Welcome
Welcome to all students and their families for the 2016 school year. I'm sure 2016 will offer many positive opportunities and successes for us all. This year our school celebrates 125 years of teaching and learning on Saturday 28th May. We encourage all families to join in organising and celebrating this significant milestone.

Our enrolment is 129 with 78 families.
We have 16 new students and 1 returning student – - 12 in Prep, 2 in Yr 2, 1 in Yr 4, and 1 in Yr 5.

Welcome to our new families and their students – Ashcroft, Dykes, McGilvray, Watterson, Richards and Rose. We look forward to getting to know and working with everyone.
Should any problems / concerns arise during the year, please don't hesitate to call / visit the school.

The staff and I look forward to meeting everyone at the school get-together next weekend.

Black and Whiteford is our visiting Inclusion Teacher this year and will be supporting verified students' learning.

Before School Routine
We have a staff member on playground duty from 8.30 each morning.
Students arriving before 8.30 are sitting in the courtyard (or in the uncover area on wet days) until let go by the duty person. Whilst waiting there, it is the perfect time for students to go to the Home Reading Room to exchange books.
- At 8.30, students go to their classroom, get themselves ready for the day and then are free to play.
- Prep students go straight to their classroom when they arrive and do not wait in the courtyard.
The school prefers that students do not arrive at school before 8.15 if possible.

School Expectations
Our focus continues to be to “every student learning every day.” Our motto “Strive to Achieve” reminds us of this as does our code of behaviour RESPECT – ourselves, others, things & places.
These all combine to give us ‘The Coolabunia Way’
We RESPECT ourselves, others, things and places: and work to the best of our ability.
The staff look forward to working with all parents to make sure we are all giving our students consistent teaching and expectations.

Strategies to assist in 2016
To develop consistent attention and engagement in every class or small group, we are using the SLANT principles:

Sit up... sit with a straight back for good posture for reading and desk work

Listen... focus the person talking or what is on the screen. No fiddling.

Answer & Ask questions... answer and ask questions in complete sentences. Be accurate.

Nod & Note...to show you understand or agree.

Track the teacher... follow the teacher— their movements, eyes, actions, speaking, instructions.

Classes also have individual commitments to learning, depending on age, eg the Year 5-6 class is following the ...

5 TIPS TO BECOME A POWERFUL LEARNER

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2 GIVE 100% to everything you do.
3 “ON YOUR MARKS” Be ready to work
4 BE ORDERLY — neat, organised & efficient
5 PRACTISE PRACTISE PRACTISE every skill you learn to become great!

Home Reading
A note about Home Reading is going out to families that explains its structure. Last year, students read over 13 000 books and reading levels improved markedly due to the consistency of practice.
We hope students and families get involved in the program again this year. Remember parents – if you have time to help out – it really makes a difference. Even if you are dropping your children off, you might be able to listen to 3 or 4 students. This would be really helpful.

Good manners are made of petty sacrifices.
School Leadership
Year 6 students will shortly have 2 opportunities to develop greater self-awareness and leadership skill. The annual Small Schools Leadership Camp is to be held at Barambah EEC Feb 10-12 and the GRID Leadership day in KINGAROY to be held on 14th March. This is a day where students meet young high achievers who are keen to inspire their dreams for the future.

LOTE - Japanese
The LOTE studied by Years 5 and 6 is Japanese. This program will be provided by the School of Distance Education, as will other small schools.

Weekly Newsletter
For our new families, this newsletter is produced each Friday and will be in students' bags. Please look for this – it will include all necessary information on school activities. Occasionally, other notices may be sent home – they too will be on green paper.

Swimming
Our school swimming program runs for 5 weeks in Term 1 and Term 4. All students must be involved as it is part of the school curriculum.

Term 1 lessons begin in week 4 - Thursday (18th February) at the Nanango Pool. Precise groups are yet to be finalized by the pool. There will be a lower and mid/upper sessions.

Lower session - 45 minutes Mid/Upper session – 1 hour.
(Prep – Year 2) (Year 3-Year 7)

Pool staff will be taking all lessons to comply with new Ed. Qld requirements. Teachers will support.

This comes at a cost and you will be advised when final costings have been confirmed.

Benefits – high quality, consistent lessons by trained professional coaches at a price much less than private lessons.

Tuckshop 2016
Welcome to our first tuckshop of the year - Monday 8th February.

- Get in the draw by having your orders in early.
- If anyone can help on Monday morning we will welcome you.

Workers- Lois Blanch/Leann Douglas/Joanne Town//Eddie McGregor
Bakers Leanne Jensen-Muffins/ Tina Munt - pikelets (12 servings) (Gluten Free x 5) Bev Blanch
If anyone can donate Custard/Eggs/Milk/English Muffins/Pineapple Thins for this tuckshop - text or ring me on 0427769376

Please find attached menu. For any new families we fill out the attached Tuckshop order form (one for morning tea and one for lunch) and attach to the large paper bag (one for each).

Meal Deals can be spread out over lunch and morning tea – just write MD in the cost column.

A P&C rep will try to attend Monday's assembly to explain 'how to fill out the order forms'.

YES - we will continue the reward for early orders – Get your order in before Friday 5th and go in the draw for your lunch free.

Please fill out and return the form for donors and helpers – looking forward to seeing some new faces.

Thanks Lois 0427769378 & Leanne.

Family Fun BBQ Get-together - Saturday 6th February 2016
Each year the school has a Family Fun Activity. This is always a great social outing, which allows new and continuing families to meet and mix. We all need to get to know each other – this is what the small school is all about. Throughout the year we will work together and hopefully have good social times too.

What happens?
The afternoon begins at 5:30pm. We will have tennis (for parents - so bring your runners!) and country games and want the whole family to get in and have some fun. The kids love it! Around 6:30 the P&C will get the BBQ up and running.

- The P&C will supply all meal items except dessert. Each family is asked to supply a dessert.
- HELP will be required to set up / cook / clean-up – so please, jump in and do your bit!
- Please complete and return the attached RSVP on MONDAY.

Alcohol is permitted at these functions, but obviously commonsense is required.

Should the weather be poor next weekend, the event will be moved to the following Saturday.

P&C Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 9th February, 7:30
Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.
The AGM will see a new committee elected, which will guide us through a busy year.

It's always great to see new faces at P&C meetings. Being an active P&C member is an ideal way to be informed and involved in school activities and decisions. Please feel welcome to attend. It is also a good social experience.

Come at 7:15pm for a cup of tea/coffee and the meeting will begin at 7:30. Feel free to bring something to have with a cuppa.

P&C CHOCOLATE DRIVE FUNDRAISER
Chocolates will be distributed to students on Friday afternoon, 12th February. If families have Prep/Year 1/Year 2 children it may be more suitable for a parent/guardian to be on hand to collect boxes.

A money collection envelope is enclosed in each box. The closing date for the return of all money and unsold chocolates is Wednesday 16th March.

A PRIZE is up for grabs for the family that raises the most money. The winner will be advised on parade on the 21st March. The P&C thank you for your support and HAPPY SELLING/SAMPLING CHOCOLATES.

Instrumental
The Instrumental program will be operating this year. We are not sure yet as to the start date – will let everyone know.

Bus Families
Please let the school know if NOT travelling on any day.

Entry / Exit Safely
Parents are asked to ensure their children walk safely from the school to the car. It is a great idea to walk in and collect younger students as they tend to 'see their car and run'.

Only fools say it can't be done.
Money Envelopes – attached
It is easier for all if block payments can be made for activities such as swimming or sports transport as it streamlines accounting processes.
A reminder that whenever money needs to be sent to school for any school activity, it must come in the supplied collection envelopes, included in this newsletter. Only one envelope per family is necessary
  ▪ All envelopes, notes – (money, attendance at sport, etc) to be handed to CLASS TEACHERS.

Please endeavour to have money in by the set dates, as we often need to send payments very promptly. It also makes our banking more streamlined. Please send the correct money, as we don’t keep change, for security reasons.

Permission Forms / Money – BY NOMINATED DATE PLEASE!
It is MOST IMPORTANT that Permission Forms and/or money required for school activities be sent to school by the required date.
Quite often we need to know definite numbers for booking bus/es or other curriculum activities etc.
We cannot expect an extra bus to turn up without sufficient notice.

Student Contribution
Payment of the Student Contribution are now DUE – Please pay ASAP.
  ▪ Student Contributions - $20 ea for first 2 students and $10 each for each additional student per family.

Handwriting /Maths Workbooks / RE Workbook
All Handwriting (Prep – Yr2) and Maths Workbooks (Prep – Yr 6) have arrived and are available from the office.

Prices:

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From the P&C Treasurer
Any money to be paid to the P&C is to be paid separately to money paid for school activities.
ie. Maths & English Text Books, RE Workbook (Yrs 1-6), Bookclub, uniforms, chair-bags, social functions as they arise.

Yr 5/6 Chair Bag
This item was meant to be on the Year 5/6 school booklist. The P&C sell Chairbags - green vinyl for $10.00 each.
Library Bags – (waterproof) -$10.00 also available

Tennis Lessons – Commence Wednesday 3rd February 2016
Students who wish to commence / continue before school tennis lessons with Mr Brad Boynton are advised that lessons will begin on Wednesday 3rd February.

NEW PLAYERS – please contact Mr Boynton ( 0409 895 527) prior to the starting date to arrange your session time.
  ▪ Lesson times are 7:30am or 8:00am.
As this is private tuition – lesson fees are paid directly to Mr Boynton

Library
Students are entitled and encouraged to borrow from the school library.

Library Borrowing
Students can borrow after 1:15pm every day. Class visits also occur weekly.

Library Rules
Fiction books and non-fiction can be borrowed for two weeks, if you require the book longer, it must be returned for re-stamping.
Reference Books are only for overnight.
  ▪ All library books are to be transported in a WATERPROOF library bag.
  ▪ All damaged books are to be returned to the library for repair - DO NOT REPAIR YOURSELF - this applies to Home Readers as well.

Scholastic Bookclub
For new parent information. Bookclub is offered to students eight times each year. It is not compulsory to purchase – but you will find a wide range of books offered at a reasonable cost.
  ▪ Any Cheques to be made payable to Scholastic.

Bookclub – Issue #1
This year Scholastic has combined all Age Levels into one brochure. One per family has been issued today. Students have been given Issue 1. If you wish to order - please complete and return the Order form with correct payment by Friday 11th February.

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Principal

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NANANGO SOCCER CLUB
Sign On Day
ALL WELCOME!
Saturday 6th February
Burnett Street Soccer Fields, 9:30am -12:30pm

Returning and new players self-register online to save time. EASY
Visit: www.myfootballclub.com.au
- Junior girls and boys aged from turning 5 yrs in 2016 through to 16yrs.
- Squirts girls and boys aged from turning 3 yrs in 2016 to 5 yrs.
Club is registered with Get Started funding program to assist eligible children with fees
For further info on fees and general enquiries: nanangosoccer@gmail.com

Kingaroy Junior Redbacks
“On-line” Registration is NOW OPEN for ALL re-registering and new players.
Go to www.myfootballclub.com.au and follow the prompts.... by registering and paying in full
by Saturday 13th February you automatically go in the draw to receive a refund of one Registration.

REDBACKS Sign On & Information Day -
Saturday 13th February, 2016
This is a great opportunity to ask any questions and to try on / purchase any gear required at great prices.
9am – 1:30pm, at the Junior Clubhouse located at Oliver-Bond Street (off Youngman Street).
Both boys and girls (turning 5 to 16 years) of any playing ability are encouraged to join the REDBACKS club.
Every player receives a free training ball when fees are paid in full.
For more information please don’t hesitate to contact our Club Registrar (Denise) : 0456 236 697
Both returning & new players are to “Register On-line” as early as possible so that organising of teams can commence.
Please also checkout our Website (google Kingaroy Junior Redbacks) and our Facebook page for more details.

Kingaroy Rugby League Football Club
Kingaroy Junior Rugby League club will be holding its sign on day on Saturday February 6th from 10am to 2pm.
Registration is already available online.
For further details please visit our webpage or facebook page. Hope to see you there.

Email: secretary@kingaroyredants.com.au
www: www.kingaroyredants.com.au