Thank you Coolabunia P&C. Students will acknowledge the current P&C on assembly next Monday.

**Teacher Professional Development**

Mrs Birchley has been to Brisbane this week to a “Literacy Solutions” workshop on reading. She will be keen to share her learning with her students.

Next week, Mrs Kleinhanss and Mrs Ritchie will be attending a “Literacy Solutions” workshop focusing on teaching prep students. They too are keen to hone their skills and return to teach with greater skill. Mrs Moseling will be taking the prep class.

**What’s new in teaching?**

Teachers around the region have been busy implementing many elements of Explicit Instruction over the last 3 years.

One aspect of Explicit Instruction is breaking down complex skills into smaller teaching and learning components. This helps students with working memory problems and avoids cognitive overload.

Complex skills are broken into steps. Students learn each step and learn to identify them and commit the steps to memory.

Examples of this could be:-

- what to do when reading and you don’t know a word or a sentence
- how to round and estimate correctly
- how to find a pattern
- how to identify the main idea

Parents - can you try breaking skills into smaller more identifiable steps at home?  Have a go.

**Bus Committee Meeting – Tuesday 27th May, 7:30pm**

The P 150 Coolabunia Bus Committee will hold its AGM and General Meeting at the school on Tuesday 27th May commencing at 7.30pm.

**Issues include:** acceptance of operator changes when they occur, changes to the bus route, conditions of route travelled and student behaviour issues, including exclusions.

This is usually a quick meeting where we discuss Transport Department issues and policy, have a report from the operator and discuss any general business.

All eligible bus families are urged to attend this meeting, in order to have the required quorum of 70% - (ie travel is more than 3.2 km from school).

**Winter Sports Carnival – Year 5-7 Students**

23rd May - Practice session #2 at Wooroolin SS
30th May - Carnival Day - Kingaroy at various venues

**Named Clothing:** It is important for parents to ensure **ALL clothing items are clearly named.**
Aussies of the Month

Aussies of the Month pictured following presentation at assembly – Jessie Bond, Hannah Woodard-White, Heidi Besson, Vivien Mollenhauer, Stefanie Coyne, Bonnie Shea, Jennifer Mollenhauer, Darrien Pope, Ethan Taylor, Dylan Brookson, Patraic Gordon, Tia Bruce and Trinity Long.

Eisteddfod Participants
Nathan & Shannon Hartley, Robyn Sawtell, Jessie Bond, Gemma Irwin, Clinton & Timothy Blanch, Emma Kleinhang, Susan Blanch. Absent Laura Freeman, Jessica Feakins, Danika DeWeers
Congratulations all – Well done!

Fund raising – Kingaroy RSL
The P&C is selling raffle tickets at the Kingaroy RSL tonight and tomorrow night. Workers are required from 5.30pm to approx. 7.00pm (at the latest).
Thank you to our volunteers -
- Friday night:-------- Fiona Coyne, Murray Johnston
- Saturday night:----- Lisa Atkinson, Debbie Hartley

Lunches
A number of students are eating much of their lunch before school, leaving little or nothing for lunch. Students should be having a good breakfast and eat at both morning tea and lunch times. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.
Parents are asked to check with their children that they have enough food for each day.

OLD Mobile Phones NEEDED
Please send along to school old mobile phones - the school gets $3.00 per phone collected - ALSO $25 per tablet or iPad.
Thanks!

Students MUST Be Prepared For the Day
Some students are still coming to school on a regular basis, not ready to work. They don’t have pencils, erasers, the right books, etc. This hinders their learning and the learning of others, as staff members have to find equipment before lessons can start. This is not acceptable.

P&C Meeting - May Minutes – included.

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Late Arrivals
Families are asked to have their children at school, ready for teaching & learning at 9.00am. When students regularly arrive late, lessons are interrupted and catching up can be difficult. Our daily timetable is busy and we really need to maximise our time together.