Coorabell Public School
Community Newsletter
Always Do Your Best

Term 4 Week 10 - Monday December 7

INFORMATION
We are a nut aware school

VALUE OF THE WEEK
FAIRNESS
Be tolerant, understanding and inclusive towards all

P.B.L.
To Be Considerate, To Be Positive, To Be Safe, To Be A Learner

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire school community can I congratulate Jenny Moore on being successful in the merit selection process last week, and has now been officially appointed as the permanent School Administrative Manager (SAM). Jenny has proven herself to be an outstanding member of our staff whose efficiency and happy/friendly disposition is appreciated by all. Well done Jenny!

Important message

The dilemma of the typo

In one of the all time monumental typos the evaluation note distributed to all members of the school community last Friday was suppose to read ‘Please do not perceive your evaluation to be a request for an obligatory pat on the back for Mr Coghlan as this would not be particularly meaningful or valid. As you can see the ‘not’ omission completely changed the context of the message. Many apologies. The correct evaluation sheet is attached to the Newsletter, it’s return would be appreciated by Wednesday.

Many thanks Geoff.

Jenny and Mitch now permanent Department employees

There will be no Tuesday Assembly this week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Steven Anderson

Coorabell P.S. is a proud member of Lighthouse Valley Learning Community
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Principal: Mr Geoff Coghlan
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What a terrific school disco last Friday afternoon. The dance floor was absolutely thumping thanks to Pob’s excellent selection of songs that enticed all our students to join in the fun. Huge thank you to Victoria, the P&C and the parents who contributed to the success of the afternoon. Special thank you to Soreya who asked me for a dance. See photos attached.

The Intensive Swimming Scheme students have finished their 2 week course. Once again the swimming instructors commented on the exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm of the Coorabell kids. See photos attached.

Tomorrow classes 3/4 & 5/6 will be attending the Lucinda Gala Movie Award presentation at Lismore Event Cinemas. The children get to see the Coorabell short film showcased along with all of the other schools involved in the Lucinda project. Thanks again to Mr Graeme Jessup for bringing out such creative flare.

On Wednesday the Year 6 students will embark on their farewell excursion to Ballina with Mr Eason and myself for some morning ten pin bowls, lunch followed by a visit to Ballina waterslide/pool. On Thursday at 11.30 all are welcome to watch each class perform their ukulele item followed by the year 6 farewell assembly that will include performances by our band/music tuition students. The year 6 students and parents and their guests will be served finger food provided by the Year 5 students.

The Coorabell games grand final will hopefully be held this Friday and the trophy presentation will take place at our end of year school picnic at Rocky Creek Dam.

Last Thursday the school band kids were treated to something very special. One of Dani’s friends approached me to see if he could try out a subpac with our students. This turned into another highly valuable activity which the children and I found thoroughly fascinating and enjoyable. See description and photo attached.

Welcome back to Jade who is spending a week at Coorabell for work experience. Jade is currently completing year 9 at Byron High and was an outstanding student who finished year 6 at Coorabell in 2012.

Thank you Helene & Johnny who whipped up an incredibly delicious Nachos meal for our Friday lunch that was greatly appreciated by all.

Many thanks
Geoff Coghlan
PS. Check out Raphi’s research project on whales attached

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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REMININDERS

Lucinda Awards excursion to Lismore 8/12, class 3/4 & 5/6, permission note and money due.

Year 6 farewell dinner RSVP due in by 2/12.

Rocky Creek Dam whole school picnic permission note due.

Ukulele Term 1/2/3 & 4 Tuition fee due - $25 per term due (or $100 for year)

Please make sure notes and money are forwarded in a sealed envelope with correct money and marked with child’s name & activity.
WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC DAY - ROCKY CREEK DAM

The whole school will travel to Rocky Creek Dam for a day of fun together on Tuesday the 15th December, 2015. We will leave the school at approximately 9.15am and return to school by 2.45pm in time for the afternoon buses.

The P & C has kindly offered to provide a BBQ lunch for all students and staff. Thank you to the P & C for once again supporting our school.

All parents are very welcome to join us and bring a picnic lunch or if you wish you could bring some suitable food to BBQ.

Parents can you please ensure your child has a water bottle, clearly labelled, joggers, wears a school broad-brimmed hat and sunscreen.

Rocky Creek Picnic Day Permission Note – please return to school ASAP

I give my child/children………………………………………………………… permission to attend the whole school excursion to Rocky Creek Dam Christmas Picnic Day on Tuesday 15th December. I understand that travel will be by bus and there is no cost.

Signed ………………………………………………………………Dated………………………………………………

Parent name(please print)………………………………………………………………………………………………

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

* We have a couple of boxes of new library books that need covering if anyone can help out.

* There are still containers/plates from film night for collection from the canteen.

* LOST PROPERTY - there is a large amount of lost property in the office. Please check if anything is your child’s as it will be cleared at the end of the year.

LUNCH ORDER  Friday 11th December

P & C Lunches this week will be hosted by Maya Berg. Cost of Lunch is $4.00 which includes a healthy treat. Please have money & order handed into the classroom notes/money box by Wednesday morning.

.................Spaghetti Bolognaise           .................Spaghetti Napolitana
(Please indicate choice for each child)

Name.........................................................................................         Class ........................         Enclosed $ ...........

Please note: PLEASE NO VARIATION ON LUNCH ORDER DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN PREPARING FOR LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS

OHS- Students are not allowed to help with food preparation in the canteen.
**HEALTH ADVICE**

**Head Lice**

We have had more reported incidence of head lice at school this week. Can everyone please check their children and treat if necessary.

At a glance:-

- They don’t care if the hair is short or long, clean or dirty.
- The best and cheapest way to remove them is with inexpensive conditioner and a nit comb.
- You will need to re-treat your kids several times before all the eggs will be gone.

For more information on treatment you can visit the NSW Governments website at:


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**SCHOOL NEWS**

A call out for bottle tops

Kindergarten are learning about recycling and the impact rubbish has in the world. We are making some hanging mobiles from recycled bottle top lids. Could you please collect as many as possible in as many different shapes and sizes, and send to the Kindergarten room. Many thanks.

No alcoholic bottle caps or take-away lids please.

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**BAND NEWS**

Just a reminder that if anyone has tuition fees outstanding for Dani and Guy, please direct deposit to their bank or send into school office for collection.

Thank you & see you all at the performance at the Year 6 farewell assembly on the 10/12.

Dani & Guy

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**BUS INFORMATION**

Wetzler School Bus Phone numbers:
Ken - 0428847098
Denise - 0427847098

Please remember that the Bus Bay is a no parking zone between 8.00 - 9.30am and again from 2.30 - 4.00pm.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

Refer to the attached flyer for all things P & C.
4th December, 2015

Dear Coorabell Parents, Caregivers and School Community Members,

Next Friday (December 11) I will be presenting an updated version of my Personal/Professional Development Plan (PDP) to John Lynch who is the Director for Public Schools, Lismore Network.

My main goal/priority in this plan is to ensure that my role as principal of Coorabell Public School enables my leadership skills to continue to improve and develop in a manner that is most beneficial for the stakeholders of our school community including all parents, staff members and most importantly our students.

I therefore have decided to ask anyone who can spare a few minutes to simply evaluate my leadership skills as principal.

This evaluation can be general in nature or articulate specific strengths and/or weaknesses. It can be 3 lines or something more comprehensive. It can include your name or be anonymous. Whatever form you choose, can I please request that it be sincere. Please do not perceive your evaluation to be a request for an obligatory ‘pat on the back’ for Mr Coghlan as this would not be particularly meaningful or valid.

This evaluation is not compulsory but I hope it may be a valued opportunity to have your say.

Your evaluation/analysis can be presented as handwritten, e-mailed (coorabell-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or faxed (66847161) to school.

All staff and students will be given the opportunity to have their say as well. I will ask each class teacher to alter or adjust this evaluation to an appropriate level for each age group so the students get to contribute if they wish.

I will collate your contributions on Wednesday evening (December 9) as Thursday (December 10) is a particularly busy day with Ukulele performance, Year 6 farewell /end of year assembly and Year 6 farewell dinner.

I thank you for any consideration given and apologise for any inconvenience that this request may cause in a particularly busy time of the year.

Many thanks

Geoff Coghlan
(Proud principal of Coorabell Public School)
YEAR 6 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

Thursday December 10, 2015

Dear parents,

You are invited to attend the year 6 Farewell being held on Thursday, December 10 commencing at 12 noon in the library. Before this assembly commences, at approximately 11.30am there will be a Ukulele performance from all classes in the COLA (undercover area in front of office).

The program will include:

1. Principals Welcome
2. Performance by school band
3. Speech from Year 6 students
4. Speech & powerpoint presentation by Mr Eason
5. Parents and citizens presentation of pens, Mr Eason to present certificates to students.
6. Presentation of Year 6 students of a rose to each parent. Students take the rose down to mum or dad and then stay with parent.

Parents and Year 6 students will then move off to a combined lunch to be served by Year 5 students.
(It would be appreciated if any of our Year 5 students/parents can provide a plate of food, we completely understand if this is not possible)

We hope to see you all at the assembly.

Regards
Geoff Coghlan
Whales are mammals, that means they’re warm blooded. Whales are as long as three school buses and they’re as heavy as three or four dinosaurs. There are lots of types of whales.

Whales can jump really high in the air… “really!”

Whales are very interesting to look at. They have two blowholes and a very, very big mouth. They have a firm powerful neck that is very flexible.

Babies are called calves. DID YOU KNOW they are so big that they call them big blue. Whales are big but not all of them like the sperm whale.

Whales can jump HIGH. They love to swim! Whales are endangered.

I love whales because I love big things and I also like blue (Turquoise blue). I also like them because they like jumping so, so high in the AIR.

By Rafael Rigaldies

Kindergarten 2015
The Subpac is a tactile audio unit that transfers the vibrations, the physical dimension of sound, right into your body, instead of through a speaker. Your body becomes the resounding chamber for the sound making you feel while you listen to music with the Subpac and headphones, like you are in front of a big high quality sound system like at a festival or concert arena. But to others in the room it is virtual silence. Many well-known music producers are currently using them and they also allow the deaf and hard of hearing to enjoy music through vibrations.

Darren McFadyen

www.thesubpac.com
SUMMER DISCO!!! – WHAT FUN WAS HAD!!!!!!

The sun was shining, the short notice didn’t seem to matter…. The dancing shoes WERE ON!!!!
WOW what a turn out, what fun.

A super dooooper disco xxxx Our kids were amazing!!!! Thanks to everyone who came along to enjoy, and everyone who helped in all sorts of ways: DJ Pob - thankyou for a seriously grand show!!! …you make it a sensational night !!!!! CPS and Mrs Brown thanks for having us in the library; Kelly and Susie for handling the total and utter swamping on the snacks stand with such grace and ease! ; Fran and Simon for your awesome door-ness, Geoff for his fan-tabulous dancing and supervision, Mr Eason and Mrs Cottrill for their supervision and photos; Aarna for her crazy good sausage sizzle, and more – Jenny, Amy, Sarah, Georgia, .. everyone.. thankyou xxx and a big thankyou to Victoria – our fluoro yellow P&C President - for organising xx

A hugely successful summer disco – (except the long entry line…. we learnt another lesson perhaps how to do it better for next time xxxx

PLEASE RETURN ALL RAFFLE BOOKS AND MONEY TO SCHOOL BY WED DEC 9TH AT THE ABSOLUTE LATEST – RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN AT ASSEMBLELY ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 10TH!!!!!

Thanks so much to everyone for selling raffle tickets – a great fundraiser for our school – and the funds are going towards computer and ipad equipment.
SWIM SCHOOL
23/11/15 - 04/12/15

DORROUGHBY
30/11 - 1/12/15