PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Last Thursday Mrs van Kempen held the first of three 2016 Kindergarten Orientation days. The potential kindy kids had a great day with lots of fun activities including kite making and flying. Big thank you to Mrs Brown and classes 2/3 and 3/4 who on short notice performed a fantastic rendition of our flash mob for our valued guests. The parents also enjoyed the morning and learnt about what our wonderful school has to offer. At this stage there is still plenty of room for more Kindy enrolments next year so please continue to spread the good word about our outstanding small school and encourage any pre-schoolers to come along to our second and third orientation days on Thursday 27/8 and Thursday 3/9. Thank you Susie for organising some delicious morning tea for our visitors.

A very generous family from our school has donated $400 towards our end of school concert. Thank you so much as this donation will be highly beneficial and appreciated by all. Only three weeks to go till the big night.

As I have stated many times in the past, I do not necessarily hold NAPLAN results as an all-encompassing indicator of how successful any school is. As with Coorabell Public School there is so much more than just great NAPLAN results. Having said that we did acknowledge the top 100 school ranking that placed Coorabell in a very positive light within the media. My attitude towards NAPLAN results has not changed. I still don’t particularly think that the Medias ranking of schools on a league table is particularly fair (especially if your school is ranked in the 9000th nationally). However I think it only fair I congratulate the students, staff, parents and wider community for the excellent results that have once again been achieved this year. These results are even more encouraging when you consider that many of our students were suffering from a chicken pox outbreak and could not sit the test. Well done everyone!

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

‘Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip’

Will Rogers
PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Years 5/6 took advantage of some wonderful weather last Friday to conduct the latest round of Coorabell Games. Congratulations to all the students as their encouragement, peer support, leadership, enthusiasm and sportsmanship made the event thoroughly enjoyable for all. We have a new leader. The Swordfish are now on 986, Sharks on 1000, Humpbacks on 1035 and Manatrays out in front on 1065. Great stuff Coorabell kids!

Banjo has joined Holly, Lizzie and Tia as our representatives for the regional Spelling Bee finals at Fingal Public School on September 7th. Good luck kids!

Check out our celebrity watch photos of Mrs Crawford talking up Coorabell Public School to former Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Julia Gillard. Also see a great photo of Kai and Roe with former Queensland premier, Anna Bligh.

For some weeks now I have noticed that the long jump board, the Telstra manhole and surrounding lawn outside the tennis court has been excavated by what I suspect is the work of an echidna. Mr Eason worked back one evening recently and spotted our new enrolment. I think it is only fair that we call our echidna ‘Steve’.

I would like to announce that our fantastic cleaner, Warwick, will clean our school for the last time this Friday as he is retiring. Warwick has been a great colleague and friend to the entire staff and his friendly disposition will be greatly missed by all. Warwick plans to travel extensively through China and Europe. We wish Warwick all the best and hope he has a thoroughly enjoyable, happy and well deserved retirement.

Thank you Kylie and Rohin for the delicious pumpkin soup.

Many thanks
Geoff Coghlan

PS. Don’t forget photos are this Friday – so full school uniform please.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

TERM 3

August
27 Kindy Orientation - 9-11
28 Whole School Photos
28 North Coast Area Athletics

Sept
3 Kindy Orientation - 9-11
14 Whole School Concert
15 Life Education Van
16 Life Education Van
18 LAST DAY of TERM 3

Oct
7 FIRST DAY of TERM 4

Nov
7 P & C Super 70’s Fete

REMINDERS

Ukulele Term 1/2 /3 Tuition fee $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.

Steve
P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 31st August in the Library, commencing at 6.30 pm.

All parents are invited to attend these evenings. You find out firsthand about teaching and learning in each classroom, about school events on in that month and we discuss future plans and fund raising.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Contact: coorabellpandc@gmail.com

Refer to flyer attached for all other things P&C.

UNIFORMS

- Could all students please wear the correct school uniform every day.
- School broad-brimmed hat.
- School t-shirt with black or green shorts, long pants (No jeans please – this includes no black skinny jeans, these are not part of our uniform.
- School dress (black tights permitted under school dress)
- School shoes or joggers
- School jumper or plain green of black jumper.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEP Student Hosting - A Window to the World!

Hosting an exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations.

2016 is fast approaching and our students cannot wait to hear from a welcoming host family they can call their own and learn about the place they will soon call home. For more information and to see the wonderful students waiting to be placed with their host family, check out the WEP Australia website, www.wep.org.au, or call 1300 884 733.

LUNCH ORDER

Friday August 28

P & C Lunches this week will be hosted by Amir Zikhron. 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.

Sausage Roll......................................... Vegie Roll...............................................

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

Please note: OHS- Students are not allowed to help with food preparation in the canteen.

LUNCH ORDERS THIS WEEK DUE WEDNESDAY
P & C LUNCHES - ROSTER

P & C LUNCHES - Cost $4.00 per lunch

Thanks to all the volunteers so far for this Term with lots of yummy lunches being served up to the kids! Volunteers still needed for last 3 weeks of Term 3!! Please put your name down by returning the details to the school office. Thank you!

For all new parents please feel free to contact Jenny or Karen in the office to find out about our Friday lunches.

All expenses are reimbursed by the P&C. Just remember to keep all your receipts. Lunch suggestions: burritos/veg and meat, pizzas, soups, nori rolls, pasta dishes, lasagna, sausage rolls/cheese and spinach rolls, sausage sizzles.....or try something new!

Lunches need to be ready at 1.10pm.

Kindergarten will be served first at this time with the rest to follow from 1.15pm.

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR TERM 3 ROSTER!!!!!!

TERM 3 ROSTER

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Coorabell Public School - P&C Association - Weekly News – August 24th

Raffle Raffle Raffle fever!
A huge thank you to our amazing team who have volunteered to take up the fantastic fund raising opportunity of selling the Seafood Platter Raffle – Saturdays and Sundays at the Hotel Brunswick

It’s a fundraising winner– and the amazing thing…. we are also allowed to sell our Coorabell fete raffle tickets at the same time!!! Thank you to Hotel Brunswick and thank you to our team who led the way this weekend - Azriel Re’Shel, Sarah Smith and families on Saturday and Karen Eivers and family on Sunday – just a terrific effort thank you!!! 😊

While these Hotel Brunswick Seafood Raffles are organised by the P&C – the funds from these raffles go back DIRECTLY to the teachers to spend for something special in their classrooms. In the true Coorabell spirit of sharing & community, the funds will actually be pooled and shared among the teachers.

Feeling inspired?!?!... Keep selling your Coorabell School Fete Raffle tickets – if you sell a whole book.....simply ask for more.......... grab another book from the office and keep going!! 😊
The fete raffle is one of our major fundraising efforts for the fete – so your enthusiasm with your child to sell raffle tickets to friends and family is absolutely appreciated.

We have all been working tirelessly this year at our fundraising efforts – thank you to everyone for your support. It is now time to enjoy some results and do a bit of shopping.

CPS P&C are currently working on proposals to present to Geoff and our amazing teachers. We would love to hear from you if you have any particular ideas, suggestions or dreams for ways to enhance our beautiful school. Either return the slip below to school or pop your ideas in an envelope marked to the attention of the P&C – with your name or anonymously if you wish – we really would love to hear from you.

Copies of the P&C proposals will be available once they have been completed, please register your interest to receive this report by returning the below form to school – the proposals will be emailed to you directly. These proposals and new ideas will also be discussed at the upcoming P&C meeting next Monday August 31st – please feel welcome to join us

P&C Meetings – scheduled for the remainder of the year
Pop these dates in your diary – and feel very welcome to come along.
Meetings held Monday nights in the school library 6.30 – 8.30 pm
August 31st, October 12th, November 16th and December 7th

YES please – I would like to receive a copy of the P&C Proposals for 2015

Please send to: Name ________________________ Email __________________________

I/we have some ideas, suggestions and dreams for ways to enhance our school that I would like to include in the P&C proposals. These include:

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Alternatively please contact us on: coorabellpandc@gmail.com or via a message on our facebook page.

Engage, Share, Nurture and Grow.
NAIDOC Celebrations 18/8/2015