Dates to Remember

**February**

Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd}  No school for ALL Foundation Students  
Friday 24\textsuperscript{th}  Grade 5/6 Transition Morning - ESC  
Monday 27\textsuperscript{th}  Whole School Incursion – Messenger Dog’s Performance  
Tuesday 28\textsuperscript{th}  Hot Chip Day

**March**

Wednesday 8\textsuperscript{th}  Grade 3-6 Athletics Day  
Thursday 9\textsuperscript{th}  KMOTION Begins  
Monday 13\textsuperscript{th}  Labour Day * NO SCHOOL TODAY *  
Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st}  Whole School Incursion - Responsible Pet Ownership  
Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{th}  Clean Up School Day
PRINCIPALS REPORT

School Leaders
It is with great pride that we announce to the school community our school leaders for 2017.
We have every confidence that all students will embrace their leadership roles and will wear their badges
with pride. The badges will be officially presented once they have been received. Parents of the
recipients will be notified.

Nominated by the staff are our school captains and vice school captains:
Captains: Kahlani Hutchinson and Alex Polidoros
Vice Captains: Keeley Megarrell and Zach Polidoros

The House Captains and Vice House Captains were nominated and elected by the students and the
following were the successful candidates:
Treloar Captains: Jackson Ritchie and Indianna Flint
Treloar Vice Captains: Nikita Hosemans and Cody Cummins

Fairbridge Captains: Isaac Dalton and Tahlia Waller
Fairbridge Vice Captains: Paul Van Den Helm and Jasper Bennett

Bailey Captains: Caitlyn Megarrell and Jack Martini
Bailey Vice Captains: Tyla Byrne and Noah Parraga

McBride Captains: Cohen Maunder and Holly Taylor
Mc Bride Vice Captains: Samuel Camm and Kaylee Logiudice

EDEC Swimming Trials
Congratulations to the following students who represented our school at the EDEC Swimming Trials last
week:
Emily Anderson who placed 3rd in the breast stroke, 2nd in the butterfly and 2nd in the freestyle. Emily will
represent EDEC in the freestyle event at a divisional level.

Emily Cummins who placed 2nd in the breast stroke, 3rd in the butterfly, 2nd in back stroke and 1st in the
freestyle. Emily will represent EDEC in the freestyle, back stroke and breast stroke events at the
divisional competitions.

Cody Cummins who placed 2nd in the breast stroke, 2nd in the butterfly, 1st in back stroke and 2nd in the
freestyle. Cody will represent EDEC in the freestyle, back stroke and breast stroke events at the
divisional competitions.

Such an amazing outcome for these three talented swimmers! We wish them the very best when they
compete at the next level!

School Grounds
The combination of warm sunny days and rain have resulted in our school grounds looking very tired
and extremely overgrown with weeds. Graham, our handyman is working very hard to gain some semblance
of order but is fighting a losing battle. We have a plan to overhaul every garden bed but this will take time
– please bear with us as we work through each bed!

Just prior to the commencement of the school term just over $10 000 worth of playground mulch was installed
in all playground areas providing a significant layer of soft fall.

On the planner, there are more budget items which will upgrade the appearance of the school, however I
cannot reveal these until after School Council has had ability to consider these at our meeting on Tuesday
night – so stay tuned!
Ash Bourke

Congratulations to Ash Bourke for her outstanding achievements as a member of the Australian Floorball team who recently won silver at the World Championships in New Zealand. Ash was a key member of the team scoring goals and assisting her team mates to score goals on numerous occasions.

Ash now has the opportunity to play for Australia later in the year when the team attends the World Championships in Slovakia.

Go Ash! Aussie Aussie Aussie Ash Ash Ash!!!!!!!!!!!!

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
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).

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**Anaphylaxis**

Currently enrolled at our school are five students who have a severe anaphylactic reaction to nuts and a fourth to egg. The students are now spread across the school. One student is in the junior school (Foundation – 2), three are in the grade 3/4 area and the fifth student is in the senior area of the school in grade 5/6. As a consequence, I am asking that all parents 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.
Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or would like further clarification.

**Our Newsletter**

The newsletter is distributed to all families on Friday of each week. Parents are able to access the newsletter as an electronic copy sent to a personal email address or via the school’s website (cockatoopsvic.edu.au). If your preference is to receive the newsletter to a designated email address and we do not have this, please supply that on the attached form.

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 below.

The deadline for this information is Tuesday 28th February 2017. If no correspondence is received by the due date then it will be presumed that your preference will be to access the newsletter on the school’s website.

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 ........

Thank you.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Students:
- Ryan Kelly
- Sophie Keily
- Cody Cummins
- Ty Lutz

Staff:

PFA Page

* Hot Chip Day Tuesday 28th February $4

PFA Bucket of Hot Chips & Cold Drink Break

We’re fundraising this term with a “Freshly Cooked Bucket of Hot Chips & Cold Drink” on Tuesday 28th February.

Students will be able to purchase a cold drink (milo, cordial or water) and a freshly cooked bucket of hot chips for $4.00. Please fill out the order form & get it back to the Office by Monday 27th February.

If you are able to help with the Hot Chip & Cold Drink Fundraiser, please come along to Breaky Club at 9am on Tuesday 28th February. We really do need your help to run events like these for our students 😊
A NEW LOOK FOR 2017
Cut off date for orders will be the 14th February, 2017

As of Issue 1 - 2017, all book club orders and payments will need to be done online via the Book Club LOOP for parents - please do not send book club orders or payments to school as they will not be accepted and will be distributed to school, and then I will distribute books to the students.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ENTER AN ORDER AFTER THE CLOSE OFF DATE YOU WILL INCUR A CHARGE OF $4.99, FOR POSTAGE, YOUR ORDER WILL BE POSTED TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS. THIS IS A SCHOLASTIC FEE NOT THE SCHOOL’S FEE.

Thank you everyone for your continuing support of Book Club …..

Chris Rounds - Book Club Co-ordinator


Issue 1 is now closed.....
What’s happening next week……

To Contact O.S.H.C. call the School Office

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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

**RETURN SLIP**

**SICK BAY HELPERS WANTED**

Dear Parents,
If you are willing to help the school by stripping the beds, making them and washing the linen from the Sick Bay on a Friday and returning the linen the next week, please complete this slip so that we can make up a roster for the year.

I am willing to be on the Sick Bay Roster.

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

Phone: ..............................

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

Grade: ..............
Hello everyone and welcome to all our new foundation students and parents.
Firstly I’d like to explain what our Breaky Club is.
Every morning we open up our Breaky Club to all students as a “top up” to their breakfast they eat at home. We offer assorted cereals, toast with spreads, warm milos and on some warmer days, fruit salad and a juice cordial. We are very mindful of allergies and avoid all products which may contain nuts. Cockatoo Bakery donates bread every morning and Cockatoo IGA donates other breakfast products. We also get generous donations, both money and food, from local church groups. To run this fantastic program we rely on parent helpers to volunteer their time one morning a week/fortnight. We are in DESPERATE need for many new faces to join our team so breakfast can be served every morning. Our senior students are always willing to help you and your own children get a huge buzz having their parents serving. Our volunteers arrive any time after 8.00am and serve until 8.55am. Full training is provided and you can choose what day/s suit you. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office and leave your name and number and we will be in touch.
Look forward to hearing from you. Gayle & Lee
**CANTOON**

### Reminder

**SPECIAL:** SUPREME Pizza’s $2.40 until sold out.

**PRICE INCREASE**
A new menu was sent home last week, if you missed out or require a new copy please grab one from the office…..they *are not* available from the canteen.

**NO CREDIT**
Please ensure payment is in all lunch orders to avoid disappointment.

**OUT OF STOCK**
*SLUSHIES* Unfortunately our machine is still broken….we will have it working as soon as we can.

**We are receiving New Zealand coins as payment for purchases,**

**NO** foreign currency can be accepted as the bank does not accept it therefore it is a loss for the school.

**QKR – Please direct all questions about QKR and prices to the office staff**

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### RETURN SLIP

**CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED**

Dear Parents,
If would like to help in the Canteen between 10.30am and 2.00pm please fill in this form and return it to the office.

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

Name: …………………………………………

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 with Judy

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*Cockatoo Primary School No 3535. Website – www.cockatoops.vic.edu.au*
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:

☐ 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(3), Community Services Act 1970 section 74(b), 74(c), 74(g).

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CSEF DON’T FORGET TO COME TO THE OFFICE TO COLLECT YOUR FORM CLOSING DATE – 28/02/2017
The new Qkr! app is now up and running here at Cockatoo Primary School. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply scan the QR code on the left using the Qkr! Code scanner or type COCKATOO after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!, and then the app will always recognise you as part of Cockatoo Primary School in future to make payments even easier. You can purchase **ADD WHAT YOU WANT HERE** from the **commencement of Term 1 2016** using Qkr! to make payments immediately, so why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr! - all feedback to the school office is very welcome. More information will follow – both this year and next.

**SCAN THIS CODE ON Qkr!**
Free Dental Care is not just for Health Care Card Holders.

The Child Dental Benefit Scheme introduced by the government on January 1st 2014, is continuing. It entitles all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1000 over 2 years. Families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Australian Government payment will receive a letter outlining their eligibility. Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will not incur out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

Our normal dental care continues to operate for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth at no cost. (Youth must be a holder or dependant of a health care or pensioner concessioner card holder, in out-of-home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Care).

Following their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a reminder letter when their next appointment is due.

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff at EACH Dental if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.

EACH Dental
1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone: 9757 6200

Munch Girl

“Powered by healthy food and calcium I help stop tooth decay.”
- Choose healthy snacks such as fruits and vegetables.
- Limit sugary foods.

DHSV Defenders of the tooth.

Water Boy

“Powered by tap water and mouthwash, I work hard to help prevent acid attacking teeth.”
- Drink fluoridated tap water.
- Avoid acidic and sugary drinks such as soft drink, sports drinks, cordials and fruit juice.

Brush Boy

“Powered by my careful brushing action, I help protect teeth against plaque and decay.”
- Brush teeth and along the gum line twice a day with a soft brush.
- Use a pea sized amount of low fluoride toothpaste for children from 18 months to 6 years of age, unless otherwise recommended by an oral health professional.
Council regularly consults with the community to help inform our decisions in a range of areas. We encourage you to have your say.

We want our community to be informed of our operations and provide input in a balanced and appropriate way. Seeking community feedback ensures that we know what are the priorities and expectations of the community, so this can influence planning, service delivery and decision making.

Currently we are seeking feedback on the following strategies:

- 2017-21 Child, Youth and Family Strategy
- Liveability Health Plan
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy (*consultation material will become available on Monday 20 February 2017*)


Council will also be hosting three Open House sessions in relation to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy on Saturday 18 March to provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the draft Strategy.

- 9 – 11am at the Emerald Library (400A Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald)
- 12 – 2pm at the Pakenham Library (Cnr John St & Henry St, Pakenham)
- 3 – 5pm at the Hewitt Eco House Community Room (215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup)

These drop in sessions are open to anyone and will provide you with an opportunity to ask questions.

Any questions please phone 1300 787 624.
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST...

A Relay For Life fundraiser by The Crusaders

Where: Village Cinemas Fountain Gate
When: Sunday 26th March, 7pm
Cost: $30 per ticket, including popcorn and drink
Why: To see a great movie while raising much needed funds for the Cancer Council

Search The Crusaders on Facebook for ticketing information, or contact Steph on 0433637793.

ALL FUNDS RAISED GOING TO THE CANCER COUNCIL
Free Tennis activities

Saturday 4th March

- 11am to 1pm - Juniors (3yrs and up)
  Free Mini Lessons and fun activities
  with our Friendly Coach

- 12pm Free Sausage Sizzle

- 1 to 3pm Round Robin competitions
  in an exciting fast 4 format
  For Teens to Adults, All Welcome
  Teams/Doubles/Singles
  Register on the Day or Ring Deb 0433820088
  It’s free, fun and there are prizes to be won

- 3 - 8pm Free court use come have a hit
  (Racquets and balls available for use on the day)

Cockatoo Tennis Courts
McBride St -behind the Bowls Club

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Hey Kids,

Enter the Wombat Poetry Prize as part of this year’s PAVE Festival for your chance to win some FANTASTIC Prizes.

The competition is open to students in Gr 3 – 6 and Prizes include: A RARE BAG, Tickets to a visitor experience at Healesville Sanctuary, Books and more. Shortlisted entrants will have an opportunity to present their poems at this year’s PAVE FUNFEST DAY on Sunday April 2nd.

To enter: Simply submit this form and your poem attached to the school office by no later than Thursday March 9th, 2017.

Full Name: __________________
Age: ______________________
Grade: ____________________
School: ____________________
Contact Number: ____________

Prize Winners Notified:
Thursday 17th March. 2017

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