

eNEWSLETTER



Principal's Report

Welcome to our first newsletter of the Term! Most of my communication so far has been related to COVID or flooding, so it is nice to be focussing on students settling in and engaging in learning so far this term. I have been incredibly proud of how well our students settled into their classes despite the disruptions this term. Our school staff worked very hard to make sure that they were ready for students when they did start and this has made for a positive start to the 2022 school year. Every year, schools are required to develop improvement plans for the year ahead. This year, our Explicit Improvement Agenda will focus on the work that has already begun; improving student outcomes in the learning area of English, and also building on our strong community relationships to ensure a positive culture of Wellbeing for staff and students. This year we will also engage in our 4-year strategic planning cycle, where we will map out plans and goals for the next 4 years. My aim is to build this vision and direction with the input of staff, students and also our community. So, towards the end of this term, families will be invited to engage in focus groups and surveys to contribute to the future plans of Cooroy State School. This is an exciting opportunity for our community to really work together to build the future success of our students. Watch this space!

Every week in class, teachers teach students a lesson from our Positive Behaviour for Learning Matrix (attached). These are the behaviour values and expectations that we have for students at our school. Students are explicitly taught what these expectations look like in different locations around our school and the focus each week is based on the behaviour data that we have collected from the weeks before. When students are demonstrating the positive behaviours, they are rewarded through daily Possum Stamps, 'Catch-

A-C's', Possum Postcards, Brilliant, Awesome and Epic Certificates. I would love our families to incorporate this into conversations at home, and ask their children about how they are going with their Possum Chart, what their PBL lesson focus was for this week, and if they received a 'Catch-A-C', what they did to receive that. This strong connection between school and home supports our students with consistent language when acknowledging behaviour. I have attached the Behaviour Matrix below for your reference.



From 6pm on Friday 4th March, we will see the COVID restrictions lift in our schools and this means that we will be able to welcome our whole school community back onto our school site. Masks will also no longer be required in Queensland schools and school assemblies, camps and excursions will be permitted. It is important for families to know that parents and students are not required to be vaccinated to attend our school site, however staff, contractors and volunteers are. I am also aware that there is concern in our community that schools will be vaccinating students. I would like to reassure parents that I am not aware of any plans for our school to be hosting vaccination clinics, and if this changed, I would inform our school community immediately. I do understand the stress

and worry this may have caused families recently and I encourage parents to make contact to discuss further if they would like further clarification.

This term we have welcomed back Mrs Ramsay as our Deputy Principal in a part-time capacity. Mrs Ramsay and Mr Garvey will work together this term to support our Prep to Year 3 students and families. In addition to my Principal role, I will be supporting our Year 4 to Year 6 families this year. Our first opportunity to welcome families back into our school will be our assembly on Monday 7th March. This assembly will be dedicated to our Student Leadership Induction and we will be presenting our 2022 student leaders their badges for this year and recognising their great achievement. Further communication

about this and invitations to parents of our leaders have been sent out this week, with more details to come.

I am very excited to be working with you all this year and also into the years to come. The Cooroy spirit is remarkable and I am proud of how our community has managed to band together already though some challenges this year. The future is very bright for our community and most importantly, our students.
Kind regards,

Shannyn Taylor
Principal

TIPS FOR...

Using the Kiss and Drop Zone



ARRIVE AFTER 2.55PM

Need more time in your day? Arrive at the Drop & Go zone after 2.55pm. Although the bell rings at 2.50pm, it can take up to 5 minutes for students to walk to the pickup zone.

KEEP MOVING

Only stop for 2 minutes. If your passenger/s are not ready continue on to a parking spot.



FILL THE BAY

Move to the front of the queue. Stopping along the pickup zone causes traffic to backup. Be considerate of others.

ENTER THE CAR FROM THE PASSENGER SIDE

For the safety of your children, please make sure they only enter the car from the passenger side.



Book Club LOOP

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Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?

LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



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Deputy Principal's Report

A huge welcome back to all our families and staff in our first official Cooroy SS Newsletter for Term 1! With the staggered start to the school year and recent weather events, it has surely been a very different but nevertheless enjoyable start to the new school year here at Cooroy SS. Through changes to some of our regular school operations, we truly appreciate the wonderful support of our families and school community in assisting us and our students with a really positive start to 2022.

This Term, Mrs Karina Ramsay and I have been working in conjunction as joint Deputy Principals at Cooroy SS. With Karina returning to work full-time in the Deputy Principal Role in Term 2, I will return to the role of Head of Special Education Services. I take this opportunity to warmly welcome Karina back as Deputy Principal, it is great to have you back Karina! I would also like to thank Ute Livingstone for the outstanding job she has done as Acting HOSES over the course of the last year and her positive impact across the school. Personally I wish to thank the school community for your support during my time as Acting Deputy Principal over the last year. It has been a great honour and privilege to have served in this position and I look forward to great successes for the school working with the Leadership team in 2022!

Adam Garvey

Positive Behaviour For Learning

Our PBL lessons have begun this term and have been highlighted for discussion through our 'Virtual Parades' over the last few weeks. We are looking forward to being able to conduct full school assemblies from next week to further cover our PBL focuses and celebrate our catch-a-c winners publicly each week. Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the behaviour matrix with each focus area which forms our lesson focus.

Prep - Early Start

Our Prep students are currently engaging in the entry Early Start tasks working 1-1 with their teachers. The Early Start tasks are used across the early years of learning to assist provide teachers with information on the literacy skills each child has at that time. The Early Start tasks are not tests, and students are not graded on their performance. They are designed as 1-1 conversations of around 20-30 between each child and their teacher. Your child's teacher will use this information to further plan for the individual needs of your child and making decisions that assist curriculum planning for their classrooms. These sessions have been progressing in a very positive fashion. Please see some extra information on 'Early Start' on our school website.



Naplan 2022 – Grades 3 & 5

This is an early chance to raise how NAPLAN examinations will be conducted for grades 3 and 5 at Cooroy SS this year. NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that all students in years 3,5,7 and 9 sit in May each year. It is the only national assessment that all Australian students complete. Students sit assessments in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy.

Like many other schools, this year Cooroy State School is transitioning from paper-based to computer-based NAPLAN assessments. For year 5 students, all NAPLAN assessment will be 'online' in 2022. Year 3 students will participate in 'paper-based' writing assessments with their other test components also being 'online' this year.

You will receive more correspondence from the school in the lead-up to NAPLAN assessments in May. Should you have early questions or concerns regarding these assessments it is best to consult firstly with your child's teacher. Alternatively, you can read more about NAPLAN by visiting this website: www.nap.edu.au.

Adam Garvey & Karina Ramsay
Deputy Principal





Our Stars







WELCOME
Back!





Position Vacant

Casual School Crossing Supervisor

A position exists for a Casual School Crossing Supervisor at Cooroy State School.

- A School Crossing Supervisor must be able to work in all-weather conditions,
- 1 hour and 30 mins per day - a maximum of up to 5 days per week (on a rostered basis).
 - Relief opportunities on your rostered days off.
 - Pay Rate \$31.88 per hour.

Commencement of employment for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment.
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position).
- It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against COVID-19 (Health Employment Directive No. 12/21)

Applications are available from the School Administration.

**Alternatively, please contact Road Safety Officer,
Donna Jarvie on: 0437901948**



Queensland Government



LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT

PHONE
13 17 88

missing
A scooter?

One has been left behind since last year and is being stored by staff.

Contact Jess for identification details



13 11 14

For urgent assistance call Lifeline which is a 24-hour telephone counselling service.

Missing **1 day** of school each fortnight = Missing more than **a year** of learning over 12 years

2022
UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS
8:15am - 8:45am Fridays ONLY



Come and visit!

Milestones Early Learning Cooroy
16 Lake MacDonald Drive, Cooroy

- * Quality child care for ages 6 weeks to 6 years
- * Qualified Educators
- * Kindergarten Program
- * Free Stay and Play Sessions
- * Flexible & Casual bookings



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🔍 Milestones Cooroy



☎ 1800 CHILD CARE



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QParents

Secure online parent portal

Access your child's student information online and stay connected to your school.

An invitation roll out has been emailed out to parents.

Please check your junk mail!

Don't hesitate to contact Maree for any Qparents registration assistance.



the spread of
GERMS

1



WASH
your
HANDS

2

COVER
YOUR
COUGH



3

STAY HOME
if you're sick



If you're concerned, visit your GP
or call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84).



Contact the school
if your child will be away or late
on 5472 2100 (24/7) Oparents or
admin@cooroyss.eq.edu.au

Every day counts

Is your child at school today?

www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts



- You must:
- Enrol your child at school
 - Send your child to school every day
 - If your child is away from school, make sure you tell the school.

Children do better when they go to school all day, every day



Community News



True Fitness Fact

Jazzercise Inc is the longest-serving fitness program whose routines are carefully studied, choreographed and tested by physiology experts, before being made available to instructors worldwide.

Our classes bring to the dance floor updated music, great choreography, sensational strength moves, all this is going to change your body in one class.

OH!!!! I forgot to tell YOU, you will be great after every class.

Jazzercise is all about helping everyone to be happy and healthy. Why not come try us for our FREE classes, added bonus bring your family and friends they can come for FREE too.

I invite you to try a class this weekend, Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th and Monday 7th, March as many classes as you wish!!!!

Checkout our classes and formats.
www.jazzercisenambour.com
 or message us for class times.

Leanne Paix
 Jazzercise Instructor 0409 629 911

Department of Transport and Main Roads

Interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor?

Make a difference to the lives of school children in your area.

- Casual employment with TMR
- Training provided
- Fortnightly pay
- 24 hour Employee Assistance Program

To apply, contact your local Road Safety Officer

Donna Jarvie 0437901948



Mental Health Services and Support

<p>Beyond Blue</p> <p>24/7 mental health support service</p> <p>1300 22 4636 beyondblue.org.au</p>	<p>headspace</p> <p>Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25</p> <p>1800 650 890 (9am-1am daily) For webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/eheadspace</p>	<p>Kids Helpline</p> <p>24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25</p> <p>1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au</p>	<p>1800RESPECT</p> <p>24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse</p> <p>1800 737 732 1800respect.org.au</p>
<p>Lifeline</p> <p>24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services</p> <p>13 11 14 lifeline.org.au</p>	<p>Suicide Call Back</p> <p>24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide</p> <p>1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice.org.au</p>	<p>Mensline</p> <p>24/7 counselling service for men</p> <p>1300 78 99 78 mensline.org.au</p>	<p>QLife</p> <p>LGBTI peer support and referral</p> <p>1800 184 527 (9pm-10pm daily) qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)</p>

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

