### Cockatoo Primary School Newsletter

**A Great Place To Be!**

**NO. 2**

Friday February 13th 2015

### Dates to Remember

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Cockatoo Primary School No 3535. Newsletter No 1 2013
Friday, March 27th
Last Day Term 1. Students dismissed at 2.30pm

Friday, April 3rd
GOOD Friday

Term 2
Monday, April 13th
First Day of Term 2. School commences 9.00am

Notices Sent Home Since Last Week:
House Sports
School Council Nomination Available from front office
EDEC Swimming
Parent Teacher Exchange
Anaphylaxis

Currently enrolled at our school are three students who have a severe anaphylactic reaction to nuts and a fourth to egg. Three students are in the junior school (Foundation – 2) and the fourth student is in the middle area of the school in grade 3. As a consequence, I am asking that parents of students in foundation, grade one, grade two, grade three and grade four, refrain from sending peanut butter, nutella, whole nuts or nut products to school.

To further minimise risks, all students will be discouraged from sharing food and will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating. Students will be encouraged to remain seated during eating times and not wander around the classroom. All food will be consumed in the classroom before students go outside to play. Peanuts, nuts, peanut butter or nutella will not be available at breakfast club or from the canteen.

Newsletter – Electronic Copy

The newsletter is distributed to all families on Friday of each week. Photocopying the newsletter, whilst just a push of the photocopier’s button, costs the school a substantial amount of money each week to produce. It would be ideal if parents could access the newsletter as an electronic copy sent to an email address or via the school’s website (cockatoops.vic.edu.au). As of the beginning of term 2, the newsletter will only be available as an electronic copy. However, if you do not have access to a computer or other electronic device and would like a hard copy of the newsletter please complete the form attached to the newsletter. If your preference is to receive the newsletter to a designated email address please supply that on the attached form.

The deadline for this information is Monday 23rd March 2015. If no correspondence is received by the due date then it will be presumed that your preference is to access the newsletter on the school’s website.

Emerald ANZAC Walk and ANZAC Place

ANZAC Walk and Place is a combined project coordinated by the Emerald RSL and will have the grand opening ceremony on Wednesday March 11th 2015. The opening will be officiated by the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove. The Governor General and his entourage will arrive in Emerald on board Puffing Billy. Many community members have been asked to dress up in period costume as part of a re-enactment of soldiers returning to Emerald after World War 1. I have been invited to the opening and, together with a small group of students, will represent Cockatoo Primary School at this important historical event.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or would like further clarification.
School Fees

You may have read in the press that the Victorian Auditor-General has released a report on school costs for parents. In response to the report's findings, the Minister for Education has asked the Department of Education and Training to review its parent payment policy.

As a result of any changes to the Department’s policy, we will work with our school council to update our own policy during 2015 in preparation for the 2016 school year.

We don't expect any changes until later in 2015 and we will let you know well in advance. The Department's parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year.

We review our own parent payment policy, in conjunction with our school council, on a cyclic basis and notify you of any changes through our newsletter. Our aim is to ensure our policy meets parents' expectations, while also ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the programs we offer. Our policy sets out what we ask you to pay for to support your child's learning, such as books and stationery, and what we ask for optional extracurricular activities. Our policy also sets out what we ask parents to make voluntary contributions to, and where these funds will be directed (for example, grounds works, or purchasing library and sports equipment.)

As always, if you have any queries, or would like to discuss how the school can support you in financial matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Homework Policy

Please find detailed below our homework policy that has been developed according to departmental guidelines and ratified by School Council. These guidelines outline the expectations at each grade level.
Cockatoo Primary School  
Homework Policy

Purpose
Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims
- To help students by complementing and reinforcing basic skills.
- To foster lifelong learning and good study habits by developing individual work habits, organisational skills and time management skills.
- To provide an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.
- To provide an additional avenue to keep parents in touch with what their child is doing at school.

Implementation
Prep – Year 2
- Not exceed 30 minutes a day, of which 20 minutes is designated for reading related activities
- Homework is not to be set on weekends or holidays.
- Mainly consist of daily reading of SHARE books to /with older siblings parents/caregivers.
- Provide the opportunity for children in prep - grade 2 to practise sight words or sounds/symbols
- Be entered in a SHARE diary or homework book for JLC students

Years 3 - 4
- Not exceed 30 minutes a day, of which 20 minutes is designated for reading related activities
- Homework is not to be set on weekends or holidays.
- Mainly consist of daily reading of books to /with older siblings parents/caregivers. It is appropriate for children in grades 3 and 4 to also read a suitable book of their own choice.
- Enable the daily practice of skills, spelling, memorising tables, practice of word study skills or the gathering of extra information in an enjoyable way.
- Provide the opportunity to work on themes or to complete unfinished work.
- Be entered in a homework book

Years 5 – 6
Homework will:
- Range from 30 - 45 minutes per day
- Homework is not to be set on weekends or school holidays.
- Provide the opportunity for daily independent reading
- Provide the opportunity to work on class projects, supported by class time.
- Provide the daily opportunity for students to memorise tables, practise spelling words, practise words/phrases learnt in Japanese, read for pleasure, practise playing musical instruments, practise PE skills, research topics for class work, collect newspaper articles and provide the opportunity to complete unfinished class work.
• Be entered in a diary and the homework book

The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.

Students in all grades will be allocated homework books - to contain homework task, completed work and parent signature.

Homework should:

• Be appropriate to the student's skill level and age, and cater for different learning styles
• Be interesting, challenging and where possible open ended, containing additional activities for student to complete if they choose
• Be balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities
• Be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
• Be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers
• Be clear in relation to timeline for completion, instructions on what to do and the expectations of both student and parent for that task

Homework that meets these requirements includes:

Practice Examples - providing students with the opportunities to apply new knowledge, or to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills

Preparatory Homework - providing opportunities for students to gain background information so they are better prepared for future lessons

Extension Assignments - encouraging students to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively.

• Uncompleted class work may be allocated as a home task above the 30 minute limit where the student's behaviour has not allowed satisfactory completion during class time.

• Failure by students to complete homework on a regular basis will be followed up with the parents.

• The school community will be informed of maximum homework expectations through Parent/Teacher Information Exchanges and the school newsletter.

• Parents will be informed of each grade's curriculum emphases through the fortnightly Parent Information Bulletin (PIB).

Principal: Darrelyn Boucher
School Council President: Jason Jenner
Date ratified by School Council: March 2014
Three Year Cyclic Review: March 201
A very big thank you to all those parents who organised their children's student charges for 2015 before school commenced. We still have a number of outstanding student charges and it would be appreciated if these could be finalised as soon as possible so all children will then have their class materials. As always in cases of financial difficulties we ask that you contact the office to discuss payment.

**Items Parents Need to Supply –**

**ART SMOKES & A SHARE/LIBRARY BAG**
The only items parents need to supply are an Art smock, (an old shirt or T-Shirt is fine), for every child and SHARE/Library bag for ALL Grade 1 & Grade 2 students, last year’s is okay.

**MEDICATIONS**

Sometimes your children may require medication during school hours. If this is the case we require you to fill in a form with the child’s name, grade, dose, name of medication and time to be administered. Also the dates this medication is to be given.

A copy of this form can be picked up from the front office.

*Please hand ALL medications into the Office.*

**ASTHMA & ALLERGY SUFFERS**

If your child suffers with asthma or has an allergy that requires medication, please make sure the Office has a supply of the medication that is in date.
Asthma and Allergy Plans
If your child has an allergy or suffers with asthma, they should bring home a form to fill in regarding an individual treatment plan if they have an unexpected severe attack.

Please discuss these forms with your doctor and return them to the school as soon as possible.

If your child requires any medication for allergies e.g., Claratyne or Zyrtec this treatment must be signed by the doctor.

Anaphylaxis
For some reason allergies in children are on the rise.
At this school we do have children with allergies. A couple of our students are highly allergic to peanuts and they do have an epipen for treatment of this condition,
We ask that all parents talk to their children about sharing food etc. as this could be life threatening to the children concerned.
The main allergies are PEANUTS, eggs, kiwi fruit, cow’s milk and cheese.

Personal Details
A huge thank you to those parents who have returned their details so quickly. We have had a really good response!
To those parents who haven’t returned them please fill them out tonight and return them ASAP

Changes over the Year
If you change your place of employment or mobile phone number etc. during the year please contact the Office straight away so we can update your child's records.
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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year's school photos will be taken NEXT Monday, February 16th commencing at 9.00am SHARP.

No envelopes will be accepted at the Office on photo day.

Internet Payment - Free photo
Parents are welcome to choose and pay for their child’s photos on the internet. You will receive a FREE PHOTO if you order online. We ask that you still return your child’s envelope to the Office with the receipt number on it.

Family Portraits
Family portraits are available again this year for children attending the school.

Family Discounts
Discounts for families with 3 or more children are available again this year. A discount voucher must be attached to your family’s envelopes.

These discount vouchers are available at the Office.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Students:
Indi Flint
Kayla Menere
Hunter Wans
Matthew Dearing
Cody Cummins
Tyson Lutz
Lily Rose Woods-Emery

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

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

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20.02.2015  Clair Dunbar
06.03.2015  Bindi Ritchie
27.03.2015  Claire Emmott
24.04.2015  Sally Ingram
08.05.2015  Natalie Reid
22.05.2015  Natallie 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

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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

Welcome to 2015!
The following items are out of stock until further notice.
  * Slushies

The Kenman large Raspberry licorice straps have been discontinued and are no longer available on the menu.
PFA Page

* PFA Meeting Friday 27th February @ 2.30pm – Breaky Club
* Monday 2nd March - Easter Raffle Out of Uniform Day
* Tuesday 24th March – Popcorn Drink Day
* Thursday 26th March – Easter Raffle Drawn

Who are the PFA and what do we do????
We are a group of parents, friends and grandparents who all volunteer our time to help raise money for the students at our school. We provide educational, artistic and sporting equipment for the students. All funds we raise directly benefits the children in the school. In the past we have been able to purchase “goalposts” for the school oval, books for the library, interactive whiteboards for the classrooms, gates for fences to stop balls rolling onto the road, a fitness track, an upgrade for our two playground areas, a new BBQ trailer, contribute to a new trailer for the RACV Energy Challenge, a new storage shed for the oval, colourful educational mats for the Foundation, 1, 2 grades, Grade 6 Graduation items, new backboards for the basketball court, portable netball rings & netballs, the Changeable Sign on Belgrave – Gembrook Road, the massive Roplay Ball, portable Soccer Goals, class sets of ipads for the grade 3 & 4’s .... amongst other things.

We are having a PFA Meeting for all Parents, Friends and Grandparents on Friday 27th February in the Breaky Club at School at 2.30pm. So come along to school an hour earlier that Friday 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.

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.

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Mail Order Eftpos Credit Payment

Cardholder’s Name: .................................................................
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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
- Illness
- Head Lice
- Holiday
- Educational Program
- Medical Appointment
- Dental Appointment
- Religious Event
- Hospital Admission
- 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
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: ..................................

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

Grade: ........

Need to speak to
our Canteen Manager?
Please phone the school
10.30am and 2.00pm

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

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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Thank you.

Cockatoo Primary School No 3535. Newsletter No 1 2015
Hi my name is Peta Revell, I am in grade 5/6K this year and I am doing the world’s greatest shave. For those of you that do not know the world’s greatest shave is where you shave or colour your hair to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. The Leukaemia Foundation supports people that have blood cancer.

On the 15 of March I will be shaving my head at the start I had a goal set of $200 but now I am at $548 I have set a new goal of $700. If you would like to sponsor me and support the Leukaemia foundation there is a little blue donation box at the office or you can donate online at www.worldsgreatestshave.com click sponsor and search for “Peta Revell”.

Thank you for your time I will put a photo of me after the shave in the newsletter after the 15th of March.

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GEMBROOK-COCKATOO FOOTBALL CLUB
JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY for Under 9s, 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s
DATE: Sunday 22-02-2015
LOCATION: Gembrook Sports Ground
TIME: 11am to 2pm

Jumpers for all players provided, and helmets provided for U9s and 10s
Any enquiries or if you wish to register but can’t make it call
Chris Bourne on 0417506690

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Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia’s official junior game development program for children aged 5—10 years.

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

**WHEN:** From Sat. 21st February - Sat. 9th May
(10 weeks excl. holidays)

**WHERE:** Cockatoo Reserve Stadium
Mountain Road, Cockatoo
Mel Ref 311 J3;
and
Monbulk College Stadium
David Hill Road, Monbulk
Mel Ref 311 J3

**TIME:** 10:00am un | 11:00am

**COST:** $70 for new players
$50 for returning players

All Participants Receive:
- 1 x Peak Aussie Hoops backpack
- 1 x Spalding size 5 Aussie Hoops basketball
- 1 x Peak Aussie Hoops reversible singlet.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**
Email: hoops@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au (Preferred)
Pam Ball Mob: 0401 996 046 (only after 6pm)

Detach and bring with cheque made payable to: Sherbrooke B.A., P.O. Box 1121, Upwey. 3158.

Name..............................................Age........Birthdate...................Gender M/F

Address.........................................................

Postcode..................Phone number..................What school do you attend?..............................

Parents Names...................................................

Do you require any medication? Y / N If yes, for what condition?........................................

Singlet size: 8 10 12 14 Email Address..........................................................
KREATIONZ
CHEER AND DANCE
Emerald and Boronia Studios

JAZZ ~ CHEERLEADING ~ HIP HOP
CONTEMPORARY ~ GLEE CLUB
TAP ~ CLASSICAL BALLET ~ POINTE
KINDER DANCE ~ MUMMY & ME
FAIRY BALLET ~ VCE DANCE
TUMBLING ~ STRETCH & TECHNIQUE

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