



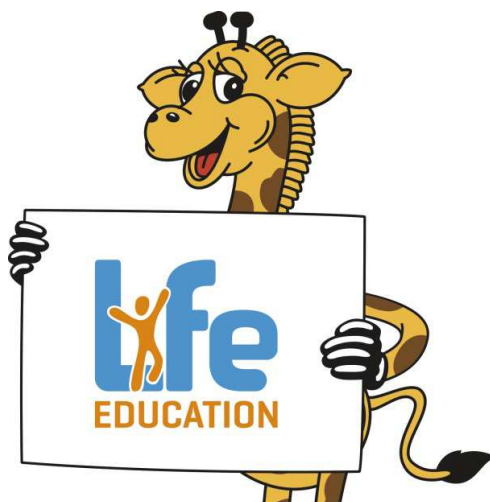
# The Cool School News

## Harold and the Life Education Van

Harold and the Life Education Van will arrive after school next Monday – ready to begin our lessons on Tuesday.

**Has your child returned their permission form and money to the office?**

The Life Education Program forms part of our Health Curriculum, a student work booklet (one for each student) of follow up activities will be given to Teachers after the class has had their visit. These activities will be completed by students in class time. Permission notes and money is still being accepted in the office. Extra notes are available at the counter. Our timetable of exciting lesson modules is attached.



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### Coming Events

Cross Country Training  
Wed, Thu and Fri mornings from 8am

School Photos  
Monday 7 March

Life Ed Van  
8th to 15th March

Wednesday 16 March  
ICAS competition payments due

Wednesday 16 March  
Snr Cross Country

Thursday 17 March  
Jnr Cross Country

Thursday 24 March  
Last day Term 1

Friday 25 March  
Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 11 April  
First day Term 2

Tuesday 19 April  
Carnival Day 1 Yrs 4-6

| DATES               | 1 <sup>ST</sup> SESSION<br>Start Time: 9:15am  | 2 <sup>ND</sup> SESSION<br>Start Time: 11:45am | 3 <sup>RD</sup> SESSION<br>Start Time: 1:45pm |
|---------------------|--|--|---|
| TUESDAY<br>8/3/16   | Class: PREP A<br>Module: Harold's Surprise     | Class: 1-2C<br>Module: Harold's Mystery Tour   | <b>PARENT SESSION</b><br>2:00 pm – 2:30 pm    |
| WEDNESDAY<br>9/3/16 | Class: 6A<br>Module: It's Your Call            | Class: 4-5B<br>Module: bCyberwise              | Class: 2B<br>Module: Harold's Mystery Tour    |
| THURSDAY<br>10/3/16 | Class: PREP B<br>Module: Harold's Surprise     | Class: 4-5-6M<br>Module: Mind Your Medicine    | Class: 2A<br>Module: Harold's Mystery Tour    |
| FRIDAY<br>11/3/16   | Class: PREP C<br>Module: Harold's Surprise     | Class: 5A<br>Module: bCyberwise                | Class: 3B<br>Module: Harold's Heroes          |
| MONDAY<br>14/3/16   | Class: P-1S<br>Module: Clued Up                | Class: 3-4C<br>Module: All Systems Go          | Class: 1B<br>Module: Clued Up                 |
| TUESDAY<br>15/3/16  | Class: 1-2-3L<br>Module: Harold's Mystery Tour | Class: 1A<br>Module: Clued Up                  | Class: 3A<br>Module: Harold's Heroes          |





## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Friends.

We are quickly approaching the closing end of the term and I am delighted with the efforts which are continuing to be made by our students. Our school priority areas of reading, numeracy and attendance are clearly evidenced in our day to day routines at our school and students are making fine efforts across these three areas.

Our annual attendance target for 2016 is 95%. I am pleased to say we are currently tracking well with our average attendance rate being recorded at 95.2% on Tuesday this week. The great boys v girls competition has the boys slightly in front of the girls with the current scores sitting at 95.3% (boys) and 95.1% (girls). With the annual flu season only months away let's work hard to get our attendance rate up as high as we can now. We presently have 74.7% of our students with an attendance rate of 95% or better. Great work!

### A top student achievement.

Congratulations to our Year 5 Student Braydon who recently competed in his Semi and Grand Final 1<sup>st</sup> Division Futsal Competition at Mt Gravatt. It has been reported that Braydon competed wonderfully scoring a hat trick and displaying great sportsmanship in these important matches. His team went on to win the Grand Final. Congratulations Braydon and we all wish you the best of luck at the State Titles in April.

### Staff Member of the Moment!

Learning is a lifelong journey and I am delighted to say that all of our staff are on a learning journey. This edition I would like to pay tribute to one of our staff members who has worked tirelessly to achieve excellence in the completion for her Certificate IV in Educational Support. Congratulations Rachel Sullivan on this fantastic achievement. You are such a wonderful team member and your contributions to our Coolnwynpin Community are greatly appreciated by all.

### P&C AGM

Our P&C will be holding its Annual General Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> this year. The meeting will take place in the function room downstairs at the Capalaba Sports Club at 6:30pm. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

### Drop-off and Pick-up Parking.

Each year we have the need to revisit parking issues that arise around our school at pick-up and drop-off times. Please consider the following:

ONLY USE THE NEY ROAD CAR PARK IF YOU HAVE A SCHOOL ISSUED PARKING PERMIT.

Do not park in disabled parks unless you have a disability permit AND you are dropping off or collecting a child with a disability.

Do not park and leave your car in the 2 minute zone on Callaghan Way.

Pick-up and drop-off times are a dangerous time for our children. Please be patient and observe the rules. We all want each and every child to get home safely

Kind Regards

Mick Lawrance  
Principal

## 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 last week was: 94.6% To celebrate attendance at Coolnwynpin - each year level's attendance last week is listed below:

|                 |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Prep<br>93%     | Year 1<br>95.7% | Year 2<br>96.7% | Year 3<br>92.6% |
| Year 4<br>92.6% | Year 5<br>97.1% | Year 6<br>93.8% |                 |

### Leadership Ceremony

We would like to welcome everyone to the school's Leadership Ceremony, where the 2016 school leaders will receive their leadership badges. This is a great achievement and one where family and friends can be a part of the school community in celebrating the students' new roles within the school.

**When:** Friday 4 March

**Where:** Hall

**Times:** 1.45pm to 3pm

School Photographs are on Monday 7 March. All information and envelopes have gone home.

Life Education starts on Tuesday 8 March. All information has gone home to families.

Siany Daley

Deputy Principal

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

*We are respectful when using electronics in the school.*



## FROM OUR PEDAGOGICAL COACH

Hi everyone!

It has been wonderful to see how much support our families have shown for our **Home Reading Program!** Already students are receiving awards for completing 15 -50 home reading experiences so well done!

**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!**

We have our next **Parent Ready Reader session** coming up very soon! It will be on **TUESDAY MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>** (9-10am followed by a lovely morning tea) so put this date in your diaries! On Friday, your child will bring home a flyer with all the information you need so 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 consider coming along!

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.

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

Happy reading!

Bec Rayner

Pedagogical Coach

**Coolnwynpin State School**  
**EARLY YEARS READY READER PARENT SESSION**

You are invited to a very special FREE session for parents/carers. If you would like to know how to help your child learn to be the best reader they can be, here is a fantastic opportunity for you! Come along and learn the simple but effective reading support strategies to use when reading with your child in a fun, informal session as part of our fantastic Coolnwynpin Community.

DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>  
TIME: 9.00 - 10.00 followed by Morning Tea (provided)  
Families with young children welcome to attend :)

Places are strictly limited. RSVP to the office to secure your place ASAP

Ph: 3906 4333

Coolnwynpin State School

Home Reading  
Log

Name:

Class:

## FROM THE BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

### Voluntary Contribution Scheme 2016

Each year we ask families to support our Voluntary Contributions Scheme. This is a minimal contribution of \$35.00 per student per year which was approved at the P & C Meeting on 15 February 2016. We are committed to putting all contributions into our Cool School Project, whereby we hope to be able to air condition classrooms in the coming years. The School has also committed all funds raised via our fenceline advertising in 2015 and onwards to this project. Please take the time to read the letter which has been sent home this week seeking your support of the Voluntary Contribution Scheme.

### Instrumental Music and Arts Excellence Programs

Invoices have been issued for those students who have returned the Participation Agreement Forms for both of these programs. Please ensure payment is made in accordance with the signed Participation Agreements to ensure your child's continued participation in the extra-curricular programs offered at our school.

### Mathletics

Participation Agreement Forms and Information Letters have been issued for all students to be included in the Mathletics Program at Coolnwynpin State School. Participation Agreement Forms should be returned to the office, so that Invoices for \$15.00 per student can be issued next week. This is a single fee of \$15.00 per child for the year, and will allow your child access to Mathletics in the classroom and at home. If you have already paid this at the office, your payment will be reallocated on OneSchool to the Mathletics invoice next week. 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

Student absence Line

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# HOC SPOT

At Coolwypin State School, our Key Priorities for the 2016 School Year are Literacy, Numeracy and Attendance. As a School Community we are implementing various strategies to ensure that we offer a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum for all of our students. During our middle sessions we run a two hour **Numeracy Block** to support the understandings of the Mathematics Curriculum. During this time, students have access to i-pads and computers to engage in on-line activities, instructional videos and lessons with **Mathletics**.

Have you brought in your participation form to participate in on-line learning with Mathletics this year? For **\$15 per student** to use **BOTH at home and school** it is a valuable resource which supports and enhances our School based Mathematic lessons.

As a Parent it may interest you to know that the Department of Education and Training has a website that has a number of resources and activities available that you can do each day to assist your child with literacy and numeracy. <http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/resources.html>

In this newsletter I have included a copy of the Numeracy factsheet for you.

## Literacy and Numeracy Fact sheet Supporting your child

### What is numeracy?

To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.

#### Why is numeracy important?

Numeracy enables you to develop logical thinking and reasoning strategies in your daily life. We need numeracy to solve problems and make sense of time, numbers, patterns and shapes for activities like cooking, reading a map or bill, reading instructions and even playing sport.

#### Ways to support your child's numeracy development

Research has shown that children's motivation and achievement improve when their parents or carers are involved in their education.

There are many everyday things you can do to encourage numeracy learning. These include:

- encouraging your child to use mathematical language — how much, how big, how small, how many
- discussing the use of numbers, patterns and shapes in your day-to-day life — numbers found on library books, spatial patterns or shapes in playgrounds, in the home and architecture
- talking about occasions when you are using mathematics in daily jobs and real-life situations — cooking, map reading, building and playing sport
- exploring situations using money such as shopping, budgets and credit cards
- estimating, measuring and comparing lengths and heights, how heavy or light things are and how much containers hold
- talking about different ways to solve a problem
- using everyday tools like tape measures or kitchen scales and discussing the units of measure
- asking 'does that make sense?', 'is the answer reasonable?' or 'what other ways could we do this?'
- observing and using timetables, calendars and clocks for different purposes like study periods, holiday planning and catching public transport
- helping your child to work out how much things cost and what change they will receive
- playing number games using magazines, books, newspapers and number plates
- organising, categorising and counting collections of things like toys, books, clothing and shoes.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map) or contact your child's teacher or school.



## 1B Report

This term in 1B we have been enjoying learning about Beach Safety in Health. We have been learning about how to keep safe while at the beach and how to protect our skin. We have learnt that when we are at the beach we need to swim between the red and yellow flags. We have also been learning how to read the safety signs at the beach that tell us about the swimming conditions. We have been learning that when we are at the beach we need to look out for big waves and swim in water that is not too deep for us. We have also enjoyed learning about ways we can protect our skin. We have been practising the saying of slip, slop, slap, seek, slide. We have learnt to slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek shade and slide on sunglasses. This is to protect our skin from the sun's harmful rays. We will be safe and protected next time we head to the beach.

## 3/4C Report

So far this term 3/4C have been studying language features in Roald Dahl's book 'The Twits' and we are in the process of writing an added chapter for it. We've also been looking at starting our writing off with a Sizzling Start- something that will grab our audience's attention and make them want to keep reading. Check out a few of our samples- starting with a BANG:

"BANG! There was a thump under my surf board. BANG! There it was again. I started to shiver. What's that? Never mind, I have to win, I thought to myself. Out of the corner of my eye, I could see a fin cut through the water just a few metres away." By Claire.

"BANG! The explosion rang out across the whole, entire rainforest. 'What was that sound? That really freaked me out!' Molly gasped. 'Hey, do you smell smoke? We should check it out!' Baily whispered." By Asa-Rja.

"BANG! The determined shark bit the surf board in half. Heather tried to swim back to shore but the shark bit her hand clean off! Her parents, watching in fear from the Tiki Bar, were beside themselves." By Shakara.

WOULD YOU KEEP READING? If so, we've achieved our objective in just the first couple of sentences.

## 4/5B Report

Technology is the buzz word in 4/5B at the moment!

In our Technology unit this Semester we are making a bag from recycled and repurposed materials. Before we get to make the bag we need to do the planning, designing and redefining of our bag so it meets a specific criteria and purpose.

Along the way we are learning how to join materials using a range of, methods including sewing, stapling and threading. Last week we tried sewing. Some of us were able to get started on stitching a piece of material together, but some of us struggled with threading the needle. While it was challenging, and at times frustrating, we all enjoyed it immensely and are looking forward to our next lesson.



# NEWS FROM THE P&C

## **AGM – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

On Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> March we will hold our AGM at 6.30pm – 7pm at Capalaba Sports Club in the functions room. All members of our school community are welcome to come!

All P&C executive positions will become vacant and we call for nominations for all positions:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Treasurer. If you need to pick up member application/renewal forms or Executive nomination forms to complete you can pick them up from the office and return them either before or at the AGM. Feel free to email [pandc@coolnwynss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@coolnwynss.eq.edu.au) if you have any questions about this! Or you can Facebook message Michelle Daly.

## **New Auditor Required for 2017!!**

The P & C have for the last 5 – 6 years have had the same auditor for our books, this year is his last year. Thank you Chris!!! Now we are looking to appoint a new auditor for Jan/Feb 2017 and we have to do this at the AGM in March.

If you know of anyone who has any of the following qualifications that would like to do this, please email [pandc@coolnwynss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@coolnwynss.eq.edu.au) before the 5<sup>th</sup> March and let us know their details and we will contact them.

A parents and citizens association must be audited each year by a person—

(a) appointed by the association each year at its annual general meeting or a special meeting; and

(b) who is—

(i) a member of CPA Australia who is entitled to use the letters 'CPA' or 'FCPA'; or

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(iii) a member of the Institute of Public Accountants who is entitled to use the letters 'MIPA' or 'FIPA'; or

(iv) an employee of a public sector entity who has the maturity, commercial skills and experience to examine the books and accounts of the association; or

(v) an employee of an insurance company, financial institution or other financial or commercial organisation, who has the maturity, commercial skills and experience to examine the books and accounts of the association; and

(c) who, as far as is possible, is a local person aware of the activities of the association.

## **Easter Raffle Donations**

Starting next week can families please donate a non-perishable item you would take camping into your child's class so we can make up Easter camping hampers to raffle!!

Items include: baked beans, spaghetti, pancakes, plastic plates, napkins, tea towels, head lamps, torches, towels, oil, tomato/BBQ sauce, vegemite, can of soup, noodles, cup a soup, can fruit or vegetables, batteries, snap lock bags, alfoil, glad wrap, band aides, insect repellent, toilet paper, and the list goes on.....

Thanks everyone!!!

P & C Executive Committee

## **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 from 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 Coolnwynpin opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru Coolnwynpin or online at [www.jabiru.org.au](http://www.jabiru.org.au)

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