

The Cool School News

Life Education 2015

For the past 8 days you may have noticed the large, white caravan parked out the front of the Telaska Court Car Park. The Life Education Van, with the large image of Harold the Giraffe on the side caused much excitement at our school. Life Education exists to empower children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

In partnership with the Coolnwynpin SS teachers, Lisa Barber, our Life Education educator and Harold the Giraffe delivered a curriculum based program to all of our Prep to Year 6 students. Each program was unique and specifically designed to cater for the year level involved at the time. The following key areas were addressed: Body systems, food and nutrition, social relationships, personal hygiene, physical activity, safety with medicines, cyber safety, peer and social pressures and legal drugs

(alcohol, tobacco and caffeine). Classroom teachers are now delivering follow up lessons as part of our Health and Personal Safety Curriculum.

The mobile classroom of the Life Education Van, allowed students to explore creative and collaborative learning in a space designed to intrigue and excite through tactile and multisensory activities. Videos were watched, songs sung, characters and dramatic role-play performed in different sessions.

The favourite part? It doesn't matter how old you are, we all had the opportunity to give Healthy Harold a pat farewell.

Life Education is a fabulous program that we hope will have a lasting impact on our students.



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Coming Events

ICAS Competition Pmt Due

Monday 23 March

Good Friday

Friday 3 April

Term 2 Begins

Monday 20 April

District Cross Country

Friday 24 April

Anzac Day Parade

Thursday 23rd April 2pm





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Friends.

It is a delight to be writing to you again and to be able to share with you some of the exciting events which have been occurring across our school over the past fortnight.

Firstly let me congratulate all of our wonderful students on their continued hard work and dedication to their studies. It is so pleasing to see everyone working so diligently towards improving their learning. Congratulations to those who have recently achieved their learning goals in reading, writing and mathematics and who are now developing new goals with their teachers.

This week we have begun the process of rolling out QParents across the school. QParents is a website and mobile application which allows parents to access information about their child and to communicate directly with our school. It provides a secure online access to information about each child's: attendance details, report cards, invoices, payment details and behaviour. The site will also allow parents to update their child's details and to let the school know of changes to routine, such as when he or she is unwell or has to leave early.

As we are in a small group of schools who have been selected to pilot this exciting new software the QParents team are providing those who register now, in this round of the rollout, the chance to win one of three iPhone 6s. If you require any support or assistance with your registration please let us know as soon as possible.

This year our school is tracking well towards our target of 95% attendance for the year. We know that for every day a child misses of school there is a great deal of learning time lost and for those that miss many days each year the chance of 'falling behind' becomes very real. This year we currently have an attendance rate across the school of 95.3%. Keep up the great work everyone – I love seeing your smiling faces each day.

Our school's P&C Annual General Meeting will be on at 6:30pm on Monday March 30th at the Capalaba Sport Club in the downstairs meeting room. We look forward to seeing many of you attend and supporting this fantastic group who breathes much life and support into our school community.

Finally, let me end by congratulating our three sporting houses for their manner in which they conducted themselves at our recent Cross Country Carnival. While Banksia house rose as victors of the carnival; the sportsmanship, mateship and enthusiasm demonstrated by all our students was absolutely exceptional.

Until next fortnight.

Your Sincerely

Mick Lawrance
Principal

OUR TOP ATTENDING CLASSES FOR THE TERM

First Place:	Year 4	96.5%
Second Place:	Year 6 and Prep	96.4%
Third Place:	Year 5	95.5%

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning goal of the week is...

Being respectful when we are moving around the school.



At Coolnwynpin State School

We are Safe

We are Respectful

We are Learners

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Cybersafety Workshops

As part of the [National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence](#) on 20 March 2015, the Department of Education and Training is offering a series of interactive online cybersafety workshops for parents, teachers and students entitled "Mind your step".

There are six interactive online safety workshops from 10 – 20 March 2015 and each workshop is only 1 hour long.

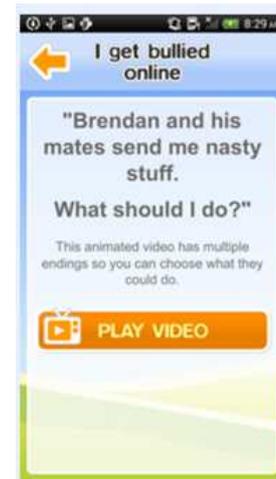
Workshops offered are:

1. *Embracing and managing the online world*; 10 March for Parents and Teachers
2. *Positive approaches and strategies for online safety*; 19 March for Parents and Teachers
3. *What's in it for me?—The value of protecting your digital footprint*; 20 March Year 4 – 6 Students
4. *Behaving in a digital world*; 20 March Year 7 – 9 Students
5. *What's in it for me?—The value of protecting your digital footprint*; 20 March Year 10-12 Students

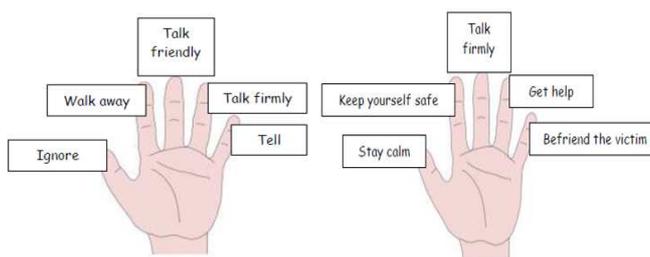
Register now via this link (electronically) [Cybersafety Workshops](#) or go to: <http://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/bullying-and-violence/Pages/Mind-your-step.aspx>

The [Bullying No Way](#) website is a fantastic resource for both parents and students and can be accessed via: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day/

It is also worth accessing the EQ app called '[Take a Stand](#)' aimed at students under 13 years of age. It has ideas, scenarios and strategies and helps students understand what bullying is and how best to respond. Access electronically via the link above or go to: <http://www.takeastandtogether.gov.au/under13/downloads/>



This week our students have been learning about the 'High 5' and 'Bystander 5' strategies to help them successfully respond to inappropriate behaviour from others. Talk to your students about how to best deal with these situations and see if they can tell you what these strategies look and sound like.



Your Sincerelyly

Rebecca Rayner
Deputy Principal

Messages or Reminders

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Vehicles are **NOT PERMITTED** in the school grounds unless you have been issued with a Parking Permit. This includes the Ney Road entry to the school, which **IS NOT** to be used as a drop off/pick up zone. Please park outside the school grounds and walk your children in, if necessary.

Absence Line—3906 4360





HOC SPOT

Hello and Welcome to my first HOC newsletter item. For those families who don't know me, my name is Mrs Julie Sutton. I have been a classroom teacher for over 23 years, of which 16 have been at Coolnwynpin State School. I am very excited to have the opportunity to take on the position of acting HOC (Head of Curriculum) and STLaN (Support teacher for Literacy and Numeracy) this Semester.

But what does this mean?

The HOC assists in leading and coordinating the Curriculum implemented across the whole school. I will also be involved in program assessments and reporting at the end of each Semester. Developing and implementing school based programs is also part of my job description. Most importantly, I will be reporting to Mr Lawrance and Mrs Rayner about all Curriculum matters.

A Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy (STLaN) works with classroom teachers and other members of the school community, to improve student achievement with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy. I will be working collaboratively with classroom teachers, and with identified individual students to enhance educational outcomes.

I feel privileged to be taking an acting position in these roles. I look forward to working within school teams to assist classroom teachers and the school leadership team to develop and effectively implement responses to students requiring support across Coolnwynpin State School.

If you wish to speak to me, I can be contacted via e-mail at jsutt6@eq.edu.au or by phoning the school on 3906 4333.

Julie Sutton
Acting Head of Curriculum





YEAR 1 REPORT



What a busy time we are having in Year 1! Your wonderful children have been working hard learning new concepts and reviewing existing understandings across all learning areas, especially Maths. A solid foundation is essential for future academic success so we have been spending a lot of time learning about numbers. Oh the fun we have had! Between making play dough numbers, working in groups and using manipulatives to represent teen numbers, the children are showing such enthusiasm in their developing understandings. Our beautiful Master Teacher, Mrs Hansen, even walked in on Mrs Ford jumping for joy as the whole class grasped a concept they had been working hard on for days! The Year 1's really are such clever little cookies.

Mrs Ford and Mrs Pownell

YEAR 3 REPORT

This week in 2/3C and 3A we have been lucky enough to have an incursion visit from the Life Education Van and Harold. Harold invited the class to join him and his Super-Hero Team. The team's job was to make our environment a healthier and safer place for everyone. Class members from 2/3C and 3A became Super-Heroes by interacting with Lisa, Harold and their online visual system. Students were given problem scenarios and had to suggest solutions to the problems. The Super-Heroes flew to the rescue and facilitated the exploration of:

- local environmental and health issues including pollution/passive smoking
- issues around individual need for medicines and their safe use and storage
- emergency (drug) procedures
- safe and unsafe behaviours and environments

The boys and girls (and of course their teachers) enjoyed being super heroes for the lesson. We hope Harold can come and visit us again next year!

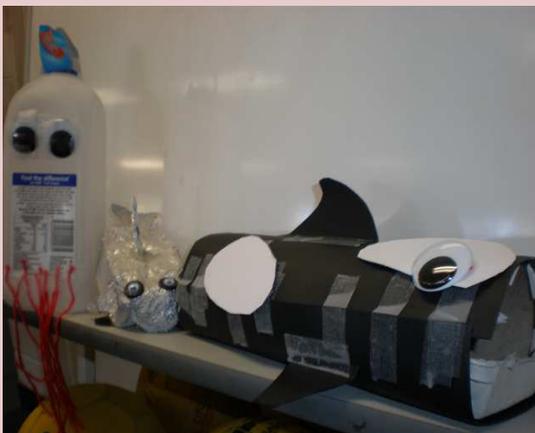
From the super heroes of 2/3C and 3A.



YEAR 4 REPORT

Year 4 Making a Splash!

This term, we have been immersed in our study of our marine organisms (pardon the pun!). From giant squids to electric eels, Year Fours have researched life cycles and physical and behavioural adaptations of our chosen marine animals as well as how they interact with their environment and the greater ecosystem. Construction is well underway of our three-dimensional marine creatures after we completed our design stage, which included listing materials required, procedural steps and a labelled diagram. Drop in and check out our finished products in the next couple of weeks. Our teachers are so proud of our efforts!





P&C AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Our AGM and General P&C Meeting will take place on Monday 30th March at the Capalaba Sports Club. The AGM will commence at 6:30pm followed by the general meeting at 7pm. Finger food will be supplied.

The Cool School is looking for a new P&C executive!! If you are interested in being the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary please feel free to message Michelle Daly on Facebook or alternatively email the pandc@coolnwynss.eq.edu.au. The current executive have been volunteering now for the last 2 years and we need some new blood to inject their fabulous ideas into our community. You will be supported by an experienced outgoing committee. Other positions open are: Grants Officer (non-exec) and Fundraising Co-ordinator (non-exec). To be able to run a fete and tuckshop it is essential that we have a P&C, so please take the time to consider becoming involved in the school community.

The tuckshop will be having a special for Easter on Thursday 26th & Friday 27th March.
Meal Deal 1 - \$5 includes a snack pie, popper and a bag of mini eggs
Meal Deal 2 - \$6 includes a sausage roll, popper and a bag of mini eggs
This will be available via pre order only. A flyer will be coming home this week. All order forms need to be handed into the office by Tuesday 24th March.

Over the counter at first break only we will be selling:

Choc mini eggs bags - \$1.00

Jelly cups - \$2 (gluten free available) Chocolate mousse - \$3.00 (gluten free)

2nd hand uniforms open in the P&C room Monday 23rd to Thursday 27th 2.15 - 2.55pm

for those who would like to come and have a look, and maybe pick up some bargains ready for the winter months - lots of track pants, plain jumpers, as well as some long sleeve shirts and long pants in some sizes. Feel free to let me know what you are looking for and I can let you know if there is stock in the size you are after via Cool Schools FB page or email. The P&C room is now located in the old prep building just inside the Ney road entrance to the school.

Have you joined our Fete Facebook page yet? Just search for Coolnwynpin SS Koala Fair and request to join so that you don't miss out on any important announcements.

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Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills

Hosting - An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
or call 1300 135 331 for more information

Lorikeets Netball Club **is looking for players!**

If you are turning 11 (b 2004) or 13 (b 2002)

come and have some fun.

The season has just started but it's not too late.
For further information and registration forms, contact the Club at lorikeetsnetball@gmail.com



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