Dear Parents/Caregivers,

2016 CLASSES
I am very pleased to inform our school community that in 2016 we will be increasing to 14 classes. There will only be one multi-age class and 13 straight year level classes. The extra class will be in the upper year levels allowing for reduced class sizes in years 4 to 6.

DISCO! DISCO!
Pomona State School offers many structured lunch time activities for our students. Did you know every Wednesday at first break play our Preps to Year 3 have a disco. Mrs Allison Page is the best DJ and uses our sound system like a professional. The doors open and the students are ready to dance; motivated to give their best moves by the music and video clips that Mrs Page has on file. The students thoroughly enjoy these dance sessions.

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. Please apply sunscreen also to your child/ren before attending school in the morning.

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. We have our last Prep transition day on Thursday 5th November. Please contact Mrs Barbara Harch on (07) 5480 8222 to discuss how we can support your child’s transition to school.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL
As part of being prepared for an emergency please be advised that the school will also be undertaking an Emergency Evacuation Drill within the next fortnight. This will be a joint exercise with the Pomona QFES.

CHESS
The annual Pomona School Chess Tournament is progressing well. The computer Lab has been ‘buzzing’ with excitement, as chess enthusiasts enjoy playing one of the oldest and most popular games in the world. Tournament Games are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Computer Lab.

CRAZY CLOTHES DAY
The Early Act Student Council is holding a CRAZY CLOTHES DAY on Friday 13th November. A gold coin donation will be collected by the Early Act Student Council members as they are raising money towards an upgrade of the senior playground equipment. A new Senior Playground is something that the Year 5 and 6 students identified to the School Improvement Unit reviewers who spoke with the students early in Term 3. The school and P & C are also looking into different grant schemes to help turn this ambitious venture into a reality for our senior students.
STAN TOPPER BURSARY
Year 6 students will be receiving information regarding the Stan Topper Bursary. The information students will be receiving details the application and interview process. The successful student will be awarded the Bursary at Year 6 Graduation. If you would like your Year 6 child to participate in the Stan Topper Bursary please sign and return the permission form.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Graduation will be on Wednesday 9th December. More details will follow once the evening has been finalised.

POMONA IN THE PARK
This exciting extravaganza will be held on Thursday 26th November in Stan Topper Park. This will be my first Pomona in the Park experience and I’m looking forward to the night as I’ve heard so many wonderful stories. All classes are very busy rehearsing their performances, with plenty of frantic teachers sourcing all different bits and pieces for their creative back drops and costumes.

P & C are once again organising the monster raffle, if you or someone you know is a local business owner who would like to donate a prize to our raffle, please contact the P & C 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!

REPORT CARDS
Report cards will be sent home on Thursday 10th December with students.

CHAPPY’S WHEELBARROW HAMPER RAFFLE
Don’t forget to please bring in a non-perishable food item with at least 6 months to go on the use by date for Chappy’s Wheelbarrow Hamper. All items can be placed in the box in the office foyer. This will be a Monster Hamper if every student just brings in one item to donate to the hamper. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards Chaplaincy services within our school.

Just a reminder with the weather warming up that snakes will be and are on the move. Please talk to your children about keeping safe if they see a snake. Several snakes have already been relocated from within the school grounds.

Cheers,
Alyson Covey
Principal

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Absenteeism
Thank you to all the parents who are making good use of the Absence Hotline magnets and ringing when your child is away. These were sent home with your child in Term 2 – if you need another one, please don’t hesitate to ask for a replacement.

It is really important if your child is going to be away that you inform the front office either by dropping in, emailing (admin@pomonass.eq.edu.au) or ringing the absence hotline (5480 8260) to inform the school.

The workload on the front office desk is huge and having to chase up “unexplained absences” is taking the staff away from other important duties.

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.

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

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! contd…….
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.

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, P&C would like to explore options to improve our school community’s understanding of this problem, the supports and programs available and possible 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 (6pm Monday 16 November), or email your comments to us at psspandc@hotmail.com

DISCOUNTED DREAMWORLD / WHITELAND WORLD TICKETS
P&C have been given another opportunity to purchase bulk discounted Dreamworld / WhiteWater World Season Pass tickets as a school fundraiser. These tickets will be available for only $69 each for children / pensioners, and $89 each for adults, allowing unlimited entry to the Gold Coast theme parks Dreamworld and WhiteWater World (as well as the Skypoint Observation Deck) until 24 December next year. This represents a significant saving on normal gate prices for Season Passes ($119 for children / pensioners and $139 for adults).

We need a minimum order of 20 tickets to get this special price and will have to finalise the order by Friday 27 November. If you are interested or would like more information, please email P&C at: psspandc@hotmail.com before 27th November (specifying how many and what type of tickets you require). If we reach a school total of 20 or more orders by that date, we will confirm this with you and advise repayment, which will be due by 4th December.

FUNDRAISING MONEY – WHERE DOES IT GO??
Thank you to everyone who has been involved in our fundraising activities so far this year. At a recent P&C meeting it was decided to donate $2500 of this money to the school for new desktop computers for the computer lab, and $500 for new readers for our Prep classes. At our next P&C meeting we will be discussing further allocations of our fundraising money, so please come along to be part of these discussions or email your suggestions to us at psspandc@hotmail.com

OUR NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE AT 6pm MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER in the School Library

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

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

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PIANO LESSONS
Chris Kurylowicz Piano Lessons

I have a current blue card and have various before and after school availability. I try to structure each lesson for each student depending on level. Adult students also welcome.

One on one lessons, $30/half hour, but can be negotiable depending on circumstances. Longer lessons also available.

Sms 0448 159 882 and leave short message and I will call you back when free or Email: pianomanck@gmail.com
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Check out my videos!
Leave short message and contact details.

CHAPPY'S WHEELBARROW RAFFLE
A reminder that we need loads more to fill our wheelbarrow! Please drop off your donation at reception so we can start a great raffle for Christmas very soon.
Blessings.
Chappy
Students are rehearsing, parents are helping with costumes and teachers have planned a line-up of acts to showcase the talent we have at Pomona State School. The Arts are alive! What for, you may ask? Yes, it is the time of year when Pomona is able to sit back as the students of Pomona State School say thank you for the community support they have received this year.

Lights, Cameras Action! Thursday November 26th the Pomona State School's annual community event ‘Pomona in the Park’ is on again. Family and friends from across the hinterland will once again converge on Stan Topper Park with their picnic rugs and hampers for an evening of fun and entertainment that culminates in a spectacular fireworks display.

Generous sponsorship by our major sponsors, Pages Furnishers and IGA Pomona, allow the students the opportunity to perform with the support of professional sound and lighting technicians and to showcase their achievements in The Arts, whilst the Lions keep everyone’s stomach full with a wonderful BBQ. The Pomona State School P&C Association is running a Mega Raffle. To be one of the winners, purchase your tickets prior to or during the evening but don’t miss out. The prizes are drawn throughout the concert.

The “show” commences at 5:30, so bring your rugs and cameras to Stan Topper Park on the evening of November 26th for an entertaining evening of song and dance.

WELCOME TO CHAPPY’S NEW LIBRARY FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

Chappy’s library is something I started 8 years ago at school only it wasn’t called Chappy’s Library then. The books I purchased from Focus on the Family were a part of the Parents’ Library. When I was a parent I would have been ever so grateful to have had a Chappy’s Library at my children’s school but alas there was no such thing. So I am now living the dream of being able to source many helpful books for our parents here at school.

I want to give you a bit of an insight into the types of books that are on the shelves right now. I have chosen The Complete Secrets of Happy Children by Steve Biddulph, one of the world’s best-known family psychologists (published by Harper Collins - so it must be good!) If there is a secret that I don’t know about I sure want to find out what it is! We all know a lot of stuff but we can’t know everything there is to know.

My observations:

What I do know is that it doesn’t take long for a little one-year old who can barely stand let alone walk to learn bad behaviour habits. Recently while visiting a family I noticed their tiny one-year-old daughter had already learned how to throw a ‘tanty’ along with the full body language including the stamping of her tiny feet, in protest of her mother not picking her up quickly enough. I could see the strain on Mum’s face as she hurled her daughter up onto her hip. I learned that this was happening all day long and Mum was just about to break. This little one was quickly learning this behaviour from her three-year-old sister who learned from her sister, who learned from her brother who learned from his brother...

So what does the book say:

I’ll jump right in at chapter 3: Firmlove (In other words, discipline)

Disciplining your kids can make your life run a lot smoother but there is more to it says the author: we don’t discipline our kids only for our own sakes - just to have law and order. If you want an orderly life, you don’t have kids, he says. The real purpose of discipline is to teach children to operate happily and easily in the world. Without some parental firmness, children don’t develop inner control, and just keep on acting like two-year-olds, even when they are five, fifteen, twenty-five. Without discipline a child’s life is a mess. Parents who let children do as they like will severely disable them for living in the real world...

Now, that’s no secret to me or you, I’m sure. The real secrets are revealed in the pages that follow: A Whole New Approach; The Three Tricks of Getting Cooperation; Prevention; Confronting; Having Likeable Kids One Goal at a Time, are just a few headings.

There are 297 pages and lots of great information to learn and share. And we have only one copy so reserve it right now.

Remember, Chappy’s reviews are lifted straight out of the books.

Enjoy.

Chappy
MUSIC CAMP
Beginners’ Music Camp was a great success for 90 young musicians from eight local state schools. The musicians, both string ensemble and concert band, rehearsed 4½ hours a day although they also had extra fun activities. Canoeing was the highlight followed by the double water slides and other water pools. Orienteering was set out around the camp grounds. Of course the food was delicious. Morning teas were fantastic with yummy chocolate chip and Anzac biscuits and slices and cakes for afternoon teas. Our students represented Pomona SS with their good behaviour. The evening concert attracted a large audience filled with parents and other family members.

Miss Patti Collis
Instrumental Teacher

POMONA SCHOOL MUSICIANS WHO ATTENDED THE MUSIC CAMP
L to R: Dan K, Malika W, Bianca O, Kate H, Patrick H, Sam H and Cameron B

Year 7 in 2016 at Noosa District High?

You are invited to join us on our 2016 Ski Trip in the September school holidays.

Cost is approx. $1400 which includes transport, meals, ski & clothing hire and daily lessons.

Please contact Mr Marty Stieger or Miss Leigh Mack at the Pomona campus on 5480-8111 or email lmack76@eq.edu.au
Hi Pomona Families,

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**

What we’ve been up to in the past fortnight!
Art & Crafts for the room
Gardening – Our garden will be getting new plants soon 😊
Free play Outside & In
Masks
Japanese Kites
Halloween Craft
Dress Ups
Homecorner

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)
20th Anniversary
Family Fun Day
Saturday 7th November 9.30am - 1.00pm
Lawson Shed, Memorial Avenue Pomona
Billy T Bush Band
Free Sausage Sizzle  Cold drinks to purchase
Lucky draw prizes

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Fun Activities for Kids
Face Painting
Balloons & Bubbles
Jumping Castle

ALL FREE!

For Information call 5485 2427

Rooftop Cinema
@ Cooroy Library

Friday 6th November
Movie starts from 6.30pm

Starry Nights Outdoor Movies
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Soils 101

Soils!

What is it and why do we need it?
Where does it come from?
What are the features of healthy soil?
Why does it need to be healthy?

Join Peter Davies, geologist and soil scientist, an expert in ecological recovery and paleo-environmental reconstruction, and lecturer at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Many of our attendees have requested a workshop on soils. Please join us for our final workshop in this, the International Year of Soils 2015.

International Year of Soils 2015

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Thursday afternoons
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“Our mission is to provide quality early childhood education in a safe, secure, warm & nurturing environment.

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
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