# COORANBONG PRIMARY SCHOOL 'COOEE' INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY EXCELLENCE

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## Congratulations on an amazing year

We are so proud of our achievements this year. From very exciting NAPLAN results and school improvement data to the wonderful creative arts, sporting and wellbeing programs. Our students and staff have excelled this year. Congratulations everyone!



We would like to take this opportunity to thank our current School Captains, Imogen and Chloe on an outstanding year of leadership. The role modelling and fabulous way you have both achieved academically and socially is a huge credit to you. Thank you for all your hard work.

A big congratulations to our new captains Eddie and Angelika and their team of prefects Paige, Cooper, Millie and Maegan.

I am sure our 2016 leaders have some great plans for the school and more importantly, for their peers.



COORANBONG

Farewell Mr King



It is with a sad heart that we farewell our wonderful Assistant Principal, Mr Andrew King. Mr King has been an integral part of the Cooranbong community for many years. He started at our school in 2006 and his leadership in many areas including sport has benefitted not only our students but also our staff. Mr King will be joining New Lambton Public School next year and we wish him all the success in the world on his new educational journey. Thank you for all you have done for us Mr King!

#### **Dux 2015**

A huge congratulations to Imogen for achieving the dux award this year for academic excellence.



Imogen has been accepted into both the academic selective high school, Merewether High School and the enrichment class at Morisset High School. After careful consideration and visits to both schools, Imogen feels that Morisset High School has better options for her. Congratulations on your achievements Imogen, we are proud of you.

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

A reminder that formal interviews are available with your teachers!! If you wish to have an interview, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to organise a suitable time. We value these meetings.

## SCHOOL SECURITY PHONE NO DURING THE HOLIDAYS IS 1300 880 021

#### **Sports Presentation Day**



Congratulations to all of our students who achieved sporting accolades at our sports presentation day on Monday.



Well done Josephine on receiving the 'Sportsperson of the Year' award.



#### Impressive Reading

Emma is the first Kindergarten student in many years that has finished her home reading diary. This is a very difficult thing to achieve as there are 250 entries to reach! Congratulations Emma, we are very proud of your developing reading skills.



## **Family Fun Day**

Our 'Family Fun Day' was a huge success on Friday with many families and community members joining us for an evening of fun, games and community spirit.



Students had a range of activities to participate in and prizes to win.



Our senior students organised and supervised some of their own stalls, much to the delight of their peers.



The magic show was such an enjoyable event, with lots of laughter and giggles at Joel's jokes, aimed at both children and adults.



Thank you to Kay, Jo and Amanda and their team of dedicated parents and sponsors who made the day a thoroughly enjoyable one! We are so lucky to have such amazing community support!

## Art Attack

Congratulations to all of our budding artists who produced some stunning pieces of work this year.



Our big 2015/2016 *Brushes Up* showcase will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016. We can't wait to see the exhibition!



#### **Reading Reward**

Maverick, Ava, Imogen, Angelika, Marley and Eli all visited Cooranbong Café for a milkshake and cupcake and lots of conversation about reading. Well done students for working so hard to achieve this important reward.



Congratulations to all our students who have achieved their reading awards this year. A huge thank you to Mrs le Roux for organising this for our students and being such a dedicated leader of this program!



## **Swimming Fun**

Students feedback about their two week swimming program has been fantastic!

*"It was good fun and energetic and I enjoyed it*", Brody, Year 5

*"I loved it because I learnt lots of stuff and I learnt how to swim!" – Kaylee, Year 1.* 



"Swimming was cool!", Maverick, Year 1

"It was fun", Liana, Kindergarten



## **Student Banking**

Student Banking has finished for the year and will start up again in Term 1 next year.

Thank you for participating in our School Banking Program.

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE**

Mrs Sewell and Ms Burns would like say farewell to our Year 6 students as they go off to high school. It has been a pleasure getting to know you over the years and we wish you all the best.

#### **Newcastle Permanent**

A big thank you to Newcastle Permanent Building Society who presented us with a cheque for use in our Creative Arts and Sporting budget.



One of our families took out a loan from Newcastle Permanent and nominated us to receive \$600 as part of the building society's promotion. A huge thank you to this supportive family, who wish to remain anonymous. We will be purchasing guitars for our students and fixing the cricket netting on our oval.

#### **Important Dates for 2015**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Volunteers Afternoon tea
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Picnic Day Myuna Bay
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Students Last Day

## Important Dates for 2016

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Jan Australia Day Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Jan Staff Development Dav Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Jan Students Return 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Kindergarten students begin Mon Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb **Swimming Carnival** Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Meet the Teacher day Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Meet the Teacher day Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Zone Swimming Carnival 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Clean up Australia Day Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mar **Bandaged Bear Day** Fri

#### **Canteen News**

Friday 11 December has been the LAST DAY the canteen will be open this year.

A special thank you to all our helpers for the year – Jo, Paula, Erin, Shane, Krysti, Steve, Sue, Kylie, Karin, Buddhi, Lisa and Apelu.

Thank you goes to students Jack and Taiah for helping out in the canteen.

A special thank you to Cate Watson our former Canteen Supervisor who ran a great canteen during her time. We really appreciate your time and effort.



What a great year it has been for playgroup. We welcomed many new families including a newborn baby girl. It has been a lot of fun every Wednesday.

Creative Kids Playgroup raised over \$700 at the Family Fun Afternoon last Friday with the very popular BBQ. This will help buy new equipment for next year such as a shade shelter. A special thank you goes to Moores Meats in Morisset for their kind donation of over 250 sausages for the BBQ.

Thank you to Bill, Richard and Wayne for cooking the sausages and onions – they were yummy! Thank you to our playgroup coordinator Sue Bryson who worked tirelessly on the night and for all your help throughout the year.

Thank you to our canteen helpers on the night for giving up your evening to help: Karly, Buddhi, Anne, Toya, Jack and Taiah.

Enjoy the holidays, we look forward to seeing you in Term 1 next year.

#### P&C Report

What a busy and exciting time it is lately with Family Fun Afternoon, Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell and Picnic Day. A big thank you to everyone who has helped throughout the year with the all the events, activities and fundraisers. Your efforts have enabled the P&C to purchase a new air conditioner for Mrs Floyd's room after her old one broke down. Thanks to Sue and Matt Alcorn from Allrite Air Conditioning for your prompt and professional response to our air conditioning crisis.

A thousand thanks again to all our volunteers supporters, helpers and the community for all the hard work throughout the year. All your efforts go towards making our school a better place and we could'nt do it without you.

Mr Steve Ward P&C PRESIDENT

#### Year 6 Farewell

We had a fantastic finish to the year for Year 6 last night. This could not have happened except for the generosity of some families. A special thank you to the Lowe Family and Ward family and all the parents who helped throughout the day and on the night. Although it was a festive occasion it was also a sad moment as we have to say goodbye to Mr King in 3 days time!. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves!

#### Student Banking

Student Banking has finished for the year. Thank you to all the regular bankers, we look forward to you banking next year.



#### **Presentation Day Stories**

On Tuesday the whole school went to Morisset High School. I got an award. I loved that day. I saw a High School boy videoing the people when they walked off. My sister didn't get an award but she didn't get upset. **Sashi 1H** 

On Tuesday we went to Morisset High. It was very fun. I saw my sister. It was very amusing. It was the greatest day ever. Lots of people got awards and I saw people dancing. *Nique 1H* 

On Tuesday me and my friends went on the bus to Morisset High School to have a presentation day. I didn't get an award but my friend Mary got one and I was proud. *Tilli 1H* 

On presentation day the assembly was enormous and I got an award. The canteen people got flowers and little people and big people got some trophies. I went outside. I hugged my sister and my mum and dad. Nan and pop were watching me. *Ursula 1H* 



Would you like to write a letter to Santa and get a reply?????

During the weekend write a letter to Santa, place your letter in a sealed envelope. Write <u>TO: SANTA</u> on the front and put your name and address on the back.

Bring your letter in on Monday or Tuesday next week and post in the Santa Post Box in the front foyer at school. Australia Post will pick up the letters on Tuesday afternoon.

#### Lost Property

There are lots of items in the Lost Property Bin. Next Monday all unclaimed items will be gathered and donated to a local charity.

Free Apple computer activies – how to make a movie and story telling – great school holiday fun for the children. Go to: http://www.applersvp.com/au/sections/summ er\_camps/stores/327



Keep viewing our Facebook page during the holidays. The more you Like the posts the more they will show up on your timeline.

#### Back by popular demand.....

#### "End of Year Joke" from Mrs Burns

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?

Stick with me and we'll go places!



#### Thank you

A special thank you to Mrs Rockford for donating huge boxes of Christmas decorations for our school! We hope your family have a lovely Christmas. ©



We would like to wish our school community a happy holiday season.

Stay safe and enjoy lots of family time.

See you all back at school on Thursday 28 January, 2016.

Eureka Taekwondo Traditional Martial Art For Self Defence Just Turn Up Or Phone For Info all ages welcome. Held at Cooranbong School in the hall. Tuesday afternoons from 3pm till 4pm. 6<sup>th</sup> Dan Master Instructor Steve Turner Ph: 0400 002951 or email: <u>eurekataekwondo@gmail.com</u> Tuesdays 3pm till 4pm , 1 Free lesson A CHILD HAS A SPECIAL WAY,  $\diamond$  of adding joy  $\diamond$ 

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