Dear Parents/Caregivers,

At Pomona State School we are very fortunate to have a fabulous playground at the front of our school. During the school day, any time students are permitted on a playground it is a requirement that direct supervision is 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.

REMINDER TO BE SAFE WHEN TRAVELLING ON OR NEAR BUSES

With another school term underway, we’d like to remind all students and parents to please be safe when travelling on or near buses.

A significant number of school students in Queensland travel on buses to attend school. All students have the right to a safe and enjoyable journey, and their safety is our number one priority.

Ensuring students safe travel on or near buses is a shared responsibility which brings together the efforts of students, their parents/carers, schools, bus drivers and bus operators. When travelling on or near a bus, there are some safety tips you should follow to ensure a safe journey — [http://translink.com.au/sites/default/files/assets/resources/travel-information/school-travel/safety-tips-for-students.pdf](http://translink.com.au/sites/default/files/assets/resources/travel-information/school-travel/safety-tips-for-students.pdf).


CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure your contact details are up to date. If you have changed address, email or phone number please let us know by contacting the Administration Office in person, by phone (5480 822) or email [admin@pomonass.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@pomonass.eq.edu.au). 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.

CROSS COUNTRY
Our Annual Interhouse Cross Country will be on this Friday 29th April.
All students will need to have a water bottle, hat and suitable enclosed shoes for running the cross country course (spikes and tags are not permitted).
Students will race in groups according to their year of birth, with ribbons to third place in each gender in each age group. All students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a participation sticker at the end of their event. Students born in 2011, 2010 and 2009 will have House Captains running the course with them. Boys and girls in these age groups will run together, however places will be 1st to 6th in each gender.
The first event will be students born in 2011 and will commence at 12 noon sharp. Please come along and support our cross country runners.

EXEMPTION FROM COMPULSORY 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 traveling during the school term and sometimes it also includes students who have a medical condition, supported by a medical certificate. Forms can be collected from the school office.

ANZAC SERVICE
ANZAC Day is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original Anzacs, and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms in war, conflicts and peace operations.
Congratulations to the 43 students who represented our school at the Cooroy ANZAC Day March. Our students looked very smart and demonstrated a high level of behaviour and respect on such a special day. A special thanks to Parker and Curtis Dean, our School Captains, who were impeccably dressed and laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the Dawn Service in Cooroy.
The sounding of the bugle left the crowd standing in silence with only the echo of passing traffic audible. These very sounds, being the sounds of freedom and our democratic way of life, we may often take for granted, but which has been paid for by the lives of men and women who served in wars and conflicts past and present is not forgotten, but grows with vibrancy across new generations. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. To every Pomona State School staff member, student and their family, I acknowledge the contribution you make, ensuring the legacy of the Anzac spirit not forgotten, but grows with vibrancy across new generations.
**NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3, and 5’s will take part in NAPLAN testing from 10-12 May.

NAPLAN testing provides schools with an opportunity to identify any areas where students may need assistance and covers the learning areas or reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN testing, please contact Mrs Barbara Harch (Deputy Principal).

**STAFFING CHANGES**

Please be aware of the following staffing changes throughout term two:

- Miss Caroline Hall will be on leave from 11.04.16 to 24.06.16 and is being replaced by Mrs Nicole Roberts and Mrs Sam Langton.
- Mrs Shirely Savage will be on leave from 26.04.16 to 29.04.16 and is being replaced by Ms Natasha Riley.
- Mrs Sharon Melink will be on leave from 09.05.016 to 24.06.16 and is being replaced by Mrs Renee Randall.
- Mrs Natasha Riley will be working with our SWD students on Tuesday and Thursdays throughout term 2.
- Mrs Kathy Lavender will be on leave from 20.06.16 to 24.06.16 and is being replaced by Mrs Heike Farkas.
- Mrs Bernie Blackmore will be on leave from 20.06.16 to 24.06.16 and is being replaced by Ms Deb Burton.

**HEALTHY LUNCHBOX**

*A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX made easy*

Get tips on healthy, easy and kid-friendly foods, packed with nutrition to help kids do their best at school and at home!

This **FREE** workshop includes:

- Healthy eating guidelines for your kids
- Practical advice with recipes and simple swaps that will keep you and your kids happy.
- Ideas on keeping the healthy option, the affordable option and Food safety.
- Free take home booklet for handy tips and ideas.

*Run by Daniela and Yasmin, University of the Sunshine Coast, Nutrition and Dietetics.*

**When & Where:** 9am 4th May at Pomona Primary School.

Additional **FREE** 4 week cooking program.

**The Great Tuckers “Scrumptious Lunchboxes”** - 14th July – 4th August held at Lawson Shed, Pomona.

Contact the school office to book, or for more information on both these programs.

**RUNNERS CLUB**

Our Runners Club is well and truly up and RUNNING! In preparation for the inaugural ‘Prince & Princess of the Mountain’ race, students have been working hard on improving their fitness, strength, agility and technique – all under the expert guidance of Ms Leslie Saunders Year 1/2 teacher and reigning Queen of the Mountain. Photos courtesy of Jamin Philp.

**EXCURSION PAYMENTS AND PERMISSION**

When your child attends an offsite excursion, you will receive an invoice to the email address you have provided the school. An excursion letter containing excursion details will also be sent home. The excursion letter will contain a tear off permission slip which is required to be returned to your classroom teacher. It also indicates a deadline for when payment is required. Unfortunately, if payment is not received by the due date, your child may be excluded from attending the excursion. The school is required to advise the venue of numbers attending prior to the excursion date. Payment plan options can be negotiated by contacting the office.
EVERY DAY COUNTS

Parents/caregivers are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. The success of our Daily Rapid Reading and MiniLit programs is reliant on students being at school every school day.

Kind regards,

Alyson Covey
Principal

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Mother’s Day Stall & Raffle

Our Fundraising Team volunteers have come up with some great ideas for fundraising activities this year, the first of which will be a Mother’s Day Stall and Raffle. The stall will offer students the chance to purchase something special for their Mums on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th May, with items priced from $1 to $10. Students will be allowed to attend the stall (to be held outside the tuckshop) during allocated times in class groups on those days. The Mother’s Day raffle will have various donated prizes on offer and will be drawn by Principal Alyson Covey on Friday 6th May. Raffle tickets will $1 each and offered on sale by Karen Gillespie outside the tuckshop before and after school in the lead up to Mother’s Day (Sunday May 8th). Donations for the Mother’s Day stall and raffle would be much appreciated! See Karen Gillespie / Rosemary Burrows or leave these at the front office. Please email P&C at psspandc@hotmail.com for more information.

Discounted Dreamworld Season Passes

Also on offer again for a P&C Fundraiser this year will be discounted season pass tickets to Dreamworld / WhiteWater World and the SkyPoint Observation Tower. These passes will be available for $69 each (children 3-13 years and pensioners) and $89 each (adults), allowing unlimited visits to these venues until 23 June 2017! This represents a significant saving on gate prices ($119 children / pensioners and $139 adults). We will need to secure a minimum order of 20 passes for us to get this group discount rate, so please contact P&C at psspandc@hotmail.com if you would like to purchase some passes. Orders will need to be paid for and finalised by Friday 10 June in order for us to get the passes out prior to the next school holidays.

Parent volunteers – we need you!

Don’t forget that we always welcome new P&C members and volunteers for our fundraising activities. Many of us are busy working parents and we understand that time restrictions make volunteering a challenge, but even if you are unable to regularly attend meetings please note when the next fundraising events are coming up and help out where you can (even for just an hour or two or by making a donation where possible). Dads – you are especially wanted and welcome!!

Tuckshop

The successful applicant for the recently advertised co-convenor position at our tuckshop was Emma Milanese. We congratulate Emma and sincerely thank our other applicants for their interest. P&C also wish to once again acknowledge Michelle Pickering for her great work in renewing our Tuckshop guidelines and menu this year. Emma and co-convenor Marni will be working with P&C executive on an updated tuckshop menu for Term Two, which will be out soon!

Uniform Shop

Don’t forget to snap up a bargain with the remaining items of old stock (coloured sports shirts and fleecy jumpers) on sale for only $5 each. The coloured sports shirts can be worn on sports days such as the upcoming Athletics Carnival. Limited sizes are left so be quick!

OUR NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE AT 6pm TUESDAY 24TH MAY

IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Please email any agenda items to psspandc@hotmail.com

All welcome to attend!
**Breakfast Club**

Just in case you are unaware of our Breaky Club, here’s the rundown:
Between 50 and 60 children enjoy toast, cereal, fruit and Milo on Thursdays and Fridays. The place to meet is outside the hall kitchen at 8.00 to 8.30. Our sponsors and helpers are caring and devoted people; we could simply not operate without you all. I would like to thank the following organisations that supply us food and funding for food: Bendigo Bank; Uniting Church; Rotary, Lions and The Food Bank in Brisbane. Our faithful deliverers Gleni and John deliver food right to our door. People from Rotary and Uniting Church serve the children each week. They are always there and never let us down.
If you would like your children to share in this event each week, please send them down; there are no questions and no cost. It’s a very good social activity too.

An extra big thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers below

![Sponsor Logos](image1.png)

**Chappy’s Fundraising Days**
At the end of last term we had three fundraising events: Crazy Hair Day, Our mega wheelbarrow raffle, and our fashion parade all of which were massive successes. Thank you to all who pitched in and helped with these events, and thank you to those who supported the events financially.

**Helpers to give a hand**
All chaplains need helpers and I would truly appreciate your help and would be very grateful if anyone could make the commitment to help one day a week for one to one and a half hours. It would be wonderful if you could help me with activities such as creative arts, sewing, singing or acting or perhaps you have been given a special gift/skill you could share with the children. These would be lunchtime activities on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please contact me on 0414 457 451
Chappy Paulette
Save the date

Child and Family Support Professional Development

Organised by The Moreton Bay Region Child and Family Support Interagency

We have 2 guest speakers. The first guest speaker is Sam from PAAW. Sam is a psychologist who works with clients across the lifespan, incorporating therapy dogs into daily practice. Animal Assisted Therapy is relatively new in Australia but is supported by a growing body of evidence-based research. I am also involved in running workshops and Therapy Dog training for other health practitioners, under the banner of Therapy Dogs Australia. I will be talking about the addition of Therapy Dogs to the client space, logistics, ethics and therapeutic outcomes. There will also be time for questions and answers. My co-facilitator for the day will be Therapy Dog, Sonny Banana.

The second guest speaker is waiting to be confirmed.

Afterwards we are going to do Services Mapping.

ASD Kidz & Familyz Inc is registered for OneSchool.

**WHEN:** On Wednesday 27th April, 2016

**WHERE:** At Morayfield East State School 107 Graham Road, Morayfield

Registrations at 9.30am

Closing at 2.30pm

**COST:** $10 per person includes morning tea and a light lunch

Name: ____________________________ Position: ____________________________

Organisation: __________________________________________________________________________

Phone number: Work: __________________________ Mobile: ____________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________________________

Dietary Requirements: __________________________________________________________________

Thank you for your interest, an invoice and confirmation will be sent closer to the date. This event is limited to 100 people.

For more information contact Jessica at ASD Kidz & Familyz Inc. on 0427587611 or email moretonbaychildfamilynetwork@hotmail.com
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LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK 23-29 MAY

DISCOVER MORE RESOURCES
AT NOOSA LIBRARY SERVICE

Find a world beyond books on our website including a range of ebooks and emagazines, reading recommendations and reviews, how to find what’s on and cool stuff for children and families.

Book
Noosaville: 10-11am Tuesday 24
Cooroy: 10-11am Wednesday 25

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME
Join our storytellers for stories, fun and laughter!
Wednesday 25
Cooroy Library: 10-10.30am
Noosa Civic in the food court: 10am-12noon

WRITING YOUR MEMOIR
WITH JO KADLECZK
This workshop explores some fundamental elements of storytelling as well as the personal challenges that you'll need to navigate as you consider the art of memoir writing.

Book
Cooroy: 10-11am Saturday 28

WRITING A NON-BORING
FAMILY HISTORY
Hazel Edwards, well-known author, shares tips and tricks for turning family history facts into an engaging and readable family history.

Book
Cooroy: 1-4pm Thursday 12

ROOFTOP CINEMA
Raiders of the Lost Ark, rated PG, is presented by Starry Nights Outdoor Movies. Entry by donation. No bookings required. For information visit www.starrynights.com.au

Cooroy: from 6.30pm Friday 6

NOOSAVILLE LIBRARY
BOOK SALE
Grab a great bargain from the Friends of Noosaville Library book sale!
Noosa Library Service appreciates donations of books in good condition.
Noosaville: 9am-12noon Saturday 28

Free. Bookings required.
5329 6555 or www.libraries.noosa.qld.gov.au
Get ready for the next **Cooran Acoustic Night**, on 30\(^{th}\) April, 2016. It has been a great start, with our first two nights of the year exposing some truly wonderful talent.

For anyone attending the last Acoustic night it was, without doubt a most beautiful, and extraordinary visual experience. The performers once again, showed to an appreciative audience their skill and diverse range of talent. The hinterland towns of Cooran & Pomona are blessed, as the locals already know, with characters, who with passion and enthusiasm, are able to share their creative flair in this supportive environment. Yet they don’t just hail from around here. They come from far and wide, from Gympie to Darwin, even from Europe. This, is what really makes this event so special.

It really is too good to miss, so make sure you get down to the next Cooran Acoustic Night, Memorial Hall, King St., Cooran, 30\(^{th}\) April. There are meals, snacks, and drinks available in the hall, and there is a restaurant just next door. This is an alcohol-free event. Entry is only $4, kids are free.

For all who wish to perform there’s a blackboard, and doors open at 6.30 pm so get in fast to get on early. Show starts at 7 pm.

Please like our Facebook page: Cooran Acoustic Night
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Advanced 4:15 – 5 pm.
Coaches - Rob Schmitt and Renee Randall
Phone: 0448 835 108 or 0431 386 333

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"Contact Amanda, Natalie, Peta and Natasha to find out more

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