

COORANBONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Thursday 29th August, 2019

Important Dates to Remember

Friday 30 Aug	Fathers Day Breakfast
Monday 2 Sept	ART ATTACK P&C Meeting – 4pm
Thurs 5 Sept	Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Final
Monday 9 Sept	ART ATTACK
Thurs 12 Sept	Parent Information Day– 10am Kindergarten 2020

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last printed newsletter!!
Yes we are going digital with a product called: **"Schoolzine"**, with the aim of being able to provide an up to date and more efficient way of communicating between school and home. Communicating in today's modern world. So what will it mean for you???

Newsletter:

The newsletter will be published in a digital format which will be sent out to your email address and SMS number that you have provided the school when you enrolled your child. If you have changed these since that time please inform the office so records can be updated and you don't miss out. The newsletter will be available in PDF format so if you want to print it off at home you can.

School Forms:

Progressively we will be sending out all school forms which include permission notes, information letters, notifications, invitations and any form that we now send home by paper will be sent to your device. (no more missing notes!!!)

You will be able to do things like sign the permission note on your mobile and have a copy for yourself to help remind you.

All communications from the school will be responsive across mobile, tablet and desktop devices.

Exciting times ahead!!!!

So we ask you to please confirm your email address and mobile contact number, and download the app for Schoolzine which is: **Szapp** from either the Apple App store or Android App store.

Other Communication

Please if you have issues concerning your child, whether it be about their learning, behaviour, interactions with other students, contact your class teacher or myself. It is far better to discuss the issue at first hand rather than let it fester away. If the issue is concerning other parents please contact me. We can discuss the concerns and work through the issues whatever they might be.

BIG THANKS

This week is SASS Recognition Week we thank and recognise the fantastic contribution our support staff make to the education of all students at Cooranbong School.

These outstanding, hard working, caring people support our teachers to provide a high quality education at Cooranbong. Thanks to **Ann** our SAM **Lisa, Sue**, our SAOs in the office and **Donna** in the library.

Vanessa, Pam, Cate, Kylie, Beth our absolutely fantastic SLSOs (teachers aides)

Jim Myers
PRINCIPAL

WEEK 6 TERM 3

K-6 BULLETIN

COORANBONG PUBLIC SCHOOL'S FORTNIGHTLY NEWS



Our Kindergarten Transition to School program for students starting in 2020 will commence in the coming weeks. If you have a child that may be starting at Cooranbong Public School in 2020 could you please advise the office to assist us with planning for the transition program and enrolment at Cooranbong Public School.

Please contact the office on 4977 1122.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Book Parade and Author Visit
PBL Reward Day- wheely fun!
Stage 2 and 3 Gymnastics

WHAT'S COMING UP?

August 30th - Father's Day
Breakfast 7am

September 2nd - P&C Meeting

September 5th - Premier's Spelling
Bee Regional Final

Bell times

MORNING AND AFTERNOON BELLS ARE NOT CHANGING. After trialling a slightly different change of routine for our bell times, we are now having our lunch and recess breaks at the following times. This allows for students to have a seated eating time at recess and allows our executive team to run a structured play alternative to support our students social skills.



Lunch
Eating time - 11.00-11.10
Play time - 11.10-11.40
Recess
Eating time - 1.40-1.45
Play time - 1.45-2.15

ASSEMBLY TIME CHANGE

3-6 2.15pm Thursday
K-2 2.15pm Friday



WHAT'S ON?

HAPPINESS WEEK

Next week, the CPS staff will be participating in Happiness Week. Staff will enjoy a week without meetings and daily gestures such as games, lucky dips, lunch and breakfast! On behalf of the executive team, we would like to thank our amazing staff for the time, care and commitment they put into ensuring that each and every child at our school feels supported and nurtured to grow academically, socially and emotionally. Thank you teachers, your efforts are valued and appreciated so very much!

P&C MEETING

Next Monday at 4pm in the library we will be having our P&C meeting. We would love to have as many parents there as possible. A strong P&C can do amazing things within a school. The more the merrier! We hope to see you there!

Housekeeping!

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please contact the school to update this information. We ask that you also provide secondary contact details (family, relatives, friends, neighbours) in case of an emergency.

Please ensure to notify the school of any absences.

The impact of sleep

A good nights sleep helps students to be more alert in class, especially first session. Class time is when authentic learning occurs and this can't happen if a student is too tired, or misses part of the learning by being late, through sleeping in. Sleep enhances optimal brain activity therefore promoting increased concentration and attention. Sleep promotes memory retention and recall. Maintaining an appropriate routine bed time for your children is encouraged, for not only optimum learning, but behaviour, organisation and overall wellbeing.

INSTALLING SZapp

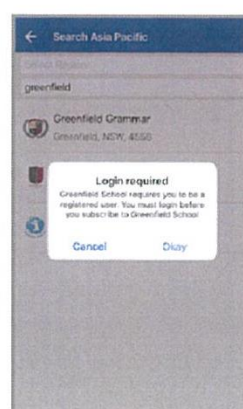
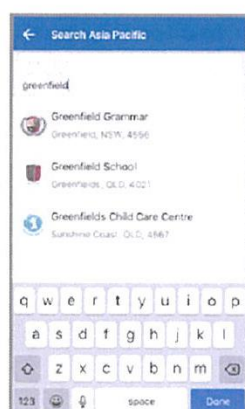


Apple devices:

1. On your device, open the App Store.
2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.

Android devices:

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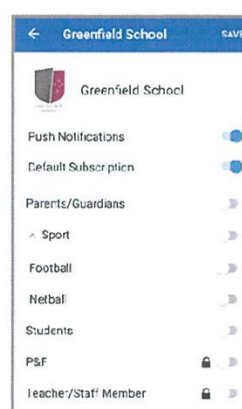
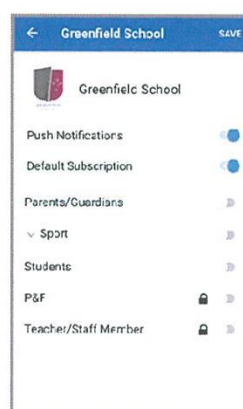
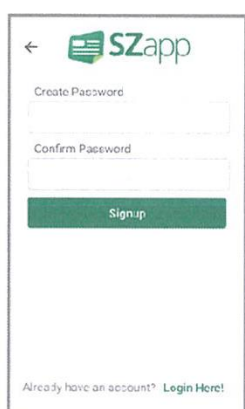
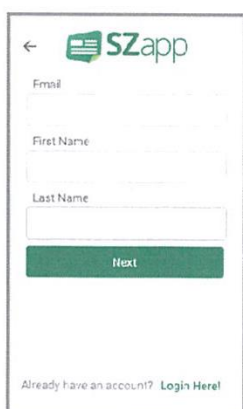


1. FIND YOUR SCHOOL

Select your school's region.
Search for and select your school.

2. REGISTER A USER

Before you can add your school, you will need to register. Register with your email, or sign in with Google or Facebook.



3. REGISTER A USER

Enter your email and name and then create a password.

4. MANAGING NOTIFICATIONS

Choose which group/s you would like to receive notifications from. Groups with arrows indicate that there are sub-groups which you can join.

CPS Canberra Excursion Report 2018

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed \$20 of the funding for each student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

The children were absolutely amazing during the excursion and I couldn't be more proud of how they conducted themselves. We look forward to the possibility of having our next Canberra trip in 2021. A special thanks to all of the staff that gave up their time over two nights to supervise the children, it was very much appreciated by all. Additionally, a big thank you to Macquarie Educational Tours and the Ibis Styles for their organisation and accommodation.

Mr Lincoln
Assistant Principal



Cupcake day

Congratulations! In the 4 years of supporting the Cupcake Fundraiser, \$50,000 has been raised for John Hunter Children's Hospital Pediatric Oncology Unit. Well done, Mrs Brown and Stage 2 on your wonderful organisation for this event. We are so lucky to have such dedicated staff and students at CPS. Thank you to our community and families for their support!

From the Library – Term 3 Week 6

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2019 Harper S, Cara M, Alexander P, Latelle R, Tayla T, Kooper W, Amelia W, Evette C, Bethany C, Tahi A, Logan C, Eden B, Jack C, Maeve E, Harry F, Darcie K, Marty F, Eva G, Dusty-Rose K, Arohanui O, Emma B, Kristina S, Finn C, Dakodah M, Lincoln S, Iysha C, Macy C, Esha D, Savannah E, Chole E, Zephaniah I, Mace M, Mikaila O, Cameron O, Harrison T, Blayke E, Oyun C, Oscar B, Alierah M, Zoey W, Shala S, Hosea A, Max A, Scarlett B, Mikah B, Zander D, Ellie D, Toby F, Thomas H, Xena I, Issabella L, Alicia L, Hayden M, Laura P, Harley T, Jesse W, Jeanclara K, Ruby-Rain T, Elsie C, Arlo B, Paige H, Ruby G, Zara G and Destanie T! Each student who completes the PRC is rewarded with a merit certificate.

To participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge students need to go to <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>, click on the student site and logon using their school (DET) username and password (eg. john.smith, password student, or kim.brown2, password student).

Once logged on, students can add books to their reading logs (Student Reading Record) simply by searching by book title and adding each book to their reading record. If you experience any difficulty logging on, please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Gibson in the library for the correct username and password.

The class with the most students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge will be rewarded with a whole class surprise at the end of Term 3. At this stage, the majority of students in KB and 3/4B have finished the challenge and will be receiving the class reward. I hope that more classes can join us too!

Keep reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge, which closes at the end of August (Friday this week)!

Book Week

Our Book Week celebrations were wonderful, we all had such a great time. Our visiting author Jess Black was very inspiring. So much so that most of her books have been borrowed from our library, which is a true indication of how much her stories touched our students. Indianna B from 1N was so inspired, she went home and wrote books about her pets! The message that most took from the author visit was that you can find ideas for stories anywhere and everywhere.

Our book parade was a smashing success. Our students and staff looked amazing in their superhero and book character costumes, with so much effort going into the creation of these outfits. I thank our large audience who came to cheer on our kids while they were parading, our community here at CPS is extremely supportive of such events.

Happy reading,

Mrs Candice Gibson – Teacher Librarian

GARDENING GROUP

The Gardening Group have been learning about ways to keep plants alive during low rainfall and water restrictions. Plant drought tolerant varieties, use tank water, mulch and fertilise. At home you can take a bucket in the shower and use the water for your garden. A huge thank you to Mrs Robinson's husband, Jimmy for turning over the soil around the gardening shed on the weekend. What a great job. We are looking forward to planting lettuce and a large strawberry patch. Also a huge thank you to Paula Camilleri for donating some very lovely seaside daisies to our group. Your kindness is appreciated x





P&C News

- Father's Day breakfast this Friday morning 7am-9am - \$4 for a bacon & egg sandwich - tea & Coffee \$1
- Reminder that lunch orders need to be in before 9am due to changes in bell times
- Canteen volunteers are required to be able to run our canteen we are still looking for extra helpers. If you would like to help out please come and see Jo at the canteen each morning before 9am, or contact the office.
- Reminder P&C meeting next Monday 4pm in the library

Thank you
Tracey O'Sullivan
P & C President

eSafetyparents

Your child's first smartphone – are they old enough?

Children often have access to devices, including smartphones, from a very young age. Whether it's watching their favourite program through streaming services on your phone, using educational apps or simply viewing photos with you and the family, they are engaging with devices in one form or another.

But when is my child old enough to be given their own mobile phone?

In 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed children as young as five years old owned a mobile phone – two percent of children aged between five and eight years old, and 29 percent for children aged five to 14 years. This figure is likely to be higher now!

For many parents and carers, five years old would seem too young. For others, it might offer them peace of mind and security to know they can keep in touch with their child—especially in an emergency.

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity. It's worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device.

- Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?
- Are they able to stick to the rules?
- Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?



For younger children it's best to start with a mobile phone without internet access, and introduce a smartphone when they demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity. Some younger children might argue that they are ready for a smartphone, especially if their friends already have one. But it's worth holding out until you feel confident that your child is mature enough.

My child has their first smartphone – now what?

When your child receives their first smartphone it's a great opportunity to instill safe online behaviours early on, so they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond.

Here are some tips for getting them on board with good online habits.

Establish rules at the outset with clear boundaries

Talk about expectations and the consequences for not meeting these rules. Depending on the age of your child, you might want to set up a written signed agreement which lists the rules.

Here are some you may want to agree on:

- No phones after a certain time (i.e. 8.00 pm) – unless in an emergency.
- Keep to daily screen time limits (i.e. 1 hour per school night).
- Family time is a no-phone zone (i.e. dinner).





COORANBONG AND MARTINSVILLE RURAL FIRE BRIGADES
invite you to prepare for bush fire at our combined

GET READY DAY 2019

FROM 1100, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Meet your local RFS volunteers ★ Check out our fire trucks ★ Hear about the upcoming fire season and discuss your fire plan ★ See an awesome firefighting Helicopter ★ Talk with local suppliers of rural, domestic and custom firefighting equipment ★ Enjoy our sausage sizzle, drinks and great coffee





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