Cockatoo

A Great Place To Be!

NO. 4

Friday February 27th 2015

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, March 4th
No School for ALL Preps.

Thursday, March 5th
Grade 5/6 Incursion – Life Skills

Monday, March 9th
Labour Day Holiday. No School for ALL students

Tuesday, March 10th
Crazy T-Shirt Day $2 Donation

Wednesday, March 11th
Grade 5/6 Free Soccer Clinic

Friday, March 13th
Foundation /2 Incursion – Cultural Infusion

Monday, March 16th
Grade 1/2 Free Soccer Clinic

Wednesday, March 18th
EDEC Athletics
No school for ALL Preps

Wednesday, March 25th
Preps attend full day
Grade 3/4 Free Soccer Clinic
School Council Meeting at 7.30pm SHARP

Friday, March 27th
Last Day Term 1. Students dismissed at 2.30pm

Friday, April 3rd
Good Friday
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Breakfast Club

This fantastic service operates every school day and provides toast and a cup of milo for any student who still feels a bit hungry in the mornings. The program does rely on volunteer parents to provide this service for our students. If you are available to help serve breakfast from approximately 8.15am on any day of the school week, please contact the office. Thanks to the parents who have purchased spreads or milo and the bakery for supplying the bread. We are very grateful.

Clean Up the School Day

If you had happened to walk through the school grounds last Friday afternoon, or even at the weekend, you would have been amazed at how tidy and spick and span our school looked. Every grade in the school, teachers and parents all weeded, carted, swept, pruned, picked up, loaded, cleaned and tidied the school in a monumental effort as part of the Clean Up Schools Day. This was an ideal opportunity to have a big clean-up of the grounds and our students really met the tasks with great enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see the whole school working together on one project.

Thanks to Tim Stapleton for his organisation and efforts on the day. I don’t think there was one path or flat surface left in the whole school that hadn’t received a thorough ‘spring clean’.

House Athletics

Congratulations to our wonderful grade 3 to 6 students who participated in our annual house athletics day last Thursday. The children ran, hopped, skipped and leaped over tall bars to truly give of their best. The support for their house mates and the opposition was positive and strong.

A definite highlight for everybody was watching the students from our junior school run super-fast and leap super high! It was a delight to have them share the sporting limelight with our senior school members.

The competition on the day was fierce with, at different times during the day, at least two houses sitting on the same score. The positions of all four houses changed frequently throughout the day which proved to be very exciting. However, at the end of the day there can only be one winning house - Bailey on a whopping 201 points! Treloar was second on 154 points and, in third place, McBride on 150 points with Fairbridge bringing up the rear on 115 points. Children you were wonderful competitors and spectators ALL day!

Apologies

In my mad rush to meet the deadline for the newsletter, I incorrectly recorded the leaders of McBride House. Please see the corrected names below:
House Captains of McBride House – Paige Ireson and Alycia Gibbons
House Vice Captains of McBride House – Tara White and Alanah Tansey

My apologies to Alycia and Tara!

Cockatoo Primary School No 3535.
Student Representative Council

I am very proud and honoured to announce the following students who have been nominated for the role of SRC representative for their grade. The students discuss improvements that they would like to see to our school and then present to me the list. In the past the students have come up with sensational ideas, many of which we have adopted eg drinking taps.

FS – Taya Clearihan and Matthew Noble
FL – Decca Crowley and Regan Lougheed
1/2H – Ayla Appleby and Brodie Hone
1/2T – Hamish Colvin and Eva South
1/2A – Sapphire Keane and Max Plaggemars
3/4P – Dom Keane and Emily Anderson
3/4T – Ben Wise and Indianna Flint
3/4R – Cohen Maunder and Nikita Hosemans
5/6K – Harrison Colvin and Gemma Baguley
5/6S – Jake Baumgarth and Lily Bennett
5/6M – David Deppeler and Jasmine Knight

Huge congratulations everybody!!

BBQ at Woolies

On Saturday 26th February there will be a group from school running a sausage sizzle outside Emerald Woolies to raise money for our edible garden. Please pop in and buy a sausage!

Notices Sent Home Since Last Week:
Easter Raffle – Out of Uniform Day
Clean Up School Day – Parent Helpers
House Sports – Parent Helpers
Grade 5/6 Camp

Cockatoo Primary School No 3535
PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS & INCURSIONS ETC.

DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN MISS OUT!!!!

To prevent your child missing out on an incursion or excursion, please make sure ALL payments are made by the due date, which is usually the day before the event (unless otherwise specified) so money can be processed and permission forms returned to the teachers.

To avoid any confusion we request that money and permission form are returned together.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following students and staff a very Happy Birthday.

Students:
Blade Dwyer
Kynan Bennett

Staff:
Sam Ladner
Gayle Morison
Darrelyn Boucher
Welcome back to OSHC, we hope you had a great break. We are very excited to be back and it is great to see the children again.
This year the program will be staffed by me, Janine McLellan, Deidre Pollard and Kelly Stovold will join us once a fortnight on a Friday.
We will run our activity programs again this year. If you have any concerns or questions regarding OSHC please feel free to contact us on the numbers listed below or leave a message at the Office and we will contact you.

To Contact O.S.H.C.
call the School Office
on 5968 8017 between
8.30am and 4.30pm
or ring 0408 566 957
or 5968 0256
at all other times.
Enrolment Forms
For 2015 are available at the office or Out of School Hours Care

Sick
Bay
Duty

06.03.2015 Bindi Ritchie
27.03.2015 Claire Emmott
24.04.2015 Sally Ingram
08.05.2015 Natalie Reid
22.05.2015 Natalie Bestenbruer
05.06.2015 Kylie Adam
19.06.2015 Kellie Kearney
17.07.2015 Robyn Reid
31.07.2015 Kerryn Turner
14.08.2015 Lynda Chiaruttini
Canteen Roster

Monday  Open
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday Open
Thursday Open
Friday  Open

Canteen Duty commences at 10.30am and runs until approximately 2.00 – 2.30pm.

Help Required for 2015
If you can help with Canteen Duty this year, please fill in the return slip in the newsletter with your preferred days and frequency.

Canteen News

OUT OF STOCK:
The following items are out of stock until further notice.
- Slushies
- Raspberry Licorice Straps
- Rainbow Wonder Straps

Reminder

We are still receiving New Zealand coins as payment for purchases, NO foreign currency will be accepted as the bank does not accept it therefore it is a loss for the school

NOTE

The $5.00 every day meal deals were a special that ran last year and are NOT available this year, unless notified in the newsletter. We have some exciting new plans coming this year regarding our menu. Stay Tuned......

Cockatoo Primary School No 3535.
We are having a **PFA Meeting** for all Parents, Friends and Grandparents today in the Breaky Club at School at **2.30pm**. So come along to school an hour earlier this afternoon and come up to Breaky club and join us for a cuppa and a chat. **Everyone is welcome.** Toddlers or kinder kids are welcome to come with you, as we always have pencils, coloring pages, toys etc to keep them busy too. **We need lots of help planning and organizing our fundraising year.**

**Easter Raffle - Out of Uniform Day**

There will be a **“PFA Easter Raffle - Out Of Uniform Day”** on **Monday 2nd March** (that’s next Monday). Students can wear free dress to School in exchange for a basket (cane, wire, bamboo plastic etc) or Easter Egg donation. Items could include new or as new preloved baskets to be used for Easter Hampers, or Easter Eggs to go into the Easter Hampers. Items should be in the $2 to $3 range......

**Please send Basket or Easter Egg items carefully packaged to School on Monday 2nd March.**

**PFA Freshly Popped Popcorn & Cold Drink Break**

We’re fundraising this term with a **“Freshly Popped Popcorn & Cold Drink Break”** on **Tuesday 26th March.** Students will be able to purchase a cold drink (milo, cordial or water) and a warm bag of Freshly Popped Popcorn for **$3.00.** Please fill out the order form that will be sent home soon & get it back to the Office by **Monday 25th March.** **If any Parents are able to help us with the Popcorn / Cold Drink Break, please come along to the Breaky Club at 9.30am on Tuesday 26th March.**

*Cockatoo Primary School No 3535.*
Mail Order Eftpos Credit Payment

Cardholder’s Name: .................................................................

Card Type: □ Bankcard □ Mastercard □ Visa

Card Number: □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□

Expiry Date: □□/□□

Amount to be Debited: $□□□□.□□

Payment for: ...................................................................................

Cardholder’s Signature: ....................................................... Date: ....../....../......

Please Note: $10.00 minimum

COCKATOO PRIMARY SCHOOL

ABSENCE NOTE

Name of Student: .................................................................

Date of Absence: ......./......../........ to ....... /......../........

Name of Grade Teacher: ...........................................................

Reason for Absence:

□ Family Fire Plan Activation  □ Medical Appointment
□ Illness  □ Dental Appointment
□ Head Lice  □ Religious Event
□ Holiday  □ Hospital Admission
□ Educational Program
□ Other - Please specify ................................................................

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ................................................

Date: ....... /........ /........

It is the parent’s responsibility to inform the school of the reason for a student’s absence. A satisfactory reason must be given; relevant legislation ‘The Education & Training Reform Act 2006

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RETURN SLIP
CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

Dear Parents,
If you are willing to go on the roster to help in the Canteen between 10.30am and 2.00pm please fill in this form and return it to school.

I am able to help in the Canteen on a roster basis.

Name: .................................................................

Phone: ........................................
between

Eldest Child: ......................................................

Grade: ............

Days which suit me are: please circle below
Monday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday

I am willing to be rostered: please circle below
Once a week    Once a month    Will discuss it

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Newsletter via Email or Hardcopy

I (name)................................................................. would like the newsletter emailed to me each week, my preferred email address is:

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OR

I (name)................................................................. would like the newsletter sent home with my eldest child in grade

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Cockatoo Primary School No 3535.
Student Achievements 2015

Breaky Club

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL!

Reading Nights
Tuesday March 10th
...a World Vision Fundraiser

$2 donation

Crazy T-Shirt Day

Wear your craziest T-Shirt to support our World Vision sponsored children, Nohla & Hussein. Your $2 donation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours Very Thankfully,

Wendy Dene (World Vision Coordinator)
The Cockatoo P.S. Archibald Prize

During this term children (particularly Grade 5/6 children), have been studying controversial art, in the Art Room, involving the annual Australian Archibald Prize for portraiture.

The winners have been announced for the 2014 Prize but the awards from the 1. Trustees, 2. Packers, and 3. General Public have all been different. Our Grade 5/6 students have judged who they think should be the winners and so have our staff. If you are a visitor to our school before the end of Term 1, you are invited to also cast your vote.
(Simply collect a red and green sticker dot from the office and place the green dot on your favourite portrait and a red dot on the one you dislike the most.)

Results will be published in the Newsletter in Term 2. Thank you for your help & look out for our cartoons developed from the "Bald Archy"!!!

Wendy Dene
(Visual Arts Specialist)
Clean Up Day
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
1990-2015

PUT YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE
Register now at cleanupaustraliaday.org.au or call 1800 CUA DAY

Cockatoo Creek Valley
Sunday March 1st 10am to 12pm
Meet at community hall carpark, Pakenham Rd Cockatoo
Bring gloves and sturdy shoes