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INFORMATION
We are a nut aware school

VALUE OF THE WEEK
INTEGRITY
Be honest and trustworthy

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

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome Charli (Year 2) and her family to our Coorabell school community and welcome back to Cal (Year 6).

Congratulations to year 6 for their outstanding participation in the 2016 Young Leaders Day Conference held at Brisbane Convention Centre yesterday. Amongst the many inspirational speakers and musicians our kids found Josh Richards the most interesting as he is a shortlist candidate to travel to Mars in 2021 to live in a capsule with 3 others without any possibility of return to planet Earth. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all.

Congratulations to Years 3 & 4 who participated in the Spaghetti Circus workshop also to Years 5 & 6 who went the week before. The Director reported back to me and another parent that his staff were yet again blown away by the exemplary attitude, behaviour and enthusiasm displayed by the Coorabell kids. Fantastic effort! (Check out the photos attached)

Congratulations to our Student Representative Council (SRC) 2016 who were officially inducted at last week’s assembly. I wish for the SRC to have more ownership and play a more prominent role in decision making this year. The vision I have for the SRC is that they become true representatives that their class members can approach with any ideas, initiatives, issues or concerns which they can then raise at the SRC meetings conducted with Mrs Crawford.

Mrs Edwards class is hoping for better weather tomorrow for their excursion to The Farm. Thank you once again to Kay and Bobbi for making this happen.

Mrs Crawford, Mr Eason and myself have volunteered to help out down at The Farm on (continued over page)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

‘Sometimes you never know the benefit of a moment until it becomes a memory’ Dr Seuss

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our school garden plot that has generously been provided for us to grow and harvest. We hope that parents and children can help out as well. Please send your expressions of interest to Caroline at carolinenovinc@bigpond.com.

The Cross Country date of March 31st is approaching faster than you think when you consider that Easter is only 8 school days away. Most of our classes are already in training so please encourage your children to prepare for this annual event.

Many thanks
Geoff Coghlan

PS. At next Tuesday’s assembly the first Principal’s Award for 2016 will be announced. There are so many outstanding candidates to choose from. WHO WILL IT BE???

UPCOMING EVENTS!

TERM 1
March 14 Young Leaders Day - Year 6
16 The Farm Year 2 Excursion
18 PSSA Winter Sports Trials at Mullumbimby - League ground or Netball Courts
25 Good Friday Public Holiday
28 Easter Monday Public Holiday
31 VOSS Cross Country - Whole school
April 1 Spaghetti Circus Day - K-2
8 LAST DAY of TERM 1
27 FIRST DAY TERM 2

TERM 2
May 10 NAPLAN - Year 3 & 5
11 NAPLAN - Year 3 & 5
12 NAPLAN - Year 3 & 5
17 ICAS Digital Technologyn paper
31 ICAS Science paper
June 1 52 Story Treehouse performance Whole school - Lismore
14 ICAS Writing paper
15 ICAS Spelling paper
27 Year 5/6 - We will rock you excursion
July 1 LAST DAY of TERM 2
19 FIRST DAY of TERM 3

NO Tuesday Assembly this week
Next School Assembly will be in Week 9 22nd March.
The 5/6 students will lead the assembly.
Year 3/4 will be presenting a class item.
Presentation of Principals Award.

REMEMDERS

Year 2 The Farm excursion tomorrow, permission notes & money should be in.
K-2 Spaghetti Circus Day Friday 1/4, permission note & money due.
Ukulele Term 1 Tuition fee due - $25 per term due (or pay $100 for the year).
Student Resource payment of $80 per student now due.
Voluntary Contribution $40 per student or $70 per family now due.

IMPORTANT
Please make sure notes and money are forwarded in a sealed envelope with correct money and marked with child’s name & activity.

DON’T FORGET Students’ place notes & money (in a sealed/labelled envelope) in the posting box in their classroom.
CLASS NEWS

Mrs Crawford’s 5/6 Class have a visit from Sea Shepherd and Shark Spotters South Africa

We are looking forward to this visit from these two very interesting organisations. The class has been very busy researching the issue plaguing our coastline lately of frequent shark attacks and sightings. We wanted to research things that deter sharks without hurting them or damaging our marine environment. We want to be able to keep sharks away from swimmers and surfers. We want everyone to be safe in the water. As a result, children have come up with some highly innovative and interesting designs of devices that could potentially solve the problem. We are going to be able to share our work with Sea Shepherd and Shark Spotters as well as learn about other innovations from them. It is a golden opportunity for the class to be engaged on a global level with other interested parties from around our planet.

GARDEN NEWS

DONATIONS PLEASE

We are looking for donations of vegie seedlings for our gardens. eg beetroot, carrots, peas, beans, cucumber, sunflowers, asian vegies. Flowers would be lovely too. Any donation greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Briannon (Jaygen’s sister) - see below - who came to perform as a storyteller last Thursday for Year 1/2 and Year 2
WEEKLY AWARDS

Kindergarten: Tully, Jasper, Ellie and Tilly.
Year 1/2: Juni:- amazing efforts in guitar playing; Persia:- outstanding efforts in handwriting and collage; Ruby:- always working carefully & working hard; Charlie:- offering interesting comments in discussion.
Year 2: Marley, Jesse, Liel & Georgie:- Being honest & trustworthy and making good choices.
Year 3/4: Hope:-for enthusiasm and creativity in writing; Gigi:- for creativity in writing; Annabel:- for an engaging presentation; Harry:- excellent effort in mathematics.
Year 4/5: Joshua:- spectacular speed in maths mentals; Luis:- always being focused in class & producing great work; Carita:- creative ideas during writing activities.
Year 5/6: Hinata:- increased confidence; Sarah:- thinking of others; Kai:- putting in 100% plus

NUDE FOOD AWARD: Year 1/2

SRC Value Award - INTEGRITY
Alifie, Dani, Zack, Teya and Sarah

The Literary world according to Xavier

Travels of an Extraordinary Hamster - by Astrid Desborder 3 1/2 stars
I really liked the short stories in this cartoon style book. Hamster and his friends have funny adventures.

Timmy Failure - Sanitized for Your Protection - by Stephan Pastis 4 stars
Extra Super Dupaloopa Funny!!!
Whilst on holiday with his parents, Timmy and one of his friends run away and go to expensive restaurants and hotels with the use of his parents debit card.

LUNCH ORDER
Friday 18th March - NOTE & MONEY DUE WEDNESDAY
P & C Lunches this week will be hosted by Silvina Medel. 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.

............................Ham & Pineapple Pizza ............................Margherita Pizza
(Please indicate choice for each child)

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

Please note: PLEASE NO VARIATION REQUESTS 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.
A huge thank you from the whole school community to Victoria Baldock (Eden&Elia) for so ably taking on the position of P&C President in 2015. The committee and supporters did such a great job with fundraising and making significant improvements to the school environs.

Thanks also to Allira (Vice Pres), Michele (Treasurer) and Di (Secretary) for their efforts and to all parents and family members who supported the P&C activities throughout the year.

The 2016 AGM was held on 29th February – it was really great to see some new faces come along – and the 2016 committee was appointed.

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<td>Secretary</td>
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There will be one working bee per term - Geoff provides us with a list of jobs and we get through as much as we can. Kids are most welcome to come and help keep the school in tip top condition.

We’re holding a number of social events for the school community this year – a Mother’s Day afternoon tea (on the same afternoon as our first school disco), a Parent’s Night Out in August and the Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast in September.

Fundraising is an important role of the P&C and goes toward improving classroom facilities, upgrading the playground and replacing outdated school equipment (among other things). Without parent and family support, these things wouldn’t happen. The P&C have asked Geoff and the staff to provide us with a ‘wish list’ for 2016. This helps us to target our fundraising efforts and make sure that we are focused on what we are trying to achieve throughout the year. We have scheduled events evenly across the year and tried to set as many dates as we can so that you can get them into your calendar early.

Last year, we began a system of communicating with families via the P&C Email Contact list. We’ll do it this way again this year, because people did seem to like it. The P&C also produce the Class Contact Lists, which we send around in the children’s pockets – it’s great to have for arranging play dates and sharing transport to school events.

If you are a new parent to the school and would like to add your contact details to the P&C Email Contact List, or the P&C Class Contact List please email your name, your kid’s name(s) & year, your best phone contact and your email address to petamarks@gmail.com

You can also keep in touch with the P&C and each other via the P&C Facebook page: Search for Coorabell Public School P&C Association
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<td>School’s 125th Anniversary &amp; Open Day</td>
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**2016 P&C Calendar**

BLUE: Fundraiser PURPLE: P&C Event GREEN: Working Bee ORANGE: Meeting RED: School event/some P&C Involvement may be required

**P&C Meeting Next week – Wednesday 23rd March 6:30pm**

The Term 1 P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday 23rd March in the school library from 6:30pm. Wine and nibbles will be available. If you want to put anything on the agenda, please contact Kelly kelhutchinson@live.com.au

**Term 1: Parent/Family Assistance Required**

The working bee on Sunday 3rd April is the only P&C event for Term 1. The working bee will involve a general tidy-up of the gardens, grounds and buildings (Geoff will tell us what needs to be done) and include a revamp to the Junior school playground – so K, 1, 2, parents/families are especially encouraged to attend. Kids are welcome. We will let you know in the newsletter the week before the working bee whether any specific tools would be handy.

Please let Coordinators Simon/Victoria know if you are able to attend the working bee: Simon: smfield@hotmail.com Victoria: victoria@verveentertainment.com

**And...coming up early next term**

The Mother’s Day afternoon tea and the Mad May Disco with DJ Pob will be held straight after school on Friday 6th May.

The afternoon tea is being hosted by Coordinators Paul R and Paul H, so any dads available to help would be most welcome... The disco is being held in the Library at the same time, with DJ Pob at the deck and our disco queen’s Victoria and Aarna Coordinating the event.

We will be asking for volunteers in the coming weeks, but if either of these events are your cup of tea and you know you will be able to help, please let us know (petamarks@mac.com).
Spaghetti Circus
YEAR 5 & 6
4/3/2016
Spaghetti Circus
YEAR 3 & 4
11/3/2016