, bracelets etc are not allowed and loom bracelets and necklaces fall into this category. These are not to be worn at school.

Thanks to Wythes Real Estate we will have a monthly award to reward students who are giving their best at school. This will commence in June. I would like to thank Wythes Real Estate for their support.

Until next time

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PREP 2015:

We are now taking names of students who are eligible to start Prep next year. If you have a child born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, they will be able to commence Prep next year. Please contact the office so we can take your details and provide you with information about open days, information sessions and enrolment packages when we finalise them.

If you know of other people in the community with children in this age bracket, make sure you tell them what an amazing school we have and get them to enrol. You are our best sales people! Spread the word – be proactive!"

As we are losing two groups of students this year with both year 6 & 7 going to high school, we really need to strong Prep numbers to maintain our staff.

If you know anyone who wants more information before our Open Days, Karina and I are happy to talk with them.

'SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT'

Many students have now achieved their EPIC level wrist bands, or are very close to. Congratulations on achieving such a high behaviour standard!

The Year 4-7 Multiple Catch-A-C winners were announced last week, well done to these students!

The student focus for the following weeks will be:

Week 6

Care for Yourself in the tuckshop area:

- I wait my turn
- I sit and eat in the undercover area after buying tuckshop
- I make healthy choices
- I only buy food for myself or my brothers and sisters

Care for Others in the tuckshop area:

- I use manners
- I line up quietly
- I follow instructions
- I help to get the tuckshop boxes to the tuckshop early
Week 7

**Care for your School in the tuckshop area:**
- I put rubbish in the bins
- I use the bag system
- If I have money to spend, I wait until after the play bell to buy from the tuckshop

**Care for your Learning in the tuckshop area:**
- I order lunch before school

**LANGUAGE MATTERS**

Awesome! Epic! Brilliant! Wicked! Is there a perfect adjective
to describe the effort being made by our Year 4 – 7 students
in the current Language Perfect Online World Championships?
They have so far collectively answered over 250,000 questions!
This year I have been having a go myself, although my points
don’t count, to get an idea of what the students are going
through. I am restricting myself to French only, and I calculate
that it has probably taken me around 4 to 5 hours to amass
my 2000 points so far, and that’s with my lifelong knowledge
of French! As such, the effort by our students is remarkable
to say the least. It is well known that there are short cuts to
quick points – the Japanese characters and the numbers in the
Latin based languages for example. Beyond that however, it is
a slog! So chapeau – hats off to all our students who have put
in the time and effort so far. Of around 1100 schools taking
part globally, we are in 42nd place as I write (60 hours in to
the competition) and as far as I can see, schools 1-41 are all
secondary schools or colleges! For schools of our size (100-250
entrants) we are 11th. A top ten finish would be a nice bonus,
but the undeniable advantage out of all this, is that hundreds of
students are developing a knowledge of languages that will stay
with them for the rest of their lives. The World Championships
finish on Thursday 29th May after which, I dearly want all our
hard working and ‘long sitting’ students to get outside and get
lots of exercise. The improved quality sleep they get will sort of
incubate what they have learned, and help it remain permanent!
On this note, my sincere thanks to all parents, carers, siblings
and teachers who have supported our students in this quest for
greatness, this pursuit of excellence!

A few weeks ago now, the Education Department photo crew
managed a full day of work with us, capturing something of
what we do in French at Cooroy, and again, I thank all parents,
carers, siblings and teachers who supported us, not least Mrs
McAdam and Mr Deighton. We also had Noosa District SHS
French teacher Candice Sparks join us, as well as Margaret
Fairhurst, President of the Sunshine Coast Alliance Française,
and why wouldn’t they join in when the venues included the
Maison de Provence? My thanks also to hard working
Françoise and Eric Pernoud who, despite the ‘hustle and
bustle’ of a Friday lunchtime, welcomed and accommodated
our Year 6 student performers at their restaurant. The
Madeleine’s they treated us to were delicious! Watch this space
for news of further ‘on tour’ performances!

Not to lose sight of what we aim to achieve in Languages,
the customised content I have had placed on the Language
Perfect website underpins the Cooroy SS French program. The
more familiar students are with its vocabulary and structures,
the more sense it will all make, and the better the chances of
developing ‘critical fluency’. You’ll know when this is starting to
happen – you will hear students using French spontaneously.
The pared down vocabulary in sections A to I and the classwork
on gestures and language manipulation form the core of what
we do, and all time spent on these is time well spent. As
always, should you have any questions or concerns about how
your son/daughter is doing in French please do not hesitate to
contact me at school.

**Monsieur Rugins, qui est très, très, très, très, très content!**

**B.S.M.’s BLOG**

Firstly congratulations to Trischa Bridges, one of our “rising
star” relief Teacher Aides. Trischa completed her TAFE
placement of 100 voluntary hours with us during her studies
during 2013 and 2014 for her Certificate III in Education
Support. We are very proud to announce that she is now
through and here proudly displays her Certificate. Well done
Trischa.

As the term marches on, a timely reminder that excursions must
be paid for in full prior to children attending. This applies to
Interschool Sport which has already commenced last week.
There are a number of excursions and incursions coming up
for a couple of year levels. Please keep your eye out for
communication from your child’s teacher to ensure excursions
are paid for prior to the scheduled date. A summary of these
upcoming excursions are as follows:

- Interschool Sport – commenced Friday 23rd May
- Geckoes and Wildlife – Incursion Year 1 – 28 May
- Living History – Year 7’s – 6 June
- HRE – commencing 16 June
- Starlab – Arts Council Incursion - 23 – 25 June
- Maritime Museum – 26 June

**Facilities**:  

Last week, we took delivery of our new flag pole. The purchase
of the new flag pole is a combined school/P & C and Student
Council initiative. You will see it down near the front of the
school adjacent to the Centenary Garden. Being a cross-arm
style, the flag pole has the capacity to fly three flags, so our
Student Leaders will this week have the honours to run the
flags up the new pole for the first time. They will also be given
instructions on flag etiquette as there are protocols around
the order that flags are flown. Its location will enable special
ceremonies such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day to be
conducted in an attractive and meaningful location.

**Vonnie Mackenzie**  
**Business Services Manager**

**Curriculum Corner**

**Showcase Week – 11th-16th of August**

We are very proud to announce that this year’s Showcase
Week will be held in week 5 of term 3. We will have a range of
activities that will showcase all the fantastic things that we do at Cooroy SS. One of which is our Robotics program which is proudly sponsored by the Bendigo Bank. We plan on running Book Week festivities, literacy and numeracy, Languages, Science and The Arts activities during this week just to name a few. We will keep you posted through the newsletter during the lead up to this event.

**NAPLAN**

Well done to all students who participated in NAPLAN. We are all very proud of your efforts. It was lovely to see how calm the students were and it was obvious our teachers had done a fantastic job in preparing them. Well done to everyone involved. Results are normally available late term 3/early term 4.

**End of Semester Reporting**

There is no rest for the wicked!! Teachers are now in full swing for the reporting of student achievement for semester 1. It continues to be imperative that students are in attendance everyday so that teachers can report on your child’s achievement to date. Reports will be sent home during the last week of term.

**Whole School Intervention Program**

Year 3, 5 and 7 are now entering that last phase of the whole school intervention program where they will focus on their last target. If you would like to know how you can support your child with their learning targets, please talk to your child’s teacher. They are always more than happy to assist if you are uncertain how to approach any additional support you can give to your child.

Learning targets for the next 5 weeks are...

**Reading**

- Year 2 – Making correct word choices with the same beginning blends (ch for chair)
- Year 3 – Interpreting explicit information from a non-fiction text
- Year 5 – Interpreting explicit information from a personal reflection text (diary, poetry)
- Year 7 – Interpreting explicit information from a narrative text

**Numeracy**

- Year 3 – two digit subtraction without regrouping – mental strategies – Eg 57-24=
- Year 5 – Division of money in real life problems
- Year 7 – Using a scale to interpret and draw plans. Eg 1cm=1m

In Semester 2, years 2, 4 and 6 will participate in the whole school intervention program. Prep to year 2 will also have new additional programs in place to improve literacy in the early years in Semester 2. We are proud to be continuously working to make sure that all children have the support they require to meet their educational needs.

**Challenge 2014 – 10th and 11th of July**

Challenge 2014 is an exciting two-day program of challenging activities designed for students from Prep to Year 7 who are seeking extension beyond the regular school curriculum. All workshops offered are fast-paced and rigorous, and involve challenging activities pitched at individual abilities rather than chronological age. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to step up to a challenge, to meet other children of like minds and to establish new friendships. The workshops are presented by leaders with a keen interest in gifted education—experts in their field—who design programs to stimulate the interests, abilities and curiosities of gifted children. Should you wish to explore this opportunity, you can follow the link for more information. [http://www.qagtc.org.au/challenge-2014-workshops-for-gifted](http://www.qagtc.org.au/challenge-2014-workshops-for-gifted)

**STEAM**

STEAM is a residential program held on the June- July school holidays for girls with high academic ability who have an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. For more information click on the attached flyer.

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”* — Nelson Mandela

**Kathryn Cook**

Curriculum Coordinator - STLaN - ASOT - GEM

**Chappy's Corner**

"Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the Chappy Cup Cake Day, I will let you know in the next edition how we went."

Boxes for Timor are now in full swing. The students have started to decorate the boxes and the first lot have gone home ready to be filled with all sorts of goodies.

The main aim is to supple the kids in Timor with school requirements such as exercise books, pencils, erasers, coloured pencils and sharpeners, ruler, small scissors, a small cuddle toy, a small toy for a boy, toothbrush, comb or whatever else you may think of. Please remember we are not asking for all of the items listed above, as this list is just to give you an idea of what would be appropriate.

Please do not add food of any kind, or any battery operated things, and remember that coloured pencils are better than textures.

Our collection day will be the 19th June so we need all boxes back no later than Wednesday 18th June. (Earlier would be great)

Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28th May I will be in the hall for a chat and a cuppa immediately after parade, and would love to answer all of your questions re what exactly it is that I do at your school. Come join me I’d love to see you.

Many thanks

**Chappy Ett**

**PHYS ED NEWS**

**Noosa District Trials**

Students turning 11 or 12yrs old this year who are interested in attending Noosa District trials will need to demonstrate a high skill ability (for their age) and need to regularly participate in that sport, preferably at club level.
Dates for term 2 district trials and Cooroy SS sporting events are detailed below.

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Noosa District Cross Country

All Cooroy SS runners ran their best last Monday at Kin Kin SS in conditions that were very warm.

It is a challenging course with hills and tracks of different terrain. All competitors should be proud of their efforts and will tell you the importance of preparing for an endurance event.

A special congratulations to both Sam Dominiak for placing 6th in the 10yrs boys race and to Blake Chapman who was 3rd in the 13yrs boys race.

Blake has qualified for the Noosa District team and will compete June 3rd in Maroochydore in the Regional Cross Country. Keep running and good luck Blake!

Interschool Sport Term 2

By the time this newsletter goes to “print”, the first afternoon of interschool sport will have been played. Students compete against teams from Eumundi, Pomona, Cooran and Peregrine Beach College in soccer, touch, netball and rugby league.

This term it has been possible for all students to play their first choice of sport. Upcoming dates are: Friday May 30 (no rugby league due to the RL development Cup), Thursdays June 5 and 12 and Friday June 20.

It is important that all students have a water bottle, hat, sport shoes and healthy lunch. A reminder that soccer players are asked to wear their own shin pads if they have them and it is compulsory for rugby league players to wear a mouthguard.

P&C NEWS

Pie Drive

Order forms were sent home this week (more available from Tuckshop or Office)

DUE DATES

Orders and Money - Monday 2nd June Delivery - Wednesday 11th June

Pies will be available for collection from the school hall after 2pm on Wednesday 11th June.

Portrait Fundraiser

More information to come.

UNIFORM SHOP

Monday - 8:15am to 9:00am Thursday - 2:15pm to 3:00pm Other times by appointment

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking each Wednesday. Introduction packs are available from the Tuckshop.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Cooroy Grass Roots Market

Starting 4th May & Every Sunday After
Cooroy Memorial Hall (Main Street) 8am - 1pm
Bring a pillow and chill at the Chill station Juice Bar Stalls/Music/Food/Drinks
For Stall info Call Jessica - 0400 681 400

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