Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope you are all enjoying the term. I certainly have been enjoying my Long Service Leave. This is just a short note to let you all officially know I will not be returning to the school at the end of my leave in July. After 40 years teaching I have decided to hand over the reins and retire.

I started teaching at Gladstone South in 1975 and after stints at Boyne Island, Dingo, Frenchville and Crescent Lagoon in Rockhampton, Stanwell, Ridgelands, Woorabinda and Pomona, I feel qualified to say that the Pomona State School community has no better, in this state. Our students, staff and parents are “standouts.” I am grateful to have spent the last five years here.

I would like to thank you all for your support and friendship since I have been here. My thanks in particular to the P&C Executive, past and present, and all P&C members, for their time and effort in supporting the school, and their friendship. Please keep supporting them and the school.

I wish you all, “all the best” for the future.

Mick Byrne
Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that well set them up for success in the later years of school. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results.

If your child is absent please contact the office via the absentee line on 5480 8260 with the reason and duration of absence.

Please ensure your child attends school on their birthday if it falls on a school day, as having a day off school for your birthday is not a reasonable excuse. Attached to this fortnight’s newsletter is our schools attendance policy with helpful links in the resource section. This attendance policy has been endorsed by our school P & C.

Look out in next fortnight’s newsletter for information on our Term 3 weekly incentive draw for students who have 100% attendance!

Remember: Every Day Counts, Every Morning Matters.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. This week has been a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements.

May 27 marks the anniversary of Australian’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census. As this week draws to a close, today, 3 June is the anniversary of the 1992 High Court of Australia’s delivery of its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land – that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

NEW GARDENS

Please ensure when you are collecting your children from school in the afternoons that you use the pedestrian gates to leave the school grounds. We have gone to great lengths to beautify the front of our school to compliment the new prep playground and hate to see these new gardens squashed due to students jumping fences.

Regards

Alyson Covey
A/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.
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE
Voluntary Contribution
Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have to date contributed a total of $5,000 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.

Sign up to the P&C newsletter
If you would like to be kept up to date with any information, please sign up to our newsletter which you can do by emailing psspandc@hotmail.com

INFLUENZA (FLU) SEASON

Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.

P & C NEWS
SCHOOL DISCO
Our first school disco for the year will be held in the school hall on Friday 19 June, this time with a “Masquerade” theme. The junior school disco (for Prep – year 3 students) will be held from 5.30 – 7pm and the senior school disco 9 (year 4 – 6 students) will be from 7.15 – 9pm. Our school discos are thoroughly enjoyed by the students who attend them and are a great fundraiser for the school, however they cannot run without many parent volunteers to help and supervise. If you are able to help out, please give your name and contact details by email to P&C at psspandc@hotmail.com

DISCOUNTED DREAMWORLD / WHITewater WORLD TICKETS ON SALE!!
P&C have been given the opportunity to purchase in bulk discounted “Unlimited World Pass” tickets as a school fundraiser. These tickets will be available for $69 each for children / pensioners and $89 each for adults, and allow unlimited entry to the Gold Coast theme parks Dreamworld and White Water World (as well as the Skypoint Observation Deck) until 24 June next year. These tickets represent a significant saving on normal gate prices. We will need to get the order in before the end of term and can only order a minimum of 20 tickets so if you are interested please email P&C on psspandc@hotmail.com before June 12th. If we reach a school total of 20 or more tickets by that date, then we will let you know that payment is due by June 19th. We will be placing the order for paid-for tickets on June 19th. Email P&C for more information.

SCHOOL JUMPERS
Now that the cooler weather is upon us, don’t forget that zip-up school jumpers (embroidered with our school’s logo) are on sale at our uniform shop for $30 each.

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED
Our hardworking tuckshop coordinator Glenda Vassallo always appreciates any help volunteers can offer. Even an hour or two a week could help greatly so please see Glenda if you can add your name to the roster. If you would like to contribute to our school tuckshop but are unable to volunteer your time, please consider donations of packaged food items instead. Please see Glenda for suggestions.

OUR NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6PM MONDAY 22ND JUNE
In the School Library

Please email any agenda items to psspandc@hotmail.com
All welcome to attend
A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at this school.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.25 hours a day and usually comprise of ¾ hour in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Applicants are required to advise in writing of any charges that have been laid against them or any offence of which they have been convicted of.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

If you are successful in your application for this position, you can only commence employment with Transport and Main Roads if you hold a current Blue Card or are renewing your Blue Card and have submitted either a Blue Card Application form or Authorisation to Confirm Current Blue Card form to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Address application to:

Private and Confidential
The Business Services Manager
Pomona State School
Station Street
Pomona Qld 4568

Applications close at 2.00pm on Friday 12 June 2015

For further information please telephone the Business Services Manager on 5480 8222.

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

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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.

Camp Australia Mission Statement:
Camp Australia is dedicated to providing innovative childcare through fun activities and sports programs that support children’s educational and social growth, and enhance their quality of life. Camp Australia welcomes all children of all abilities and cultures.

What we've been up to in the past fortnight!

- Our better buddies term 2 projects – Parents please bring in old socks for puppets
- Activities from children’s interest inside and outside.
- Our Term 2 Leaders have been chosen. Certificates will be presented on parade next Friday.

What we have planned for the next fortnight!

- Learning from each other (Box of Skills)
- Learning through visual arts/drama (puppet Shows)
- Leadership Program (Present badges and certificates)

Staff: A huge thank you and good bye to Bianca. She has been a huge part of the service for the last 9 years and she will be very missed. Good luck with your new adventures 😊

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
Greetings from Noosa Library service.
School holidays are fast approaching and we have an abundance of educational, entertaining, interactive and just plain fun activities planned. Details below
Bookings and more information can be found on our [Events calendar].
**School Holidays @Noosa Library Service**

**JUNE JULY 2015**

**Music on Mondays**
Young people get a chance to share in Music on Mondays with a rap and DJ-style session with a local musician. Come and enjoy the fun. No booking required.

Cooroy 10.30-11am
Monday 6 July

**Pokemon Club**
Bring along your DS games, trading cards and more! Manga and other games too. Ages: 7 to 15 years. No booking required.

Cooroy 9.30-11.30am
Saturday 11 July

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**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

“We all Stand on Sacred Ground”
Hear Stories of Country followed by art creations based on the stories. For ages 5+

with Lyndon Davis
Cooroy 1-3pm
Monday 6 July

with Peter Mulcahy
Nooosaville 10am-noon Friday 10 July

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**We all Stand on Sacred Ground:**
Learn, Respect & Celebrate

5 - 12 JULY 2015

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**NOOSA COUNCIL**

Cooroy, Noosaville and Mobile Library
5329 6555 or www.libraries.noosa.qld.gov.au
Sunshine Coast Program

What’s on offer this July at the Sunshine Coast?

Giant Swing—a real adrenalin rush. Be hauled up 20 metres. Pull the rip cord and SWING.

High Ropes—walk the tightrope if you dare. A brilliant activity that combines team work and skill. Climb and traverse elements 10 metres off the ground.

Kayaking/Canoeing—blue skies, crystal clear water and the beautiful natural surroundings of Currimundi Lake. We provide all the safety equipment and instruction allowing you to enjoy nature at its best with friends and family.

Low ropes—Can be combined with initiative and team challenge activities designed to explore group interaction, problem solving, trust and leadership. Can you complete what sometimes looks like the impossible task?

Stand Up Paddleboarding—one of Australia’s fastest growing recreational sports. Participants are taught basic paddle strokes and board control then embark on a trip across the water.

Raft Building—Participants work in a team to construct their own water raft. A fun scenario is created by the instructor and the race begins!

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Activities are $25 for children and $30 for adults (GST inclusive).

How to register

1. Complete the registration form
2. You will receive an email confirming your registration. Payment can be made on the day or beforehand via phone on 5420 7500.
Tennis Coaching Pomona Tennis Club
MLC Hot Shots Program
Thursday afternoons
Beginners and intermediate
3:30 - 4:15 pm
Advanced 4:15 - 5 pm.
Coaches - Rob Schmitt and Renee Randall
Phone: 0448 835 108 or 0431 386 333

SINGING AND VIOLIN LESSONS
with Mark Jowett
For all levels of ability, children and adults.

Phone: 5485 0200
Mob: 0417 424 686
E-mail: jowett_mark@hotmail.com

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9 Factory Street
Pomona QLD 4568
PH/Fax: 5485 2833

ABL2 Driving School
Renee Randall
0448835108
ren12@bigpond.com

Wythes Real Estate
5472 0033
www.wythes.com.au

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POMONA & DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN
“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
Instructor: Jason
Pomona State School Hall
74 Station St, Pomona
Email: jkplumbing@bigpond.com
Mob: 0409 611 531 Ph/fax: 5442 5760