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Thursday 24th May, 2018

Important Dates to Remember

Fri 25 May	Pyjama Day
Wed 30 May	Star Struck rehearsal
Thur 7 June	Disco
Mon 11 June	Public Holiday
Thur 14 June	P&C Meeting @ 3.30pm
Wed 4 July	Recognition Assembly
Fri 6 July	Last day of Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw the completion of student assessment for Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN. Mrs Rowe has been amazing with her outstanding organisation and support of the students. She has not stopped talking about the students' engagement and effort with their testing. She is also very proud of the students in her own class who when split into other rooms, managed to get on with the job and remain engaged with learning. Congratulations everyone.

School Environment

The Environment Group with Mrs Hoskens have been spending their time producing some wonderful vegetables in the gardens. They have been beautifying the school grounds by growing some lovely flowers and tidying the school grounds

by picking up the sticks fallen from our many trees. It is so nice to see the students taking such pride in our school.

Class Dojo

Thank you for your patience so we could look into departmental policy and seek advice from the legal department regarding the use of Class Dojo. Teachers may use this platform to communicate with parents and parents with teachers. Some teachers may use Class Dojo to provide some feedback about your child, relay organisation and arrangements for activities and events such as Starstruck and provide class stories. Please be conscious of teachers' personal time as they will put quiet times on their phones. Also, please be mindful that your communications to teachers are appropriate. Sending photos of your child, questions and comments about other children and sharing personal family experiences on Class Dojo are not appropriate on this platform.

Dojo points will be used in classrooms with Clancys being a part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning. Certificates and medals are aligned to this award system. Dojo points will be internally used within classes to recognise such things as behaviour, classwork and effort and will not be a part of communications from teachers. I hope this clarifies that Class Dojo can be an effective means of communication for some of our teachers. Care though needs to be taken for teachers and their personal time and use of the platform in an appropriate fashion.

Western Shores Learning Alliance (WSLA)

WSLA schools including Cooranbong, Morisset, Wangi, Bonnells Bay, Wyee and Dora Creek Public Schools as well as Morisset High School met for common planning and professional learning. In Week 6, staff will be meeting together in stages sharing success stories and providing teacher reflection on their practice.

Regards

Sondra Broadhurst – Relieving Principal

Stewart House Donation Drive

Thank you to all the families who donated a gold coin to Stewart House. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.



Found

An item of jewellery has been found in the playground and is in the office waiting to be re-claimed. If you are missing something special please see the office staff.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Laura who has received a Gold Certificate for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge 4 years in a row! This is such a great effort and we are very proud of you Laura.



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge Reminder

To register for the Premier's Reading Challenge students go to <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> 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 online reading logs (Student Reading Record) simply by searching by book title and adding each book to their reading record. If you experience any difficulty registering or logging on, please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Gibson in the library for the correct username and password.

Kindergarten students are not aware of their school usernames, therefore paper reading logs were handed out to only students in Kindergarten. These students are able to write the books that they have read on the paper reading log, and when it is full, the log can be returned to Mrs Gibson in the library for completion online. A list of PRC approved books is accessible on the Premiers Reading Challenge website.

The 2018 Challenge kicks off **Monday 5th March** and closes **Friday 31st August** (midnight) for **students**. For students in 1-6, once their reading logs have been finalised, please print the reading log and hand it to Mrs Gibson for verification. If a printer is not available at home students are welcome to print their reading logs at school. The PRC certificates will be sent directly to the school and will be handed out at assembly at the end of the year.

The class with the most students completing the Premier's Reading Challenge will be rewarded with a whole class surprise at the end of the challenge.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club is becoming very popular at CPS, which is wonderful! A lot of online orders have been placed, which contributed to rewards for the school. This resulted in new books for our school library, as we were able to place a large book order using these rewards, so please keep up the interest! Due to the high number of orders being placed we are looking for a parent to help with the Book Club co-ordination. If you are interested in helping out with Book Club, please see Mrs Gibson (library) or Mrs Burns (office).

Mrs Gibson
LIBRARY TEACHER

Rowe's Round Up

NAPLAN

NAPLAN online 2018 is officially complete. Thank you to all of the students that sat their catch up tests this week.

Star Struck

Our Star Struck dancers will be having an out of uniform day this Friday 25th May. The theme is pyjamas! Students are encouraged to bring in a gold coin donation to raise money for the last of the Star Struck costumes. The Star Struck girls would also like to say a big thank you to the Cooranbong community for raising \$401.70 last Friday at their cupcake stall. We are very close to our reaching our target!

Star Struck dancers have their second rehearsal on Wednesday the 30th May at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. Notes will be going home today. Don't forget to buy your tickets as the show is nearly here. Only 3 weeks to go!



Dance

Please remind your children that dance is held every Wednesday in the hall at lunchtime. It is important that students attend all dance practices in the term as they will miss out on learning important choreography.

Choir

Please remind your children that choir is held every Thursday in the hall at lunchtime. It is important that students attend all choir practices.

Mrs Brown's Blurb

Children's University

Woolworths Fresh Food –Kids Fresh Fair is taking place this weekend (26th – 27th May) at Woolworths stores across Australia (Some stores may be excluded – see website for details). Participants are encouraged to complete the Woolworths Fresh Food Kids Fair Booklet at your local Woolworth Store this weekend - the booklet contains activities to complete in the fruit and veg department and then recipes to follow at home to make some delicious, healthy snacks.

You will receive 30 minutes in your Passport for completing all of the activities in the fruit and veggie department - then (if possible) an additional 30 minutes for making one of the recipes in the booklet.

Bring in your completed Woolworths Fresh Food Kids Fair Booklet and, if you are able to, photos of you making one of the healthy snacks, to Mrs Brown for a stamp in your Passport to Learning. (Your Passport to Learning cannot be stamped by staff in Woolworth stores).

There are new learning opportunities available for participants. Please see Mrs Brown on Monday for more information. All students are asked to bring in their Passports to Learning each Monday to have any learning signed off. Please remember that each activity can only be signed off ONCE.

Athletics Carnival Feedback

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have completed the online survey about the athletics carnival. Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey. The structure of next years athletics carnival will be developed while taking in to consideration the feedback from parents/carers and teachers. The link will close on Friday.

All Schools Newcastle Knights Competition

The CPS Open Boys Rugby League team is training hard for the 7th June. Students will receive a note in the coming days for this competition. We will require parents to assist with transport on the day. Please indicate your availability on the note. You will be required to provide a copy of your licence and registration papers.

Stage 3 Excursion

Stage 3 students are going to Great Aussie Bush Camp in August. All payments are to be finalised by 30th June. If there are any issues with making the full payment by the due date, please speak to the office ladies.

Mrs Brown, Miss Thomas & Mrs Rowe – Stage 3 Teachers

P&C News

On behalf of the school community I would like to say a very big thank you to all of the businesses that continually support us throughout the year with donations and help for such things as our Mother's Day Raffle. Support works both ways so shop local and support the people who support us. Thank you once again to these businesses. Also thanks to the hardworking people who helped organise and run the Mother's Day Breakfast and Mother's Day Raffle. There were 2 very big baskets of goodies that 2 lucky Mums got to take home along with 12 others taking home a lovely bunch of flowers.

Now the sad news – our canteen has lost some helpers and the people that volunteer are stretched to their limit. Therefore, starting next week, the canteen will only be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday each week. If there is anyone out there with a big heart and some spare time to help out, please come to the canteen or get in touch with me, Steven on 0408 252 000. We are hoping to keep the canteen open 4 days a week as this is a service that benefits not only the students but the staff as well.

Some dates to remember – the Disco is on Thursday 7th June and our next P&C meeting is the following week on Thursday 14th June at 3:30pm in the Library. Don't forget the Thompson's Pie Drive is on and orders need to be returned by Friday 22nd June. With Winter soon upon us, who doesn't love a hot pie?

The P&C box and payment system is going through a reform and very soon the P&C box in the foyer will be painted pink to make it simpler for our kids to understand where to place money. Stay tuned for more info.

Finally our school can't operate without the community. It is the community, from businesses to parents and everyone in between that helps our school to be what it is and make it the envy of a lot of other schools in many aspects. Keep up the hard work.

Steve Ward
P&C PRESIDENT



Reflections of Cooranbong

Beauty By Tahisha Dias



The Waiter's Table @ Hunter Valley Gardens



IMPORTANT NEWS

Beginning next week the canteen will only be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Help is desperately needed so we can open more days.

GET YOUR DANCE MOVES READY

SCHOOL DISCO

THURSDAY 7th JUNE 2018



PRE -PURCHASE TICKETS ONLY

\$5 PER CHILD:

TICKETS INCLUDE ENTRY, HOTDOG & DRINK

SESSION 1: K-2	4.45PM-6.15PM	<u>sign in at hall pickup at cola</u>
SESSION 2: 3-6	5.45PM-7.30PM	<u>sign in at cola pickup at hall</u>

Term 2 2018 Super Savers Rewards

Check out the new items in our Super Savers range:

- Glow Light
- Sparkle Glitter Pens



School Banking day at Cooranbong is Wednesday

This Week's PBL Focus



TOILETS

RESPECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect others' privacy• Quiet voice• Graffiti Free Zone
SAFETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Go, flush, wash, move• Leave lights on• Keep clean and tidy
ENGAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use toilet in break time