Welcome
Welcome to all students and their families for the 2015 school year. I’m sure 2015 will offer many positive opportunities and successes for us all.

Our enrolment has increased to 130.
We have 36 new students - 28 in Prep, 3 - Yr 1, 1 - Yr 2, 1 – Yr 4, 1 - Yr 5 and 2 - Yr 6.

Welcome to our new families and their students – Black, Bone, Chaselings, Cullen, Fleischfresser, Fleming, Joyce, Kutzer, McDonnell, May, McGregor, Murray, Norris, O’Neill, Stallwood, Wilshire. 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.

Staffing
We have happily started the school year with a new teaching member – Mr Bruce Newton.

Bruce is an experienced teacher who has been working in the Toowoomba area previously. He is enthusiastic about working with his Year 3 students and is already impressed by their willingness to learn and positive attitude. Thanks to those parents who have been able to introduce themselves and begin the communication processes.

Mrs Ginny Salmon has started as our music teacher each Wednesday and brings with her great skill and vibrance.

Mrs Amanda Turner is our visiting Inclusion Teacher this year and will be supporting verified students’ learning.

We also welcome Mrs Rebecca Besson and Ms Fiona MacDonald to the team as teacher aides. They have started the year with some hefty PD and are supporting students effectively.

Mrs Natasha Jemenez is our current temporary cleaner and has managed the difficult task of getting the school clean & tidy for the start of school. Well done!

This now takes our staffing numbers up to 7 teachers, 7 teacher aides, 1 admin officer & 1 cleaner.

School Expectations
Our focus continues to be to “every student learning every day.” Our motto “Strive to Achieve” reminds of this as does our code of behaviour RESPECT – ourselves, others, things & places. These all combine to give us “The Coolabunia Way” where we all work hard, together to achieve.

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 2015
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... 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 IN Yr 5-6

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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!
Timetabling Change
The school times have changed in order to maximize the morning
education time.

- Session 1..............9.00 – 11.00 (with a ‘snack attack’ at 10.00)
- Session 2..............11.30 – 1.00
- Session 3..............1.55 – 3.00

Before School Routine Change
We now 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.

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 11-13 and
the GRID Leadership day in Toowoomba to be held on Feb 19.
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 will be 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 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.

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

Family Fun BBQ Get-together - Saturday 7th February 2015
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 day 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 10th 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, 6th
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 6th March.

A gift voucher (Coles Group & Myer which includes Target, Kmart,
Coles, Myer, Officeworks,) is up for grabs for the family that raises
the most money. Heaps of other lucky prize draws including, wait
for it…CHOCOLATES, will be advised on parade on the
9th March. The P&C thank you for your support and HAPPY
SELLING/SAMPLING CHOCOLATES.

Instrumental Music – Yr 3-6
Instrumental music testing will occur on Thursday 5th February.
Parents of interested and continuing instrumental students are
asked to complete the attached form.

Unbelievable Food Facts: ‘Mexicans love chocolate sauce … on turkey!’
Mrs Jo Hopkins is a private music teacher – lesson fees will be advised when student numbers are known.

Tuition will be approx $10.00 per lesson (depending on numbers) – payable on receipt of invoice, when the number of lessons is known. All going well, all new students will be able to participate. The number is limited by the time Mrs Hopkins is able to teach / instruments available.

To make the program available to as many students as Ms Hopkins can timetable, we suggest that students who have been in the program for 1 year, look seriously at purchasing their own instruments. This will free up instruments for beginners. (The school can currently support 18 students with instruments - flute, clarinet, trumpet).

As students with school instruments sometimes share with another student/s – they are only able to practise their instrument at home for two days/one night - as per timetable. Instruments MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL each WEDNESDAY, as we cannot chase up instruments on lesson day.

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.

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.

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:
- Handwriting Books – Prep – Yr 2 - $13.00ea
- Maths Books – Prep – Year 6 - $19.00

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. i.e. Maths & English Text Books, RE Workbook (Yrs 1-6), Bookclub, uniforms, chair-bags, social functions as they arise.

Unbelievable Food Facts: ‘Doughnuts originally had a nut in the centre.’
DATE CLAIMERS

February
02 CBA Student Banking commences
07 Family Get-together Meet’n’Greet
10 AGM & 1st General Meeting, 7:30pm
13 Bookclub Orders & Payment CLOSES 9:00am
11-13 Leadership Camp Yr 7 – Barambah EEC
16 Tuckshop
19 Swimming Lesson #1
26 Swimming Lesson #2

March
06 Return Money & Unsold Chocolates
05 Swimming Lesson #3
09 Winners announced – Chocolate Drive Sales
12 Swimming Lesson #4
19 Swimming Lesson #5

M Johnston
Principal

Come and sign on at Kingaroy Shoppingworld!!

Kingaroy Shoppingworld will be holding another Sports Sign On Day on Saturday 31st January between 8.30am and 1.00pm in the centre.

The upcoming Sports Sign On Day at Kingaroy Shoppingworld is an excellent opportunity for any junior member of the community who is interested in sporting including Netball, Soccer, Motorcross, Army Cadets, Dance, AFL and Karate to enquire and sign up for the season.

Applicants who sign up on the day will receive a free gift on the day (numbers are limited).

For more information please refer to the attached or contact Georgina Williamson or Karen Dennis on 4162 5745 or email georgina.williamson@mconaghyproperties.com or karen.dennis@mconaghyproperties.com

Kingaroy Junior Football Club

“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 online by the 7th of February you automatically go in the draw to win an iPad Mini.

www.redbackssoccer.com.au and our Facebook page

Kingaroy Junior Football Club

- 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: Club Registrar (Jordie) : 0456 236 697

Kingaroy Junior Redbacks would appreciate returning and new players to “Register On-line” as early as possible so that the organising of teams can commence.

Or checkout our Website

NANANGO SOCCER CLUB

Sign On Day
ALL WELCOME!
Saturday 7th & 14th 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 2015 through to 15yrs.

Squirts girls and boys aged from turning 3 yrs in 2015 to 5 yrs.

Club is registered with Get Started funding program to assist eligible children with fees

For further info on fees and general enquires: nanangosoccer@gmail.com

REDBACKS

Information Day –
Saturday 7th February, 2015

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

9am – 1:30pm, at Junior Clubhouse located at Oliver-Bond Street (off Youngman Street).