Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to all our past students and families and a big welcome to our new students and families. This year we have had a great start with record enrolments. This is wonderful news for our growing school community. Due to the increased enrolments in the upper school I have made the decision to make a year 5/6 multiage class. Parents of affected students were contacted last week and are aware of this change. By creating the multiage class and doing this change early, affected students can start the school year in their new class and not have to change classes after the Day 8 enrolment collection. Please be aware that changes can and may still occur due to changes in enrolment numbers. All state schools are staffed on active student enrolment numbers on the eighth day of school – Friday 5th February.

SWIMMING POOL ACCESS
Could I remind parents and community members that the main school road access and staff car park should not be used to access the swimming pool area by car or on foot. This is a particularly dangerous area between 2:45 pm and 3:30 pm and is out of bounds to students. There is vehicle access down the hill through the gate, as well as parking.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME
Pomona State School in consultation with the P&C Association has chosen to operate a Student Resource Scheme for 2016 to assist parents with the cost and resourcing of additional educational resources that provide enhanced learning opportunities. The scheme is supported and approved by the School’s Parents and Citizens Association and operates under the policy and guidelines of The Department of Education and Training (DET). The scheme is not used to raise funds for other purposes. The scheme provides the entire package for the specified participation fee and is not available in parts. Participation in the scheme is voluntary and there is no obligation placed on a parent/caregiver to participate. A parent/caregiver’s decision to participate is based on consideration of the value and convenience afforded by the scheme. However, please be aware that materials required under this scheme are not funded by school grants.

The purpose of the scheme is to provide the parent/caregiver with a cost effective, more economical alternative to purchasing required resources and consumables through reduced prices gained from the school’s bulk purchasing processes. The provision of this scheme ensures that well-resourced learning by our students remains our key focus.

Total cost of the scheme is $60.00 per student and details of what is included in the scheme will be forthcoming, but includes subscriptions to Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Ebooks, Apps, school produced workbooks, as well as Design & Food Technology and Art supplies. You will be invoiced early in 2016 after returning your participation agreement form, should you wish to participate.

If you do not wish to participate you will need to return the form, and it will then be your responsibility to purchase/provide all the resources provided by the scheme. Participation Agreements will be distributed to parents in the coming fortnight.

CHAPPY’S WHEELBARROW HAMPER RAFFLE
Don’t forget to purchase your tickets for the Monster Wheelbarrow Hamper raffle. Please see Chappy Paulette for your tickets. $2 each or 3 for $5.

PARADE CHANGES
Please note that parade has changed for 2016 and will now be on a Monday at 2:15pm. The main reasoning behind this move is to ensure students are maximising prime learning time (morning sessions), information and messages are not forgotten over the weekend period and to hopefully attract more parents to our parade. By having them in the afternoon session we are hoping to increase our parent participation by parents arriving a little earlier to collect your child and coming along to parade in the hall.

STUDENT LEADER BADGE PRESENTATION
Our 2016 Student Leaders will be presented with their badges on parade in Week 3 – Monday 8th February 2:15-2:50pm.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING
This year Pomona State School will have a focus on Positive Behaviour Learning throughout the year. Each week will have a topic that students will engage with through the explicit teaching of the focus skill within the classroom.

Our Positive Behaviour Learning program aims to actively and directly teach the skills necessary for children to be accepted into and participate effectively in the variety of group situations they will experience in a school setting. Through teaching the same skills concurrently throughout the school, a consistency in language, expectations and consequences or responses that are recognised by both students and staff.

Week 1 – Lining Up
Week 2 – Introducing yourself / Greeting people
ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child’s requirements.
Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:
- has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist)
- is in its original container
- has an attached pharmacy label.
Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.
N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.
Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over-the-counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g. paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child’s qualified health practitioner. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after dental treatment.
School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these rules.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK OF ANAPHYLAXIS
If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan, completed by your doctor. This Anaphylaxis Action Plan provides the instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication in an emergency, which is specific to respond to their health condition.
If you have any concerns about your child’s health condition, please contact the school.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK OF ASTHMA
If your child has asthma and requires assistance to administer their medication, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their Asthma Action Plan, completed by your doctor. An Asthma Action Plan provides specific instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication.
We recognise that some students are capable of managing their asthma without adult assistance. If you are confident that your child can confidently, competently and safely self-administer their asthma medication, let the school administration know. The school will record your decision. Please note that if your child requires assistance in an asthma emergency, staff will provide Asthma First Aid.
If you have any concerns about your child’s asthma, please contact the school.

I look forward to working with you throughout the year.
Cheers,
Alyson Covey
Principal

P.E SWIMMING TERM 1
Hi all and welcome back!
Swimming lessons start up in **week 3** of term 1 this year and run all the way through until Easter holidays. Times for classes are as follows:

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Kids will need:
Togs, swim shirt, swim cap, towel, bag for wet clothes and earrings out. Sunscreen is provided.
Please note: Goggles are not compulsory to swim but are recommended. Too many kids turned up last year expecting goggles to be provided and didn’t want to swim when they didn’t have any. If children believe they need goggles to swim then they need to bring their own.
As always, parental assistance during lessons is a huge help for us and also means your child gets more time in the water. This is especially true for the younger children. So please if you are free during your child’s swim time come and have a swim and help out!
Regards,
Mr. Byrne
POMONA SWIMMING POOL HOURS

Pool hours
Monday to Friday from 6am to 8.30am and 3pm to 6pm
Saturday 9am to 3pm
Sunday CLOSED

Learn to swim Term 1
Monday to Thursday and Saturday am

Squads
Tuesday and Thursday at 3.15pm.

For any enquiries please phone Margaret on 0499 377 475

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

4th December

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DATE CLAIMERS

JANUARY
Thurs 28th | First Breakfast Club for the year. (See Chappy Chat for details)

FEBRUARY
Mon 8th | School swimming lessons begin this week
Mon 8th | Student Leader Badge presentation on parade at 2.15pm in the hall

MARCH
Fri 18th | National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
Thurs 24th | Last day of Term 1

PETA CAVE – OUR BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT CONSULTANT

For those of you who are new to our school, we are pleased to introduce Peta Cave, our Behaviour Support Consultant. Peta comes to us with a wealth of experience in her specialist role, gathered over 14 years in the position.

The support she offers extends to:

- Students on an individual, small group or whole class basis
- The delivery of parenting programs including the popular 123 Magic
- Support for staff in areas of whole school and classroom management.

Family and the importance of healthy relationships rate highly on Peta’s personal and professional agenda. As a mother of three, she possesses a real life background on which to base the trials and tribulations, along with the laughter and celebrations, of community and family living.

Peta feels a special connection to the school and the area, having grown up and attended the school “many moons ago”. Keep an eye out for Peta’s fortnightly contribution to our newsletter.
CHAPPY CHAT
Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new students and families.
I would like to introduce myself to all the new parents at our school. I have been the Chaplain at this school since 2007. I work with children and parents to provide proactive pastoral care. A big part in being a school chaplain is helping to create a positive and safe school environment and looking out for those in need. Just being available for children to voice their concerns about something that may be bothering them either at home or at school can make a big difference in that child’s life. It’s also an honour to be able to help a child through bereavement or to help set a family back on their feet after a tragedy.

Chaplains act as role models for students assisting them to develop positive and supportive relationships. They also help to build strong links between the school and the wider community which is vital for mobilising the resources of the community to support students’ needs.
Some people get confused about the role of a chaplain in a school believing that it is first and foremost a religious role; nothing could be further from the truth. Another misconception is that Chaplains take the religious education classes in schools. That is simply not permitted; rather volunteers from local churches take these classes. Chaplains are Christians who assist students to explore their worldview in relation to values and ethics in a safe and respectful environment. You will find me at school on Tuesdays and Fridays. My office is in the library. If you would like to make an appointment to see me on these two days please call me on 0414 457 451.

Chappy’s Breakfast Club
I need to let you all know about our Breakfast Club. Everyone is welcome to have cereal, toast, and Milo, and sometimes we have banana smoothies at our Breakfast Club. I would like to thank our volunteers for all the hard work they have done over the years and welcome them back for another successful year of putting smiles on faces through yummy breakfasts and the odd joke or two.

When is Breakfast Club? Every Thursday and Friday morning from 8.00am to 8.30am starting from Thursday 4th February.
Where is Breakfast Club held? In the hall kitchen.
Is there a cost? Absolutely not. (Donations of Milo, honey, Vegemite, jam, butter are welcome though).
Who sponsors Breakfast Club? Bendigo Bank, Uniting Church Pomona, Rotary Club of Cooroy and Chappy Paulette.
Reasons why we have Breakfast Club: Occasionally children don’t have breakfast for whatever reason. Children who have breakfast very early are hungry again by the time they get to school. During a growing spurt children are hungry. Apart from all these reasons, children love Milo! They also love the chance to say hello to our friendly volunteers and to meet up with their friends before school.

Chappy’s Wheelbarrow-full-of-food raffle
We decided to leave the raffle until first term and to draw it on the 21 March just in time for the Easter holidays. Tickets are available now! They are $2 each or 3 for $5. You can purchase your tickets from myself or from Jenny at the office. Sandy in the library also has tickets for sale. The fundraiser is to support the school chaplaincy program.

Chappy’s Book Review
Reviews will start again next newsletter. If you have read a good non-fiction book that you think would benefit other parents please let me know. We may just be able to purchase it for our Parent Library. (Book donations for our Parent Library are very welcome too)

Blessings
Chappy Paulette
It's 2016! And the Cooran Acoustic Night – now rolling into it's 28th year – is back and rearing to go for their first evening on 6th February.

The C. A. N. provides an opportunity for those musical, theatrical, expressive individuals to perform on a stage in a supportive and friendly environment. Both amateurs and professionals alike are encouraged and appreciated. A team of experienced technicians take care of each act, and work towards giving each artist the best possible support.

Running the night will be an MC, engaging with the audience so that the night moves along vibrantly. A chalkboard is provided for performers. However, this fills so quickly it is advised those wanting to perform get in early (from 7pm) to put their names up. For the hungry tummies the 'Better Food Better You' team provide delicious dinners and desserts at an affordable price (specialising in gluten free cooking).

All up it's an evening sure to warm your heart and delight your senses. Who knows what will happen this year? Expect the unexpected, the interesting and the surprising, as we get ready to open up the doors for the first Cooran Acoustic Night for 2016.

Where: Cooran Memorial School of Arts Hall, King Street. Doors open 7pm, $4 entry, kids free. Great door prize! Please note this is an alcohol free event. Cooran Acoustic Night is on Facebook, like us to stay in the loop.

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