Family Meet & Greet tomorrow afternoon 5.30 – 8.30
We are all looking forward to tomorrow’s games and BBQ event. It is a terrific opportunity for families old and new to get to know each other better. This is an important part of our school culture, where people feel part of the school and are confident to make a contribution in one way or another to the running of the school and the development of students.

Remember
• Pick up a name tag when you arrive. (Makes it easier to talk to new people.)
• Introduce yourself to new people and make them feel welcome.
• Drop your dessert into the Tuckshop room when you arrive.
• Feel free to join in with your child/ren in the games. We might need some help in running some activities as well.
• Offer your assistance with food preparation, serving and cleaning up. We have a large number to feed and ‘many hands make light work’.

We thank the P&C for sponsoring the meal tomorrow night. This is very generous.

P&C AGM and General Meeting
Our first P&C meeting is set for next Tuesday 10th February, starting at 7.30pm in the Resource Building.

We encourage as many parents as possible to attend P&C meetings. No one should ever be anxious about taking on any P&C position, as roles are not arduous and there is plenty of support available.

Parent Information Sessions
Each year each teacher runs a 1 hour information session for parents. This is a great chance to find out about how the class is run – routines.

- what the curriculum foci are
- how teaching is conducted
- how you can play an active role in your child’s learning.

These sessions will be conducted over the next 2 - 3 weeks – usually 2 back to back.

We know not all parents can make it, so we will endeavour to get information out to all.

Sessions will be advertised next week.

125th Celebration Planning Meeting
A meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th February, 7:00pm in the school library. Interested parents (present & past), and community members are invited to attend.

New Whole School Spelling Approach
The school is excited about introducing an improved approach to the teaching of spelling this year.

The program (which we have been using parts of previously) called ‘Words Their Way’ is a developmental program, where students are explicitly taught spelling strategies and rules so that they have better spelling knowledge, rather than learn high frequency lists.

How it will work?
- All Year 1-6 students have been screened using a Words Their Way test to find out which developmental level they are at now (regardless of year level).
- Developmental Levels
  - Emergent - initial consonants
  - Letter Name – final consonants, blends, diagraphs words
  - Within Word Patterns – short & long vowels, influenced vowels, diphthongs, consonants clusters
  - Syllables & Affixes – inflected endings, syllable junctures, unaccented final syllables, affixes
  - Derivation Relations (very proficient) – harder suffixes, base / root words, advanced patterns
- Students are put in ability groups, so they can focus on the developmental level they are at;
- Each week, ‘Whole School Spelling’ lessons will occur on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Students will have a set teacher. Each teacher will follow a strict sequence to introduce a weekly spelling rule.
- Student will have a sheet of words to learn and develop knowledge on. This will be their homework book.
- Students in early levels will be focusing on identifying sounds, rather than word lists.
- Word sorts play a key role in guiding students to understanding spelling rules and strategies.
- All students will be listening for a word’s syllables and what sounds there are in each syllable – eg. to spell the word populations = 4 syllables sounds ‘pop u la tions’
- Remember – spelling is all about LISTENING for syllables, sounds and rules. Our aim is to have continuity and consistency in teaching and learning.
- Students will be tested during each term to monitor progress. Students when ready, will advance to the next level.
- All staff have been inserviced and are continuing to gain insights into the potential and power of this approach.
- Your Parent information session will be an opportunity to talk about our developmental program.

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Student Leaders

- Communications: Emma Kleinhanss
- Sports and Health: Shannon Hartley
- Welfare: Hannah Woodward-White
- Environment: Jessie Bond

Planning and Support

Leaders will have a team of fellow Year 5-6 students to work with during the term. Each team will have a staff member to mentor them throughout the term. Meetings and appropriate planning are required.

Leaders will be expected to meet with the Principal at the start and end of each term to share their planning and outcomes.

Swimming

Term 1 lessons begin in week 5, Thursday at the Nanango Pool. Precise groups have yet to be finalized by the pool. There will be a lower and mid/upper sessions.

Cost will be advised next newsletter. Payment must be made prior to commencement.

Religious Ed

RE begins for Year 1 – 7 students on Monday 9th Feb. We have three lovely RE teachers who work with our students (Pastor Geoff Folker, Mrs Dianne Lebsanft and Mrs Jenny Hoare). Students receive non-denominational lessons specifically designed and approved by EQ and churches. Students whose parents do not want them to attend RE lessons will be removed and complete class work.

Student RE Workbooks are $6 each - if you have not paid - please pay at the office ASAP. These funds are handled by the P&C.

P&C CHOCOLATE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Chocolates were distributed today. The closing date for the return of all money and unsold chocolates is Wednesday 4th March.

- Families are responsible for keeping the chocolates in good condition and looking after the funds taken.
- Please just ask at the office if you need more boxes to sell.
- The prize this year will go to the family who raises the most money. We have a $100 gift voucher (Coles Group & Myer which includes Target, Kmart, Coles, Myer, Officeworks) to give out. Heaps of other lucky prize draws including wait for it…CHOCOLATES. The winners will be advised on parade.

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

Instrumental Music – Yr 3-6

Mrs Hopkins tested students for the grouping on Thursday. Students who are using school instruments will be allocated their instrument next Thursday.

Due to the large number of students wishing to participate, Mrs Hopkins will be commencing lessons with her first group at 8:15am. Could families please indicate if your student will be available to be in this first group.

Mrs Jo Hopkins is a private music teacher – lesson fees will be advised when student numbers are known.

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Tuckshop Monday 16th February

Welcome to Tuckshop for 2015. I hope to be on assembly Monday and will quickly run through ordering (time permitting) or in the classrooms so your students will know how to order. Please read any instructions on the menu sheet. Please find attached a Menu, a request sheet, paper bags and order forms. We are happy to provide these bags as they fit the orders in but if you would like to make a donation of $2 for the tuckshop bags please send with your first tuckshop order. If you do not want the bags please return to the tuckshop - thanks.

I am looking for some workers for this first tuckshop - please ring me 0427769376 if you can help out.

Free Lunch- We have a system of pre-ordering to enable us to get the orders to the children on time. Any orders in by Thurs prior to tuckshop goes in the draw to win their lunch free. This is drawn Tuckshop Monday on assembly. You will receive your money back Monday pm. If you are away you are still welcome to order on Monday from a limited menu subject to availability of Sandwiches, Pizzas, Pies, Sausage Rolls, Snacks (Fruit, Popcorn, Homebake-if enough,) and Fruit Drinks.

If your child is away on Monday and you have an order in – the bag with money will be given to your child’s teacher for returning.

Ordering - Use one bag for morning tea and one bag for lunch (please indicate which is which) per student. Glue / tape the order form on or write clearly on bag -child's name, class and items ordered. Include correct change if possible - if not please total the items and write amount of change required on the bag. Remind your child to look for change in their morning tea bag. Do not sticky tape or staple bags closed, just fold top. Paper bags can be purchased for 5c from the tuckshop if you need more.

Meal Deals - Remember do make use of the meal deals as these can be split over morning tea and lunch and makes your order slightly cheaper – I do try to pick up on these and sometimes your child will have change in their morning tea bag.

Mix & Match 1..............................$5.00
Your choice of a sandwich, roll, burger or 2 pizzas, Your choice of: a juice popper or a plain cup of milk Your choice of a fruit cup, custard cup or apple silky

Mix & Match 2..............................$5.50
As above but with a Breaka Flavoured milk for the drink

Pickup- any item that can spill or cause problems will be marked

Unbelievable Food Facts: ‘Mexicans love chocolate sauce ... on turkey!’
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.

Prep Students - 2015
Pictured are our Prep students who are settling well into their
school routine: Elijah Ballin, Emily Black, Veronica
Bianch, Nardia Bone, Evan
Bradford, Mia Chaseling, Charlie Corrie, Noah Deed,
Kellie Douglas, Kyah Fresser,
Rhyeordy George, Jasmine
Hood, Tameeka Jensen, Fritz
Kutzer, Chloe Lowe, Zachary
May, Ewan McDonnell,
Brian McGregor, Cheyanna
Mifrid, Nathan Mollenhauer.
Chantel Munt, Harrison
Murray, Lincoln Norris,
Jackson Stallwood, Angus
Templet, Isabelle Town,
Eli White, Tyson Wilshire

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
- RE Workbooks Year 1- Year 6 - $6.00ea

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.

COOLABUNIA STATE SCHOOL
Permanent Part-Time Cleaner
23.5 hours per week (plus ADO)
Split shift Tuesday & Thursday
Application packages available by e-mail, post or from the School
office between 9.00am and 3.00pm (Mon-Fri).
For further information contact the School on 4160 0333 or e-mail

Applications close at COB on Thursday, 19th February, 2015

Relief Teacher Aide
The school is calling for people interested to fill relief teacher aide
positions as they become available. ie due to sickness / training

Prep Students

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