Dates to Remember

March

Wednesday 23rd Foundation Students Attend Full Day

Thursday 24th Last Day Term 1 – 2:30pm Dismissal
No School Banking today

Friday 25th Good Friday

Sunday 27th Easter Sunday

April

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

Thursday 14th School Banking

Tuesday 19th PFA Popcorn Recess Snack

Thursday 21st EDEC Aths Day *Date Change
School Banking

Monday 25th ANZAC Day – No School Today

Tuesday 26th Grade 5/6 Camp Forest Lodge – Depart
Thursday 28th  School Banking
Friday 29th  Grade 5/6 Camp Forest Lodge - Return

May

Thursday 5th  School Banking
Thursday 12th  School Banking
Thursday 19th  Alpha Dental Visit *Date Change
               School Banking
Friday 20th  Alpha Dental Visit *Date Change
Thursday 26th  School Banking
PRINCIPALS REPORT

It has been an exciting time for our senior students over the past week or so. Interviews to select applicants to be part of the Ramingining and China delegations were conducted and I am very proud to announce the successful applicants to our school community.

Ramingining Delegation

All applicants were outstanding and would have been excellent ambassadors for our school. The panel deliberated until almost 11PM as it was a very difficult task to split the students. Every student who applied should be super proud of themselves!

The successful students are: Emily Anderson, Daniel Cliff, Cody Cummins, Indianna Flint, Nikita Hosemans, Kahlani Hutchinson, Kaylee Logiudice, Violet Rech-Ellery and Kealy White. Ross Woolger, Megan Pearton and I will be the three staff members accompanying the group.
China Delegation

Indianna Flint, Abbey Rozenboom and Ben Wise were the successful interviewees who will be visiting our sister school in Kungshan, China later this year. Interviews were also conducted to select staff to chaperone the students and I am pleased to announce that Sarah Abraham and Tim Stapleton will be the teachers accompanying the students.

China Hosting

Last week a notice was sent home detailing expressions of interest to host students from our sister school, Yu Feng Experimental School, China in July. The students are hosted in pairs which help to alleviate any language barriers or slight bouts of homesickness which may occur. The stay is generally no more than five nights and, in the past the parents have organised group activities. The Chinese government has allocated a sum of money to support the homestay experience so each family will be provided with $100 per student.

This experience is very popular in our sister school and to be selected to visit Cockatoo is an honour. I have been speaking with Melody, an English teacher from Yu Feng Experimental School and they could easily send up to 100 students! They understand that our school is very small compared to Yu Feng Experimental School which has a student population of two thousand so have trimmed back the list to twenty. This means that we are desperate to find ten homestay families – we have four to date which is awesome!!!

Please complete the form sent home last week and return to me at school ASAP or call the office to request another so that negotiations with our sister school can be finalised.

School Carnival

Let’s cross everything and hope that this bout of rainy weather passes and the day tomorrow is much finer! The carnival has a wonderful community atmosphere and I look forward to seeing you there. I have my wet suit (thanks Jo Revell) all ready for the dunking experiences!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
We would like to wish the following students and staff a very Happy Birthday.

Students:
Brett Van Den Helm
Dylan Martini

Staff:
Robyn Bray

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
Last Week of Term:
• Canteen will be running out of perishable items during this week.
• Honey joys, jelly, slushies and all salad items will be run out.
• No salad sandwiches, wraps or rolls will be available.

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.
What’s happening next week…

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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

14.04.2016   Sarah Arrowsmith
28.04.2016   Natalie Reid

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: ..............
Hooray, the Carnival Day is finally here. I hope you’ve all got your ride bands organized, have purchased your raffle tickets and your tickets for the 10kg block of Cadbury Chocolate. Please double check your rosters, and make sure you come along a few minutes early to your stint on the roster, to make for a smooth and easy hand over.

We have been very busy collecting all sorts of amazing gifts and vouchers for the Raffle at this years’ School Carnival on Saturday 19th March from 12 ‘til 6pm. We have lots of hampers, books, tools, homewares, toys, Breakfast vouchers from Zagames in Berwick, Cardinia Life Family Swim Passes, Coles Gift Vouchers, Kemizo Lasertag Vouchers, Zagames Boronia Dinner Vouchers, Shavans In Pakenham Dinner Vouchers, Spotlight Gift Card, Metro Cinema Boronia Movie Passes, Shanikas in Pakenham Dinner Vouchers, Roller City Family Passes, Phillip Island Nature Park 3 Park Pass, Dinner Voucher from Emporers Delight Chinese Restaurant in Pakenham, 90 Minute Lesson & Trail Ride from the Victorian Equestrian Centre, Cardinia Life 3 Month Health & Wellness Membership, Lisa Angus Photography Voucher, Studio Star Photography Voucher to name just a few.....

The raffle will be drawn every half hour at the Carnival, we have soooooo many things to give away this year, you have a great chance of winning a fantastic prize.

Get your tickets for $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00. Sheets of Raffle Tickets are attached, with additional tickets available from the Office.

You have to be in it to win it !!!!!
Rides at the Carnival on Saturday 19th March

Rock Climbing Wall

The **Mobile Rock Climbing Wall** is the biggest and first in Victoria, a unique experience for the whole family. Climbing walls are a creative and innovative attraction, they are an ideal learning tool, that is both challenging and fun, offering a realistic ghostgum, waterfall sculpture and rocks to climb. Getting to the top and ringing the bell lets everyone know you made it. When you want to come down just sit back and let the descender lower you down in safety. Adults and children enjoy a controlled safe environment to experience the feeling of rock climbing.

Everyone will want to climb again and again.

Features of the **Rock Climbing wall**:  
* Takes up to five climbers at one time  
* Has five different climbs  
* Has almost 60 square metres of climbing surface  
* Is 8 metres high

Climbers of all ages can enjoy the experience, with a minimum age of 5, and a minimum height of 1.2m

Giant Slide & Jumping Castle

Would you like to **play on the giant slide, or bounce in the Jumping Castle**? This slide is over 2 storeys high, and one half will be for older students, and the other half for junior students. Come along and race your friends down the slide. You must be 5 years old to play on the giant slide and jumping castle.
**Bungy Run**

The Bungy Run is great entertainment fun allowing you to **test your strength and endurance against your friends**. You must be 5 years old to go on the Bungy Run.

**Pedestal Joust**

Looking for your next **Adrenalin Rush**? Challenge yourself, classmates, and friends on this exciting Pedestal Joust. Loads of fun for everyone. You need to be 5 years old to Joust.

**Super Strike**

Test your strength with the **Super Strike**. Compete with your friends to find out who really is the strongest. **Are you the strongest?**
The Big Splash - Dunking Machine

Who would like to tip a bucket of water over their teachers head at the Carnival on Saturday 19th March?
With the Big Splash Dunking Bucket you can....

Test your skills under pressure as you try to hit the target and drench your teacher sitting below the bucket. Will it tip? Will they get wet?

Have a go and find out for yourself.

Drown your teacher.... OH YEAH!

What Is The 5c “A – Thon”?

The 5c Challenge encourages everyone to bring in as many 5c pieces as you can find lying around the house, in the car, fallen between the seats in the lounge etc. (with parents/carers permission of course!)

Would you like to see Iona get dunked???

Iona has agreed to have a turn if we can raise $2000.00.... there has already been a lot of money pledged to dunk Iona, so bring along your .5c pieces and put them in the jar in your classroom. The grade that raises the most money to dunk Iona will win a “hot chip lunch day” for their whole grade.

The other Teachers participating are:

Mrs. Boucher, Mrs. Hermannsen, Little Sarah, Tim Stapleton and Tim Dewar.

Ride Bands

All these rides are included in the pre-purchased ride band price of $25.00. You can purchase your Ride Bands at the Carnival for $35.00. Individual Ride Tickets will be $5.00 each and Ride Bands purchased on the day will be $35.00
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.

Rosters were sent home earlier this week. Please come along 10 minutes early for your rostered time to help with an easy changeover.

Thanks!

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

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**PLAYERS WANTED**

FOR SEASON 2016
Gembrook Cockatoo JFC

Under 12’s

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

COACH: Mark

0417541663
COCKATOOP 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).

Mail Order Eftpos Credit Payment

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Please Note: $10.00 minimum

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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

Reading Nights
Foundation, 1 & 2

Value of the Month:
Confidence

Reading Nights
3 & 4

Reading Nights
5 & 6

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