Junior and Senior Choirs

Our Junior and Senior Choirs have been rehearsing with great commitment and enthusiasm to prepare for their performance on parade this week. The senior choir have certainly become a vocal force with huge talent. I look forward to sharing their progress with you on parade and coming together to celebrate the talent and hard work of our choir students.
Dear Students, Parents and Friends.

We are nearly at the end of what has been an extremely busy and fulfilling term. With just one week to go I encourage you all to talk with your children about remaining committed and focused on their learning. Particularly, within our strategic priorities of Reading, Numeracy and Attendance.

**Attendance**

We all know that every day counts and that missing school repeatedly in a routine way can lead to missed work and missed opportunities. Did you know that missing just 15 minutes of school twice a week adds up to an entire term of school being missed across a student’s schooling years.

Our annual attendance target is 95% for 2016. I am pleased to report we are currently on track with our year to date attendance sitting at 95.2%. Keep up the great attendance everyone.

**Parent Ready Reader Program.**

Over the past two terms we have run a number of Parent Ready Reader courses. These course are designed to support parents with home reading by teaching parents the strategies we use at school. By working together and being on the same page we can lessen the anxiety and difficulty that some of our young readers face.

These courses are perfectly suited to parents in Years Prep - 3 and also a great wealth of knowledge for parents of Pre-school aged children.

Our next course will be run next Tuesday from 9:00am—10:00am. Please call the office on 3906 4333 to register your place.

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**School Review**

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will be joined by a team of School Reviewers. The purpose of this team is to talk with as many members of our school community (students, teachers, administration, parents and external organisations) as possible. The information provided from these meetings form the basis of an exit report that will be provided to our school. This report will provide us with positive and constructive feedback and will be used to develop an action plan for further improvement.

You may over the next week be stopped in the school grounds or called by one of our reviewers. I encourage you to speak openly and honestly about your experiences with our school. This information is extremely valuable in helping us identify our strengths and likewise areas for improvement.

**National Young Leaders Day.**

On Monday this week I had the privilege of attending, with our School Captains, the Halogen Foundation’s National Young Leaders Day Conference at the South Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre.

This was a fantastic event that provided to students the opportunity to hear from some very inspiring and motivational leaders. The theme of the day was Master the Little. I look forward to seeing our Young Leaders work towards mastering the little things that often make the biggest difference for those we are working with.

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Kind Regards

Mick Lawrance
Principal

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Our Positive Behaviour for Learning goal for the coming week is:

*To be safe and respectful when lining up for class.*
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Attendance – Every day counts! All day, every day! Attendance and learning are closely linked.
The school’s attendance target is 95%.
The whole of school attendance week 6 was: 93.5%.
To celebrate attendance at Coolnwynpin - each year level’s attendance for week 6:

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The whole of school attendance week 7 was: 96.5%.
To celebrate attendance at Coolnwynpin - each year level’s attendance for week 7 – this was only able to be calculated from Monday to Thursday day for week 7 so it does alter the data:

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Easter Bonnet Parade and P&C Easter Raffle draw:
When: Thursday 24 March
Where: Hall
Time: 2pm
All parents and families are welcome to come and watch the Prep to Year 3 students participate in the Easter Bonnet Parade. The Prep students will also be performing a dance. The P&C will then have their Easter Raffle draws – buy your tickets and support the school.

Slany Daley
Deputy Principal

FROM THE HOSES
What a fabulous start we have had to the school year! I congratulate all students and staff for their fabulous work and ready settling into the business of learning. I am so proud of all of you. Next term I will be on Long Service Leave. We are delighted to welcome Mr Shane Beecher as the HOSES next term. Shane will be here on Tuesday next week to meet our fabulous school community. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday, ready for another busy school term.

Robyn Lloyd
HOSES

HOC SPOT
As has been said in previous newsletter articles, our school priorities for 2016 are Reading, Numeracy and Attendance.
In the last few weeks, we have been focusing on special programs to ensure that we are providing every child across the school with support in Reading and Numeracy. Our school-wide Guided Reading Groups will continue until the end of Term. The 30 minutes of Adult support given to each Group has provided a consistent school-wide approach. Students are happily stating and discussing their Reading Goals for the week. We are also having fabulous conversations regarding Reading Comprehension and the QAR (Question Answer Relationship) approach that we use throughout the whole school. Our Teacher Aides have also been working within classrooms supporting Numeracy rotations within all year levels.

In the lead up to NAPLAN we have been providing supportive programs for Students in Years 3 and 5 to ensure that they are well prepared. Be aware that NAPLAN is not a test that you can ‘prepare’ for. At Coolnwynpin State School we are discussing the NAPLAN test formatting, and the way they need to analyse, identify and answer questions. We are looking at test awareness. The following timetable outlines the NAPLAN dates to be aware of for Term 2, 2016.

Have a relaxing holiday time; I look forward to working with your wonderful children next Term.

Test timetable
Schools must schedule the tests on the dates agreed to by the Australian Education Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs Senior Officials Committee (AEEVSOG). Tests must not be conducted prior to the published date under any circumstances. The order of the tests cannot be varied.

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Slany Daley
Deputy Principal

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FROM THE PEDAGOGICAL COACH

It has been wonderful to see how much support our families continue to show for our Home Reading Program! Keep up those home reading experiences! Every day counts and every reading experience helps to build confidence and reading skills.

Every day your child should engage in a reading experience with you. It could be a home reader. It could be reading a menu at a restaurant. It could be someone reading to them. We are asking that each day you read something with your child. This way we are all supporting our young and learning readers to be the best readers they can be! KEEP ON READING and filling in those Home Reading Logs EVERYONE!

Just a reminder that we have our next Parent Ready Reader session coming up very soon! It will be next TUESDAY MARCH 22** (9-10am followed by a lovely morning tea) so put this date in your diaries! Your child has brought home a flyer already, if you’re interested in coming along to hear some practical strategies, to meet other parents and to have a fun session where your reading questions can be answered please call the office to book your space ASAP!

Parents who came to the last session provided some great feedback. They not only enjoyed it and had fun, but parents reported that they have changed how they read with their children. They also said that their children are enjoying reading much more and that their shared reading experiences are so much more positive which is amazing!

Please RSVP ASAP to the office to secure your spot as places are limited.

Finally our fabulous BOOK EXCHANGE is open twice per week for ALL STUDENTS as a lunch time activity. Students may bring a book from home that they would like to exchange for another book for FREE. We also often provide books to children where financial difficulties may prevent them from bringing a book from home to exchange. This is a wonderful program and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If anyone has ANY BOOKS or knows anyone who has books THEY NO LONGER NEED PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THEM TO SUPPORT OUR BOOK EXCHANGE.

All books, magazines, novels, young readers and books for younger children are appreciated and valued. Please make sure that any donations are in reasonable condition and can be read by students. ANY AND ALL DONATIONS VERY GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. Please address donations to me, BEC RAYNER in the office and I will be sure to get them to Mrs Louise Marshall in the Book Exchange.

Thanks again for all your tremendous support in assisting our whole school improvement focus on reading improvement!! Happy reading!

Bec Rayner
Pedagogical Coach

FROM THE BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

Mathletics

Participation Agreement Forms, Information Letters and invoices have been issued detailing the Mathletics Program at Coolwynpin State School. Thank you to all those who have returned the Agreement Forms to be included in this program. All payments received have now been receipted against the invoices. Once Agreement Forms are returned, Mrs Sutton is able to issue students with their own Login Details to enable access at any location. Invoices for students not participating in the Mathletics Program will be cancelled at the end of this term. Should you have any questions in regard to this Resource Levy, please do not hesitate to contact the office at any time.

Payment Information

Our preferred payment method is BPoint – please use the information on the invoice when paying via BPoint

EFT – Direct to our bank account using BSB 064-172 Bank A/C 0009 0127 and quoting the Invoice # or Student Name and Activity as the reference

In person at the School Office – payments by EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque or Money Order can be made at the office at any time

Please note that we do not offer Direct Debit or Centrepay options at present

Naturally great fun at Jabiru for the Easter holidays

Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the Easter holidays. We’ll explore the natural world, making all sorts of things from natural materials using percussion instruments to rubber stamps.

Bring your scooter or skateboard for our Wheely Fun Day and enjoy the colourful fun of the Jabiru Colour Run.

Jabiru Kids Coolwynpin opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru Coolwynpin or online at www.jabiru.org.au

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru’s admin team for a quote on 3269 0044.
P1/S Report

What a great start to the school year! Our students have been extremely busy and everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved Easter holiday.

Term one has seen us learning our class rules, routines and to take responsibility for our belongings. We are being encouraged to play safely with others, showing consideration through sharing and helping and to understand how our feelings affect us.

A major focus this term has been developing our knowledge and understanding of letters and their sounds. Learning sight words and the ‘Eagle Eye’ reading strategy is helping our reading skills development.

Each week we have been focussing on a number, incorporating counting, number sequencing, patternning, sorting and matching.

In History our class has really enjoyed the focus on families and had a great time constructing our Family Tree. Our parents have been admiring our classroom display.

In our Science unit we have been investigating living and non-living things and developing our understanding of the needs of living things.

Ann Prosser and Janice Selway

1/2C Report

Students in 1/2C have been very involved with their investigations into living things and life cycles. We have recently planted bean seeds and have been carefully observing our mealworms. The students are eagerly waiting for our mealworms to change into pupa and then Darkling beetles! Over the past week, interesting observations have been made about these small creatures and our seedlings.

Mealworms shed their skin so they can get bigger and bigger. By Malakai
Mealworms eat juicy food so that they can drink and eat. By Aiden
Do you know that mealworms turn into beetles? By Leea
Mealworms turn into pupa then they turn into a beetle. This is a lifecycle. By Hayden
My bean seed is growing taller and taller. It’s the tallest in the class. By Hayley
Living things can change and grow. By Skye

5A Report

5A were treated to a COOL "Cyberwise" presentation from Life Education, on Friday 11 March. The children learnt a lot about protecting private information and being safe with technology, especially around the dangers of uploading photos, (once they’re uploaded the site owns them and you have NO control over what happens to them). They learnt about the importance of setting security levels to “high” and that it is a good idea to turn off blue tooth and wireless when you are out and about. This is one way to protect you from hackers accessing your information. Some good advice they were given was never give out personal information, update passwords every 6 months and don’t use words found in a dictionary or nicknames.

Another important issue we discussed was cyberbullying, where people use technology to deliberately and repeatedly bully someone.
We walked away with a reminder, “Stop and think before you click.”
So this Friday, when you wear orange remember, bullying happens online too!
**NEWS FROM THE P&C**

**Cool School Koala Café**
Please be advised that the new tuckshop opening hours, starting in Term 2 (11 April 2016) are as follows:

- **Monday** - First break only
- **Thursday** - First break only
- **Friday** - First and Second breaks

On the days that the tuckshop is open for First break only, there will be non perishable items to purchase in First break, for example a “Second Break Survival Pack” which may include such things as a partially frozen fruit juice box, muffin/cake, fruit, protein item etc. More details to come in the upcoming new menu for Term 2 which is currently being finalised and will be forwarded asap.

These opening hours will be monitored throughout Term 2 and, if needed, the tuckshop hours may be extended.

Don’t forget birthday cupcakes are available for sale from the tuckshop. Please ensure that you have contacted either Lisa Kirk or Anne Murphy in the tuckshop as soon as possible with your order, with at least 24 hours notice, to ensure that enough cupcakes are available for your child. Cupcakes are 30 cents each (gluten free 50 cents each). It is up to the child's parent to enquire if any gluten free cupcakes are required for your child’s class.

Thanks everyone for supporting The Cool School Koala Cafe in Term 1. The results are amazing! We trust that the menu will be bigger and better in Term 2 when we start to incorporate some of your suggestions as per the Tuckshop Survey. We hope you and your families have a safe and relaxing Easter holiday break.

Anne Murphy & Lisa Kirk
Tuckshop Convenors

**P and C Executive**
Thank you to to everyone who attended the AGM and General P and C Meetings on Monday 14 March. We are pleased to announce our new P and C Executive Team as follows:

- **President**: David Tanti
- **Vice President**: Dean Adams
- **Treasurer**: Alicia Bond
- **Vice Treasurer**: Michelle Daly
- **Secretary**: Genevieve Nitins

Please find below an introduction from David Tanti, new P and C President:

“I’ve been asked to write a few words that introduce myself... well other than the fact that I’m kind of short, too close to turning forty and have brown hair, I have a background in graphic design and visual communication. My current day job is as a strategic analyst for a global defence contractor.

I currently have one girl, Millie, in grade 1 at “the cool school” with another to start Prep in a couple of years.

My ambition for the P&C this year is simple - help deliver the resources and funding that will continue to enable our fantastic small school community to thrive, and continue to assist the educational support requirements of all students.

My focus will be on investigating self-generating revenue options to secure long term funding for the school that can reduce the need to fundraise as often.

If you think you can assist the P&C in any way or have any ideas you would like to share, please contact a P&C member or better yet come along to our monthly meetings.”

**Cool School Fundraising**
All money made from fundraising this term has gone to paying for repairs to the walk in fridge in the Tuckshop...any extra money we have left over will help to upgrade Tuckshop appliances, so every little bit will help! Thank you for your support in helping the Cool School Koala Cafe upgrade and maintain its major appliances and make fabulous food for our children!!

**Thank you!!!**
Big thank you to everyone who has helped organise the Election Day Sausage sizzle and Bake sale, it is fantastic that we have this opportunity to fundraise on school grounds to the wider community. A couple of statistics for you: we will cook 50 kg’s of sausages, go through 30 loaves of bread and sell everything you bake!!! Our goal is to make $3000 profit, not bad for 6 hours work. If you want to help on the day please Facebook message Michelle Daly or email pandc@coolwynns.eq.edu.au, many hands will make light work!

**Easter Raffle**
Watch out for raffle ticket forms in your child's bag!! Tickets are $1 each or 5 for $3. Anyone wanting to help by taking home raffle tickets to write as we get the forms returned please Facebook message Michelle Daly or email pandc@coolwynns.eq.edu.au
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