# **COORANBONG PUBLIC SCHOOL 'COOEE'**

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#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

Important Dates to Remember	
Thur 7 Dec	"Brushes Up" Exhibition
Mon 11 Dec	Sports Presentation 12.15pm
Tue 12 Dec	Presentation Ceremony
Wed 13 Dec	Reading Rewards Day
Thur 14 Dec	Picnic Day
Fri 15 Dec	Last day of Term 4

#### Term 4 – Week 9

Welcome to week 9. You might have noticed our new classroom arrived over the weekend. There are a few minor works to be completed and the classroom will be ready for students on day 1 next year. There may still be some mild interruption while the path is constructed and power is connected. I thank you for your patience during this time.

#### **Brushes Up Art Exhibition**

Don't forget about the "Brushes Up" Art exhibition in the hall this afternoon from 5pm. We have included some photos as a sneak peak of what to expect. I am sure you will agree that the standard of work is exceptional. Mrs le

Roux should be commended for her co-ordination of such a valuable program in our school .



#### **Sports Presentation**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be celebrating our student's sporting achievements in 2017. The Sports Presentation will be held at 12.15pm in the school hall. All families are welcome to attend.

#### **Presentation Day**

There is not long now until our end of year Presentation Ceremony. Students should arrive at school as usual before being transported by bus to Morisset High School for the ceremony. ALL STUDENTS are required to travel by bus to the event. There is no charge for attending, but a permission note MUST be returned ASAP. If you require another note please see your child's teacher. There are also spare notes in the front foyer of the school.

#### **Clancy Raffle Winners**

Last week's Clancy raffle winners were Emma (1/2K), David (KT), Arohanui (1/2K). They have all received a \$2 voucher from the canteen. Well done!

#### **PBL Launch and Movie Night**

I would like to thank everyone who came along to the night last Friday. Our community were absolutely amazing. It was a pleasure hosting the evening and I look forward to the event becoming a regular event on the calendar. A huge thank you to Mrs Fernance for all of her organisation and Mrs Eves for her support. Of course a big thank you to our sponsors who provided food and entertainment on the night.

During our official PBL Assembly Launch last week we unveiled some new signage that you will soon see pop up around the school. We think it looks great and provides visual cues for staff, students and parents of our expectations.







#### Year 6 Farewell

What a fantastic evening for our Year 6 graduating class of 2017. Our students looked amazing and as always reflected our school values. Such an amazing evening cannot go ahead without the support of our fantastic teachers and parents. I would like to thank Mrs Brown and Miss Thomas for all their hard work in organising the farewell. Of course we had a small group of parents who also put in endless hours of work in attending meetings, shopping, cooking, decorating and cleaning up the hall. These teachers and parents have been busy planning since Term 1 and I commend them on their amazing support of our Year 6 students.



#### **Picnic Day**

Picnic Day is also fast approaching so please ensure you return your note and payment by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

# Parents should note that with our increasing numbers I have requested that <u>students only</u> attend our Picnic Day. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Don't forget to fill in <u>all</u> sections of the Aquatic Activities note as children need permission to access the pool. Children's swimming ability will be assessed before gaining acces to the pool. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Principal's Message to Year 6

It is hard to believe that it's time to farewell the Yr 6 graduating class of 2017. It is a time for reflection, celebration, anticipation and hope. You have definitely come a long way from the new kindergarten students you were seven years ago, to the wonderful young people you are today. Assisting you all the way were some very important people ... your parents and your teachers. During your time at Cooranbong Public School you have had many different teachers. I would like to thank those teachers for doing such a marvellous job and playing such an important role in helping to shape your lives so far. I would also like to thank your parents for the support and encouragement they have provided over the past seven years and I know they will continue this support throughout your time at high school.

As it comes time to say goodbye and your days at primary school come to an end, I am sure that you will be taking with you many cherished memories and friendships. Remember the highlights of primary school, whether it be your friendships, camps, excursions, sports teams, choir, leadership roles, fetes, great times in the classroom or any number of wonderful experiences you would have had at Cooranbong PS during your time here.

As Principal at this time of year I often reflect on what I will say to the graduating year 6 students. I reflect on my own children and their achievements. One who has this year learnt to walk and is now exploring the world and its many wonders. Another who will himself begin his school journey into kindergarten next year and another who has recently finished his school journey and is now finding his place in the world. You have already achieved so much and graduating Yr 6 is certainly a significant milestone in your life. It is time to celebrate the wonderful things you have achieved so far in your learning journey and to look ahead to the new adventure that awaits ... high school. Celebrate this milestone with your friends, your family and your school. Be proud of your achievements and what you have learnt, because it's those things that have helped to shape the person you are today.

High school can be a frightening proposition for even the most confident primary school student. As you are about to embark on this new journey – there will be lots of excitement and a little apprehension. That is perfectly normal. Don't worry about the challenges ahead ... embrace them! There will be new friendships, new faces, lots of new teachers and wonderful experiences to look forward to. Remember the values you have learnt here at Cooranbong. Over the short space of 12 months I have come to know a small part of each of you. In each and everyone of you I see a sense of character and determination.

As you become a young adult, there will be times when your values are tested. Be strong, be true to yourself and have faith in that strength of character. Then, no matter what happens, you will truly own your journey.

The staff and students of Cooranbong Public School farewell you with hope for a wonderful future ahead. As you grow into young ladies and men, we trust that the skills, values and attitudes you have learnt and developed at Cooranbong will stand you in good stead for a bright, happy and successful future.

# **Canteen News**

Please note the canteen will not be open on Presentation Day (12<sup>th</sup> Dec) and Picnic Day (14<sup>th</sup> Dec). It will be open on Wednesday 13 and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

REMINDER – Sausage Sizzle pre-orders for Picnic Day are due back by end of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. **No notes will be accepted after Monday**. Extra order forms are in the school foyer or canteen. 50c Lolly bags will be available to purchase at the picnic.

During the last week canteen stock may run out. We will try to substitute where we can. Thank you for your understanding.

We take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have helped in the canteen this year. Thank you for giving us your precious time.

We wish everyone a great holiday season and safe holidays.

### Fun Food Fact: Threads of fairy floss are thinner than a human hair

Paula CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR



Last Friday night the playgroup, P&C and school held the PBL Launch Celebration Movie Night. It was a fantastic night with a great atmosphere. Thank you to our sponsors for the movie "Boss Baby".









Thank you Danny from Big Sky for his advice and help in making this event a successful one and great night for all. Also thank you to Jo, Len, Kayla and Joel, Erin and her boys, Lexie and Brendan for helping on the night. Thank you for Cooranbong Rural Fire Brigade for cooking the sausage sizzle and giving up their time to help our school. Thanks guys!







I have had very positive feedback about the event and I am happy everyone had a great time. The P&C wish you a great holiday season with your family and friends.

Kay Fernance P&C PRESIDENT

#### **Uniform Shop**

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



