Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all our past students and families and a big welcome to our new students and families. This year we have had a great start with record enrolments. At this stage we are maintaining our 13 classes from 2014 even with the loss of Year 7 to High School. This is wonderful news for our growing school community.

There have been some late staffing changes:
- Mrs Sharon Melink – on leave replaced by Mrs Deb Burton
- Ms Simone Hansen – transferred
- Mr Scott Thompson – Year 6
- Mr Ben Byrne – Physical Education
- Mrs Elaine Burke – on Long Service Leave replaced by Mrs Sam Langton

Could I remind parents and community members that the main school road access and staff car park should not be used to access the swimming pool area by car or on foot. This is a particularly dangerous area between 2:45 pm and 3:30 pm and is out of bounds to students. There is vehicle access down the hill through the gate, as well as parking.

There will be a Bronze Medallion on tomorrow 31st January commencing at 9am and First Aid course presented by Royal Life Saving Australia on Saturday the 7th February commencing at 9am. Both courses are for a full day, please contact Carmen Heisrath on 0401 360 274.

On Friday 13th February, Councillor Tony Wellington will attend our parade to present our Student Leaders for 2015 with their badges. It would be wonderful to see our Student Leaders and Sports Captains’ families attend this special occasion.

I thank the school community and P & C Committee for a warm welcome and look forward to my time at Pomona State School. It’s wonderful to be relieving Mr Byrne whilst he is on Long Service Leave. I have returned to the Sunshine Coast after 11 years in rural and remote schools. Last year I was fortunate enough to work at Tewantin Primary and Mountain Creek Primary Schools, its lovely to be home and closer to my family.

Regards
Allyson Covey
A/Principal

P & C NEWS

We hope that everyone has enjoyed the Christmas holiday break, and a warm welcome to all new students and families to Pomona State School!

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) SERVICE

Management of our school’s Outside School Hours Care Service has now transferred from P&C to Camp Australia. The P&C Executive Committee wishes to sincerely thank Melissa Conley (Coordinator) and Bianca Willoughby (Educator) for their professional and caring approach to their roles during our period of management, and we wish them all the best in their ongoing employment under Camp Australia. We would also like to acknowledge the great contribution that our casual educators Loren Wilson and Jaymie Suares and our recent trainees Akala, Amy and Cassie have made to this service during the period P&C have managed OSHC.

Bookings for before / after schoolcare and vacation care can now be made through Camp Australia by going to their website: www.campaustralia.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP

Swimming caps are a requirement for students participating in school swimming lessons starting next week, and are available for $8.50 from the Uniform Shop at the tuckshop. A further order of cotton uniform shirts will be placed early next month so please see Glenda to order these at the Uniform Shop.

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS

Helping out at our school tuckshop is a great way for parents to contribute to our school community, so please see Glenda (tuckshop coordinator) if you are able to help, even for just a couple of hours on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 6pm on Monday 9th March. All executive positions will be vacated and new elections held to fill the positions. Our current P&C Vice-President and Treasurer have indicated that they will not be renominating for their positions. Please contact P&C (email psspande@hotmail.com) for more information on the executive roles and attend the AGM if you would like to nominate for any of these.

OUR NEXT P&C MEETING: 9am MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY in the OSHC BUILDING

All welcome to attend!

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

P & C Executive
President – Matt Saunders
Vice-Presidents - Maddie Graham
Secretary – Michelle Jackson
Treasurer - Jo Berridge
email: psspande@hotmail.com

website: http://pomonass.eq.edu.au/wcms/
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Ph: 07 54808222
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Student absences: 07 54808260

OSHC: Office 5485 0778 / Mob: 0437 000 644
**DATE CLAIMERS!!**

**FEBRUARY**
- Tues 10th: Brisbane Lions Visit (Years 5-6)
- Thurs 19th: Issue 1 Book Club orders due

**MARCH**
- Mon 9th: 6pm in the OSHC building

**APRIL**
- Thurs 2nd: Last day of Term 1
- Fri 3rd: Good Friday public holiday
- Mon 20th: First day of Term 2

**BREAKFAST CLUB’S ON AGAIN!**
Breakfast Club has been at our school for 4 years now and many children are enjoying the FREE Milo and toast. We would like to thank Bendigo Bank for their financial help last year. We also say a big thank you to the awesome helpers from The Uniting Church in Pomona and Rotary who have faithfully served the children since Breakfast Club commenced. They are here again this year. We also had two awesome fathers join Breakfast Club last year and they are serving the children again this year on Wednesdays. Thanks, guys! Please make sure you say an extra big THANK YOU to them all. The congregation of The Uniting Church in Pomona have made financial donations and donations of jam, Vegemite and Milo over the years, thank you! Rotary, too, have helped us out over the years with various donations, we are grateful! If you can help with a gift of Milo, jam or Vegemite I would be very pleased to accept it. Please just hand it in to the office.

Thanks heaps,
Chappy Paulette

A reminder about what School Chappies do:
Chappies are in the prevention and rescue business – helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown, low self-esteem and loneliness to drug abuse, depression and suicide. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in school communities.

In summary, Chappies do:
- Build positive relationships with students
- Foster a supportive, caring school community
- Work closely with other support staff and services to nurture and care for students
- Supports at-risk students through behaviour management programs
- Support staff and families from the wider school community
- Provide spiritual support and direction to the school community
- Run activities, school breakfasts and other programs for students.

For a chat with Chappy, please don’t hesitate to call her on 0414 457 451

**WINNER OF STATIONERY PACK**
Pomona Newsagency has advised us that Lauren Comber was the winner of the reimbursement of the value of her child’s stationery cost. Congratulations Lauren!

**THE HINTERLAND’S ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF LOCAL MUSIC**
A new team has stepped up to the plate to continue the unrivalled Cooran Acoustic Night. Entering its 27th year, this unique hinterland local music event is not to be missed. Saturday February 7th marks the first evening in the 2015 concert series. From 7pm in the Cooran Hall (King Street), musicians and performing artists from across the coast and beyond fill a chalkboard and deliver an eclectic concert to a respectful and family friendly crowd. The team welcomes the lovely chefs behind specialty food business ‘Better Food Better You’ who will be dishing up their culinary delights with affordable dinners and desserts. Entry is only $4 (kids free) and all genres and levels of experience are welcome. Find Cooran Acoustic Night on facebook for more details. See you there at 7pm on the 7th!

**ATTENTION CATHOLIC FAMILIES**

**First Reconciliation (Confession) Programme 2015**
(for children of Year 3 age and above)
will take place in Term 1.

To enrol in the programme please phone
Noosa District Catholic Parish Office before 9th February
on 5447 1188 during office hours
(Monday to Friday, 8am - Noon and 1pm – 4pm).
or email admin@noosacatholic.com

Best wishes,
Fr Mark Franklin
Parish Priest

**Noosa Touch Football Association**
Season 1 2015 Junior sign-on
Date: 4th and 11th February 2015
Venue: Noosa Touch Fields, Butler St Tewantin
Enquiries: noosatouch@gmail.com

**NOOSA SEA SCOUTS**
Looking for fun, adventure and excitement for your child? Would you like them to learn about leadership, team building, initiative, caring and sharing, kindness, and caring for the environment? Put the ‘OUT’ back into their lives by joining SCOUTS - camping, sailing, canoeing, hiking and abseiling. 5449 7747, scouting@noosaseascouts.com.au to learn more please visit http://www.scoutsqld.com.au/
VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2015

Booklist and Stationary Requirements for 2015

Each parent/caregiver’s responsibility is to provide the necessary materials and resources for their student’s education. To assist parents/caregivers with this Pomona State School provides a basic Booklist and Stationery List for each year level. Class teachers distributed in December/January their individual requirements to students designated for their class in order for parents/caregivers to source the required items.

The Voluntary Financial Contribution

Many additional items used for teaching and learning are unable to be listed on booklists for individual purchase. These items are purchased by classroom teachers utilising funds provided through a Voluntary Financial Contribution made by parents/caregivers. This includes a package of resources for the whole school year and covers the needs for all subject areas (excluding excursions and visiting performances).

The Voluntary Financial Contribution assists in providing students with a range of material and resources such as:

- printed class notes, worksheets and booklets
- computer resources
- materials for classroom projects
- class and library resources
- cooking requirements
- art and craft supplies, e.g. paint, glue, clay

The use of a Voluntary Financial Contribution contains costs for parents/caregivers and to ensure that all students have quality additional materials and resources for their education. As a school we are able to purchase supplies from in bulk at very competitive prices and GST free, thereby reducing the cost to parents/caregivers.

The Voluntary Contribution is supplemented by State Government funds received in the school’s annual grant.

Nominated Amounts For 2015

The Parents’ & Citizens’ Association and the School have agreed on the following nominated sliding scale amounts for families for 2015 to reduce the financial cost for multi-student families.

- 1 enrolled child: $60;
- 2 enrolled children: $85;
- 3 or more enrolled children: $110.

This amounts to approximately $1.20 per school week for one child. Parents/caregivers are requested to make their Voluntary Contribution by the commencement of Term 2, 2015 to enable the School in consultation with the Parents’ & Citizens’ Association to consider the funds received for appropriate expenditure.

Invitation

Our Booklist and Voluntary Financial Contribution is discussed at the Parents’ & Citizens’ Association September/October meeting each year. Parents/caregivers are invited to attend this meeting and express their opinions on the Contribution. A vote is taken at this meeting each year as to the continuation and nominated amounts of the Contribution.

Department of Education and Training Policy

The Voluntary Financial Contribution at Pomona State School operates under the policy and guidelines of the Queensland Department of Education and Training and within the requirements of the Education Act (General Provisions) 2006. A copy of this policy and guidelines is available from the school upon request.

If you wish to make Voluntary Financial Contribution, you should:

- Complete, sign and return to the office a Voluntary Financial Contribution form together with payment; a Contribution Form will have been emailed along with this Newsletter.
- Payment can be made over a number of weeks, eg. $10.00 - $20.00 per week/fortnight preferably throughout Terms 1 and 2.

Parents/caregivers will be issued with a receipt on payment of any Voluntary Financial Contribution.
Pomona & District Community House invites you to the first COMMUNITY CONNECT Morning Tea for 2015

BACK TO SCHOOL – HOW HOMEOPATHY CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BE HEALTHY WHEN THEY GET COUGHS AND Colds

Children on average experience colds 3 - 8 times a year. In the school environment these illnesses can run through the class like wildfire. Come and discover what you can do to support your child's immune system and improve their resilience to falling ill and enhance your resource toolkit for staying well.

Celeste Salter is a professional homeopath who is passionate about sharing her skills to help people take control of their health and wellbeing with confidence. A former research scientist at CSIRO, consultant engineer for the mining industry, university lecturer, and an advocate for women in engineering, Celeste now spends her time teaching the benefits of homeopathy.

Some of the topics she will address include:

- Enhance your understanding of the holistic approach to medicine
  - What is homeopathy?
  - How does it work?
  - How to choose a remedy

People all over the world use the homoeopathic approach as one of their main forms of health care. See how you too can use homeopathy at home and in particular for childhood illnesses. www.celestehomoeopath.com.au

Date: Wednesday 18th February 2015
Time: 9.30am – 11.00am
Venue: Lawson Shed, Pomona Community House, Pomona
Cost: $2.00 donation (includes Morning Tea)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: 5485 2427

What is Community Connect?
It is place to connect with new and old friends and to hear the stories and passions of some of the amazing and talented people who live in our local community.

If you are interested in being a speaker (a short presentation to the group of 20 - 30 mins, followed by questions) please come out of hiding and share your talents and interests with our community. You may have something you are passionately interested in, have a hobby that you'd like to tell others about, travelled widely and have some slides you’d like to show or run a small business that you’d like to promote. We welcome people of all ages.

Children’s Safety Australia Inc. presents
International Women’s Day
Children’s Safety Luncheon

In recognition of the strong connection between women's and children's rights, Children's Safety Australia Inc. is hosting an International Women's Day Luncheon with a focus on practical strategies to promote children's safety. Speakers include internationally renowned children's rights campaigner Professor Freda Briggs and accomplished author Tess Rowley.

VENUE: Pullman Brisbane King George Square
DATE: Monday, 9 March 2015
TIME: 9.30am (for a 10.00am start) – 2.00pm
COST: $60 (includes light morning tea on arrival and hot buffet lunch)
BOOKINGS: http://www.trybooking.com/GRXD
FURTHER INFORMATION: Refer to attached flyer and/or contact Kim Jackson via e: admin@childsafety.org.au or m: 0423 532 868

As highlighted in United Nations report, Women's and Children’s Rights: Making the Connection, the lives of women and children are tightly knit, as are their rights. Advocating for women’s rights has been essential to advancing the situation of women worldwide. The same holds true for the promotion of children’s rights and improvements in their ability to survive and thrive. However, if the rights of women and children are considered together, they can reinforce each other and make mutually supportive demands on society.

The event presents a valuable professional development opportunity for police, social workers, educators, youth workers, chaplains, guidance officers, parents, carers, grandparents and anyone with an interest in keeping children safe.

Kim Jackson
Director and Founder
Children’s Safety Australia
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SIGN ON DAYS
Wednesday 4th February 3.30pm - 5.00pm & Saturday 7th February 8am-10am
At Cooran Netball Courts (next to Cooran Football Field)
Competition for juniors through to 13 years

TRAINING
Wednesdays 3.30pm - 5pm
Cooran Netball Courts
Commencing Wednesday 11th February 2015

GAMES
Saturdays at Tewantin Netball Courts
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FOR ENQUIRIES
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**IMPORTANT!** Spaces are limited and minimum numbers are required for lessons to run.

**Option 1: Enrol Online**

Please enrol online via [www.musiceducationaustralia.com.au](http://www.musiceducationaustralia.com.au). It takes 2 minutes and you will receive a confirmation email confirming your enrolment.

**Option 2: Phone 1300 889 179**

If you don’t have access to the internet you can enroll by calling the Music Education Australia office on 1300 889 179.

**About Music Education Australia (MEA)**

MEA is Australia’s leading provider of school music tuition. We provide a wonderful opportunity for children to have quality group guitar and keyboard lessons at school.

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We hope you can support this program.

Yours sincerely,

John Brett, Operations Manager, Music Education Australia.

Phone: 1300 889 179 Email: info@musiceducationaustralia.com.au


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**“Come and play footy, become a Demon”**

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Located at corner of Pioneer Road and Pomona Connection Road, Pomona

**Saturday & Sunday 07th & 08th February, 10am – 2pm**

If you miss either of these days, see Sue at the Club on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm

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For more info contact Paul on 0417 003 166 or Sue 0410 065 004 or [pomonademons@hotmail.com](mailto:pomonademons@hotmail.com)

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**KIN KIN CREATIVE MARKETS**

The Kin Kin Creative Markets will be open on the first Sunday of every month in 2015. Our first market will kick off on Sunday 1 February 2015. The location is the Kin Kin Oval – just off main street. Cost to stallholders is $10 per stall. Please join us for a wonderful day with live music, food, great coffee and a variety of innovative and creative stalls. We are very proud of the quality and creativity our stallholders have to offer. A great day for all the family. Black Ant Gourmet is open for Breakfast and Lunch in the main street, or why not relax at the Country Life Hotel for a drink after visiting the markets. Nestled in the beautiful Noosa Hinterland with world famous retreats nearby, you just never know who you might meet in Kin Kin.

Please help us spread the story of Kin Kin, our wonderful town and markets and please feel free to share this message with your friends and contacts.

Hope to see you all on Sunday 1 February 2014.

Kind regards, Lizzie Palmer, Market Coordinator, 5485 4731, Please also visit us at: Community Web: Managed by Steve Tollis [https://www.inkinkin.net](https://www.inkinkin.net) Facebook: Managed by Anita Poteri [https://www.facebook.com/KinKinmarket](https://www.facebook.com/KinKinmarket)
School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.

For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-In-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9:00am AEDT 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEDT 18/12/15. Entry is open to all Yeetshare account holders aged 5-13 years who participate in CommBank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/ guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $22,245. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 26/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09887, ACT Permit No NP14/04342, Vic Permit No 14/5946, SA Permit No 714/2222.
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Coaches - Rob Schmitt and Renee Randall

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