COCKATOO PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

A Great Place To Be! A Great Place To Be! A Great Place To Be! A Great Place To Be!

NO. 20 Friday July 22nd 2016

Dates to Remember

**July**

Saturday 23rd – Movie Night * Zootopia *
Sunday 24th – China Delegation Depart
Tuesday 26th - Whole School Swimming
Thursday 28th - School Banking
Whole School Swimming
Friday 29th – Grade 3/4 Bike Ed

**August**

Monday 1st - Curriculum Day
Tuesday 2nd - Whole School Swimming
Ramo Potato Cake Day
Thursday 4th - School Banking
Whole School Swimming
Friday 5th - Grade 3/4 Bike Ed
Tuesday 9th - Whole School Swimming
Ramingining Delegation Depart
Chinese Delegation
On Monday morning we greeted Yezhen Chen (Catherine), Yueqian Wu (Grace), Xinze Xu (Herry), Yile Du (Peter), Ding Dong (Dora), Yihan Shao (Ciki), Yichen Wang (Alina), Yichun (Ethon), Yuhan Liu, Xiangtian Zhen, Yixin Yan and Jianning Huang and their teacher Mr. Wu Lei (Stone) from our sister school Kunshan Yufeng Experimental Primary School in Kunshan, China. The group has settled in very well to life at Cockatoo and have been very keen to immerse themselves in our very much more relaxed Australian culture.

Stone and the twelve students have visited all classrooms sharing Chinese culture with our students. Today our school was visited by Mr Cai, a member of the Kunshan regional bureau. He is responsible for the security and welfare of 25 000 Chinese students in 302 schools. He was very interested in our education system and, in particular, how our teachers develop very close relationships with their students. He was puzzled that our students do not take advantage of this and was amazed at the excellent behaviour of the students.

Thank you once again to the host families who have opened their homes and their hearts and made our guests feel very welcome. To the Flint, Chawkley, Logiudice, Smith, Wyley, Richardson, Young and Stapleton families - we would not have had such a successful visit without your support and positive attitude – even when the last minute changes happened!

Extra-Curricular Activities
Just as our sister school relationship with China is one of our extra-curricular activities so too is the Ramingining Cultural Exchange Program. The 2016 delegation is busily making final preparations for their trip to NE Arnhem Land next month.

The school production is melding well due to regular lunchtime rehearsals. It will be exciting to see the finished product on the 25th, 26th and 27th October.

I would like to thank Naomi Dewar for supervising extra-curricular activities during lunch time which provides a refuge away from the hustle and bustle of the playground.

Every Tuesday and Thursday after school, training for the RACV Energy Breakthrough takes place to prepare the students for the competition at Maryborough on 18th, 19th and 20th November 2016.

Thank you to the staff who give up their lunch breaks to train the students in the various sporting areas of netball, soccer, football and volleyball. The students really appreciate all that you do!

As can be seen many extra activities are provided for the students which build upon the skills acquired during class time.

Planning for 2017
Oh my gosh it IS that time of year again!! If parents know of any children who will be attending our school for the first time in 2017 please encourage them to enrol early. Similarly, if families are moving from the area and children will be attending a different school please let us know of your intentions at your earliest convenience. This is the time of year when I truly wish for a crystal ball as predicting enrolments is not an easy task!
We would like to wish the following students and staff a very Happy Birthday.

**Students:**
- Tahlia Waller
- Emily Brook
- Aoife Hunter
- Jude McAllister
- Ethan Bestenbreur

**Staff:**
- Cheryl Francois

**BOOK CLUB**

Issue 5 Due Back to school:

27th July 2016.
NEW MENU – Don’t forget the 2016 Menu has been sent home, if you misplace and need another copy please go to the office they are NOT available at the canteen

****Brown Paper are FREE of charge***

Canteen News

*LOL’s have been discontinued but are replaced with GLEE Berry or Blackcurrant flavour

Reminder

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

Thank You to Our Sponsors

Cockatoo Primary School would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous sponsors who support our Breaky Club weekly, without your generous support Breaky Club would find it hard to operate. We would also like to thank Paul & Brett VanDenHelm for delivering the bread every morning.

Cockatoo IGA

Cockatoo Bakery

Avonsleigh Church of Christ
The Preps and our visitors from YuFeng made Echidnas.

Can you find Ethan Echidna?

Where in the ALPHABET is Ethan Echidna?

An A–Z Adventure
Seamus McCarthy
Illustrated by Jodi Blokkenbus

PICCOLLAGE
PFA Page

* Cadbury Chocolates Fundraiser Week 3
* Hot Chip / Drink Break Tuesday 30th August
* Fathers Day Stall Thursday 1st September
* Kids Artwork Fundraiser this term

PFA are running a fantastic Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser this term. Your family will be sent one box of Cadbury Chocolates to sell. Selling price for the chocolates is $1.00 each or 5 for $5.00. There is a collection envelope in each box of chocolates to place your money. This price is excellent value, and all profits will go to the students at our school. We suggest you could sell them to family members, friends, neighbors, or take them to your workplace. If children are selling the chocolates – please make sure they are adequately supervised. The money from the sale of the box of chocolates ($50.00) is to be returned to the Office by Thursday 25th August.

PFA will be giving a prize to the Student who sells the most Cadbury Chocolates & returns the money to the Office by Thursday 25th August.

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 30th August. Students will be able to purchase a cold drink (milo, cordial or water – please circle) 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 29th August.

Our Fathers Day Stall will be held Thursday 1st September. We have already started sourcing special products from within Australia, and from all over the world so the students can get their Dads, Grandpas, Pops, Special Person something wonderful for Fathers Day.

The Kids Artwork Fundraiser will be held a bit earlier this year, to help you plan & get organized for your Christmas list….. There will be Calendars, Diaries, Notebooks, Mouse Mats all with your own childs artwork professionally printed on them. Wendy Dene has already done lots and lots of work with the students to make sure their artwork is absolutely stunning…… Thankyou Wendy 😊
AWBEC is officially opening in just over a week!

Saturday, July 30th at 10.00am

Your help would certainly be appreciated!

We have some funding, some plans, some mulch and some plants. All we need now is some help to put the plants in the ground or to spread the mulch. Please come and help clean up around our beautiful building before she is officially opened the following weekend.

The ‘Memorial Gardens’ have been divided into different stages. Stage One is nearly complete with a private contractor doing the work. We still have some areas that need some work.

WE HAVE WORKING BEES THIS WEEKEND!

Date: Saturday, July 23rd 10am & Sunday, July 24th 11am

Keep an eye on the AWBEC Facebook Page or Friends of Cockatoo for any changes.

We need you to come along with plenty of energy, lots of wheelbarrows, rakes, forks, shovels, gloves even a couple of brush cutters would be great etc.

Some food and refreshments will be available. But please bring some snacks to nibble on. If children attend they must be under their parents care.

For any enquiries contact email: awbeccockatoo@qmail.com or Facebook Page
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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).
"REVERSE RAFFLE"
COCKATOO PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHINA CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM
TICKETS $25 EACH

AMAZING PRIZES
1ST Prize: $600 Visa Card
2nd Prize: $300 Visa Card
3rd Prize: $150 Cockatoo IGA Voucher
10 x $25 MYSTERY VOUCHERS

1 IN 15 CHANCES TO WIN
ONLY 200 TICKETS!

Draw 29th July at Cockatoo Primary School (Winners notified)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: SCHOOL OFFICE ON 59688017
GRADE 6 TO YEAR 12
LUKE’S PLACE
WINTER LAUNCH PARTY
22ND JULY, 6-9 PM
• LIVE BAND
• X BOX GIVEAWAY
• BONFIRE
• GLADIATOR WARS
• AND MORE!
INC. A DRINK AND CHOCOLATE BAR, FROM THE SNACK BAR.
$10
St Luke’s - 1 McBride St, Cockatoo
More info: Caleb Lobbe 0457 265 218
A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT
St Luke’s Cockatoo activity which is supported by ECHO youth and Family Services
Cockatoo Primary School Ramigining Fundraiser

Bring the Family Along and support the Ramigining team for a Movie Night

BBQ Dinner
Fairy Floss
Popcorn, Drinks

TOMORROW NIGHT

Featuring the movie

Zootopia

$5.00 per Person
$20.00 per Family

Saturday, 23rd July
St Luke's, McBride St, Cockatoo
Dinner and Snacks from 5.00 pm
Movie starts at 6.00 pm

Tickets available at the school office, or on the night.
KMOTION @ ST LUKES

An Afterschool Program full of fun,

THURSDAYS
3:30 – 5:30PM

FREE

OPEN TO ALL
Foundation to Grade 6

6 weeks
28th July, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Aug
& 1st Sept

Anglicare Victoria

Hills Community Strengthening Initiative

Cockatoo Primary School No 3535. Website – www.cockatoops.vic.edu.au
Student Achievements 2015

Reading Nights
Foundation
Team Leaders Lunch

100% Attendance

Sports Awards