



Cooran State School

Newsletter

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After School Care

Due to some licensing issues we have been unable to start the program at Cooran. We are looking to rectify this situation and delay our starting time until the start of 2010.

We are pushing forward with our licence to operate and should complete all areas of specification.

I will also be monitoring the number of people who are consistently using the Pomona service to ensure our service will be viable. If you have any further queries relating to this service please come and see us.

Aussie of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded Aussie of the Month awards on assembly last Friday.

Prep	Mila Duffy
Year 1/2	Corey Tompkins
Year 2/3	Hailee O'Hanlon
Year 3/4	Marnie Rodhouse
Year 4/5	Pearl Waite
Year 5/6	Ella Roberts
Year 6/7	Jenaya O'Brien

Book Club

A reminder that all Book Club forms and money need to be returned to the office by tomorrow morning (Thursday 7th May). This will be the final day.

P & C Car Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all who have returned their raffle books however there are still quite a number of books to come back. These tickets need to be returned to Brisbane, so it is essential that you return your book by Friday at the latest as all books need to be accounted for. If you have lost your raffle book you will receive a form by Thursday to be completed and returned to the office by Friday.

Mother's Day Stall

A reminder that the P&C Mother's Day Stall was held today and will be on again tomorrow at first break in the tuckshop. Students are able to purchase a "lucky dip" ticket for \$2.00.

Preparing your child for school tests

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2009 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May.

If your child is absent from school during this period, they will still be able to participate in testing sessions on Friday 15 May. Please contact your child's school in this instance.

There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:

- talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class
- discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks
- when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading
- encourage your child to write descriptive stories about something they have seen, heard or read about – who are the main characters, what are they trying to do and why, where is the story set and how will it end
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests
- ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast.

If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school please contact your child's teacher.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map

Walk to School Safely Day

As active kids are healthy kids, Walk Safely to School Day aims to encourage safe pedestrian behaviour and a healthier lifestyle in primary-aged school children through parents and carers walking and commuting with them to school on Friday 15th May.

Life Education Van Visit

A note was sent home with the newsletter last week with information about our Life Education Van visit from Wednesday 20th May to Friday 22nd May and a free parent information session. If you would like to attend the parent session, please complete the section at the bottom of the letter and return to the office. Also attached to the newsletter was a payment envelope for the program. The cost is \$6 per child which can be paid at the office before the 20th May.

School Photos

Our school photo day will be on Tuesday 19th May. Further information will be in future newsletters regarding prices etc. as it comes to hand.

Pomona After School Bus

The Pomona After School Bus is up and running again (with a new bus company). The bus leaves from the top gate at 3.05pm sharp. It travels via Federal School, on to Pomona (arriving at approximately 3.25) and then on to Cooroy. At this stage the bus is only running of an afternoon. The cost of the bus is \$2 which is payable each trip. If you have any questions, you can contact the bus company on 54845257.

This service is also running to the Pomona Outside School Hours Care program. All students attending Pomona Outside School Hours Care are checked on to the bus by a staff member.

Stationery

Below is a list of stationery that is available from the office for students to purchase at any time.

HB Pencils	\$0.25
Pencil Sharpener	\$0.45
Mechanical Pencil	\$1.40
Leads for Mechanical Pencil	\$1.30
Erasers	\$0.45
Biros	\$0.45
Highlighters (pkt 4)	\$3.55
Ruler	\$0.30
Glue Stick	\$1.60
Scissors	\$1.40
Staedtler Compass in wallet	\$5.00
Calculators	\$8.35
Connector Pens (pkt 10)	\$3.30
Coloured Pencils (pkt 12)	\$2.00

All exercise books are available at various prices. Please ask at the office.

2GB USB Memory Sticks are also available from the office for \$10.00.

Tuckshop Roster

Friday 8th May 2009 (week 1)

Helpers: Zymar Mulcahy
Lynn Monteith
Kym Randall
Andrew Jacques
Baker: Wendy Andrews

Tuesday 11th May 2009 (week 2)

Helpers: Savanna Edwards
Andrew Jacques
Baker: Michelle Croft

Friday 15th May 2009 (week 2)

Helpers: Nicki Scott
Tina Boyce
Karen Davey
Andrew Jacques
Baker: Anne Howell

Dates to Remember

07/05/09 Book Club due back
07/05/09 Mother's Day Stall—1st Break
19/05/09 School Photos
20/05/09 Life Education Van visit
21/05/09 Life Education Van visit
22/05/09 Life Education Van visit
08/06/09 Public Holiday—Queen's Birthday
26/08/09 Yr 5 & 6 Camp—Mudjimba
27/08/09 Yr 5 & 6 Camp—Mudjimba
28/05/09 Yr 5 & 6 Camp—Mudjimba

Community Notices

For Sale—pair of rollerskates (fully adjustable boots) - hardly used. Includes knee/elbow/wrist pads. Size 2-3 (age 7-9 years) \$40. Phone Liz on 54852259.

For Sale—3 school skorts, size 6—\$8.00 each or 3 for \$40. Phone Noela on 54851489.

Taylor Drive "Stuff Sale" - 4 and 6 Taylor Drive, Pomona. 9th & 10th May from 7am. - camping gear/trailers, paintings, furniture, kids toys and clothes, books, clothes, bric-a-brac and lots, lots more.

Coorooa Netball Club invites you to a **Musical Trivia Night**. Saturday 30th May 2009 at Cooran Hall, King Street, Cooran. Doors open at 6.15 for a 7.00pm start. Tickets are \$15.00 which gives you the opportunity to win 2 nights accommodation plus \$1000 worth of prizes throughout the evening! BYO drinks and nibbles. For bookings call: Therese Tati on 54852044 or Meredith Kermond on 54852944 or just rock up on the night!

Guinea Pig hutch wanted. Please phone Sophie on 54850619