Dear Parents/Caregivers,

At Pomona State School we are very fortunate to have a fabulous playground at the front of our school. It is a requirement that during the school day, any time students are on playground equipment, direct supervision must be provided by a teacher. Some parents may wish for students to have some extra time on the playground straight after school while they are here collecting their children. This is only possible if the parent is providing direct supervision at the playground with the child. All responsibility for the safe and appropriate use of the playground equipment at this time is placed on the supervising parent. No child is allowed on the play equipment without their parent right there with them. I ask all parents to please support us in the safety requirement.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Please ensure your contact details are up to date. If you have changed address, email or phone number, please let us know. It is extremely important that we have correct contact information.

SCHOOL ACCESS
A reminder to all parents that driving onto school grounds to drop your children at school is NOT PERMITTED. The bottom gate (near swimming pool) is for pool patron access, emergency vehicle access and staff access. This is NOT a drop off or collection point for students. Please use the designated school carpark and crossing.

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. Please provide your child/s unique Mathletics and Reading Eggs log on and password, as teachers are currently using this in their classrooms. If you are experiencing financial difficulty or would like to make regular instalments please contact Carol Crump – Business Services Manager at the school office.

Thank you to those parents who have already returned their form and paid.
P & C NEWS
Due to insufficient attendance at this week’s P & C AGM the scheduled AGM could not go ahead as planned. This has been rescheduled for Tuesday the 29th March, here at the school Library at 6pm. Please come along and support the great work of Pomona State School’s P & C. Without a functioning P & C; services (Tuckshop) and events (Pomona in the Park) will not be going ahead as planned. In 2015 the P & C funded approximately $10 000 of student resources.

CAMP AUSTRALIA
Unfortunately I have been notified (Tuesday 22nd) by Camp Australia that Camp Australia will not be opening over the holiday period for Holiday Club. Camp Australia will operate as per usual from the beginning of Term 2 (11 April) for before and after school care. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance with finding alternative care for your children over the holiday period.

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.

EXEMPTION FROM COMPULSARY SCHOOLING
Please be aware that any parents of students who are absent from school for 10 or more consecutive days must complete a form to exempt them from compulsory schooling for this period of time. The most common reason to complete this form is when families are travelling during the school term and sometimes it also includes those who have a medical condition, supported by a medical certificate. Forms can be collected from the school office.

LUNCH BOX PROJECT
We are calling for expressions of interest from parents/carers who wish to participate in a cooking program (1 day/week over 4 weeks). The cooking classes will be conducted in the Lawson Shed Pomona. Limited places available. The project is being run in conjunction with the Sunshine Coast University and is being sponsored by Options4U Op Shop, Noosa Council and Lions Club Pomona. The project also covers topics – How to encourage young people to eat healthy food, food labelling and eliminating waste in lunch boxes. Please contact Jeanette on 0447 012 887 on Tuesday or Thursday for more information or to express your interest in the cooking classes.

READING FOCUS
This year our school will be focusing on reading. We have implemented the Daily Rapid Reading program which involves all students in years prep to 5 throughout the year. We are currently focusing on year 3 and 5 students. Please click on the link to view a great video demonstrating effective reading with your child.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=korfvEOQb14
It is only 5 and a half minutes long and models the key tips for parents to understand when reading with your child.
Sit side-by-side with your child.
Don’t ‘tell’ the words.
Move beyond ‘sound it out’.
Have your child re-read some passages for fluency.
Allow some mistakes to go uncorrected.
Allow the same book multiple times.
Keep reading to your child.

SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS
To all students, staff and parents please enjoy the two week break over the Easter holidays. It has been an extremely busy and quick term so hopefully we all get a chance to recharge for what will be a longer Term 2 – 11 weeks.
Take care and happy holidays,
Alyson Covey
Principal
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Annabelle Graham from 5GB. Annabelle and her horse Ralph will be representing the Sunshine Coast Region (known as Zone 6) at the Pony Club State Equitation & Show Jumping Championships from 31\th March to the 3\rd April, at Gatton.

Annabelle recently won the regional equitation championship and placed 4th in the show jumping for 10yrs and under.

Good Luck Annabelle!!
Welcome to all the new families that have started here in 2016,

Wow what a wonderful first term it has been already

NOTE:
I would like to update our family tree here in the centre, if you have any spare recent photos bring them in and we will put them on the tree.

What we got up to during this past fortnight:
• Making our own playdough
• The children enjoying exploring all different animals
• Building cubbies
• We enjoyed watching our volcano explode
• Having discussions about stranger danger and why it is important
• Joying in the children classrooms to see what they did for bullying no way day
• Changing penny to look like she is ready for the jungle

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
Young @ ’Art

The Pomona & District Community House and the Pomona Railway Station Gallery are thrilled to announce a series of Easter school holiday workshops for creative young people aged 12-18 years.

Young @ ’Art, a collaboration of Pomona & District Community House and Pomona Railway Station Gallery, will give young people the opportunity to explore different art mediums in 5 exceptional workshops. Funded by Noosa Council and supported by the Cooroy/Pomona Lions Club, the workshops will be facilitated by experienced local artists who are passionate about their art and keen to pass on their knowledge.

Creative Photography with Mia Hacker – Thursday 31 March

You will be shown how to find that interesting photo subject matter that can be transformed into a creative artwork using ‘Adobe Lightroom’ computer program. If you don’t have a laptop with ‘Lightroom’ installed you can follow along on the large projection screen. All you need is a camera or phone with camera.

Fantastic Plastic with Dale Leach – Friday 1 April

Introducing a ‘fantastic’ material that can be traced or drawn on using pens and pencils. You can create charms for bracelets, key-rings tags, magnets, brooches and more. The possibilities are endless.

Geometric Design in Art & Craft with Jenni Radke – Monday 4 April

Explore geometric designs in history as well as in contemporary pieces as part of collecting ideas for use in your own work. 6-8 practical exercises will extend design ideas, solve common geometric problems and help you create interesting patterns that you can use throughout your artworks.

Fleece to Fun Fashion with Karen Grady & Bel Arnold – Thursday 7 April

A day of fun, fashion and fleece. You will start with a little bit of fleece – wool, and silk – mix it up a bit and ‘sit and spin’. You will create the yarn to felt or your very own fashion statement. Take your piece home for keeps and show it off.

Graffiti Art with Leigh Hooker – Friday 8 April

In this workshop you will create your own graffiti art. You will find out how to make your own stencils, explore different fonts and discover new ways of creating street art. Express your individual creativity and also see displayed it with other people’s work to create a one-off mural.

ALL WORKSHOPS

Venue: Lawson Shed, 1 Memorial Avenue, Pomona (next to the Community House)

Time: 10.00am – 2.30pm

Cost: $5.00 per session – includes a light lunch

For all bookings, a list of materials provided and what to bring, call the Community House on 5485 2427. Book in quickly as places are strictly limited!
ALL ACTIVITIES FREE

Little Kids Day Out
Saturday 16 April 9am-3pm
Gympie Civic Civic Centre
www.allaboardgympieregion.org

- Hip Hop Show
- Box Maze
- Performances
- Children Join In
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- Info Booths
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