Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**BUS ZONES AND CARPARKING**

Update – Matt Saunderson and I met with Cr Tony Wellington, Noosa Shire Council and Department of Transport representatives recently to discuss the ongoing issues that our school community is experiencing in regards to the school car parking facilities and general road frontage of the school. Possible solutions were discussed and are being looked into by Noosa Shire Council and Department of Transport. I will keep you informed of progress on this issue.

**ATTENDANCE**

Regular school attendance 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 will 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.

See the link below where parents discuss why it’s important for students to attend school all day, every day even on occasions like their birthday. Regular school attendance has a positive impact on students’ academic results and their social and emotional wellbeing.

[YouTube video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VniGVhJb-SM&index=3&list=PLgjv5epyrnQDLNMTmhLA6z-cssQylcsvN)

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE RAFFLE**

This term we will be drawing a weekly raffle on Friday parade for attendance. For your child to be eligible for a ticket in the draw each week they must have attended school for the entire day for the previous 5 school days (Friday to Thursday). This means they are arriving at school on time and staying for the entire school day. If they are not in attendance at parade the raffle will be redrawn. If their name is selected they must be at parade to collect their prize.

The weekly prize will be a $10 voucher and the most recent winners were Rory P 3JR and Codi M 3JR.

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Every day, every student in every classroom is learning and achieving!

**SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY**

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who recently completed the online school opinion survey. This survey closed on 31\textsuperscript{st} July.

**UNIFORMS**

As we are now experiencing cooler weather there are a number of students who are consistently out of school uniform. Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform. If they have misplaced or outgrown their school jumper, new and second hand jumpers can be purchased from the tuckshop.

There is currently a large box of lost property outside the tuckshop with a number of school jumpers and other items. If you are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to provide your child with the correct school uniform please contact the school as assistance can be provided. Letters will be issued to students who are continually wearing incorrect uniform. We have a small uniform bank that students can borrow items from for the day.

**NAPLAN**

Year 3 and Year 5 Students received their NAPLAN results last week. Whilst NAPLAN is only one tool in which student growth is measured in numeracy, reading, grammar and punctuation, spelling and writing, as a school staff we will look at the results to see if there are any trends and patterns in the overall results that we can build on. This will help inform decisions around intervention and extension programs and future budget allocation towards resources that will support improving student learning outcomes.

Included below is a snap shot of our school data.

**Year 3**

- Numeracy 100% of students at or above National Minimum Standards.
- Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation 92% of students at or above National Minimum Standards.

**Year 5**

- Reading, Writing and Grammar and Punctuation 100% of students at or above National Minimum Standards.
- Spelling and Numeracy 97% of students at or above National Minimum Standards.

This is a tremendous effort by our students and shows the great work and commitment by all staff in all year levels in preparing our students for NAPLAN.

Regards

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.
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Voluntary Contribution
Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have to date contributed a total of $5,300 as part of the 2015 voluntary contribution scheme, which we have set a target for this year of $6,100. We are only a few hundred dollars from 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 children 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.

PARKING – Administration/Staff Car Park
Please limit parking in the delivery/handicapped parking space, particularly at morning and afternoon times to emergencies or authorised persons only. Please note the Staff Car Park is for staff and authorised persons – they know who they are. And this is a car park, particularly busy 8:00-8:30 and 2:30-3:15, it is not a public thoroughfare. Students in particular SHOULD NOT be walking through to access the Pool or Hall, please show the way by using the pedestrian access to both. There have been a couple of near misses lately and we don’t want to have anyone injured or worse.

CYBER SAFETY
This week our Yr 6 students will receive a brochure, “Socialising on the Internet”. This brochure outlines helpful hints for parents with kids who are using the internet to stay in touch with friends. There are many ideas for parents to discuss with their children about the safety aspect of this ‘keep in touch’ concept.

P & C NEWS

FUNDRAISING MONEY
One of the major functions of our school’s P&C Association is to fundraise for valuable school resources that enhance student learning and benefit the whole school community, eg. sporting equipment, literacy resources, technology upgrades and subsidising the Human Relationships Education Program.

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of P&C members, parents, staff and others in the school we have already raised over $7000 this year! At our next P&C meeting (6pm Monday 24 August) we will be discussing options for needed resources and allocating at least some of this money. If you would like to be part of this discussion please come along to this meeting or if you can’t make it please email your suggestions to us at psspandc@hotmail.com

NEWSAGENCY STUDENT BOOK & STATIONERY PACKS
A big thank you to Les and Mitch at Pomona Newsagency for the $960 cheque they recently added to our P&C Fundraising account, being their donation from the sale of Pomona State School student book and stationery packs sold through their business earlier this year. Please support this local business as Les and Mitch have, in turn, supported our school.

GYMPIE BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE – Helpers please!
Volunteers are still needed to help with our sausage sizzle fundraiser outside Gympie Bunnings on Saturday 15 August. Volunteers are still needed on our roster from 11am-12 midday and from 1-2pm, so please email us at psspandc@hotmail.com if you can help us out.

OUR NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6pm MONDAY 24TH AUGUST in the School Library
Please email any agenda items to psspandc@hotmail.com
All welcome to attend!
AUGUST

Sat 15th
Bunnings Fundraising Sausage Sizzle at Gympie – Volunteers needed!

Thurs 20th
Book Fair colouring-in competitions due

Mon 24th
P&C Meeting – 6pm in the school library

Mon 24th to Fri 28th
Children’s Book Week
Book Warehouse Book Fair

Fri 28th
Book character parade

Mon 31st to Wed 2nd
Year 5 Camp

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 3rd to Fri 4th
Year 4 camp

Fri 4th
Free dress day – wear RED and YELLOW - Gold coin donation in aide of Chaplaincy Program

Thurs 10
School photo day

Fri 11th
Noosa Show public holiday

Fri 18th
Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Mon 5th
Labour Day public holiday

Tues 6th
Term 4 begins

NOVEMBER

Thurs 26th
Pomona in the Park

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK

During week 7 (24th to 28th August) we will be celebrating Children’s Book Week. Children’s Book Week is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. This year’s theme is Books Light Up Our World!

“Books truly light up our world in so many different ways. They shed light into dark places by bringing education to those who want it. Books bring the world to life for us, enabling us to travel to distant lands without leaving our homes and even venture into space or fantasy worlds. They empower us, entertain us, educate us and bring us closer to others. Books help us to grow as human beings.”

As usual we will be running a colouring-in competition which all students can enter into. Entries will be available at the library from this Friday 14th and need to be returned to the library by Thursday afternoon (20th). The winners will be announced at parade on Friday 21st. There will be one prize per grade of a $10 voucher to spend at the fair.

Celebrations will continue on Friday 28th with the annual Book Week Character Costume Parade. Students are encouraged to come dressed as any book character and if you need ideas, come and see me in the library.

Sandy Nicholson

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

29 July 7 August
PLS Jemison L PLS Darci T
PKT Lola X PKT Willy A
1AP Sophie Lee M 1AP Jamie H
1KL Ella B 1KL Josh W
2SM Cloe B 2SM Jayella L
2BB Daniel F 2BB Koby W
3JR Rio W 3JR Morgan L
3GB Poppy D 3GB Kahn L
4EB Charlize O 4EB Patrick H
4/5AB Pierce H 4/5AB Sakari M
5PT Tamika R 5PT Liam R
5/6CL Maddi M 5/6CL Bash B
6ST Hannah R 6ST Rourke R

CHAPPY CHAT

Everyone loves a free dress day!

On the 4th September I am holding a free dress day for Chaplaincy. It’s going to be a RED and YELLOW in keeping with the colours of Scripture Union Qld.

Please bring your gold coin donations and hand in to your teachers and I’ll visit then classes to take photos of your awesome red and yellow outfits!

Blessing

Chappy Paulette

PS: Bet you those animals are really appreciating all the blankets you collected for them!
On the 28th and 29th of July, we had our annual Athletics carnival which was held over two days! We were blessed with perfect weather and the three school houses, Kendall, Paterson and Lawson, fought it out to the end with Paterson eventually taking out the carnival for the third year in a row. Participation levels were super high for all track and field events, so a big well done must go to all competing children. A big well done to all of the staff and parents for helping out on the day also! From this carnival we selected a team of 31 to take to the district trials. Many of these kids did really well against the best kids from around the district. Special congratulations to Juanita D, Makayla S, Jayme H and Charlie W for being selected in the district team to compete at the regional carnival.
Hot91.1’s Apple for the Teacher, with the help of NCIS Computers, is asking the families of the Sunshine Coast to nominate their favourite Primary School teacher and give one of the hardest working occupations the recognition it deserves. The competition begins Monday 17th August and runs until the 17th September. People are invited to nominate the teacher of their choice at www.hot91.com.au. There are some great prizes on the line for students, teacher and school. For the winning teacher – an Apple iPad and a pack of indulgent vouchers and goodies. For the students of the winning teacher’s class – an iPod Shuffle each! (max 30). For the school of the winning teacher – an Apple iMac computer, a welcome addition to any staff room or computer lab!

NOOSA SHOW JUNIOR ART ENTRIES
It’s just three weeks until entries for Junior Art close. The website now has an entry form attached to the Junior Art schedule (section 12). Please remember that each entry must have a separate entry form attached. Entries close at 12 noon on Saturday, August 29 and must be delivered to under the Pavilion Hall in the Showgrounds between 3.30pm and 5pm Friday, August 28th or 10am and midday on Saturday, August 29th. Please contact me if you need an alternative time. Check out the criteria for entries on our website. Here’s the link noosashowsociety.org.au I can’t wait to see all the wonderful entries. Brigid

HI THERE BUSHCARERS!
It’s that time again with Cooroora Creek Bushcare happening this Sunday the 16th of August. We will meet in our usual spot at the Hill Street Carpark at 8am. Hope to see you there. Regards Leah Tearle Bushland Care Coordinator (Acting) | Noosa Council Phone: 0419 753 439 Email: leah.tearle@noosa.qld.gov.au Website: www.noosa.qld.gov.au

For National Disability Week Take My Hand
Take My Hand was written by Joanne Smith, the mother of a severely disabled Autistic son. It is a collection of thoughts and emotions about the struggle that she has experienced. Joanne joins us to discuss the book and her personal story before and after the book.

Kerin from Wesley Care in Tewantin also joins us to talk about their organisation and the service they provide. You are invited to chat with Joanne and Kirin over refreshments after the talk.

Noosa Library Service: Neosville Library Cooroy Library
Free. Bookings required. 5329 6555 or www.libraries.noosa.qld.gov.au
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

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

Ph: 5449 5944
Why we are supporting The Smith Family’s Back 2 School Fundraiser

One in three children living in Australia’s most disadvantaged communities start school behind in key areas of development e.g. language, communication or social skills. If these crucial skills and behaviours are not developed in early childhood they become even more difficult to fix in later life.

However when children from disadvantaged communities receive the right support at the right time they can keep up with their classmates, develop confidence and are given the best chance to succeed. This is why we are encouraging our whole organisation to raise funds in Term 3 to support The Smith Family’s Learning for Life program.

Thanks to the efforts of our team members last year we raised an amazing $57,000.

Your efforts will provide children in 94 of the most disadvantaged communities in Australia with education essentials and learning support and enable them to take part in school camps or excursions. The list of Learning for Life communities appears on page 4 of this program summary.

About The Smith Family

The Smith Family is a national charity that believes in the power of education to break the cycle of disadvantage. They support 15,205 primary school aged children, through their Learning for Life program. Children can commence on a scholarship in their first year of school and continue through to tertiary studies.

Learning for Life helps children gain the skills and behaviours needed to prosper at school and beyond. Support is provided in three main ways:

1. Families receive financial support to cover child’s education essentials e.g. books, uniforms, excursions.
2. Working with families to overcome any barriers to school attendance and achievement.
3. Providing a range of programs such as literacy and numeracy programs, learning clubs and mentoring to help ensure the child stays engaged in school.

To be eligible for learning for Life sponsorship families must meet the following criteria:

- Their child must attend a school where The Smith Family has a presence;
- They must possess a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card;
- Demonstrate a commitment to education (i.e. children attend school regularly);

Schools can refer a child for Learning for Life sponsorship by contacting The Smith Family on 1800 024 069.

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

- Nature table
- Cubby Hoses
- Outside Games
- Children’s Choices
- Profile maps
- Our garden

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
SUNSHINE BEACH NIPPERS SIGN-ON      SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2015 9A-3PM

Yay! If you turn 6 (or are under 14) before 1 October 2015, come along and join in the fun and excitement of Nippers and learn valuable surf lifesaving skills.

Sign-on and pool swim at Noosa Aquatic Centre on Sat 5 September 2015.
New Nippers need birth certificate, Medicare card, parent’s Blue card (if they have one), credit card/cash for payment, togs, goggles and a towel. After completion of the pool swim there is an online sign-on process.
First day of Nippers is Sunday 27 September at 7:45am
For more details email lifesaving@sunshinebeachslsc.com.au or phone the Sunshine Beach Surf Club 5447 5491
Identification of Eucalypts & Wattles

Please note the different time for this workshop, to allow a walk among the Eucalypts in the afternoon light.

2015 WORKSHOP SERIES

Marc Russell

Dave Burrows

Come and learn about our region’s common Eucalypt and Acacia species with Marc Russell and Dave Burrows, noted local identities and botanical enthusiasts.

4 - 5pm: Marc will take us on a walk in the Rural Futures Centre grounds to observe and learn about Eucalypts.

5 - 6pm: Dave will give us a Powerpoint presentation on Wattles of the Noosa area.

Free raffle ticket for all on the night to win a lucky door prize!

WHEN
Thursday 20 August 2015
4 - 6pm

WHERE
Rural Futures Centre
Pavilion St, Pomona

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

RSVP
by Monday 17 August 2015
P: (07) 5485 2468
E: info@noosalandcare.org

OTHER
Limited to 40 people
Light refreshments provided
(Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements)
Redbacks Baseball Club Gympie

Jim Geiger Oval - One Mile Sports Complex

10am-2pm Saturday 22 August 2015
3.30p-5p Wednesday 26 August 2015
10a-2p Sunday 30 August 2015

Why not give Baseball a try this season? Find out more at:
www.qld.baseball.com.au

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Kelda - 0429 867 129
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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.
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"where imagination moves mountains"

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