Dear Parents/Carers,

With the all-important DAY 8 passing by, I can confirm that there will be no changes to our 13 classes at this present stage. If school enrolment continues to grow as it has in the previous years, we may look forward to more classroom teachers in future years.

School Leaders Badge Presentation
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.

School Parking
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 also NOT a pick up or drop off zone for students. This is a particularly dangerous area between 2:45 pm and 3:30 pm and is out of bounds to students. There is parking available to pool patrons down the hill through the gate. The main driveway access gate will continue to be closed for a period of time to ensure all pedestrian access to the school is through the designated access points. Please ensure you park in the designated pick up and drop off zones and that you and your children are crossing the road in a safe manner at the crossing. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

International Students
On Monday this week we were privileged to have 8 international students from the Bangkok International School in Thailand attend our school and assist in a number of classrooms. The students shared what it is like to live in Thailand, how they commute to and from school, what their homes look like and how different the Thai way of life is, to our students. There were many questions exchanged and all students thoroughly enjoyed their special class visitors.

Meet and Greet
We will be holding a meet and greet with school staff and the P & C on Tuesday 17th February from 4:30-5:30 pm in the undercover area. Please come along and have a friendly chat and sausage sizzle with the staff and P & C at Pomona State School.

Attendance
Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but it does little to improve learning. When making the most of education, the first step is to use every day at school. Some people say a few days away doesn’t matter.

Our school will help by monitoring attendance. Our supportive staff will let you know if your child is not at school or has any unexplained absences. If you do not want to go to school, it’s important to get help. See your child’s teacher or let them know there are some problems. They’ll work with you to help find a solution. They can put you in touch with our Chaplain or other support staff if specific needs arise. Remember you can leave a message on our ABSENCE LINE to let us know if your child will be away. The number is 5480 8260. ‘Some people say it’s only a few days, but it soon adds up.’

Shayway Sensory Garden
The garden opened during lunch breaks this week and we have had many students busy enjoying the sounds, touch and sight of this beautiful area in the school.

Regards
Alyson Covey
A/Principal
**DATE CLAIMERS!!**

**FEBRUARY**
- Fri 13th: Student Leader Badge Presentations on parade
- Mon 16th: P&C Meeting at 9am in the OSHC building
- Tues 17th: Meet & Gourmet Sausage Sizzle with P&C and school staff – 4.30 to 5.30pm in the undercover area
- Wed 18th: First Eco-Warrior meeting for the year – First break in the library
- Thurs 19th: Issue 1 Book Club orders due
- Fri 20th: Orders & payments for Year 6 shirts due

**MARCH**
- Mon 9th: P&C AGM at 6pm in the school library
- Fri 27th: Payment due for Digital Technology and Science ICAS Tests

**APRIL**
- Thurs 2nd: Last day of Term 1
- Fri 3rd: Good Friday public holiday
- Mon 20th: First day of Term 2
- Thurs 30th: Payment due for Writing and Spelling ICAS tests

**MAY**
- Tues 19th: Digital Technology ICAS Test

**JUNE**
- Wed 3rd: Science ICAS Test
- Fri 12th: Payment due for English and Maths ICAS tests
- Mon 15th: Writing ICAS test
- Tues 16th: Spelling ICAS Test

**LOST PROPERTY**
There are a large number of items in the Lost Property boxes, the majority of which is most likely left over from last year, but the pile has certainly grown already this year. Please ask your children to check the lost property box as if items are not claimed they will all be donated to a local charity very shortly.

**P & C NEWS**

**TUCKSHOP MENU REVIEW**
Nutrition Australia Qld has recently completed a review of our school tuckshop menu against the Smart Choices Healthy Food & Drink Supply Strategy for Qld Schools. We are pleased to report that we achieved an overall high standard, with the review making several recommendations on how we can gradually implement changes for improvement.

Some of these recommendations will be incorporated into an updated menu and price list that will be distributed and advertised soon. Our tuckshop coordinator Glenda Vassallo and P&C Executive hope to update the tuckshop menu each term, and welcome any constructive feedback and suggestions.

**TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS**
Helping out at our school tuckshop is a great way for parents to contribute to our school and get to know others in the school community. Volunteers are rostered on to help no more than one day per fortnight, so please see Glenda if you are able to help, even for just an hour or two.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Don’t forget that 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.

**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 psspandc@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 psspandc@hotmail.com

**REMEMBER**
Year 6 School Shirts
ORDERS/PAYMENT
Due Friday 20th February
TRY SIZES IN THE LIBRARY
ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2015

Each year we encourage students who are above average and enjoy academic challenges to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. This week all students in Years 2-6 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. They will be rated against thousands of students from all around Australia.

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

### Subject | Year Level | Cost | Payment Due | Test Date
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Digital Technology | 3-6 | $8 | Friday 27 March | Tuesday 19 May
Science | 2-6 | $8 | Friday 27 March | Wed 3 June
Writing | 3-6 | $17 | Thursday 30 April | Mon 15 June
Spelling | 3-6 | $11 | Thursday 30 April | Tuesday 16 June
English | 2-6 | $8 | Friday 12 June | Tuesday 16 June
Maths | 2-6 | $8 | Friday 12 June | Tuesday 11 August

EARTH SMART NEWS

Unfortunately, our recycling programs haven’t started yet, as we are relocating our compost bins and setting up a new and improved system, which takes time. Our environmental student group, the Eco-Warriors will hold their first meeting next week, despite our delays with composting. Students wishing to become Eco-Warriors will meet Mrs Lavender, the Coordinator, in the Resource Centre at first break next Wednesday, February 18.

Last year 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 100 students participated on this special day. Congratulations to 3SL who were the ‘Nude Food Champions’ in Term 4. Our next Nude Food Day will be held later this term. 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

“MAKE IT HAPPEN!”

International Women’s Day 2015.

Jody Allen from Stay at Home Mum will be the main speaker at the International Women’s Day Morning Tea hosted by the Pomona & District Community House on Saturday 7th March.

Jody Allen is the owner and founder of the facebook phenomenon, Stay at Home Mum. Jody started the facebook page from her home in Gympie in 2011 when she was made redundant whilst on maternity leave and had a mere $50 a week to spend on groceries. She started Stay at Home Mum so that she could share all her tips and hints on living simply. She wanted to make ‘being frugal’ cool!

Stay at Home Mum now has a massive 472,806 facebook followers and employs 40 staff in locations around Australia and one overseas.

Come and hear Jody’s story and find out how she “Made it Happen”.

Venue: Pomona Memorial Hall
Date: Saturday 7th March
Time: 9:30am – 12:00

Cost: $20.00 – includes the best morning tea ever! *

Special performance by the Doo Wop Dolls.

Every year the Community House donates the proceeds of our morning tea to charity. This year we are donating to ‘PANDA’.

PANDA is committed to a community where perinatal depression and anxiety are recognised and the impact on women, men and their families are minimised through acknowledgement, support and education. If you would like to donate to this charity, the link is https://www.mycause.com.au/payment/charity/55

2nd Speaker and Entertainment to be Confirmed.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Phone 5485 24227

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- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.
Welcome back to the new school year!
We hope you enjoyed the summer break, and are ready to get back into school life. After having a fantastic holiday, we are back on board and excited to see familiar faces returning – as well as some new faces.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into after school care.

**Tips for helping children (and parents) feel comfortable in after school care:**

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they'll be coming to After School Care.
2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to let us know.

**What we've been up to in the past fortnight!**
- Making insects and bush creatures from recycled materials
- Afternoon outdoor games and sports
- Children’s drawings and paintings to go with our Art gallery
- Started our Solar system

**What we have planned for the next fortnight!**
- Finishing our Solar System
- Our Rainbow Serpent Snake
- Start our Vegetable Garden

**Staff:**
Bianca is currently enjoying her holiday and soaking up the sun in Hawaii. Allen, Gaye and Taylah have been filling in for her. Thanks for Gympie, Buddina and Sunshine Beach Camp Australia’s for sharing their educators with us.

**Reminders:**
Please note that bookings for BSC and ASC should be done online with as much notice as possible. Cancellations should also be advised to our head office. Our staff members, food and resources are based on actual bookings. Once we have received our phone we will advise every one of our number and parents can contact Melissa Conley for information and any matters relating to children’s attendances.

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child.
If you have any questions about the program – please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in after school care first hand.
We look forward to seeing you soon.
The Camp Australia Team.

**Program Details**
To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)
Swimming Lessons
Term 1, 2015
- Classes available Mon – Fri afternoons and Saturday mornings
- 10 week block: 27 Jan – 4 April
- Total Cost $100 for 10 x 30min lessons (i.e. one lesson per week, per student)
- Enrol your children now - Spaces are limited. Payment is preferred in full to secure bookings.
  Complete an enrolment form and email to Carmen, contact details below.
- Private Swimming Lessons can be arranged directly with Carmen.

Holiday Intensive Program
- Swimmers attend ½ hour lesson each day Mon – Fri for one week
- Two times available:
  8:00 – 8:30am
  8:30 – 9:00am
- Wk 1: 7th to 10th Apr - $40
- Wk 2: 13th to 17th Apr - $50
- Register your interest at the pool with Carmen

Private Lessons
- regular ½ hour lessons by appointment
- $20 for 1 person, $30 for 2 people, $40 for 3-4 people

Contact:
Carmen 0401 360 274
carmenheitsrath@gmail.com
74 Station Street, Pomona
(150m past the Pomona Primary School main entrance)

Pomona Pool Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/PomonaSwimmingPool

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Hours of operation:
Mon to Fri: 5:30am - 8:30am; and 3:15pm - 6pm
Sat: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Sun: 9:00am - 4:00pm

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AQUA AEROBICS
Mondays 6:35am or Thursdays 6:30am

AQUA PILATES/COMBO
Wednesdays 5:15pm, Fridays 7:00am or Saturdays 8:00am
$10 per class or $90 for a 10 sessions Aqua Pass

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SEASON PRICING 3 Jan – 10 May 2015
General Admission for single entry:
- Family $12.00
- Adult $3.50
- Concession & Children under 12 $3.00

Season Pass:
- Family $250 pro rata
- Adults $125 pro rata
- Concession & Children under 12 $110 pro rata
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Where: Cooroy Library (Community Access Room)
Cost: $35/$30 Early Bird (includes all materials and morning tea)

Bookings/Enquiries: Call 0439708142 insideoutsidegreat@gmail.com

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Mums’ and Dads’ Comments

😊 “I feel great in control and totally overwhelmed at the changes in my sons behaviour.”
😊 “I’m a new person and see things differently now. I love you my happiness and sanity.”
😊 “I have more knowledge and skills to be in control. I am confident and believe in myself.”
😊 “The program has changed our lives for the better.”
😊 “Even though my son has been diagnosed with ADHD, he is much calmer now.”
😊 “We will definitely carry on what we have learnt & it will make a big difference in our home and in public.”

MYCP Nambour State School
Peta Cave and Tracy Green
Ph: 5459 0333
Mobile: 0457 883 200

A practical program for you and your child

Gympie Diggers FC are looking for new and returning players for the 2015 Soccer Season.

Training days are Thursdays, starting 5th March, for players from Under 6 – Senior Men and Women. All levels and abilities are welcome to our family friendly club.

Positive Parenting Program
Seminars 2015

The Positive Parenting Group aims to make parenting easier and more enjoyable. It offers suggestions and ideas on positive parenting to help you develop a positive relationship with your child and to help your child develop.

This group will cover:

- What is Positive Parenting?
- Promoting children’s development
- Causes of behaviour problems
- Managing misbehaviour

Level 1
Daytime: 9.30am - 11.30am
Dates: 24th Feb, 31st March, 2nd June
Evening: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Dates: 27th April

Venue:
Child and Family Health
Noosa Community Health
14 - 16 Bottlebrush Ave
Noosa Heads
Ph: 5449 5944

Please phone to register your interest in a group.
“ANZAC Dawn”
Written by David Crewe (from UK and living in Maleny)  
Composed and conducted by Paul Coppens (Buderim composer/conductor)

“ANZAC Dawn” is a musical drama for soloists, chorus and orchestra and will commemorate the role of the ANZACs in World War I. It will be the main evening attraction at the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show held in Nambour for performances on Friday 12, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 June 2015 and will be presented as an arena production. It has received financial support from the Queensland State Anzac Centenary Grants Programme and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, which is treating this project as their major Anzac commemorative event for 2015.

The work will require two brass bands as well as a 200-voice choir, with choruses for both male and female choirs. There will be opportunities for school children to perform in a trumpet/cornet group (approx. 60) and a (snare) drum group (approx. 60). There are solo acting parts as well as crowd scenes involving men, women and children. As a large chorus of equal male and female voices is required there is in particular a call for men to ‘enlist’ to sing in honour of the young men who went to war 100 years ago.

Public auditions for singers and actors will be held on the 28th February at the Nambour State High School from 10-1 and 2-4 with weekly rehearsals from March to May. There will be no need for auditions of students who are part of a school choir. There will be several rehearsal venues across the Sunshine Coast – venues and dates to be confirmed.

The Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show usually has attendances of between 5000 - 7000 each evening. As this project will be close to the hearts of most Australians, community support should be substantial. Publicity will reach the wider community and will feature each school and organisation involved.

We also need creative people with experience in music, theatre or marketing who would like to take on various roles in the management of this production. These are voluntary positions where expenses will be paid. Office space, telephone etc will be provided at the Sunshine Coast Council offices in Nambour or Caloundra.

For more information or to register your interest in this event please visit the website:

www.azac.dawn.com.au

Or contact:

Colleen South
Artistic Coordinator-Music

ANZAC DAWN
Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show 2015 June 12-14
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Email: anzacdawn@melbournephilharmonic.com.au  
Site:  www.azac.dawn.com.au

Supported by the Queensland State Anzac Centenary Grants Program and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council
June 2015

The main arena spectacular of the Sunshine Coast Show 2015 will be a new production - “ANZAC Dawn” commemorating Australia at war in the Centenary Year of the Gallipoli Campaign. We are looking for people who want to be part of this show.

The show needs YOU

If you would like to be a soldier, nurse, civilian, can sing too, or play an instrument. Please go to www.anzacdawn.com.au call 54454156 or e-mail anzacdawn@melbournephilharmonic.com.au

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