Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back all – and a special welcome to our new students who started at the beginning of the term. I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed the beautiful spring weather.

There is of course a lot happening this term with Pomona in the Park, Year 6 and 7 Graduations as well as science shows, camps and other excursions. I know everyone is looking forward to all of these wonderful activities. Thank you of course to our great teachers who put in the effort to organize these activities as well as the wonderful parent and student support that we always receive.

Mr. Byrne will be on leave for 5 weeks commencing 14th October. I will also be on leave for the first two weeks of that period. Ms Hansen will be acting Principal from 14th – 24th October and I will then be acting Principal on my return from 27th October – 14th November. Mrs Savage will be acting Head of Student Services for that five week period.

Organisation of classes for 2015 has commenced. You will receive a yellow form today in which I explain how we determine classes and how you can provide input into that process. Please send the form back to the office by Friday 31st October. If you have any questions regarding the process please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Jacque Wright
Head of Student Services

POLICY ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REPRESENTATIVE STUDENTS

One of the major issues raised at our last meeting of Term Three was that of P&C funding assistance for any of our school’s students who represent the school in sporting activities at state / national / international level. Although P&C general policy is to use fundraising money for whole school community benefit, P&Cs Qld have advised that merit-based funding of individual students can be an option. The decision was made for our P&C to offer limited financial support to students who participate at a state / national / international level in Queensland Department of Education sanctioned events upon written request to the Association (ie. $50 for state level, $100 for national level, $150 for international level). Application forms for this funding are available by contacting P&C via the email address below.

TUCKSHOP MENU REVIEW

Another decision made at our last meeting was to have an external tuckshop menu review done by dieticians from Nutrition Australia (through their Food Smart Schools program). This review will include a report with recommendations for improvements (in line with Education Queensland’s Smart Choices policy) and recipes. It is hoped that this process will be completed by the end of this school year and a rejuvenated tuckshop menu will be available as soon as possible. All feedback / suggestions welcome via the P&C email address below.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Also discussed at our last P&C meeting was the proposed change of uniform supplier (in light of concerns raised about the fit of the current supplier’s skorts and shorts). Samples of the proposed new supplier’s uniforms were presented at the meeting and have been left at the tuckshop for comment. This issue will be discussed again at our next P&C meeting.

UNIFORM SHOP STOCKTAKE SALE!

Limited sizes of Polar fleece jumpers and Red & Blue house shirts are being sold at below cost – all items $12. Please see Glenda in the tuckshop / uniform shop.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Don’t forget to mark on your calendar our last school disco for the year, which will have a Halloween theme and be held on Friday 31st October. Parent volunteers will be needed on the night so please see Glenda at the tuckshop if you are interested.

OUR NEXT P&C MEETING: 1PM MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER

in the Outside School Hours Care Building

All welcome to attend!

Please email any agenda items you would like to have discussed to psspandc@hotmail.com

P & C NEWS

Welcome to Term Four, and particularly to all the new families to our school. Pomona State School have a small but active Parents & Citizens’ (P&C) Association, and new members are always welcome. We meet monthly on a Monday (times rotating between 9am, 1pm and 6pm), dates and times of upcoming meetings being advertised in this newsletter, and on the school website, front of school sign and Facebook page. Next meeting Monday 27th October at 1:00pm in OSHC room due to Student Free Day on Monday 20th.
**DATE CLAIMERS!!**

**OCTOBER**

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**PE SWIMMING LESSONS**

Just a reminder that all students need to supply their own: towel, swimming togs, rashie-type shirt and swimming cap for their PE lessons this term. If your child wishes to use goggles, they also need to bring their own. Additionally, no jewellery should be worn during swimming lessons, in particular all types of earrings. If your child/children have earrings, it is probably best if they leave them at home on the day they have their swimming lessons.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!**

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**ART COMPETITION**

The Rotary Club of Cooroy is holding the Cooroy Mountain Spring Festival at the spring water factory site on Sunday 19th October and as part of this festival we are holding a painting and photographic competition. The painting competition is in categories of 5 to 8 years, 9 to 12 and 13 to 17 and to make it fairer for the students and there will be prizes for each category.

The painting is to be of Cooroy Mountain and will be judged on the day at the end of the festival. The children can paint or draw their picture and drop it off at the Noosa Lifestyle Real Estate office in Cooroy or bring it along to the festival on the day. Entry forms are available at the school office.

Information regarding the festival is in a flyer towards the end of this newsletter.

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS**

If you are one of the few families who do not receive your fortnightly newsletter and other notices electronically via email, please consider letting the office know of your email address. Also, if your email address has recently changed, please advise us of your new email address. This is an environmentally friendly method of receiving newsletters and notices and it ensures you keep up to date with what is going on around the school.

Please drop your email address into the office or email Kim on admin@pomonass.eq.edu.au

**Don’t forget! Book Club orders are due:**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October
MATHS TOURNAMENT SUCCESS!

Congratulations to our talented Mathematicians who competed at the Noosa District Mathematics Olympiad which was held late last term at Tewantin State School. The Year 4 team (Lachlan, Alisha, Floyd, Curtis and Parker) all performed well at their very first Maths tournament and gained third place in the Year 4 competition. An outstanding effort from the Year 5 team (Rhys, Sam, Rourke, Kristy and Jayme) saw them take first place in the Year 5 competition.

A big thank you goes to Jen Bailey, Raoul Slater, Alistair Nelson and Yeni Ho for providing transportation as well as supervision for our students at this great event.

Below: The Pomona Mathematics Team

(Photos courtesy of Raoul Slater.)

ICAS UPDATE

All of the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) tests results have finally arrived. Mrs Lavender will present the Writing, Spelling, English and Maths ICAS certificates during Parade this Friday. If you would like a copy of any of the tests, please see Mrs Wright.

Kathy Lavender
Enrichment Teacher

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.
## Getting Ready for Prep in 2015

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| **Wednesday - 8**<sup>th</sup> **October 2014** 15**th** **October 2014** | **Pre Prep Session** – for Students (with parents attending)  
A wonderful way for your child to become familiar with the class setting and teachers that they will encounter when they commence prep.  
Ms Saunders classroom. Sign in at the office first.  
Bring shoes and a hat.  |
| 9.00am – 10.00am                |                                                                                                       |
| **Thursday - 23**<sup>rd</sup> **October 2014** 30**th** **October 2014** | **Pre Prep Session** – for Students (with parents attending)  
A wonderful way for your child to become familiar with the class setting and teachers that they will encounter when they commence prep.  
Mrs Thompson’s classroom. Sign in at the office first.  
Bring shoes and a hat.  |
| 9.00am – 10.00am                |                                                                                                       |
| **Tuesday - 4**<sup>th</sup> **November 2014** 9am – 11am | **KidsMatter Transition Workshop** (Session One) – *for parents*  
Parent workshop aimed at preparing and supporting parents and carers to assist their child in transitioning into formal school.  
In the Library.  |
| **Early November**              | 2015 Booklist sent home.  
Quick and easy way to organise stationery for your child. Ensure that you order the items through the local newsagent as advised. |
| **Tuesday - 9**<sup>th</sup> **December 2014** | **Meet the Teacher.**  
For *student and parents* to meet their child’s teacher for 2015.  
In the relevant classroom.  |
| 9.30am – 10am                   |                                                                                                       |
| **Tuesday - 27**<sup>th</sup> **January 2015** | **First Day of School 2015!**  
“Tears, Tissues and Tim Tams” in the Library 8.50am.  
It’s a time to chat with other parents and “let go” of your child for the day! It also allows your child’s teacher to provide settling in time with the class.  
For parents after they have dropped their child off!  |
| **Date TBA - February 2015**    | **KidsMatter Transition Workshop** (Session Two) – *for parents*  
Follow up from the first workshop. Helps in dealing with school transition.  
In the Library.  |

For further details contact:  
Principal: Mr. Mick Byrne, Pomona State School, Station Street, Pomona  
OR Acting Head of Student Services: Jacque Wright  
(Phone 5480 8222)
Have you ever been to the Cooran Acoustic Night?

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Registrations Close Soon!

If you would like your child to participate please register using one of the options below. Registrations close at the end of Term 3. We are unable to accept registrations after this time! Limited places are available so be quick so you don’t miss out!

Option1: Online Registration (Preferred)
Please register online via www.musicstars.com.au Registration takes 2 minutes and you will receive a confirmation email confirming your registration.

Option 2: Phone Registration 1300 889 179
If you don’t have access to the internet you can register by calling 1300 889 179. Our office is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

More Information
If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below.

Phone: 1300 889 179
Email: info@musicstars.com.au
Web: www.musicstars.com.au

We hope you can support this program.

Kind regards,

Music Stars
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10:00am BBQ Sausage & Osine in bread $2.50
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Paint Cooroy Mountain competition.

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After School Care – $23.00 per child (Afternoon tea included.)

**Fees for Vacation Care**
A Vacation Care Program is provided for Prep – Year 7 children during school holidays, from 6.00am until 6.00pm each day. The program of daily activities is available two weeks before the start of each holiday.
Bookings are essential for children attending any of our OSHC programs.
$56.00 per day (Morning Tea, Lunch & afternoon tea included)
(Healthy menu plan & Food supplied for each session.)

**Childcare Benefit or Childcare Rebate**
Childcare benefit and Childcare Rebate can be claimed by eligible families through Centrelink/Family Assistance, which can reduce out-of-pocket costs for OSHC care significantly - often dropping costs down to $5-10 per day for some families.

**For further information about our OSHC program please contact the Co-ordinator Melissa Conley via email [pomona.oshc@bigpond.com](mailto:pomona.oshc@bigpond.com) or by phone (07) 54850778/0437000644.**
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