Welcome
Welcome to all students and their families for the 2017 school year. I’m sure 2017 will offer many positive opportunities and successes for us all.

Our enrolment is 128 with 77 families. We have 25 new students. 14 - Prep, 1 - Yr 1, 2 - Yr 2, 4 - Yr 3, 2 - Yr 4, 1 - Yr 5 and 1 - Yr 6.

Welcome to our new families and their students – Armstrong, Bryant, Cavill, Donaldson, Florager, Heit, Holzberger, Littlejohns, McAleese, Pickels, Stark, and Stead. 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.

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 undercover 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. Teachers are busy with preparation and cannot be supervising students.

School Expectations
“At least one year’s growth for one year’s schooling” is the goal all DDSW schools will be working to achieve in 2017. Coolabunia’s School Improvement Agenda will continue to be driven by a focus on Consistency of Practice and Student Engagement in all priority areas. Our major curriculum work for 2017 will be to focus on the teaching of writing. This will be an ongoing commitment for all staff members.

At Coolabunia, we expect all students to act “The Coolabunia Way”.

This means...
 RESPECT - YOURSELF, OTHERS, THINGS & PLACES
 Be at school on time and ready to work to the best of your ability EVERY DAY
 Be a PROUD & ACTIVE member of the school

It is our job as staff and parents to help our students act in this manner. Unity is the key to success.

Consistency & Engagement Practices
Consistency of practice is a major influence in all work environments. At school, this means we strive to have consistent teaching practices and classroom expectations. Our whole school spelling approach is a fine example of how this can be very effective.

School-wide Classroom Expectations – SLANT principle

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

Listen... focus on 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.

Good manners are made of petty sacrifices.
Student Engagement

Students are different in so many ways, so differentiation is an integral component of teaching and learning. To support this understanding, we have school-wide practices that help students to be fresh, alert and engaged.

Crunch & sip – midway through the morning session (and other sessions if deemed necessary) students have crunch & sip time. This is a short 5 minute break where they have a “healthy snack” and a drink of water. Healthy snack means, fruit, vegetables, nuts, etc. High sugar or salty foods are not appropriate.

Brain breaks – also in the middle of the morning session and other times if needed, teachers arrange physical breaks to give the brain and body a break or different stimulation. These breaks vary from class to class, but might be … a song, dance steps, exercises, challenges, movement activities, etc.

School Assembly Change  Monday 2.30pm
Beginning next Monday, Assembly will be held at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend all assemblies. This change has been made to allow more time on Monday morning to get learning started – SDE on-line Japanese lessons in particular.

Student Absences

Education Qld has a strict policy every child being at school every day. Students must only be absent from school for legitimate reasons, illness, specialist appointments, etc. Having a “day off” for a birthday is a day’s learning lost.

Schools must keep accurate attendance data. EQ keeps a very close watch on every school’s attendance.

Same day absence procedure
- Rolls are marked twice per day by teachers. 9.15am & 2.00pm.
- Parents of children who are not attending school on any day are asked to…
  - Call the school or send a note with siblings to inform the school of the absence and the reason.
  - No notification will mean a phone call seeking this information that day.
  - If arriving late, parents are required to go to the office and record the late arrival and reason in the register provided.
  - If collecting a child to go to an appointment, etc, parents are also required to go to the office and sign their child/ren out.

ROADWORKS – NEW TURNING LANEs INTO MARY St
The SBRC is beginning a major roadworks project on the highway outside the school at the end of this month.

A new turning lane will be constructed for traffic in both directions. This work will be completed by June.

When work begins, the current turn into Mary St off the highway will be closed.

All traffic will access the school by using the Mary St entry off Petersen Drive (opposite the Coolabunia Saleyards). For a 3 week period, the highway will be single lane as pipes need to be replaced. There will be reduced speed for quite a period of time.

Kingaroy Small Schools Year 6 Leadership Camp  Feb 8 – 10.
Approximately 50 Year 6 students from our Small School Cluster will be attending the annual Leadership Camp in week 3. Students meet at the Memorial Park in Kingaroy and travel out to the Barambah Environmental Centre where 3 days is spent learning new skills and working together in teams to solve problems and develop a better awareness of themselves and others.

All year 5 & 6 students are about to complete an Aus Identities Temperament survey to help them all be more aware of their own temperament type and that of those they work with in their leadership teams at school.

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.

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 8-10 and the GRIP Leadership day in Kingaroy to be held on 13th 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 language studied by Years 5 and 6 is Japanese. This program will be provided on-line by the School of Distance Education, Brisbane.

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 coloured paper.

Family Fun BBQ Get-together - Saturday 4th February 2017

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 a 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 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.

Only fools say it can’t be done.
• The P&C will supply all meal items except dessert. Each family is asked to supply a dessert to share.
• 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 common sense is required.

If raining, the event will be moved to the following Saturday.

P&C Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 7th 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.

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 5 – Thursday (23rd 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 – 1 hour
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 2017
Welcome to our first tuckshop of the year - Monday 13th February.
○ Get in the draw by having your orders in early.
○ If anyone can help on Monday morning we will welcome you.

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A $100 gift voucher (Coles Group & Myer which includes Target, Kmart, Coles, Myer, Office works) is up for grabs for the family who raises the most money. Heaps of other lucky price draws including, wait for it … … CHOCOLATES, will be advised on parade on the 13th March.

The P&C thank you for your support and HAPPY SELLING/SAMPLING CHOCOLATES.

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.
**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’.

**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.

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.

**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 – Yr 2) and Maths Workbooks (Prep – Yr 6) have arrived and are available from the office.

**Prices:**

- Handwriting Books $14.00 ea - (Prep – Yr 2)
- Maths Books $19.00 ea – (Prep – Yr 6)
- RE Workbooks $ 6.00 ea – (Yrs 1-6 )

**Tennis Lessons – Commenced on Wednesday**

NEW PLAYERS – please contact Mr Boyton (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**

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.

**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 Monday 6th February.

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**Sign On Day**

ALL WELCOME!

Saturday 11th 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 2017 through to 16yrs.

{MiniRoos Kick-Off}(ie-Squirts)girls and boys aged from turning 3 yrs in 2017 to 5 yrs info to follow later in the season.}

Club is registered with Get Started funding program to assist eligible children with fees (Opening for round 9 of Get Started Vouchers 25th January)

Visit: www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/ For further info on fees and general enquiries: nanangosoccer@gmail.com

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**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 self-registering and paying in full Online by Thursday 2nd March you automatically go in the draw to receive a refund of one Registration.

**REDBACKS Sign On & Information Day**

Saturday 11th February, 2017

This is a great opportunity to ask any questions and to try on / purchase any gear required at great prices.

9am – 12pm, at the Junior Clubhouse located at Oliver-Bond Street (off Youngman Street).

Both boys and girls (turning 5 to 15 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) : 0418 536 392 or email us via kingaroyjuniorredbacks@gmail.com and we will respond to your enquiry.

Please also checkout our Facebook page.

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