Prep Open Day: Tuesday 28 October 9.00 – 10.30am
At present, we are expecting 23 Prep students in 2015. The majority of these students will be here on Tuesday for their first “taste” of school life.
This is an important event for these students and their parents – particularly if they are new families to our school and the state education system. It is important that we all make these students and their parents feel comfortable and welcome.

Current parents – if you know new Prep families, I trust you have been talking to them and giving them key information about the school. If you see new families arriving on Tuesday, please welcome them and accommodate any needs.

We do have a cup of tea for new Prep parents around 10.15am in the Meeting Room. Current parents are most welcome to participate as well.

P&C President Kym Brackin and Tuckshop Convenor Lois Blanch will be present to help welcome new families.

Uniform convenor Fiona Coyne will be available for uniform sales and enquiries.

Students and staff members – will be working hard to be welcoming and supportive of both students and their parents.

This is an exciting morning for the school. Let’s show our visitors “the Coolabunia way”.

Uniform Reminder – Caps
There are some students who often don’t come to school with a hat. They understand our “No hat, no play” rule. There are also some students who arrive with a cap. The school uniform requires a wide brimmed hat for proper sun protection. All schools have this policy.

We ask all parents to ensure that their child/ren have wide brimmed hats (named) every day please.

School 125th Planning
A group of school staff and parents met briefly this week to develop an overall concept for the school’s 125th celebrations on Saturday 28 May 2016.

The focus is clearly to be on the school and its history and activities in its lifetime. Raising valuable funds for future years is also a key priority.

The day will begin with an official opening at 10.00am and run until late afternoon. There will be a meal following for those keen to stay on. The day’s program will showcase as many aspects of old and current school life as possible. There will be food, entertainment and historical displays.

This event will be an opportunity for current and past students and families to gather, catch up on lifetimes, memories and celebrate the great contribution the school and its members have made to the Coolabunia district over the last 125 years.

At the next P&C meeting, a sub-committee will be formed (Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer + other roles) so that planning can get underway. Yes, it seems so far away, but an early start is critical in order to get everything in place.

Once planning is completed and the call goes out for help – we ask if all current families can be involved to ensure the success of the event. Past families will also be part of the running of the day. We have already had interest shown from past families. Fantastic!

Swimming – Lesson #3
• There are still some unpaid invoices for swimming.
• Payment must be made before your student/s can participate in their class excursion.
• Payment ASAP please.

2014 Excursions
| Prep & Yr 20 November | Brisbane Southbank – Science Centre, Museum (now approx $30) |
| Yr 3-4 26 November | Gympie – Heritage theme (now Approx $30) |
| Yr 5-6-7 26 – 28 Nov | Bribie Island Recreational Centre (now approx $180) | Info package next week |

• Families can start paying off excursions now if they wish - send all money in a school envelope.

Swimming – no thongs
Reminder to students that thongs or sandals are NOT permitted to be worn on swimming days. Thongs can be dangerous on high steps and on playground equipment.

World Teachers Day 31 October
We would like to join with over 100 countries world-wide in celebrating our teachers. Thank you for educating and inspiring young Queenslanders and for the role you play in society.

DATE CLAIMERS

November
04 P&C Meeting, 7.30pm
06 Swimming Lesson #4
13 Swimming Lesson #5
17 Tuckshop – (last one 2014)
20 Arts Council ‘No Way’!
20 Prep-Yr Excursion – Brisbane Excursion
26 Yr 2-4, Yr 3 Gympie Excursion
26-28 Yr 5-7 – Bribie Island Excursion

December
03 KDSSA Swim Carnival – Kingaroy Pool
09 School Celebration Night ‘Circus’
11 ‘End of Year’ Fun Day

"Change is inevitable, adapting is optional". JESSIE HEILER