

## Term 4 - Week 2

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4.

I have to remind you student attendance will continue to be a focus area this term. All students are required to attend school each day. The school day begins at **8.58am** and finishes at **3.00pm**. All absences must be explained and justified. Please read the attached note explaining student attendance requirements.

If a student is **late** to school parents are required to accompany their child/ren to the office to fill in a yellow slip to take to their teacher.

If you are dropping off your children in the morning please note there is **no supervision before 8.30am**. Some parents are leaving children at the school before 8.00am.

I would also like to mention the school is not a child minding facility after hours. **The school day ends at 3.00pm**. There are an increasing number of students waiting to be collected by parents each afternoon. The executive and staff would appreciate **prompt** collection of students.

On the last day of Term 3 Federal Member Mr Greg Combet visited our school to officially open the BER (Building Education Revolution) buildings. At the special assembly our guitar group and choir performed beautifully followed by the unveiling of a plaque.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

Mr Combet complimented our students and Student Leaders on their excellent behaviour and performance during the assembly.

**Naplan Data** – There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to attend a short workshop on understanding NAPLAN on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Barb Beattie  
PRINCIPAL

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

25 Oct	NAPLAN Info/ P&C Meeting
27 Oct.	Yr 6 RAP Day @ MHS
28 Oct.	World Teacher's Day Bandanna Day

### SCHOLASTIC

### BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 7

Orders with payment due  
back to school  
by Friday 28/10/11

## **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

This is the last term of the school year. It is a very busy term and very important that all students are attending school and arriving on time for the beginning of lessons at 9 o'clock. On your child's yearly report full day absences, as well as partial absences, will be recorded. If a student is arriving late it is recorded. *Mrs Tukua – Attendance Officer*

## **NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS**

**Thank you** to Mr Steve Ward who was a wonderful cook for our BBQ. The children were able to have a taste test of crocodile and kangaroo as well as indigenous jams. Your help is much appreciated Mr Ward!

**Thank you** to the teachers and aides who, with your enthusiasm and co-operation, made the day successful, fun and educational! A special thanks to Mr Liam Price who captured the children's imaginations with stories from his own upbringing and that of his ancestors.

**Thank you** to the students who participated in the activities with such great co-operation and manners!

*Regards,*

*Mrs Tukua & Mrs Mandas*

## **ASSEMBLY ROSTER** **TERM 4 - 2011**

KT, K/1H, 1/2D, 1/2CF: Friday 2pm – 2.30pm  
3M, 4K, 5/6LB, 5/6K: Friday 11am – 11.30am

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>CLASS TO RUN ASSEMBLY</b>	
	<b>Early Stage 1 / Stage 1</b>	<b>Stage 2 &amp; Stage 3</b>
1	1/2D	5/6K
2	K/1H	5/6LB
3	KT	4K
4	1/2CF	3M
5	Whole School Assembly at 12.40pm	
6	1/2D	5/6K
7	1/2CF	5/6LB
8	Whole School Assembly at 12.40pm	



## **LIFE EDUCATION**

The Life Education van will be visiting Cooranbong Public School from 28<sup>th</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> November. The lessons provided for students are excellent and we encourage all students to attend. There will be a \$6.00 charge to cover student's workbooks and excursion costs. Please remember and save for this wonderful opportunity so that your child can attend.

Below is a list of the content of lessons presented to each grade.

Early Stage 1 (K) – “Harold’s Surprise”: Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety

Stage 1 (Yr 1) – “Harold’s Mystery Tour”: Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making.

Stage 1 (Yr 2) – “Harold’s Heroes”: Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.

Stages 1 & 2 (Yrs 1-3) – “All Systems Go”: Function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, safety with medicines.

Stage 2 (Yr 3) – “Harold’s Diary”: Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles.

Stage 2 (Yr 4) – “Mind Your Medicine”: Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.

Stage 3 (Yr 5) – “The Burning Issue”: Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence, and refusal skills.

Stage 3 (Yr 6) – “Think Twice”: Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) – “Its Your Call”: Definition of legal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem saving.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

If your child is due to begin school next year or you know of a child beginning Kindergarten in 2012 please contact the school for an enrolment form **as soon as possible**.

Our Orientation program begins in Week 6.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM**

The program has now finished - thank you to everyone for your support. Please send in any receipts you may still have by the end of this week.

You can check up on our points tally by visiting [www.woolworths.com.au](http://www.woolworths.com.au) and searching for our school.

**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS**

Thank you to all the families who have brought in their Coles Vouchers. The program has now finished so please bring in any vouchers you may still have by the end of this week.

**COORANBONG SCHOOL PLAYGROUP – TERM 4**

11 Oct	Free Play
18 Oct	School Equipment/Sports Shed
25 Oct	Halloween Craft
1 Nov	Melbourne Cup Hat Day
8 Nov	Kindermusick visiting for free
15 Nov	Alphabet Day – meet new friends
22 Nov	Science Day
29 Nov	Water Play/Summer
6 Dec	Free Play – short playgroup
13 Dec	End of year break up party @ park

Welcome back, hard to believe but we are in the final term of the 2011 school year. Over the holidays an air conditioner was installed to both the Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms. A big thank you for their ongoing support of the school goes to Allrite Air Conditioning. The air conditioners were paid for by the P & C with funds raised this year from various events, the school also contributed \$600 from the funds raised from the school discos. The P & C committee and P & C members can't thank everyone enough for your support of our fundraising efforts which has made this possible.

Our fundraising efforts continue as we are working towards the purchase of significant classroom resources by the end of the year.

The Adidas Fun Run was an amazing success and lots of fun too! The prizes selected by the participating students have arrived and will be given to the students after lunch next Monday.

Due to illness and family commitments, there is a demand for a few canteen volunteers this term, if you can help on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday for once a month, please let me know. You will not be working alone; we are looking for a second helper for some of the days. The canteen volunteers are lovely and very experienced, this is a great opportunity to try canteen to see if you like it. There is no obligation to commit to ongoing days; we just need help covering a few days this term.

There are some new items to the canteen:

Pineapple Juice Poppers	\$1.30
Nachos	\$3.00
Strawberry ice-cream cups	\$1.20
Chocolate ice-cream cups	\$1.20
Apple Muffins	\$1.00
Blueberry Muffins	\$1.00
Lamingtons	\$1.00



The muffins and lamingtons are from Thompsons, the Nachos are pre-packaged.

The next P & C meeting has been changed this month to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (25 October) to coincide with the NAPLAN Information Session. The meeting will start at the conclusion of the Information Session..

Thank you  
Amanda Wheeler – P & C President

# Regular School Attendance

Information for parents and carers



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Schools play a vital role in the social and emotional development of children. Regular attendance enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and assists in building important coping and friendship skills. Confident children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour.

If students miss out on the basic skills in the early years of school, they may experience learning problems in later years. Ultimately, unsatisfactory attendance at school may affect the awarding of the School Certificate.

Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. Parents and schools have specific responsibilities concerning children's attendance at school.

## Responsibilities of the principal

Principals are legally responsible for maintaining accurate records of student attendance. When reasons for absences are provided to the school by parents, principals are accountable for their decision to record a student's absence as justified. Principals may decide to accept an satisfactory or explanation for an absence and will record that absence as unjustified.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to illness are frequent or prolonged.

## Responsibilities of parents

The Education Act 1980 requires that parents (including carers) ensure that children of compulsory school age are enrolled at and regularly attend school, or are registered with the Office of

the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling. The New South Wales Department of Education and Training may take legal action against parents and carers who do not send their children to school without a valid reason.

## What is a justified reason for being absent from school?

Justified reasons for absences may include the student:

- having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (generally these should be made after school or during holidays)
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