Dear Parents and Caregivers

Arrival Time at School
A reminder to all families that students should not be at school prior to 8:00am unless arriving by bus. Pomona State School has an Outside School Hours Care facility managed by Camp Australia, which starts at 6:30am in the morning and parents who need their children cared for prior to 8:00am (unless arriving by bus), should enrol their child at Outside School Hours Care. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Parent and Community Volunteers
Pomona State School students are very fortunate to have numerous grandparents, parents and community members who assist in classrooms across the entire school on a weekly basis. When visiting classes, I have seen the contribution of our volunteers in improving our students’ literacy and numeracy skills. Whether it is taking a group for literacy rotations, assisting in weekly swimming lessons, assisting students with reading or supporting classroom teachers and students in other ways, we really appreciate our volunteer support. I encourage all parents to become part of our classrooms through volunteering as your assistance really does make a difference.

Student Leaders
Congratulations to all our student leaders, sports captains, vice sports captains and class representatives. Thank you to Cr Tony Wellington for presenting our student leaders with their badges. Student leaders and their family members enjoyed a morning tea with Cr Wellington after the badge presentation. This was kindly organised by the Pomona State School P & C. Congratulations once again to all our student leaders, I look forward to watching you develop in your respective roles.

National Ride2School Day
Tomorrow Friday 13th March 2015 we’ll be celebrating the ninth National Ride2School Day event, where over 300 000 Australian students, just like ours will ride, walk or scoot to school. Following on from Senior Constable Rau’s talk at parade last Friday, please ensure your child has a properly fitted helmet to participate in National Ride2School Day. Attached to the newsletter are two articles to assist you in preparation for tomorrow – The ‘M’ Check and Helmet Fit Guide.

ANZAC Memorial Garden
We recently received notification that Pomona State School was successful in obtaining a grant of $13 205 for the construction of an ANZAC Memorial Garden. Construction of the memorial garden has commenced and we hope this will be completed by the end of Term 1 in preparation for our school ANZAC Day service on Friday 24th April at 9:00am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the key project managers Wayne Voss, Shaylene Brock, Viv Temple and Mick Byrne for their tireless effort in securing funds for this project.

Kind regards
Alyson Covey
A/Principal

Caring, Sharing and Achieving Together
P & C NEWS

2015 P & C EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
At the Annual General Meeting 09.03.2015 our new P&C executive committee for 2015 was formed. Matt Saunderson was re-elected President and Michelle Jackson re-elected as Secretary, with Nina Wilson being welcomed in as Treasurer, and Georgia Benson and Jaymie Suases accepting Vice-President positions. The 2015 executive committee looks forward to working together with other P&C members (old and new) on projects to benefit our school community this year.

It hardly seems enough, but a big thank you must go to outgoing Treasurer Jo Berridge and outgoing Vice-President Maddie Graham. They have both been on the P&C Executive Committee for many years, helping to successfully steer the P&C through numerous challenges, and have been directly involved with dozens of projects and the raising of money for a huge amount of extra resources for the school and school community. Our school is a better place for the years of effort put in by Maddie and Jo, and I’m sure the whole school community will join us in thanking them for all of the time and selfless hard work that they have volunteered to the school. Thank you again, Jo and Maddie.

NEW TUCKSHOP MENU
Just a reminder that we have a new tuckshop menu out, copies having been sent home with students and by email / with the newsletter. More copies are available at the tuckshop if you need one. Some price rises have been necessary to ensure our tuckshop is financially viable – the first significant rises for many years and the new prices are in line with other tuckshops - and prices have also been designed to encourage the healthier options. P&C plan to update the tuckshop menu each term, and welcome your feedback and suggestions by email: psspandc@hotmail.com

TUCKSHOP ORDERS
Glenda has also asked to remind everyone that hot food must be ordered by 9am each day, and sushi on Tuesday is to be ordered on the day before (Mondays).

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS
New volunteers are always welcome at our tuckshop to assist Glenda with food preparation and serving. 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.

DO YOU READ THE SUNSHINE COAST DAILY OR GYMPIE TIMES?
Don’t forget to cut out your tokens from the Sunshine Coast Daily and / or Gympie Times newspapers over coming weeks and add them to our collection box in the main office. The school with the most tokens collected per student by 5pm Monday 23 March will win a $5000 classroom makeover from Staples office supplies!

OUR NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
1PM MONDAY 23RD MARCH in the OSHC BUILDING

All welcome to attend and please email any agenda items you would like discussed to psspande@hotmail.com

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FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Voluntary Contribution
Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have to date contributed a total of $2,100 as part of the 2015 voluntary contribution scheme, which we have set a target for this year of $6,100. We are one third towards reaching our target. If you are unsure if you have made your 2015 contribution, please email/ask Rob (rjack96@eq.edu.au) in the office. 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL/EASTER RAFFLE

Next week the Eco-Warriors will start selling raffle tickets for their Environmental/Easter Raffle. Tickets will be sold outside the 1KL classroom every morning before school from next Monday. For more details, please see the letter which has been emailed along with this newsletter.

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Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills
Hosting - An Experience for Life
Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home
Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student or call 1300 135 331 for more information
All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local.
Our group of students covers a wide variety of interests and hobbies. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to your family.

WELCOME THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME

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Make a friendship that can last a lifetime. For more information please call your local AFS volunteer Kelly Mudford on 0448 065 990 or contact the AFS Hosting team on 1300 131 736 or visit www.afs.org.au/host to make an inquiry!

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

2015 IS TOMORROW!!!

Pomona State School will be celebrating National Ride to School Day with an active Travel day tomorrow. Come along with us and Ride Walk Scoot or Skate to School.

Students that walk or wheel to school feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day, are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day, feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

We will be having three levels of rides, easy, medium and longer/harder. Generally split into class groups of prep-grade 2, grade 3-4 and grade 5-6. All rides will start at Stan topper Park and finish at Pomona State School with a BBQ/Healthy breakfast available at school when your ride is completed.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students.

Any parents that would like to volunteer to help on the rides or with the end of ride BBQ please call Greg Long on 0417 766 926.

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It's time for
National RIDE to school day
2015

Come along for a morning of active fun!

Ride, scoot, skate or walk to school on Friday 13th March. We meet at Stan Topper Park and head to school on various routes depending on your year level. Afterwards there will be a BBQ for all participants at school. Come along for lots of fun and a chance to win a raffle prize!

Check below for the meeting times at Stan Topper Park.
**Group 1:** Prep to Grade 2 at 7.30am – gentle easy ride to school.
**Group 2:** Grade 3 to Grade 4 at 7.30am – a fun loop to School.
**Group 3:** Grade 5 to Grade 6 at 7AM – introductory MTB ride on one of our local trails.

If there are any parents or family members who could help on the day, cooking the BBQ, baking some muffins or just coming along on the ride, please contact Greg Long at Cognition in Tewantin on 0417 766 926.

Come along and have some FUN!

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POMONA MEALS ON WHEELS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **OFFICE**
- **DELIVERIES** (Cooran/Eumundi in particular)
- **DESSERT CHEFS**

Monday/Wednesday and Friday from 8am to 12pm
If you are able to help please call 5485 1777
Parents don’t forget Holidays are just around the corner come and see us for information on them and book your children in online.

If you have any ideas for the program please let us know so we can add it to our parents feedback form.

**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!**

- Friendship banner
- Parent business card board to promote businesses
- Gardening (The children have been watering and weeding it each day)
- Outside play
- Art & craft
- Board games
- Free Play

**What we have planned for the next fortnight!**

- Our friendship banner will be our ongoing project for term 1
- Starting our My Time Our place Project
- Our Philosophy

**Staff:**
Melissa, Bianca and Allen will be the staff on over the school holidays for holidays club.
Melissa will be going on holidays at the end of April and Bianca will be the coordinator for this week and Allen will be the assistant.

**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)
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So, how does it work?

STEP 1: Register your school
Visit gympietimes.com.au/classroom-makeover-registration to register your school’s involvement by 5pm Friday 27 February.

STEP 2: Collect tokens
Rally your school community to start collecting as many daily tokens as you can from The Gympie Times between Saturday 14 February to Monday 16 March.

STEP 3: Count your tokens
Register your final tally of tokens online at gympietimes.com.au/classroom-makeover-registration by 5pm Monday 23 March. Entries after this date will not be eligible.

At the end of the competition, the school with the most number of tokens per student will win a $5,000 classroom makeover from Staples™. All schools stand an equal chance of winning, as we’ll pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner!

So, what are you waiting for?
Visit www.gympietimes.com.au/classroom-makeover to download promotional posters to display around your school, and access tips on how to inspire the support of your teachers, students, parents, friends and family through your school newsletter, website and weekly parade.

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Apply now. 5 Scholarships available. 10% discount for students in the Sunshine Coast & Hinterland areas if book before 20 March. Use the discount code SCH20 to receive discount when registering.

Information and Registration: ethosfoundation.org/course/young_ethos_scholars
Contact: Morag Camble at Ethos Foundation 5494 4833, ethos@ethosfoundation.org

Supported by Griffith University, Sunshine Coast University and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council

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Pomona Community Table Tennis Group

COME AND PLAY AT POMONA STATE SCHOOL
Commencing 16th March 2015

The Pomona & District Community House Table Tennis Group invites all players - young and old - to come along and have some good fun, great exercise and laughter while striking the little white or yellow ball.

Pomona State School Main Hall, 74 Station Street, Pomona is the new venue for this new group. Tips and encouragement are on offer for the first hour of the night.

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VOLUNTEER CONTACT: BERNHARD
Ph: 5485 0888 or M: 0418 158 684
Pomona Early Childhood Centre

Pomona Early Childhood Centre is a long day care centre incorporating a Queensland Government approved Kindergarten program, delivered by University Qualified Early Childhood Teachers.

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Phone: 5485 1381”

where imagination moves mountains

KO-JI MARTIAL ART

Tues @5.30 & Thurs @ 6pm
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74 Station St, Pomona
Email: jkplumbing@bigpond.com
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