Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all who supported our school ANZAC Service today. It was a great turn-out. I would also thank our student leaders who did a great job in running the service. Thanks also to our P&C who provided morning tea as well as those who donated those yummy ANZAC biscuits for it.

The good news at the service announced by Mr Gibson was that our P&C application for a heat pump to warm our pool has been approved. This has been an ongoing application for some time and I congratulate our grants committee, especially Viv and Jo, for their persistence and the final great result.

The school will be marching in the parade at Cooroy on Friday 25 Apr. Our school captains, will represent us at the Cooroy Dawn Service at 5:00 am on ANZAC Day and also lead our school contingent in the march at Cooroy. I will be at the Dawn Service and Mrs Lavender and I will be meeting the students for the march at 10:00 am at the Butter factory in Cooroy. The march should start by 10:30 am and be finished by 11:00 am. We would love to have a large number of students march this year. Students should march in school uniform.

Unfortunately despite the best laid plans, the weather prevented all the painting of classrooms from being finished over the holidays. PLS has had to move into the library this week while their room is painted. All painting except for our Outside School Hours Care building should be finished by Monday next week.

There will still be work to be completed in our Administration block (laying of carpet) that may take some time to complete.

Stop Press: Due to the regional netball trials being held on 06 May we have moved our Pomona cross country run to Friday 09 May.

Enjoy the ANZAC weekend.

Lest we forget!

Regards

Mick Byrne
Principal

Pomona in the Park DVDs

We still have a few Pomona in the Park DVDs from last year ordered, but not paid for or collected. Also there are about 12 additional spare ones, so if you are interested, please pop into the office with $10 for each one and you can relive the excitement of the night. Thanks again to Brian Doyle of Pomona Hotel and his colleagues for their work on this.

Voluntary Contribution

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have to date contributed a total of $3,700 as part of the 2014 voluntary contribution scheme, which we have set a target of $6,900. These funds help supplement Government provided funds to the school to purchase additional resources in the Library, Reading Room, HPE/Sports equipment and assist with running of programs such as Music, Swimming, LOTE, and Gifted and Talented. We are half way to reaching our target.

Signing Students Out Early

A reminder that should you need to sign your student out early, you need to come to the office to sign them out and office staff will arrange for your student/s to be sent to the office.

Parking – Administration/Staff Car Park

Please limit parking in the delivery/handicapped parking space, particularly at morning and afternoon times to emergencies or authorised persons only. Please note the Staff Car Park is for staff and authorised persons – they know who they are. And this is a car park, particularly busy 8:00-8:30 and 2:30-3:15. It is not a public thoroughfare. Students in particular SHOULD NOT be walking through to access the Pool or Hall, please show the way by using the pedestrian access to both. There have been a couple of near misses lately and we don’t want to have anyone injured or worse.
DATE CLAIMERS!!

APRIL
Fri 25th  Anzac Day public holiday
Mon 28th  P&C Meeting – 1pm in the OSHVC building
Tues 29th  Payment due for ICAS–Writing $17 
          Payment due for ICAS–Spelling $11

MAY
Fri 9th   Pomona School Cross Country
Mon 12th  Book Club due
Tues 20th  ICAS Computer Skills competition

JUNE
Wed 4th   ICAS Science competition
Tues 10th  Payment due for ICAS-English $8 
          Payment due for ICAS-Maths $8
Mon 16th  ICAS Writing competition
Tues 17th  ICAS Spelling competition

JULY
Tues 29th  ICAS English competition

AUGUST
Tues 12th  ICAS Maths competition

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

28 March

PLS   Sienna W
PKT   Bon W
1AP   Hayley W
1KL   Nate E
2SM   Holly B
2/3BB Angelo S
3SL   Juanita D
3/4GB Amy B
4EB   Jedd T
4/5AB Rani W
5/6PT Jayme H
6/7SH Jayden L
6/7CL Tara L

TERM 1 SWIMMING

The school and in particular Mr Grevis-James (PE teacher - Mr James as the kids know me) would like to say a BIG "Thank You" to all the parents and others who volunteered their time to assist with the school PE swimming lessons. We could not run them without your assistance and are most appreciative of your efforts. We had a great season for swimming and made some good progress. Look forward to seeing you at the pool again in Term 4 should you still be available.

P & C NEWS

Volunteers needed!
A reminder that we’d love to hear from anyone interested in helping out on the morning of Sunday 27th April, when P&C will be catering for the Mountain and Orienteering Bike Club ride on the school grounds. A roster of volunteers will be made up so even if you can only spare an hour or two this would be much appreciated. Home-baked cakes / biscuits / slices to sell are also welcome. Please email the P&C if you are interested: psspandc@hotmail.com

Mother’s Day stall
Rosemary, Tanya and Glenda will be running a Mother’s Day Stall outside the tuckshop from 6-9th May (2nd lunch breaks only) as a fundraiser in which students can purchase small items to give to their Mums on their special day. Donations are welcome of items suitable for sale at this stall (eg. handmade / craft / new items, soaps, etc.), although no perishable foodstuffs please. See Glenda at the tuckshop for more information and to leave any donations.

School jumpers
Now that the cooler weather has arrived, don’t forget that new school jumpers are available for purchase at the tuckshop for $25.

Cotton school uniform shirts
As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are looking at the possibility of doing a special order of cotton school uniform shirts, as some families have expressed a preference for these. Any parents interested in pre-ordering cotton school uniform shirts for their children please email the P&C: psspandc@hotmail.com

OUR NEXT P&C MEETING will be held in the Outside School Hours Care Building at 1pm MONDAY 28th APRIL. All welcome! Please email any agenda items you would like to have discussed to psspandc@hotmail.com

NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Dear parents/carers,
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

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Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

Whilst only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Jacque Wright
Head of Student Services

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**ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2014**

Each year we encourage students who enjoy academic challenges to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Last term all students in Years 2–7 should have brought home a letter regarding the ICAS competitions. The competitions provide an excellent opportunity for students to measure their own achievement in an external assessment situation. All students receive a Certificate and a Student Report indicating which questions they answered correctly as well as the average mark for their state.

The Student Report is useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses in the skills and processes of subject areas. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio. As you will notice below, entries for the Computer Skills and Science Competitions have now closed, however the Spelling, Writing, English and Maths Competitions are still open.

If you have any queries regarding the competitions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at klave17@eq.edu.au. If you don’t have a copy of the note, spare copies are available at the office.

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**KIDS TEACHING KIDS IS ON AGAIN!**

A group of Year 6 and 7 Eco-Warriors have been invited to attend a very special event. This September the Sunshine Coast Regional Council is offering an exciting opportunity for local schools to showcase their environmental initiatives to other schools in the region.

During Target’s *Kids Teaching Kids Week*, we will join thousands of students and teachers around the nation who are learning about Environmental Education. The conference that we will attend is called ‘Kids in Action’ and participating students will present and attend workshops over two days on Thursday 4th – Friday 5th of September.

The Kids Teaching Kids model was created from a belief that our education systems must ensure we are building resilient, confident and creative students. This can in turn benefit local communities around Australia and ensure our environment can be sustained.

Through the education techniques in the *Kids Teaching Kids* learning model students learn with their head, heart and hand. In other words, students are encouraged into thinking, feeling and developing practical ways to respond to the challenges facing our environment.

Students come away from the event with skills in acting on their concerns for the environment, more knowledge about environmental issues and how other communities are dealing with those concerns. More importantly the conference builds students who are more resilient and optimistic, have a sense of future, are capable public speakers and can communicate their ideas in many different forms.

**NUDE FOOD DAY**

Last term the Eco-Warriors ran a ‘Nude Food Day’. Nude Food refers to packing healthy nutritious meals without the use of any disposable packaging which contributes to landfill. Over 160 students participated on this special day which was our best response ever! It’s so easy to put your child’s fresh food and baked goods into little reusable containers, instead of wrapping them in glad wrap. Imagine how much plastic waste we could divert from landfill if every day we ALL used containers or paper lunch wrap instead of using plastic wrap!!

Kathy Lavender
Enrichment Teacher & Eco-Warriors Co-ordinator

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**WIN A FREE AFL AUSKICK MEMBERSHIP!**

All you need to do to be in the draw to win a Free NAB AFL Auskick Membership at Pomona Cooroy and District AFC is answer three questions. The membership is worth $65 which includes all NAB AFL Auskick gear. The question sheet can be collected from Kim at the school office but must be returned by Tuesday the 29th April. See [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) for more details.
COORAN ACOUSTIC NIGHT

The Cooran Acoustic Night is on again this Saturday 26th April. Come along for an evening of surprising chalkboard talent in the recently refurbished Cooran Hall (King Street). This family friendly event is alcohol free and always attracts a responsible and happy crowd. An affordable and delicious cafe serves warm drinks, desserts & light meals. Come 7pm SHARP to scrawl your name of the board and be part of the nights showcase... a friendly audience will always applaud! Each performer can play three songs or perform up to 15 minutes. Entry is only $4 (kids free) and includes a ticket in the lucky door prize.

Each Cooran Acoustic Night presents an opportunity for amateurs and professionals alike to warm the stage with creative performances in music (primarily), dance, circus, theatre and spoken word. The chalkboard always attracts a mix of experienced entertainers and the raw charms of those who might be performing for the first time. In this way, the Cooran Acoustic Night is a valuable institution in for emerging artists in the area, particularly young people. The event has run voluntarily for 26 years and is an important gathering in the Noosa hinterland, drawing people from the surrounding areas of Kin Kin, Boreen Point, Pomona and the Mary Valley.

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 July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia 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!

Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?
Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.
The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.
If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!
By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.
To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes
For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).
Thank you for your time and participation.
Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre
Mountain Bike Orienteering Event
Sunday 27th April
Yurol Forest, Pomona

Venue: Yurol State Forest is an area of pine planation and native forest with a network of gravel roads and tracks.

Courses: There will be 6 courses ranging from 25km to 4km to suit all levels of fitness and abilities.


Cost: Members Junior $10.00 Senior $15.00
      Non Members Junior $20.00 Senior $25.00
      Sportident (timing) stick hire fees $5.00
      Mapboard Hire $5.00.

Rego from: 8:30am Starts from: 8:45am

Equipment: A suitable mountain bike, helmet and water are the basic requirements for this event. A handlebar mounted mapboard that rotates is the best way to hold the map. There are commercially available ones, hire one from us or make you own.

Facilities: Toilet facilities on site. School canteen will be open for food and drinks.

Inquiries: Craig Steffens – Ph 0418871193 or info@mtbo.com.au

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or fill out the enrolment form & send with a cheque or credit card details to: PO Box 267, Richmond 3121

Enrolment forms will not be processed without payment. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

ENROLMENT

SOCCER

When: Thursdays, Term 2 2014
Classes commence: 10/5/14
Classes conclude: 19/6/14
Time: 3:00pm - 4:00pm Year Levels P-4
Venue: Pomerana State School
The cost per student per term is $109

DANCE OZ

When: Wednesdays, Term 2 2014
Classes commence: 30/5/14
Classes conclude: 18/6/14
Time: 3:00pm - 4:00pm Year Levels P-4
Venue: Pomerana State School
The cost per student per term is $109

School: Pomerana State School
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Parents Consent: I hereby authorize Big 5 Sports and Dance Oz to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Big 5 Sports and Dance Oz from any liability incurred by my child at a Big 5 Sports or Dance Oz Program.

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$120 First Aid (includes CPR)  
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*Booking Essential: 5485 2427*

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**Compost, Worm Farms and Everything in Between ...**

Compost and Worm Farming Workshops

There are many ways to use our food and garden waste as a wonderful resource in our own backyards. Discover some of the easy solutions you can try at home. You might even win a compost bin, worm farm or bokashi system to help you start on your journey!

Cooroy - 10am-noon, Mon 5 May  
Noosaville - 1-3pm, Thurs 8 May  
Bookings required

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Celebrate International Compost Awareness Week 5-11 May

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