27 October 2014

Principals Report

It is great to be back at school after my break. I enjoyed a great holiday and visited London and France. It seemed as much a learning experience as a holiday as the history was quite mind blowing and the challenges of conversing in another language was always present in France.

My thanks to Richard Barrie who did an outstanding job in my absence. I did follow the continuing run of successes of our students via Facebook while I was away. We really do have an outstanding school and community. Please continue to sell our school out in the wider community. The more students we have the more resources we have access to. Of course, if you have any issues, come and talk to us and we will do our best to resolve them.

I heard a story at the last P & C meeting which I do want to clarify. Apparently some people believe that there was a last minute push to get the children ready for NAPLAN because if we did poorly it would affect our funding. There are two issues here. We had a plan in place from the beginning of the year to prepare students for NAPLAN. There was no last minute cramming. The issue of results being tied to funding is not in place. It has been talked about at a political level but doing well in NAPLAN does not mean your school gets more funds. Finally, our NAPLAN results were very strong this year. We achieved at or above the national average in every area.

I will provide more detail in a later newsletter.

We have a very busy run home for the rest of the year and I look forward to continuing to share our successes with you.

Until next time….

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Principal

STUDENT ABSENCES

Education Queensland policy states that ALL STUDENT ABSENCES must now be ‘explained’. It is important that the school office be notified of any absences. The office has a STUDENT ABSENCE LINE which operates 24/7. Just leave your student’s name, date/s absent, reason for, and duration of absence. Even one day ‘unexplained’ is unacceptable and will be followed up.

Please ask at the office for an ‘Application for Exemption’ if your child will be away from school for more than ten (10) consecutive school days. Again, this is Education Queensland policy.

Thanks for your support.

'OUR STARS'

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. World Teachers’ Day, is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities.

The department also recognises the outstanding work of its teachers through the Teacher Career Milestones program, presented each year on World Teachers’ Day.

Have a great day CSS teachers, you definitely deserve it!!!

Instrumental Music Program 2015

Applications by students who wish to commence in the Instrumental Music Program at Cooroy SS are now open. Students in year 3 and above in 2015 may start in the Strings program and students in year 4 and above may commence in the Concert Band program. Application forms are available from Ms Gilmore, Ms Tunbridge, Mrs Lafferty or at the office. Applications must be in by 14 November. No late applications will be accepted.
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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 4**
Care for Yourself in the Whole School environment
- I keep my hands and feet to myself
- I walk when moving around the school
- I arrive at school from 8:15am onwards
- I solve problems with my words
- I use Stop, Think, Do strategies
- I report any concerns
- I model sensible behaviour
- I am honest

**Week 5**
Care for Yourself in the Learning Areas
- I walk when in a room
- I use scissors and equipment safely
- I use furniture appropriately
- I ask permission to leave the room
- I am only in the classroom when a teachers is present
- I try my best

**Prep Open Morning**

The next Prep Open Afternoon will be held **Wednesday 5th November, starting at 9:00am 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!

The next **Prep Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 19th November starting at 6:30pm in the PLC, all 2015 prep parents are welcome to attend.** This session is run by our Prep Teachers and covers topics such as the Prep Curriculum, routines/procedures, expectations, what a standard day in prep looks like, and many more. Children welcome!

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

**Curriculum Corner**

Cooroy will be represented by two very capable teams at the Sunshine Coast Maths Tournament on Wednesday October 29. This is a challenging day of mathematics held at the Kawana Community Centre and our year six and seven teams will challenge themselves in individual, team and relay events involving problem solving activities across the various areas of mathematics.

With our school’s recent overall win at the District Olympiad, our teams are sure to be a challenge to the many other schools competing on the day.

We are very fortunate to have our budding mathematicians enthused about the possibility of a place at a regional level and wish both teams every success on the day.

**Colleen Greentree**
**Curriculum Coordinator**

**Year 4/5G and Year 5 HRE**

Human Relationship Education for all Year 4/5G and Year 5 students will commence Thursday 13th November. Mrs Jen McLean will be conducting the sessions in conjunction with classroom teachers. The cost for this, $8, has been included in the bulk invoice, however if not yet paid please ensure payment is made before this date. Permission letters will be coming home shortly.

**B.S.M.'s BLOG**

**Finance**

A final statement of outstanding invoices will be posted home to parents next week. This will be the final statement for 2014. Any outstanding invoices will be followed up with personal phone calls where money is still owing for 2014 activities.

**Facilities**

The grounds are looking fantastic at the moment and more than ever are attracting accolades and praise from prospective Prep parents and visitors to our school on a daily basis. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Bill for his amazing work presenting the grounds in this immaculate condition. Thanks also to Jess, our outside cleaner who works tirelessly to ensure the outside of our buildings are just as clean and sparkling as the inside. The cleaning/grounds team is constantly reviewing work practices and raising the bar on their work goals. I give full praise to the professionalism and work ethic of the entire team, Tania, Patty, Ruth, Jess, Dennis and Bill & Steve. Great work.

**Vonnie Mackenzie**
**Business Services Manager**
**Workplace Health and Safety Officer**

**Language Matters**

Readers may recall that during the holidays I made a presentation at the MLTAQ Biennial Conference in Brisbane, the title of which made reference to languages students ranging from *unwilling* conscripts (reflecting the Year 6-8 mandatory component in Queensland schools) to *languages advocates*. Since then, I have had all the more reason to recognise our students as advocates for this subject area. On Wednesday 15th October, 17 year 4-7 students assisted most impressively with a demonstration lesson, which outlined the way we do things at Cooroy and how the AIM approach...
works. A number of parents, and I thank them all for bringing their children to the University in the evening, have commented that they now appreciate more fully how the methodology works. As a follow up to the demonstration lesson, a version of the PowerPoint presentation that I used has been posted in the Sunshine Coast section of the MLTAQ website – www.mltaq.asn.au - under Language Education Forum’s.

Back at school, it’s great to see the faithful correlation between what we demonstrated at the University and what happens in all the French classes at Cooroy.

As to other examples of Languages advocacy, that is, making the case for why we should study languages, groups of Year 5 and 6 students have been doing the rounds of the Kindy establishments in Cooroy. Last week Year 5 students put on a show of the French songs, traditional and more modern, that we do in class, and these were very well performed by our students and very well received by the audiences. This week, a group of Year 6 volunteers have done the tour, performing our Trois petits cochons (Three Little Pigs) puppet play and song, and it is a mark of the strength of our students in French, that I didn’t even have to be there. I thank Mrs Lafferty for giving those students, a selection who haven’t performed in public before, this opportunity. I know they were a credit to the school and that everyone had a lot of fun in the process.

This week I have been conducting a comprehension check in class, by way of a short test, and I am delighted to report that the vast majority of students have demonstrated a level of understanding and higher order processing that would be the envy of most high school Languages programs.

Well done to all students, not only those who responded to the various invitations to ‘perform’, but to those in class, whose efforts have ‘raised the bar’ in a general sense in Language learning.

Bravo, bravo, bravo!

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

**Day For Daniel**

Friday 31st October is Day for Daniel. The school will again be supporting this good cause by having a ‘wear red’ gold coin donation day.

**Lost Property**

There has been a bike left in the bike enclosure since last term. If anyone is missing their bike could you please come up to the office and give us a description of it.

**Chaplaincy Committee**

Just a reminder that the LCC meeting for Cooroy State School will be held next Tuesday 28th October at 3.15 pm. New members are most welcome to come along and support Chappy Ett.

**Parent Helpers**

We are starting to organise the End Of Year Festival again. But we need parents help to organise and man stalls on the day. If you have some spare time please let us know.

**DATE: Thursday 4th December.**

We are holding a 2nd Hand Stall at the End Of Year Festival.

If you have any unwanted items is good selling condition please let us know.

Nichole 0413724863 or Kelly 0414662081.

**No more Tuckshop on Tuesday's!**

As of Tuesday the 2nd of November (Melbourne Cup Day) the Tuckshop will no longer be opening on a Tuesday.

**Chappy's Corner**

The weeks are sure flying, so it’s now time to let you know of four important date claimers. Firstly this Friday 31st October is Day for Daniel day. Wear something RED and donate a gold coin to the Morcombe foundation.

Next is November 12th which is CHAPPY CUPCAKE DAY. Last year was a great success and I was overwhelmed at your generosity of freshly made cupcakes. Please can we do it again? This is the only fundraiser throughout the year which supports Chaplaincy so your donations of cupcakes on that day are really important.

November 26th is that special day of the year that we here at Cooroy SS are going to celebrate GRANDPARENTS DAY. More news on this one later but please keep the date clear in your diary.

Breakfast on a Wednesday morning keeps growing in number. At present we are toasting 8 loaves of bread, serving 10 ltrs of orange juice and 8 ltrs of milo, going through loads of vegemite, jam, honey and butter. Our fantastic volunteers from Cooroy Uniting Church are forever faithful with their time each week and continue to support the program financially. Thank you to those who have given the odd jar of jam etc, we really appreciate your help, as every donation no matter how small is much appreciated.

**Until next time**

**Chappy Ett**

**Book Fair**

**PHYS ED NEWS**

**Cooroy SS and Noosa District Dates**

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Nichole 0413724863 or Kelly 0414662081.
Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for all year 2-5 students commenced in week 2 at the Noosa District High School Pool. Due to the student free day on October 20, Monday classes will have their last swim lesson in week 8 (November 24).

Days and lesson times are detailed for your information below. Please remember to name all belongings. Bring togs, towel, swim shirt, swim cap for long hair, goggles (optional).

Year 2-5 Swimming Lesson Times

Mondays October 13, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24 (Oct 20 SFD)

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State Track & Field

Congratulations go to Sam Dominiak for his stellar performance in the 10yrs long jump at the recent Qld State Track & Field Championships held in Brisbane. Now Sam can run fast, but he can also convert that speed into jumping a long way. His 3rd place at the Sunshine Coast Regional trials in September gave him the opportunity to compete at the next level – the Qld State trials. He not only jumped a personal best distance (PB) of over 4m, but also placed 4th in this event in the whole of Queensland!

To think that only three other boys can jump further than Sam in Queensland!

What potential Sam has for his future in sport.

Cooroy SS is so proud of your achievements, Sam!

Noosa Triathlon

Noosa Superkidz Triathlon

The kids only version of the famous Noosa Triathlon. Short achievable distances for kid’s aged 7-13 years are based on participation and fun.

**11-13 years:** 200m Swim / 5km Cycle / 1km Run

**7-10 years:** 100m Swim / 3km Cycle / 500m Run (Age as at 31/12/2014)

All kids will receive an official ASICS event singlet & finisher’s medallion. There are also lots of great random draw prizes. NOTE: This event is non-competitive. No times or placings are recorded.

**Date:** Saturday 1st November 2014

**Location:** Chaplin Park, near the Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club, Noosaville. Parking is in the Gympie Tce precinct. Access to Chaplin Park is via footbridge beside the Noosa Yacht Club.

**Online Entries Close**
Thursday 30th October, 8am.

**Event Day Entries**
Event day entries will be accepted at Check-In on Saturday 1st November between 6.00am - 7.15am. Please note a $10 late registration fee will apply.

**Entries Open - 50% discount for Sunshine Coast entries!!!**
Sunshine Coast School Students please click here for entry.

**Timetable**

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Noosa Triathlon
Endura Run Swim Run

Date
Wednesday 29th October 2014

Location
Main Beach, Noosa Heads

Entries Open

Entry Fee (50% discount for Sunshine Coast entries!!!)
Junior $15.00 (7-12)
Adult $25.00 (13+)

Online Entries Close
Tuesday 28th October, 8am

Event Day Entries
Race day entries will be accepted at Check-In on Wednesday 29th October between 5.30am & 6.15am. Please note a $10 late fee will apply.

Junior $25.00 (7-12)
Adult $35.00 (13+)

Results page

Course
Run along Noosa Main Beach & swim in the sheltered Laguna Bay, Noosa Main Beach.

7-12 years: 500m Run / 200m Swim / 500m Run
13 years and over: 1.5km Run / 750m Swim / 1.5km Run

*Age as at event day (29/10/2014)

Prizes
No age group placings will be awarded. There will be prizes for:
- 7yrs -12yrs - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Male & Female over the line
- 13yrs & over- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Male & Female over the line
- Great random draw prizes are up for grabs!

Sunshine Coast School Entries
All Sunshine Coast School students receive a 50% discounted entry fee into Festival Events as part of the Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival.

Remember to enter by 5pm on Wednesday 29 October for the Superkidz Triathlon (or Tuesday 28 October for the Endura Run Swim Run) to be eligible for the discount. For further information phone 1300 761 384 or email noosatri@ironman.com

P&C NEWS
SLICE/LOLLY DRIVE
Slice/Lolly Drive Forms have been sent home. If you require another form please see Deb at tuckshop.

Forms and money are to be returned to the Tuckshop/Office no later Wednesday 29 October. Orders will be available to be picked up on Monday 17 November after 2.00pm at the school’s Main Hall.

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.
If any students have 10 tokens please order your rewards as soon as possible before the end of the year.

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**Community NEWS**

**Cooroy Community Angels Fundraising**

As part of our commitment to our local community, Lakeridge Health and Beauty in conjunction with The Variety Club – The Children’s Charity, we will be running a fundraising campaign with the goal to raise money to go towards supporting students with diverse learning needs and vulnerabilities, including students with a disability at Cooroy State School.

As part of this process, Lakeridge Health and Beauty will lead the fundraising and have 3 local high school students (aka The Cooroy Community Angels) assist and run fundraising campaigns. Our aim while raising the much needed funds is to develop community engagement, community awareness and getting to know others living/working in the local community.

Some of our fundraisers will include the sale of hand crafted timber angels ready to hang on your Christmas tree made at our local Cooroy Camphor Laurel Shed. We also have clay angels hand crafted by our local artist Moriarty. We will also be raffling off several items such as jewellery donated by Carol Watkins and a life like newborn doll (RRP $350) donated by Cherylann Dolls. We have also designed some environmentally friendly shopping bags with local business logos and our Community Angel logo. We were able to put this together through the kind donations from local businesses and Mode Screen Prints. These bags will be selling for $15.

The fundraiser items and raffle tickets will be sold by local businesses, schools and the Community Angels.

For more information, or if you would like to assist in any way, please contact Lakeridge Health and Beauty – 5442 6239 or drop into our clinic at 3 Ruby St, Cooroy.

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