Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the last term of the year and welcome to all our new families who have joined us. WOW!! Hasn’t the year just flown by. This term is jam packed full of exciting events for you and your children to enjoy. We have the Grand Final of Pomona’s Got Talent on this Friday, with the winner then going on to perform at Pomona in the Park (November 26). We have the junior and senior swimming carnivals, surf awareness for years 5 and 6, our prep transition days for our new prep students in 2016 and the all-important Year 6 Graduation and end of year excursion. This term Ms Peta Cave is back, Ms Cave will be working every Friday for the rest of the year. Ms Cave is our behaviour specialist and will be working with teachers and students.

2016 CLASSES
It is important to understand that classes are planned with great care to provide:

- A balance of the range of academic abilities within each class and across classes
- A balance of students who have learning needs across classes
- A balance of students who are role models in each class and across classes
- Friendship groups

Classes once formed, are matched to teachers in the attempt to provide the best possible combination to ensure a successful and enjoyable year for all. Specific teacher or non-teacher requests are difficult and undermine our caring, sharing and achieving together ethos. It is difficult to meet individual requests when there are often over 25 students to consider in a class and we are a small school with a small student population. Composite classes are carefully designed and matched with highly experienced teachers. Shortly you will receive a yellow form regarding planning for 2016. If you wish to do so please complete this form and return it to the office. You can help us by providing information that focuses on friendships, good learning friends, learning needs or support only. We value all children and teachers so please be considerate when completing this form. Pomona State School staff work as a team to promote outcomes and have a strong level of collegiality and expectations about teamwork.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015
Thank you to all the families who have been collecting the Earn and Learn stickers for our school, we had a total of 668 completed sheets which is approximately 40 000 stickers!!! We are waiting to hear back from the program as to what this equates to in a dollar value. In previous years the school has received over $1000 worth of resources from Modern Teaching Aids.

STUDENT COUNCIL/EARLY ACT
Congratulations to all the students who supported the Student Council Early Act Club by wearing their pyjamas on the last day of term. Your gold coin donation help raise $234 towards our target of $1000 for a Shelter Box. Look out for the next exciting fundraiser from the Student Council Early Act Club.

HATS
Please ensure your child has a broad brimmed school hat at school every day. Broad brimmed school hats are available for purchase from the uniform shop for $10. Our school promotes being sun safe with the wearing of broad brimmed hats and sunscreen at all times when children are outside of the classroom, this includes HPE specialist lessons, lunch play times, camps and school excursions. Coming into summer it is imperative that all students are wearing a broad brimmed hat.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING PREP IN 2016?
Our school wants to ensure your child and family enjoy a warm welcome to our community and a positive start to school. A successful transition to school is more than a great first day. It is your child feeling welcome, safe and confident in their new school environment. Please contact our Deputy Principal, Mrs Barbara Harch on (07) 5480 8222 to discuss how we can support your child’s transition to school.

LOST PROPERTY
There is a growing mountain of lost property that is located outside of the tuckshop. There are numerous jumpers and winter clothes which need to be claimed before the end of term. Unclaimed items will be washed and sorted, items to be donated, stored or to be given to the uniform shop and sold as second hand uniforms. If you believe your child has misplaced their belongings please check this space.

SWIMMING
Term 4 Swimming will commence in Week 2.

 Cheers,
Alyson Covey
Principal

Thank you parents and caregivers for being vigilant regarding your child’s health. While it is a priority for your child to attend school every day, we appreciate that there are times when unwell children are best kept at home for both their own and their classmates benefit.
Voluntary Contribution
Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have to date contributed a total of $5,700 as part of the 2015 voluntary contribution scheme, which we have set a target for this year of $6,100. We are almost at 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, Environmental Education and Gifted & Talented.

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.

Student Banking
Student banking day is Thursday. If you can remind your students to pop into the office Thursday afternoon to collect their bank books, that would be great. We have had an increase in the last couple of years of accounts opened and deposits made. Each new account opened results in the Commonwealth Bank of Australia making a $5.00 donation to the school, as well as a % commission of each deposit over $1.00. If you would like an information pack, pop into the office.

P & C NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT AT COOROY RSL SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
Come along to Cooroy RSL this Saturday night (10th October) for a fun night of trivia! Tickets are $20 each and include dinner (from 6pm) and trivia (from 7pm). See the advertisement in this newsletter for more details. For bookings please email P&C at: psspandc@hotmail.com

MANAGING BULLYING AT SCHOOL
The issue of bullying and how to manage it is an important one faced by many students and their families in all schools, including ours. In response to this, our P&C would like to open a discussion on this topic at our next meeting, with a view towards promoting understanding throughout the school community about ways to respond to incidents of bullying, the supports and programs available and exploring new strategies / resources our school could use to address this issue. If you would like to be part of this discussion please come along to our next P&C meeting (9am Monday 12 October), or email your comments to us at psspandc@hotmail.com

POMONA IN THE PARK MEGA-RAFFLE – DONATIONS WELCOME!
Preparations are now underway for our annual Pomona in the Park Mega Raffle. Tickets for this raffle will go on sale in coming weeks, with multiple prizes to be drawn at Pomona in the Park (November 26). If you or someone you know is a local business owner who would like to donate a prize to our raffle, please contact us at psspandc@hotmail.com. Prize donors are acknowledged throughout the promotions of this raffle, making this a good opportunity to also publicise your business to the school and broader community!

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE – VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!
Our final sausage sizzle at Gympie Bunnings for the year will be held on Saturday November 7th. Volunteers are required to help from 9am – 4pm, so please contact us at psspandc@hotmail.com if you are able to spare an hour or two. Those who volunteered at our last Bunnings sausage sizzle can testify that this isn’t hard work but actually quite a fun and social event, and any help will be much appreciated.

OUR NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE AT 9AM MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER in the Outside School Hours Care Building

Please email any agenda items to psspandc@hotmail.com
All welcome to attend!
**DATE CLAIMERS**

**OCTOBER**
- Fri 9th: Pomona’s Got Talent Grand Final – at Friday morning parade
- Sat 10th: P&C Trivia Night
- Mon 12th: P&C Meeting at 9am in the Outside School Hours Care building
- Mon 19th: Pupil free day
- Fri 23rd: Book Club orders due

**NOVEMBER**
- Sat 7th: P&C Fundraising Bunnings BBQ – volunteers needed
- Thurs 26th: Pomona in the Park

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

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**COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE – PLEASE READ**

A great big Thank You to the students who are regularly banking each week and scoring some amazing rewards. Keep up the great work!

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item. Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

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**PUPPIL FREE DAY - Monday 19**

**October 2015**

Camp Australia have opened bookings for the Pupil Free Day on Monday 19th October 2015.

To book your child into care, please log into the parent portal at www.campaustralia.com.au or call our Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 for assistance.

New families can register by going online and creating an account. Just enter your school name and instructions will be provided on how to register.

*Please note that we must receive a minimum of 18 bookings for the Pupil Free Day to go ahead. Please ensure that you book in before 11/10/15. If we have not received the required number of bookings parents will be notified on 12/10/15.*

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**HAVE YOU LOST YOUR BINOCULARS?**

A pair of binoculars were left in the school hall after the Book Week parade last term. (I presume they were a part of someone’s costume.) If they are yours, please come to see Sandy in the library.

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**COORAN ACOUSTIC NIGHT**

The next Cooran Acoustic Night is on Saturday October 10th. Our community has been ecstatically celebrating the achievements and talents of 21 year old Jimmy Davis, who is blowing audiences away as a top 20 contestant in Channel 7’s X Factor series. And rightly so, he’s a local, young artist with exceptional musical talent. Stages like the Cooran Acoustic Night exist primarily to support emerging artists in discovering their love of music, their skills as songwriters and their confidence as performers. It truly is a privileged seat to be part of an audience that bears witness to the process of artistic development that unfurls in people, like Jimmy and many others, who have graced the Acoustic Night stage over the last 27 years. If you haven’t been to the Cooran Acoustic Night, please understand it’s quite different from X Factor. Of course, Dannii Minogue and James Blunt won’t be there (thankfully), and neither will hype, critique or judgement. What you will find is a friendly crowd, a respectful audience, an affordable dinner and a chalkboard full of artists with all the raw emotion of performance nerves, give-it-a-go attitudes and big talent on a humble stage. Be there at 7pm, the Cooran Hall on King Street, $4 at the door.

Cooran Acoustic Night is on Facebook.
KIDS TEACHING KIDS – ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

Late last term, ten very excited Year 6 Eco-Warriors recently attended the Target 2015 Kids Teaching Kids Environmental Conference at the Lake Kawana Community Centre. Over 300 children representing twenty-two schools from the Sunshine Coast participated in the two day event. It was a fantastic opportunity for local schools to showcase their environmental initiatives to other schools in the region.

Our students came away from the event with new skills and knowledge about environmental issues. They attended numerous workshops hosted by other schools and presented their own workshop about environmental games called Eco-Games. The ten children used many of their lunch hours to invent and create their own environmental games. The games were designed to teach conference participants about sustainability, wildlife and habitats on the Sunshine Coast. Some of the games used recyclable materials and others were upcycled.

The students also participated in a field excursion to the Green Hills Precinct in Maleny. During their time in Maleny, they enjoyed restoration planting, learned how to identify native wildlife and listened to local Indigenous people share important information about their culture. The students who attended Kids teaching Kids are very keen to pass on what they learned to their peers. Thank you to Mel Long and Mandy Botterell for helping transport our future environmental leaders to the Conference.

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, pictured right, (Pierce H, Alex N, Kate H, Bianca O and Emma S) all performed well at their very first Maths tournament and gained third place in the Year 4 competition.

A terrific effort from the Year 5 team, pictured left, (Angus E, Lachlan N, Curtis D, Floyd M and Parker D) saw them take second place in the Year 5 competition.

The Year 6 team, pictured below (Brayden F, Rourke R, Sam S, Kale H and Kristy Bowen were outstanding in their competition and as a result of their great team work, they gained first place!

Overall, it was a very successful tournament for Pomona State School. We placed second behind Tewantin State School and a difference of two points separated us.

A number of our students achieved 100% in the individual section of this tournament and were presented with a certificate acknowledge their wonderful result. The following students received this special award; Pierce H, Emma S, Sam S, Kale H Brayden F. Well done to you all!

Our school is very proud of our students’ tremendous efforts! A big thank you goes to Alison Hannay and Yeni Ho for providing transportation, as well as supervision for our students at this great event.

Kathy Lavender
Eco-Warrior Coordinator and Enrichment Teacher
NEWS FROM YEAR 4 STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR FIRST CAMP.

“Our trip to Maranatha could not have been better. The bus trip was crazy because we were so excited about our first school camp. The jungle ropes were the best of all because you felt as though you were going to fall off the tight rope, but you were actually connected to an abseiling harness.” by Bianca O

“We had performances at night and an Indigenous Australian came in and told us some stories about hunting and his traditional way of life. The rock climbing was very challenging because it was quite steep and required a lot of balance.” By Kate H

“My favourite activity was the rock climbing. Even though I sprained my foot I still went. At first I thought that I wouldn’t be able to climb the 12m high wall, but I managed to get about 8m high using two hands, one foot and a knee. I think that next year’s camp will be even better and I hope I’m not injured for next year’s camp.” By Cameron B

“My favourite part about camp was the indigenous man coming in to tell us stories. He told us an ancient story about the brown-bellied sea eagle and how to tell which fish was the lead fish. He also showed us the club and the shield that the Gubbi Gubbi tribe used. He showed us kangaroo fur and a turtle nut which is poisonous but tells the indigenous people when the turtles are out.” Thomas A

“On Thursday night we had a disco/ talent show and it was the funniest thing ever. My friends and I entered the talent show and did an acrobatic type of dance. It was awesome.” By Malika W

“I had the best time ever because we had yummy food like apples for morning tea and nachos for lunch. Everything was so much fun and the food was delicious.” By Emma S

“I had the best time ever because we had yummy food like apples for morning tea and nachos for lunch. Everything was so delicious. I had such a great time and can’t wait until next year’s camp.” By Annabelle G
CHAPPY CHAT

I heard a story yesterday about a man who wheeled past his boss a wheelbarrow full of his own tools and a pile of bark which he had purchased to take home for his garden. The boss asked him what he was trying to steal in the wheelbarrow, so he made the man tip out the contents of the wheelbarrow on to the ground. All he found was the man's own tools under the pile of bark. Each night the man would do the same and the boss would get him to tip it all out on the ground, but every night the boss found only the man's tools under a pile of bark. This frustrated the boss who said to the man, "Look, I know you are up to something but I don't know what. If you tell me what you are stealing I will not punish you, I promise, I just want to know." The man looked at his boss, and with a big smile on his face he said: "Wheelbarrows!"

Well, guess what, I have a wheelbarrow which I didn't get cheaply from that man, I actually got it for free from True Value Hardware in Pomona.(Thank you so much, it saved me buying one from that man above). This wheelbarrow will be full of non-perishable groceries for Christmas for some blessed family to win - well, at least it it will be if you help me fill it!

Please drop your gift of non-perishable goodies at reception and we will have it full in no time.

I will be sending a few tickets home with each child in November so please make sure you grab some. As the old, but true saying goes: you have to be in it to win it!

Thank you for your support in advance!

Results from our RED and YELLOW Fundraising Day for Chaplaincy: Thank you to all, we raised $142.90!

Blessings, Chappy Paulette

NOTICE FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS

If your child is in year 3 to 6 and needs to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Confession, Communion you are invited to attend one of the following parent meetings in October.

Please contact the parish office on 5447 1188 or email admin@noosacatholic.com to register and to receive information about the meetings in October 2015.

Meeting Dates for Parents:
Monday 26th Oct 1.30pm St Thomas More Church Sunshine Beach
Monday 26th Oct 7pm Tewantin Catholic Church
Wednesday 28th Oct 1.30pm St Thomas more Church Sunshine beach
Thursday 29th Oct 5.30pm Tewantin Catholic Church.

Please mark one of these meeting in your diary. It is vital for you to attend one of these meetings for your child to receive the sacraments in 2016.
Pomona State School P&C

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 10th October at Cooroy RSL
5:30pm (meals at 6pm, trivia starting at 7pm)
Cost $20 per person - includes a meal
Raffle and prizes
Tables/teams of 4-8 people
Get your team together, create a team name
- we’re looking for the best dressed team

Please email the P&C directly at psspandc@hotmail.com to book
Supporting your child’s successful transition to Prep Parent and Family Workshop

The Transition, Innovation and Partnerships team, from the Department of Education and Training’s North Coast Region, would like to invite parents and families to hear some practical advice on how to support your child to successfully transition into formal schooling. These workshops are designed for parents and families whose child will be attending Prep in State Schools in either 2016 or 2017.

Place: Chancellor State College, Scholars Drive, Sippy Downs
Date: Wednesday 4 November 2015
Time: Either 10 -11.30am or 4 – 5.30pm

Tea and coffee will be supplied.

As this workshop is aimed at adults please, where possible, organise for your child/children to be cared for elsewhere to enable you to better focus on the presentation.

RSVP: By: Thursday 29 October 2015
Email: michelle.reber2@dete.qld.gov.au
Phone: 53529261
Positive Parenting Program seminars

At Noosa Community Health

The Positive Parenting Program 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 seminar will cover:
- What is Positive Parenting?
- Promoting children’s development.
- Causes of behaviour problems.
- Managing misbehaviour.

Please phone to register your interest in a seminar.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service

Great State. Great opportunity.

VENUE:
Child and Family Health
Noosa Community Health
14 – 16 Bottlebrush Ave
Noosa Heads

Ph: 5449 5944
Welcome back to term 4 everyone. Hope you had fantastic holidays.

Last school holidays our service got Assessed and Rating and I am very excited about our final results and would like to thank anyone who was a part of receiving these results.

QA 1 – Educational Program and Practice: Meeting National Quality Standard
QA 2 – Children’s Health and Safety: Meeting National Quality Standard
QA 3 – Physical Environment: Exceeding National Quality Standard
QA 4 – Staffing Arrangements: Exceeding National Quality Standard
QA 5 – Relationships with Children: Exceeding National Quality Standard
QA 6 – Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities: Exceeding National Quality Standard
QA 7 – Leadership and Service Management: Exceeding National Quality Standard

Final Overall Rating: **Exceeding National Quality Standard**

**Staff:**

Melissa is having a baby and will finish up for Maternity Leave at the start of 2016 and will return in early 2017.

Tamara has been working over holiday Club and each afternoon as the assistant so everyone will see her face around the school a lot. Tamara is fully qualified and has been really enjoying working with school age children 🌼

**What we’ve been up to in the past fortnight!**

**School Holidays:**
- City Scape Designer
- Excursion to inflatable world
- African Masks Incursion
- Passports Incursion
- Davo’s Aussie rues
- Pacific adventure
- Construction of landmarks Incursion
- Excursion Movies Oddball
- Silk Painting incursion
- Getting ready to go back to school

**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 everyone 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)
Come and learn about our stingless native bees with local expert Chris Fuller from Kin Kin Native Bees. This group promotes and educates on the conservation of native bees, as well as the valuable products and services provided by them.

Rachel Lyons (Noosa Landcare & Wildcare Australia) will discuss the mysterious and little understood insectivorous microbats. We will learn about our local species and their ecological importance.

**Trigona hockingsi with full pollen baskets**
Photo: www.nativebees.com.au

**Mormopterus rydai**
Photo: Rachel Lyons

**WHEN**
Thursday 15 October 2015
5 - 7pm

**WHERE**
Rural Futures Centre
Pavilion St, Pomona

**COST**
Free for NDLG Members
Free for Bushland Carers
$10 for non-members

**RSVP**
by Monday 12 October 2015
P: (07) 5485 2468
E: info@noosalandcare.org

**OTHER**
Limited to 40 people
Light refreshments provided
Sunshine Coast
Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Training

Join Good Sports to undertake RSA Training...

Training Topics
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- Standard drinks
- Categories of licenses
- Breaches of obligations
- Commissioner’s Role
- The Liquor Licensing Act
- Your legal responsibilities
- Dealing with problem patrons
- Strategies for responsible service
- Notices, fees, minors, entertainment

About Good Sports
The Australian Drug Foundation’s Good Sports program has been working with community sports clubs for over a decade to reduce the harm associated with excessive alcohol use by club members and fans. Nationally, more than 7,000 sporting clubs are enrolled in the program with many reporting positive impacts as a consequence.

For more information about the Good Sports program, visit Goodsports.com.au.

Cost $77pp (gst inc)

Click Here to Enrol
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Event Details

Date: 29th October (Thursday)
Time: 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Venue: Nambour Showgrounds – Scout Hall (building 17)
Coronation Ave
Nambour QLD 4560

Enrol By: 15th October 2015
(And Pay)

Contact: Grant Brown
0488 093 965
grant.brown@adf.org.au
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When: Friday 16 October – Friday 4 December
Where: Cooroy Eumundi Cricket Club, Mary River Road, Cooroy 4563
Contact: John Hope on 0408 965 263
Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm Age: 7-12 years
Cost: $125 includes hat, shirt, bag and Milo

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Phone: 0448 835 108 or 0431 386 333
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Positions are available for the pre-prep group in 2015, for children who are born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.
Phone: 5485 1381”

“where imagination moves mountains”

KO-JI MARTIAL ART
Tues @5.30 & Thurs @ 6pm
Instructor:   Jason
Pomona State School Hall
74 Station St, Pomona
Email: jkplumbing@bigpond.com
Mob:  0409 611 531    Ph/fax: 5442 5760

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