DATES TO REMEMBER IN TERM 4

Monday, 1st December
Tuesday, 2nd December
Wednesday, 3rd December
Tuesday, 9th December
Wednesday, 10th December
Tuesday, 16th December
Wednesday, 17th December
Thursday, 18th December
Friday, 19th December
Thursday, 25th December
Friday, 30th January 2015

2015 Prep Information Night
Pre Prep Program – Final
World Vision ‘Crazy Christmas Headgear Day’ $2 donation
Grade 6 Orientation Day
Whole School Transition
Meet & Greet 2015 Teachers & School Christmas Carols
Whole School Transition
Grade 6 Graduation
Grade 6 Rollerskating
LAST DAY of SCHOOL – Dismissal 1:30pm
No Canteen Today
Christmas Day.
School Commences 9:00am
Planning for 2015
Due to the expiration of a teaching contract, we recently conducted interviews for a teaching position at Cockatoo Primary School. Interviews are conducted in accordance with strict departmental guidelines and follow a merit and equity process. I am very pleased to announce that following the interview process, Megan Whiteroad has been offered a teaching contract at our school for 2015.

Consequently, our teaching team will consist of Sarah Winton, Helen Deppeler, Wendy Dene, Tim Stapleton, Sarah Abraham, Karen Saunders, Alice Hermansen, Ross Woolger, Trent Morison, Sam Ladner, Ash Bourke, Megan Whiteroad and Shane Pearton.

We are currently allocating teachers to their 2015 teaching roles and have commenced the process of placing students in their grades for 2015. This process involves a great deal of consultation between teachers of the same level, across the whole school and with me. The students’ learning needs, friendship groups and social needs are considered before the placement of any child. The process is very complex and once class lists have been completed it is almost an impossible feat to make any change without a huge rippling effect.

Over the next few weeks, the students will have the opportunity to spend time in their new level with the 2015 teacher and will spend time meeting their grade teacher for the new school year.

From 5.30PM – 6.00PM, parents will have the opportunity to ‘Meet and Greet’ their child’s/children’s 2015 teachers before the commencement of the Carols Concert on Wednesday 10th December 2015.

Carols Night
The children have all been practising their chosen carol in preparation for our Carols Night on Wednesday evening 10th December 2015. Due to the school production this year, there will be no choreographed dances.

The night is always an enjoyable experience when our children truly shine performing in the limelight before their parents. With so many happy faces on stage, it is a great way to celebrate the joy that Christmas brings!

The Carols Night is an official school function and all children are expected to attend. If for any reason your child is unable to be present it would be appreciated if you would let your child’s teacher know. Whilst at the function, the expectation is that the children are to be seated with their grade and teacher for the duration of the evening performances. Please no skateboards or bicycles allowed.

Please be mindful of our neighbours and refrain from parking across the driveways. Thank you in advance of your support!

With enormous thanks to our PFA, a yummy BBQ tea will be available from 5.00PM for those wishing to purchase food. I look forward to seeing our families come together in the top area of the school in time for the commencement of the Carols Concert at 6.30PM.
RACV Energy Breakthrough

Congratulations to the two teams that represented our school at the RACV Energy Breakthrough competition held at Maryborough over last weekend. Both teams represented the school with vim and vigour and gave their best! The Frizzles, Tyla Wise, Shakira Francois, Sian Sims, Jess Tilson, Ella Chawkley, Ellie Trott, Blake Howden and Mitchell Sears did an amazing job and finished 21st overall.

Congratulations to The Sizzles, Lily Bevan, Hudson Jenner, Hayley Spiers, Kayla Menere, Kyrah Angus, Chris Field, Matt Madirazza and Ruby Joel who placed 17th overall!

Thank you to the grade 5 and 6 teachers, Karen, Sarah and Tim, for all of their hard work in training the teams. A special mention to Tim Stapleton for accompanying the group to Maryborough and to Sarah Wintle who, although having to miss the weekend due to a back injury, was there with Tim and the two teams in spirit!

Huge thanks to the team of supportive parents who were there for the children every step of the way. The children had a wonderful time and I thank you very much for giving them the opportunity to be a part of such an enormous event.

Please view an article written by Tim and the students which has been added to our website. Some photos have also been uploaded. www.cockatoops.vic.edu.au
SICK BAY DUTY

05.12.2014 Lynda Chiruttini
19.12.2014 Leighta Bennett
If you would like to help please contact the office.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

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.
Hope to see you soon.
Janine, Deidre and Kelly.

PLUMBER
Local Plumber
Call Dean
Mobile: 0431 335 064
Home: 03 5968 9268

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WHOLE YEAR ADVERTISING
DISCOUNT: REGULAR SIZE - $175.00

Please contact the school on 5968 8017 if you would like to advertise in our newsletter
All newsletter items are to be at the Office by 12MD Tuesday.
2015 STUDENT SUPPLIES
PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE:
from
Wednesday December 17th 2014.
Tuesday, January 27th 2015
Wednesday, January 28th 2015
from 10.00am - 3.00pm

PLEASE ASSIST US BY PAYING OR
ORGANISING PAYMENT DURING THESE TIMES.
THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS EXTREMELY BUSY
AND YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ADHERING TO THE
AFOREMENTIONED TIMES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

NB. ONLY MINIMAL SUPPLIES CAN BE
ISSUED TO YOUR CHILDREN UNTIL PAYMENT
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED
AT THE OFFICE.

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Please Note: $10.00 minimum
PFA Page

* Kids Artwork Fundraiser Now On - Orders Due Back Monday 1st December
* Popcorn / Drink Day Postponed to Tuesday 2nd December (that’s next Tuesday)
* Sausage Sizzle Monday 1st December at the Edible Garden Working Bee
* Xmas Carols BBQ – Weds 10th December – Food Available from 5pm

PFA are currently running a fundraiser with “Kids Art Works”. With lots of help & guidance from Wendy, all students have been busy creating their own artwork which can be made into Calendars, Greeting Cards, iphone covers, Diaries or Mouse Mats. The same piece of artwork will be used for each different item. Year levels have created their artwork on different themes. We are able to offer each of these items at a heavily discounted price of $13.00 (a set of 8 cards is considered one item). RRP per item is between $15.00 & $18.00. We are running this special offer for you prior to Christmas, so you can use any of the items as Christmas gifts. You can order as many or as few of each item as you like. Please remember the same artwork is used for each item.

These Calendars, Gift Cards, iphone Covers and Mouse Mats and Diaries look FANTASTIC. They are an excellent quality product. They are a great idea for reasonably priced Christmas Gifts with a very special personal touch.
Orders for Kids Artworks are due back to the Office by Monday 1st December, (that’s next Monday).

PFA Freshly Popped Popcorn & Cold Drink Break
The “Freshly Popped Popcorn & Cold Drink Break” has been postponed ‘til next Tuesday 2nd December (that’s next Tuesday). 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 & get it back to the Office as soon as possible or by Monday 1st December.

We will be holding an Edible Garden Twilight Working Bee on Monday 1st December after School. Come along & help out at the working bee & feed yourself and your family, you don’t need to go home & cook dinner, we’ll provide it for you free of charge 😊
Christmas Carols BBQ – Wednesday 10th December. Food will be available at the Carols from 5pm onwards, come along & get your families dinner from the PFA Stall.... Sausages, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Veggie Burgers, Hot Chips, Dim Sims, Chicken Skewers available to feed your hungry family at great prices. Lollies, Showbags & other bargains available on the night.

Get your raffle tickets in to the Office for your chance to win fantastic Christmas Raffle Prizes, tickets are $1.00 each or 3 for $2.

Get your Spinning Wheel Ticket Forms back to the Office to be in the draw to win your Christmas Ham for this year....
You have a one in 40 chance of winning... Amazing value at $2 per ticket.....

COCKATOO PRIMARY SCHOOL

ABSENCE NOTE

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

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

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

Reason for Absence:

☐ Fire Plan Activation  ☐ Medical Appointment
☐ Illness  ☐ Dental Appointment
☐ Head Lice  ☐ Parent Choice (Family Reasons)
☐ Holiday  ☐ Hospital Admission
☐ Other - Please list ..............................................................

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; otherwise it will become a matter for the School Attendance Officer to deal with. Relevant legislation: The Education Act 1958 section 53(i), Community Services Act 1979 section 74(b), 74(c), 74(g).
Reminder
We do not accept 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.

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

Canteen News
Changes have been made to the EVERYDAY MONEY SAVER MEAL DEAL please replace with the new copy sent home today.

Have you seen our canteen menu, if you missed out, copies are available at the Office. There have been some price changes so please check before ordering. Tomato sauce, Soy Sauce, Mayo and lunch bags are now included free of charge. If your child doesn’t want them please write ‘No sauce’ clearly on the lunch bag otherwise they will be added.

EVERYDAY MONEY SAVER MEAL DEALS
We are offering a Meal Deal for the low price of $5.00 and in this deal you can choose from
1 - Main  2 - Snack  3 - Drink.
All you need to do is fill out the Meal Deal form tick one item from each section and place in a Bag like a normal lunch order.
This Meal Deal offer is available any day the canteen is open while stock is available.
Extra copies are available at the office or in the newsletter.

UNAVAILABLE
Everyday Money Saver Meal Deal
Pizza Pies, Hamburgers with cheese, Frozen Fruit Tubes, Solo Cans,
Roasted Wing Dings, Frozen Fruit Cups (pineapple),
King Sized Sausage Rolls

Blueberry Yogurt Straps are back in stock

New
Cupcakes
Chocolate/Vanilla/Butter flavours
ONLY .50c
Student Achievements 2014

Reading Nights

Confidence

Footy Kick

Breaky Club
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following Students and Teachers a very Happy Birthday

Students:

Violet Rech-Ellery
Vanessa Dewar
Mackenzie Colvin
Harrison Colvin
Tyla Byrne
Jemma Thomson

Edible Garden

Monday, 1st December
3:30pm straight after school,
There will be jobs for everybody.
Sausage sizzle for all the hungry workers.

Cockatoo Primary School No 3535,
19-33 Belgrave Gembrook Road COCKATOO 3781
Phone: (03) 5968 8017 Fax: (03) 5968 9502 Email: cockatoo.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
"CRAZY CHRISTMAS"
Wednesday 3rd December

Wear anything Christmasy on your head or decorate your face & hair. Full dress-ups also acceptable. Please bring a $2 coin donation on the day for the sponsorship of our World Vision children.

Yours very thankfully,
Wendy Done (World Vision Coordinator)

* Any hair colour must be completely removed for school on the following day

Yarra Ranges Council
Family Day Care

2015 Vacancies available at Karen's Family Day Care

Family Day Care is a childcare service which provides small group education and care for children from birth to 12 years of age in the safe, comfortable home environment of qualified and registered Family Day Care educators.

Karen - Cockatoo
My qualifications and experience include:
* Certificate 111 in children services,
* Food safety
* First aid, Asthma & Anaphylaxis a
* Police checks & Working with children checks
I am constantly updating my knowledge through local in-service's on children services and have 13 years experience running my Family Day Care service.

I believe that children who are relaxed and allowed the time to become secure in the care environment become active learners. My role as an educator is to plan real life experiences to help the children in my care establish and maintain respectful, trusting relationships with other children, their families, myself and my own family.

Contact a Resource Officer to find out more information Ph: 9754 4432