What's on next week?

Monday .................................................. Winners announced - Chocolate Drive Sales  
(All Chocolate money + unsold chocolates to be returned)
Tuesday .................................................. School Photographs
Wednesday ............................................. Parent Information Sessions – Yr 3, Yr5/6, Prep  
Swimming Fees OVERDUE ($55 per student)  
Healthy-e-Screen Consent Form OVERDUE  
Family Contribution Fees OVERDUE
Thursday ................................................. Swimming – Lesson #3
Friday .................................................... Instrumental Music with Mrs Hopkins

P&C Meeting – Minutes attached

Parent Information Sessions – 10th March
The remaining Parent Information sessions will be held on Tuesday 10th March.
- 5.00pm – Yr 3 Mr Newton
- 6.00pm – Yr 5-6 Mr Johnston
- 7.00pm – Prep Mrs Pegrem

School Photos
This year’s whole school, class, family and individual photos will be taken next Tuesday 10 March at 9.00am. Students are all expected to be in their best school uniform. Bright head bands, shoes or laces really stand out and detract from the photo.

School Swimming

Long Hair
Students with long hair are asked to either tie their hair up or wear a cap so they can complete swimming strokes properly.

Fees
Any families who have not yet paid for their child/ren’s lesson are asked to do so ASAP. All fees must be paid before lessons occur.

Volunteer Helpers for Session 1 Prep – Year 2 12.30 – 1.15pm
The Nanango coordinator would really appreciate it if the school could provide 5 helpers over the next 3 weeks to assist each of the 5 instructors. A helper with each instructor will allow lessons to flow better and support swimmers.

Please complete the attached form if you can help.

News from the Music Room
Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have so warmly welcomed me into your school. It is such a pleasure to spend each Wednesday at Coolabunia working in an environment that gives off such a friendly and positive vibe!

I would like to also say a special thank you to the P&C who generously purchased a piano for the school as part of their music program. You will be pleased to know that it gets a pretty good work out every Wednesday when the kids have their music lessons!

I look forward to continue working with the staff and students and meeting more parents as the year progresses. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child’s music education - please do not hesitate to contact me – I am here each Wednesday.

Ginny Salmon (Music Teacher)

Attendance
Our overall student attendance is quite good, but can be higher. We want to EVERY DAY TO COUNT for every child.

Parents are asked to ensure that:-
- Their children are at school every day and on time. Late arrivals miss the Reading Room!
- Their children don’t have days off for birthdays and other family events.
- After any absence, a note or phone call is used to explain the absence.

2015 School Priorities
Each year, the school sets its sights on improving key areas of learning.

This year our priorities lie with:-
- Curriculum
  - Refining the teaching of comprehension, grammar, spelling and numeracy
  - Introducing a new whole school developmental approach to teaching spelling - Words Their Way
  - Investigating the impact of resilience on learning
- Teaching Practice
  - Have a clear improvement agenda with targets and timelines
  - Refine our Pedagogical Framework
  - Use data efficiently to inform differentiated teaching & learning
  - Have a strong culture of coaching & feedback amongst the staff
- Capacity Development
  - Develop effective instructional leadership
  - Ongoing learning of all staff members in order to meet student learning needs
  - Have a staff that reflects upon its teaching practices every day
- School Partnerships & Culture
  - Further develop our parent & community engagement
  - Plan for our 125th celebrations in 2016
  - Maintain a very positive school culture

NBN Service
Installation began today for the wireless reception of the NBN service. When up and running, our download speed will increase from 0.5MB/sec to 25MB/sec. This will absolutely amazing and really allow for technology to be better used across the school.

“We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.” OSCAR WILDE
Tuckshop News
Thank you to all who returned the pink sheets (tuckshop questionnaire). We are a little short on helpers –

- If there is anyone who can help out for one month of the year – dates for tuckshop are at this stage March 16th - April 27th; May 18th, June 15th; July 20th; August 17th; September 14th; October 26th and November 16th – let me know. If it has been an oversight and your sheet is on its way in - very good.

- If you are available for an hour only early (or later) that will also suit as I try to get there around 8am to start. I will get the full roster out shortly all being well.

A HUGE thank you to all our helpers in February - you are all wonderful people – Good job! Lots of entries into the tuckshop draw too – well done children.

Tuckshop Monday March 16th

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<td>Leeanne Douglas</td>
<td>Nazrin Black - 1 dozen eggs</td>
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<td>Eddie McGregor</td>
<td>Sandra Brunner - 8 x Custard Lites</td>
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<td>Kerrie Fogg</td>
<td>Nicole Deed - 12 x Pineapple Thins (sliced, natural juice)</td>
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<td>Maxine Whitbread (9.30)</td>
<td>Michelle Waring - Pineapple Thins (as above)</td>
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<td>Bakers - (10 servings)</td>
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<td>Leanne Jensen</td>
<td>Alicia Hall - Popcorn (not Microwave) 2pkts</td>
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<td>Tina Munt</td>
<td>Alicia Hall - Sultanas X 2pkts (snack packs Aldi)</td>
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- Remember to have your tuckshop bags correctly filled out and in the tuckshop box by Thursday 12th to be in the draw for your lunch free. Drawn Monday on assembly.

- We have Caramel Milk instead of Banana in the Flavoured Milk $2.20.

- Fruit Smoothies for lunch will include Mango, Strawberry or Banana (contains fresh frozen fruit).

- If you have a dietary request – please mark on your bag as the quiche can be made gluten free as well as the muffins.

A reminder – some items are available for lunch only - check your menu and do not forget to save with the Meal Deals which can be spread over morning tea and lunch. Any questions call or text Lois 0427769376

P&C Hot Cross Bun Drive FUNDRAISER
The P&C are running a Hot Cross Bun Drive Fundraiser. We are selling vouchers for $7 which can be redeemed at Brumby’s Bakery Kingaroy Store, anytime between now and Easter.

The voucher entitles the holder to a pack of six Hot Cross Buns. Flavours are Traditional, Fruitless, Chocolate and Salted Caramel.

Families are asked to collect orders and money for the vouchers and return the form and money to school. Vouchers will be sent home as soon as possible after receiving the order form and money. You may also order multiple times until 1st April. Thank you for your support.

Aluminum Can Recycling
Don’t forget to bring your empty DRY aluminum cans along to school - all profits made will go towards improving our school environment.

World’s Greatest Shave – Maxine Whitbread!!!
Parent Maxine is showing the world how brave she is by supporting the very worthy Leukaemia Foundation’s “World’s Greatest Shave” fund raiser this year.
Maxine has been madly fund raising over recent weeks, but next week is the final week and the time when the shave occurs. Maxine has decided to help raise student awareness by completing half of her shave at school.

So, everyone is welcome to come along next Thursday 12 March at 11.00am to see Maxine lose her long blonde hair.

Ouch!!!
Well done Maxine!

New Rider Mower
A new Kubota rider mower has been purchased as part of our asset replacement schedule.

The P&C has discussed establishing a ROSTER to keep the new oval area well-trimmed to encourage grass growth. It takes approximately 2 hours to mow the area - on the new mower, even less time.

If parents are interested in joining this roster, it might only mean one turn each term or semester.

Please complete and return the attached form indicating your availability to assist.

P&C CHOCOLATE DRIVE FUNDRAISER
- Thank you to all the families for your assistance in selling / purchasing chocolates. The P&C will announce on Monday’s assembly the winning family for the ‘Most Money from Chocolate Sales’ and distribute lucky draw prizes. Again without such fundraisers during the year the P&C could not support the school in delivering quality experiences for all the children who attend Coolabunia State School.

Have You returned your … … …
- completed P&C Membership form?
- Student’s Hearing e-Screen Form?
- Volunteer / Donation / Baker form? - Roster out soon!

Have You PAID for your
- Swimming - $55 per student (10 lessons)
- RE Workbook - $6.00 per student
- Family Contributions - $20ea for first 2 students then $10 for each additional students per family
- Stepping Stones Maths Workbook (P-Y6)
- Handwriting Book (P-Y2)

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M Johnston - Principal

‘Every story has three sides to it – yours, mine and the facts.’ – FOSTER MEHARRY RUSSELL