A Great Place To Be!  

NO. 3  
Friday February 19th 2016 

Dates to Remember

**February**

*Tuesday 23rd*  
EDEC Swimming Trials Grade 3-6 (Date Change)

*Wednesday 24th*  
No school for ALL Foundation Students

*Thursday 25th*  
Grade 6 Transition Day Emerald Secondary College  
Ramingining Information Night 7:30pm

*Friday 26th*  
Whole School Incursion – Stanley Gaykamangu  
Indigenous Singer from Arnhem Land-Gold Coin Donation

**March**

*Tuesday 1st*  
Whole School Athletics Day

*Wednesday 2nd*  
No school for ALL Foundation Students

*Thursday 3rd*  
F-2 Incursion - Responsible Pet Ownership

*Friday 4th*  
Clean Up School Day

*Wednesday 9th*  
No school for ALL Foundation Students

*Thursday 10th*  
World Vision Crazy T-shirt Day – gold coin
Wednesday 16th  No school for ALL Foundation Students

Monday 21st  Alpha School Dental School Visit

Tuesday 22nd  Alpha School Dental School Visit

Wednesday 23rd  Foundation Students Attend Full Day

Thursday 24th  Last Day Term 1 – 2:30pm Dismissal

Friday 25th  Good Friday

Sunday 27th  Easter Sunday

April

Monday 11th  First Day of Term 2. School commences 9.00am
PRINCIPALS REPORT

The Great Start Continues ……

My visits to the classrooms have left me very impressed and super proud at the quality of the teaching and learning and the very calm learning environments within every classroom. The students are on task and engaged with their learning. Great start to 2016 everybody!

Parent Teacher Information Exchange

Special thanks to all the parents who came up to the school for the Parent Teacher information Exchange on Monday night. These nights provide a great opportunity for parents to get to know their child’s teacher, to find out how their child has settled into the year and to make the teacher aware of anything that may assist in catering for the educational needs of their child.

Individual Learning Plans

Teachers are currently preparing Individual Learning Plans for all students who are operating outside the expected level. Parents will be contacted if your child is below expected level for literacy and/or numeracy.

School Council Elections

At the close of the nomination period on Thursday, the number of nominations for School Council exceeded the number of vacancies in the parent category only. Consequently, there will be an election held. Ballot papers will be sent home with the eldest in each family on Wednesday 24th February with the close of ballot on March 3rd 2016 at 4.00PM.

Nominations have been received from: Amanda Flint, Matthew Bennett, Yvonne White, Cameron Angus and Charlotte Proudfoot.

In the DET category, there was the same number of nominations as there were vacancies and I am pleased to announce that the school councillors in the DET category, returning for another term of office, is Sarah Wintle and, serving his first term of office, is Ross Woolger.

House Sports

The House Sports will be held on March 1st 2016 at Mountain Road Reserve. Please keep that day free as we would love your help!
A very big thank you to all those parents who organised their children's student charges for 2016 **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. As always in cases of financial difficulties we ask that you contact the office to discuss a payment plan by Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} February

**Items Parents Need to Supply –**

**ART SMOCKS & 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.
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, please ensure that the permission form and money are handed in together to avoid missing forms and or money.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Students:  
- Ty Lutz
- Jayda Blacha
- Charlie Mackie
- Kane Fitzpatrick
- Heath Appleby
- Hannah Prout

Staff:

### Term 1 2016

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**What’s happening next week……**

**Monday**
- cooking

**Tuesday**
- craft/free play

**Wednesday**
- sports

**Thursday**
- craft/free play

**Friday**
- Art-Craft ideas

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**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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**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: .............
Dear Parents,
If you 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

We would like to thank our continued support from:
Cockatoo IGA and Cockatoo Bakery
PFA Page

* Hot Chip / Cold Drink Day Tuesday 23rd February
* School Carnival Saturday 19th March 12 – 6pm
* PFA Food Stall at the Cockatoo Country Market Sat 5th March 3-8pm
* Spinning Wheel / Out of Uniform / Grocery Day – Friday 11th March

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 23rd 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 22nd February (that’s next Monday).

PFA will be running a food stall at the Cockatoo Country Market Twilight Birthday Market on Saturday 5th March between 3-8pm. We will be selling freshly cooked corn cobs, jacket potatoes with coleslaw, cheese and sour cream, steamed dim sims, cold drinks and fairy floss. Please come and visit us at the Cockatoo Country Market, grab your dinner and enjoy the live music and lots of free family activities available 😊😊😊

Cockatoo Primary School PFA have been busy planning lots of exciting things for this year’s Carnival on Saturday the 19th March. Lots of fantastic Rides (including a Rock Climbing Wall, the Biggest Slide in the Southern Hemisphere, a Bungy Run, Pedestal Jousting, Super Strike, Big Splash etc), Games for the Whole Family, Face Painting, Spinning Wheel, Hot Donuts, Lucky Dips, Show Bags, Yummy Food, Raffle prizes drawn every ½ hour, Cockatoo Idol, Market Stalls plus lots more…………….. This year the Carnival will run from 12pm ‘til 6pm. Our Carnival Signs have been sponsored by Stockdale and Leggo in Emerald. We have a Monster Raffle once again this year with donations from many local & distant businesses. We have lots of items & vouchers to give away every ½ hour in the raffle this year. Tickets sell for $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00. Sheets of Raffle Tickets have been sent home. Additional tickets are available from the Office.

All Families will be sent a Donation Request Letter. If your business, or the business you work for is able to make a donation to our Carnival, please give them this letter. All donations will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged.
You can purchase Ride Bands for the Carnival from the Office at the discounted price of $25.00. If you buy your ride bands from the Office BEFORE the Carnival they will be at a greatly reduced price. This will give you Unlimited rides all day long. If you purchase your ride bands on the day they cost more ($35.00) …… What great value, free rides all day long from 12 midday ‘til 5.30pm. If you buy individual ride tickets on the day they are far more expensive at $5.00 each. There are rides to suit all age groups this year 😊

School Carnival - Spinning Wheel - Out of Uniform Day

There will be a “School Carnival - Spinning Wheel - Out Of Uniform Day” on Friday 11th March. Students can wear free dress to School in exchange for a grocery / pantry item or items to the value of $2.00 …….. items could include canned goods, packets of pasta or biscuits, jars of food, sauce, jams and spreads, packet cakes, dried fruit, breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, milo, sugar, flour etc. All items must have use by dates until at least 30.06.2016. No fresh ingredients such as bread or milk please.

Please send grocery item or enclose $2.00 payment and return to the Office by Friday 11th March.

To all our Home Chefs out there….. if you’re into making preserves, jams, chutneys, sauces, pickles etc please set aside a few bottles / jars of your produce for our Carnival this year. We plan to have a “homemade” stall and we would really appreciate your donation. We’re already off to a good start with a few home-made preserves, but we need lots, lots more. We also need cakes, slices, cookies, and anything else yummy you or your friends and family can make for our “homemade treats” stall.

🎵🎵🎵 Do you want to enter Cockatoo Idol at the Carnival? Have you started practicing your act? You need to fill out the Booking Form available at the Office and sent home with the Carnival Rosters. Each participant in Idol will need to pay a $3.00 application fee with their Booking Form.

🎵🎵🎵 Do you have any old crockery at home??????
We need old plates both large and small, bowls, cups, saucers and mugs for a stall at the Carnival this year. We don’t want your good crockery….. we want the old chipped or cracked stuff (not broken please). Send it into School, or drop it in to the Office.

🎵🎵🎵 Does anyone have any cricket balls they can donate to School? They don’t need to be new, just as long as they are still intact. Cricket balls are required for an exciting game / stall at this years Carnival, and we need approximately 20. Please send them along to the Office.

Cockatoo Primary School No 3535. Website – www.cockatoops.vic.edu.au
A roster information letter has been sent home. Each family is rostered on a stall to help out at the Carnival for a couple of hours. There is a set up shift, running the stalls shifts & a pack up shift. Please have a think about when you will be able to help out at the Carnival on Saturday 19th March, and return your roster notice. If you don’t return your roster notice you will be rostered on to any one of the required timeslots. You must return your notice if you have a time preference.

Rosters will be sent home soon.

Thanks!
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 1988 section 53(3), Community Services Act 1970 section 74(b), 74(c), 74(g).
Cockatoo Tennis Club

FUNDAY

Saturday

5th March 2-5pm

- Meet Our Coach Deb Carr
- Free Mini Lessons, Cardio workouts and fun activities
- Watch demo matches being played
- Inspect The Club Room and Facilities
- Juniors @ 2-3pm
- Seniors @ 3:30-5pm
- Test your ball speed on court with our radar gun
- Join in the fun for a chance to win prizes
- Come and check us out

At

Cockatoo Tennis Courts

McBride St - behind the Bowls Club
KMOTION @ ST LUKES

An Afterschool Program full of fun, games & prizes

THURSDAYS 3:30 – 5:30PM
1 McBride St Cockatoo

FREE

OPEN TO ALL
Foundation to Grade 6

4 weeks
3rd 10th
17th 24th March

HCSI
Hills Community Strengthening Initiative

Anglicare
Victoria

Echo
Youth and Family Services
Qkr! is coming to Cockatoo Primary School

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!
Student Achievements 2016

U9 Most Courageous Player

Lon Foo Pi tournament Achievement Award
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

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.
Free concerts

Summer music Series 2016

The Hills come alive with the sounds of music this February. With groups catering for a range of musical tastes, lazing on a Sunday afternoon has never been so enticing.

Hosted by Cardinia Shire Council, the Summer Music Series concerts are family-friendly events held at Emerald Lake Park.

Make your own summer music! Positive Music will run drumming circles every week. No experience necessary – just bring your enthusiasm!

Come along and enjoy a picnic in beautiful local parkland with a variety of summertime musical entertainment.

New to 2016, a bonus evening show will be held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on 7 February. Entertainment starts at 4pm.

cardinia.vic.gov.au/summersmusic

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 Armed with accordian guitars, outstanding voices and remarkable songs, these two local songstresses will have you captivated with their sound.

A thirty-piece ensemble of local artists performing a variety of music, from the racing 20s, through to the contemporary popular music of today.

Showcasing traditional Sri Lankan dancing and drumming, Indian classical and contemporary dancing. This show will feature a LIVE broadcast from 3MDR.

Central rangi melody music that sits somewhere between a captivating 40s nightclub-music and the raucous spirit of New Orleans street-buzzers.

In the event of a cancelled concert due to severe fire weather advice or other severe weather conditions, Emerald Lake Park will be closed and the concerts will be cancelled.

Cockatoo Primary School No 3535. Website – www.cockatoops.vic.edu.au
Can you help??????

Foundation students will be making sock puppets in two weeks.

We are in need of socks to run this activity. If anyone would have any unwanted sock— They do not need to be pairs and they can have small holes in them.

If you are able to help us could you please send your socks to Mrs Dale or Big Sarah.

Thank you in anticipation
Mrs Dale and Sarah