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Thursday 14th December, 2017

Important Dates to Remember

Fri	15 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Tue	30 Jan	Students return for 2018
Fri	2 Feb	Kindy's start

tomorrow. Parents welcome.

Term 4 – Week 10

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2017. Thank you to all of those parents and family members who came along to share in our Presentation Ceremony on Tuesday. Congratulations to all of our award winners.

This week we say goodbye to our Year 6 students. We have a “Clap Out” for them under the COLA at 2.45pm

The year seems to have gone by in a flash. It seems like only a short time ago I was writing my first newsletter of the year and here we are in Week 10 Term 4. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for a fantastic 2017. The support our families provide for our students is tremendous. I would also like to acknowledge the tireless work of our P & C committee who put in hours and hours of work every term to provide our students with a multitude of activities and support for our teaching staff through numerous events.

Of course the staff here at CPS also deserve huge praise for the amazing work they do for our students each and every day. This year our staff have continued the implementation of PBL and begun the early Action for Success journey. Both of which have had amazing results for our students. Teachers have also worked with Mr John Fleming to undertake professional learning in the area of Explicit Instruction. Not only our teaching staff, but also our office, SLSO, GA and cleaning staff should also be congratulated on the amazing efforts you all put in each and every day.

Last of all I would like to congratulate our students for an amazing year. Each and every student has grown and developed academically, socially and emotionally throughout the year and should be proud of their achievements. Each and every day I witness something truly amazing from our students. It is with anticipation and excitement that I look forward to what 2018 may hold for Cooranbong Public School.

Finally I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas.

School Returns

Monday 29th January is a pupil free day. All staff will be attending staff development. The uniform shop will be open 9am – 2pm. The first full day for students in years 1 – 6 is Tuesday 30th January.

2018 Class Structure

Class structure and placement will be determined by the number of students who actually turn up for enrolment in 2018. The first couple of days students may return to their old classes until 2018 classes are finalised. This will minimise any disruption. It is anticipated that students will be placed in their 2018 classes by the end of the first week at the latest.

2018 Kindergarten

I am sure our newest students are all getting very excited about starting big school in 2018. Kindergarten students will receive a letter in the mail before the end of the year detailing their Best Start appointment on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. If you have enrolled only recently you may not receive an appointment on one of these days. Your child's Best Start will still take place in week 2 during normal class times. The first full day for Kindergarten students is Friday 2nd February. Your letter will also detail what time students should arrive on their first day.

Farewell

As you may have heard in my speech on Presentation Day, Friday will also mark the last day for Mr Andrews, Mrs Hancock and Ms Manfield.

Mr Andrews has worked in our library for the past 18 months and I thank him for all his hard work in this area and of course for the great work he has done with our chess teams.

Mrs Hancock has worked throughout 2017, both as a classroom teacher and in the intervention role. She has co-ordinated StarStruck, the signing choir and movement Mondays. Thank you for all your hard work Mrs Hancock.

Ms Mansfield had the difficult task of starting as the classroom teacher in Term 4 to replace Mrs Murray's early departure. She has done an amazing job. Thank you Ms Mansfield for your dedication this term.

AARON QUINNELL
PRINCIPAL





Reading Rewards Day

On Thursday 13th December 10 students from Cooranbong Public School were invited to the Reading Rewards Afternoon at the local Café in Cooranbong. The students who achieved the **250** Home Reading entries were: Scarlett (KT), Tilli (2/3F), Ryan (1C), Cara (1C), Elizabeth (KT), David (KT), Paige (KT), Laura (4M), Ella (3/4R), and Mary (2/3F). They each had a milkshake and a cupcake.

David's favourite book was "Life on the Reef", and Scarlett loves the book about "Hippo". Cara's best book this year was "Poker Dots" and Elizabeth loved the story "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus", while Tilli loved "Dog Tails" best. Mary liked "Dead Man's Best Friend" best and promised me that it was not too scary. Paige loved her book, "Finding Dori" and Ryan really enjoyed his version of "Spiderman", while Laura chose her best book to be "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and Ella voted "Matilda" to be her favourite this year. We asked Mr Quinnell which was his favourite book and he said that he liked "Charlotte's Web" and really got into reading after he read this book.

The students did not think it was hard work to get to the 250 home entries. They felt it has just become a good habit and are looking forward to reading during the holidays too. While drinking our milkshakes, we discussed ways we can get more students, especially older students to read more and it seems as if students need to have a challenge reading with a friend.

We are very proud of the reading achievements of our students and are looking forward to taking the next group of students out for the "Reading Rewards Afternoon" at the end of Term 1 next year. I am proud of showcasing our readers in the community. Members of the community noticed the good manners and behaviour of our students.

We were privileged to have Mr Quinnell as our guest helping to transport our students to and from the café.

Mrs Therésa le Roux

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open in January! 29th January 9am – 2pm, 30th, 31st January, 1st and 2nd February from 8.30am to 10.30am. On the 2nd February the new Kindy's will receive their bag and hat before heading to class.



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