

COORANBONG PUBLIC SCHOOL 'COOEE'

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Thursday 23rd November, 2017

Important Dates to Remember

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| Mon 20 Nov – | Life Education program |
| Thur 23 rd Nov | |
| Mon 20 Nov – | School Swim Scheme |
| Fri 1 Dec | |
| Thur 23 Nov | P&C Meeting @ 4pm |
| Wed 29 Nov | Aboriginal Ed. forum |
| Fri 1 Dec | Explicit Instruction Parent Info Session Movie Night |
| Wed 6 Dec | Year 6 Farewell |
| Thur 7 Dec | “Brushes Up” Exhibition |
| Mon 11 Dec | Sports Presentation |
| Tue 12 Dec | Presentation Day |

Term 4 – Week 7

Welcome to Week 7! This week your child will bring home permission notes for our end of year Picnic Day and Presentation Day. Please ensure these notes are returned promptly so that we plan accordingly.

You may have noticed the fences have gone up near the rear car park. This area will have a demountable placed there in the coming weeks to cater for our increasing enrolments.

School Planning

This year sees the end of our current 2015 – 2017 school plan. Our new 2018 – 2020 school plan is now being developed in consultation with staff, students and parents. Thank you to those parents who have completed surveys online such as the Tell Them from Me Survey or completed evaluation processes during P & C meetings. These surveys, along with information gathered from evaluative processes using the Schools Excellence Framework and ‘What Works Best’ documents have

contributed to our developing draft plan for 2018 – 2020. Below is our draft ‘vision’ and strategic directions. These aspects of the new school plan will remain in draft form and are open to comment and review.

School Vision

At Cooranbong Public School we believe in fostering a culture of school excellence where every student is nurtured and inspired to thrive, connect and succeed through a caring and supportive environment in partnership with our learning community.

Strategic Directions

Learning: To ensure that all students have the opportunity to thrive, connect and succeed in a caring and supportive environment to become lifelong learners.

Teaching: All teachers are committed to identifying, understanding and implementing effective evidence-based teaching strategies aligned with best practice to meet the individual needs of every student.

Leading: To support a culture of high expectations and community engagement, which will result in the enrichment of continuous whole-school improvement.

Excellence In Customer Service 360 Survey Tool

Over the coming weeks Cooranbong PS will be participating in the 360 Survey. This survey is aimed at staff and parents to evaluate our effectiveness in customer service across the areas of

communication, customer service, collaboration, consistency and vision. In order to take part we will require your email address as the survey is administered through an independent arm of the DoE. If we do not have your email address and you would like to take part please update your contact details at the office.

Aboriginal Education Forum

If you are a parent of an Aboriginal student or have an interest in Aboriginal Education then you are invited to our forum next Wednesday 29th November at 9:30am in the library. We will be reviewing current practises and planning for the future. Don't forget to return your expression of interest from the end of the newsletter.

Explicit Instruction Parent Information Session

Do you want to know more about 'Warm Ups' and why we do them. Mr John Fleming will be presenting a parent session on Friday 1st December in the library from 9:15am. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. To assist with planning for catering please return the slip at the end of the newsletter to the office as soon as possible.

2018 Student Leaders

Our 2018 student leader nominees will be presenting their speeches next Thursday 30th November at 2pm in the hall. Parents of our nominees are invited to attend. Students will then vote for our 2018 student leaders. Successful nominees will be announced at our end of year Presentation Day at Morisset High School on Tuesday 12th December.



Some of our students enjoying their Life Education experience

School Swim Scheme

Many of our students have been participating in the annual swimming scheme this week. They have had a fantastic time learning essential survival skills. They have represented our school in an outstanding manner, displaying our expectations of Respect, Safety and Engagement. Great work to all of our swimmers.



Rear Car Park

Students that are picked up in the rear car park are required to walk with a supervising teacher if a parent is not waiting for them under the COLA. These students will not be permitted to walk unaided through the car park or across the road. Parents are asked to collect their children from the supervising teacher once they have been walked down the path. This is a **safety issue** and part of our **duty of care**. I am sure everyone is aware of the tragic accident in a NSW school recently. We want to ensure as best we can that something so tragic could never happen to our precious children. Thank you for your understanding.



Attendance Award Winner

This week's attendance award winner was Ava (5/6T). Ava was at school on time every day last week and has won a \$5 canteen voucher. Great work!

Clancy Raffle Winners

Last week's Clancy raffle winners were Josh (Rainbow Room), Maeve (KH) and Rori (4M). They have all received a \$2 voucher from the canteen. Well done!

AARON QUINNELL
PRINCIPAL

Chess News

Recently the Cooranbong Public School Chess teams travelled to Broadmeadow PCYC for the Hunter finals of the Primary schools Chess Competition. This was a massive achievement by the players to reach this level of competition. Our 'Rookies' team of Haydn, Asec, Isaiah and Sam competed very strongly all day to record many victories and ultimately finished third. Special mention of Sam who went through the day undefeated including some victories over students using some tactics to unsettle him.



The level of competition in the 'Knights' competition proved to be more difficult. Darcy, Marley, Jarrod and Bradley competed strongly against some very strong competition to finish sixth. At this level of competition to make one mistake usually means losing the match. All boys represented Cooranbong Public School with pride and exhibited excellent sportsmanship throughout.

Phillip Andrews

CHESS CO-ORDINATOR

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club orders and payment are due back to school by Friday 1st December.

Special Thanks

A special thank you to Origin Energy and Centennial Coal for their support of the Cooranbong Colour Carnivale, which was held 12th November. Without their support of our school, events such as this would not be possible.

Stage 3 Notes

It is an exceptionally busy time of the year with lots of activities happening! Stage 3 parents, please be reminded that there are extra notes due back to classroom teachers. The notes due back are: PBL Launch Day, Year 6 Orientation Day and the Year 6 Farewell which are all due back by 1st December.

Reading Buddy Program

We have finished our Reading Buddy Program for this year and are very proud of our senior students who have been helping younger students with reading. It was heartwarming to watch Reading buddies sit together quietly under the COLA after lunch listening to the younger students reading. They helped the younger readers with reading fluently, reading at a good tempo and to read in a phrased manner with intonation. These skills increase comprehension. Students were looking forward to meeting with their Reading Buddies and this also built good relationships between our older and younger students. Some Reading Buddies helped several younger students over the span of the time. It was also encouraging to see older students taking on other students whose buddy had to attend something else for the day.

Daily practice of reading is of the utmost importance for all students.

Mrs le Roux

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you will go.**

— Dr. Seuss

Gardening Club News

This month the Gardening Club has been excitedly looking after their gardens – watching sunflowers open and watching corn, tomatoes and beans grow. We have also been planting new plants and weeding to make our school look fantastic. Great job team!

We now have a new batch of our Worm Farm Juice available for a gold coin donation.

Pamela Hoskens

GARDENING CLUB CO-ORDINATOR



P&C News

The P&C exists solely to support our children at CPS and has been instrumental in completing many projects throughout the school community. These include smartboards and funding programs as well as other worthwhile investments. All volunteers help the school fund different projects and programs.

Don't forget raffle tickets are now on sale with some great prizes on offer. They are only \$2.00 per ticket. Tickets will be available to purchase at the Movie Night and will be drawn at the assembly on Friday 8th December.



MEGA Christmas Raffle

1st Prize – value \$590

- 3 nights Valla Beach Tourist Park
- Porpoise pool family pass
- Target & Kmart gift cards

2nd Prize – value \$330

- Captain Cook cruise for two
- Oakdale family pass
- Wangi family dinner
- Perrams & Doylo vouchers

3rd Prize - \$250 cash

4th Prize – value \$200

- Tall Trees dinner for 2

Tickets \$2 each

*Drawn Friday 8th December
At our school assembly*

More tickets available from the front office

The next few weeks will be very busy and we look forward to a fun end of year. We have the Year 6 Farewell as well as Movie Night, Presentation Day and Picnic Day.

Kay Fernance
P&C PRESIDENT



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

PBL LAUNCH CELEBRATION

WHERE: COORANBONG PUBLIC SCHOOL OVAL

WHEN: FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2017

TIME: FESTIVITIES START AT 6PM, MOVIES STARTS AT DARK

COST: GOLD COIN DONATION

WHAT TO BRING: PICNIC BLANKET AND/OR LOW CHAIRS

BYO PICNIC OR ENJOY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE

COME AND ENJOY JUMPING CASTLES, MUSIC, LOLLY STALLS, SNOW CONES, AND MORE

ALL WELCOME

Proudly Sponsored by:

-  Centennial Coal
-  origin
-  Luv A Latte
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Canteen News

Due to circumstances beyond our control the canteen will be closed every Monday for the rest of this term.

New items – mini Quiche Lorraines and large Chicken Pies. Please ask at canteen for prices.

We have many varieties of fruit available at the canteen – apples, mandarins and on some days, watermelon. Fruit is 50c a piece and you get a free keyring with each piece you buy.

Summer Specials – Salad boxes, salad sandwiches are all available at the canteen.

Canteen Roster

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| Monday 27 November | CLOSED MONDAY |
| Tuesday 28 November | Shani & Steve |
| Wednesday 29 November | Sandra & Tracey |
| Thursday 30 November | Paula & Ayesah |
| Friday 1 December | Kay & Jo |

Fun Food Fact: The world's oldest chocolates are 106 years old - a tin of chocolates from the coronation of King Edward V11 in 1902.

Days the canteen will be closed:
Every Monday of Term 4
12th December – Presentation Day
14th December – Picnic Day

Western Shores
Learning Alliance



Dear Parents and Community members of the WSLA,

You are invited to the Western Shores Learning Alliance combined P&C meeting to be held at Morisset High school at 6.30 pm on 30th November.

A suggested agenda is attached. Please refer any other issues you think may be relevant for discussion through your respective Principal.

Please RSVP cheri.mcdonald@det.nsw.edu.au or your school principal if you feel you would like to attend to help with catering.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and any please bring along any new WSLA parents or community members who are interested in continuing to be a valued voice for the WSLA schools.

Kind regards

Cheri McDonald



Education

WSLA P&C Meeting
Term 4 2017

| AGENDA WSLA P&C | |
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| VENUE | Morisset High School library |
| Time | 6 for 6:30 pm |
| Date | 30 th November, 2017 |
| Previous Minutes | |
| Apologies | |
| Agenda Items | Year Calendar (Combined WSLA) _ suggestion to develop a shared calendar with all of the major dates and events for WSLA schools so clashes can be avoided and planning is easier. Set dates for meetings (and venues) |
| P&C Information | Office bearers and emails added to record |
| AECG Information | |
| Principal Updates | Planning processes update |
| General Business | |

Western Shores
Learning Alliance



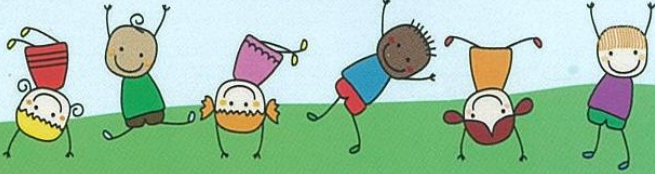
Kylie's Family Day Care

Watagan Park - Cooranbong

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LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost Property bin is overflowing with items of clothing. Please check to see if your child is missing anything and have a look through the bin.

The Lost Property bin is located outside the canteen. Thank you.

RURAL PENINSULA FIRE BRIGADE
EST 1985

SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING TO TOWN!!
PENINSULA RFB WILL BE ESCORTING SANTA CLAUSE AROUND THE MORISSET PENINSULA FROM THE 08/12/17 TO 10/12/17
REMEMBER TO BE NICE TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS HE IS ALWAYS WATCHING!

Make sure you check back on the school newsletter in the coming weeks of Santa's whereabouts
Or you can keep up to date by

www.facebook.com/PeninsulaRFS

www.instagram.com/rfbpeninsula

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE
NEW SOUTH WALES

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION FORUM

I will be attending the Aboriginal Education Forum being held in the Library on Wednesday 29th November at 9.30am.

Name: _____ Contact Phone No. _____

EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

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Name: _____ Contact Phone No: _____