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. 18 Friday June 24th 2016

Dates to Remember

July

Monday 11th – First Day Term 3
Thursday 14th - School Banking
Tuesday 19th – Whole School Swimming Starts
Thursday 21st - School Banking
Whole School Swimming
Friday 22nd – EDEC Basketball Day
This term has flown by and no it’s not because I am getting older because even the students are saying the same thing! It has been a great term full of wonderful learning and teaching. I had the pleasure of reading every portfolio before they were sent home. I was so very proud of the quality of the work and the work ethic that many students displayed on their assessment tasks. Reading the students’ learning goals was a ‘goose bump’ experience for me as many were exceptionally insightful and students were able to clearly articulate what is needed in order for improvements to take place. The attendance percentages for the school are improving with many students attaining the ‘gold star’ category. Many students improved their attendance rates from term one to term two. Coming to school is vital so that learning can take place. Thank you to the many parents who have their children at school every day - your support has been fantastic!

Please show the portfolios to grandparents and friends but don’t forget to send them back to school at the start of term 3 so that more fantastic work can be added. They can be kept at the end of term 4 as a record of the year’s work.

Thank you to the many, many parents who attended the parent teacher interviews held over the past two afternoons and evenings. Your presence is very much appreciated by us all!

Recently, I have had confirmation from Sam Ladner that she will be extending her period of Leave With Out Pay from her teaching responsibilities at our school. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time working in the East Arnhem Land community of Ramingining and, whilst it was always her intention to return to teaching in Cockatoo for terms three and four of this year, Sam has decided to accept another six month contract at Ramingining Community Education Centre. As a consequence of this decision it became necessary to appoint another teacher to teach the prep grade after Janelle Dale commences her maternity leave at the beginning of term 3 2016.

After conducting interviews, I am VERY happy to announce that Natasha Satler will be teaching Foundation D for the remainder of the year. We were all very impressed by Tash’s warmth and her empathy for children. The experiences that she shared confirmed our belief that she was a very caring, compassionate teacher. Tash has already familiarised herself with the students in the grade as she has worked alongside Janelle during this week and attended Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday. I am exceptionally confident that the transition for both the children and the teachers will be a very smooth one.

We will miss Janelle’s effervescent personality and her thoroughly professional approach to every aspect of school life. She is very talented and has exceptional knowledge of each and every student under her care. Her students will miss her dreadfully!

We wish Janelle and her husband Simon all the very best wishes as they await the birth of Baby Dale number two – we think it’s a GIRL!!

And Finally….

I would like to thank our total school community for the wonderful support given to the school so far this year. Thank you parents for all that you do to support the school and your children as they progress along their road of lifelong learning.

Thank you to the children who come to school every day and smile so willingly and try their hardest. It is you who remind us why we all chose to become teachers in the first place.

And last but not least, to the outstanding teachers and support staff at this exceptional school .... may your well-earned break be restful. I understand how tired you are so take some special time ‘to smell the roses’. You work so very hard at providing a supportive, caring environment at our school and building strong relationships with all students; relationships where students feel valued and understood. I am so proud of your enormous achievements this term. You are the essence of this school and I thank you for all that you do.

I wish parents, teachers and our wonderful children the most peaceful and relaxing holiday ever. You have all deserved the break from the rigours of school life. Stay very safe, take care and I will see you all back at school on July 11th 2016 for another term jam packed full of wonderful learning opportunities!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Students:  
Nicole Van Den Helm  
Decca Crowley  
Juliet Oxtoby  
Kaiden Rech-Ellery  
Lachlan Kilner  
Sean Fitzpatrick  
Lillian Tye  
Daniel Young  
Katherine Owen  
Tanesha Geleastopoulos  
Rose Harris  
Brandon Rowbell

Staff:  
Lillian Tye  
Daniel Young  
Katherine Owen  
Tanesha Geleastopoulos  
Rose Harris  
Brandon Rowbell
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

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

What’s happening next week…

Enjoy your Holiday Break…. 

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
Mail Order Eftpos Credit Payment

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COCKATOOPRIMARY 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
Grow It Bake It Make It
Community Market Is turning 2
Come join our birthday celebrations at the Emerald Hall on
Sunday July 3rd 10am till 3pm
Artisan craft market, activities for the children, face painting and birthday cake.
For stall enquiries contact us at growitbakeitmakeit@gmail.com or Ph: 0467 957 549
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Student Achievements 2016

EDEC Mixed Netball Winners

Student of the Month

Principal Awards
Student Achievements 2016

Reading Nights
Foundation, 1 & 2

Reading Nights
Grade 3 & 4

Reading Nights
Grade 5 & 6
Student Achievements 2016

Swimming

District Cross Country

Aus Kick

Karate