From the Principal’s Desk

Hi everyone and welcome to what promises to be a busy and exciting Term 2. There are a number of important activities happening at our school over the coming weeks so we hope you can visit soon!

End of Term Assembly

Thank you to the many parents who attended our final assembly for Term 1 and our Easter Hat Parade. The day was a great success and at this time I would like to congratulate the first of our ‘Bronze Award’ winners for 2015 who were announced at this assembly. Receiving 20 points and gaining their Bronze award were Tyler Gordon, Cameron Ford, Katelyn and Emma Loveday, Adam and Layla Baker, Taylee Ede and Shayla Nevinson. The students should be extremely proud of their efforts and I look forward to monitoring their progress towards the ‘Silver Award’ during Term 2!

A closer look at our 2015 Level System

In 2015, students will be given the challenge of attaining four differing levels at our school. By earning assembly, playground and homework points, students will each term climb our ladder of achievement. During Term 1, students needed to gain 20 points to earn their ‘Bronze’ award, with a same amount of points being required to earn their ‘Silver’ award in Term 2, ‘Gold’ award in Term 3 and their ‘Coolongolook’ award in Term 4.
Students who didn’t receive their Bronze award during Term 1 will continue to work towards this goal during Term 2. After gaining the 20 points required to gain their Bronze award, students will then start working towards their Silver award.

To find out more, please visit the front office where additional information sheets can be found.

ANZAC Assembly

This Thursday 23rd April, the school will hold its ANZAC Assembly in the school library starting at 9.15am. Students in both classes are currently learning about the ANZACs and the significance of this hundredth year celebration. We hope you can attend this very special assembly!

Changes to the 3-6 class during Term 2

To start the term, I will step into the role of 3-6 classroom teacher. This will mean on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, I will be on class all day and on Thursday from 12 – 3pm. On Thursday and Fridays we welcome a new teacher, Mr Nathan de Rooy, who will teach our K-2 class on Thursday afternoons and our 3-6 class on Thursday mornings and all day Friday. Mr de Rooy will start this Thursday so we hope you can attend our ANZAC Day assembly and meet him at this time.

More information regarding this temporary change to the 3-6 class will be given at our P and C meeting on Thursday.

NAPLAN

During Week 3 of term (12 – 14 May), students in Years 3 and 5 throughout Australia will complete the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing.

The assessment will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the morning session at our school. Students in Years 4 and 6 will join with our K-2 class during this time where stage appropriate work will be completed. There will be no groups held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next Thursday and Friday (30th April and 1st May), parents will be given the opportunity to sit with their child’s teacher and discuss progress during Term 1. Thank you to the parents and carers who have already returned their slips. Interview times will be sent home with your child later this week. On the day, we encourage parents to ask any questions they may have about each child’s learning. We see these meetings as extremely important, not only to the parents but also to the teachers, as we can gauge your feelings regarding our number one concern, your child’s social, emotional and academic development. We look forward to meeting with you then.

Canteen

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have supported the school by helping with the operation of the canteen during Term 1. We are now seeking further volunteers to assist during Term 2. If you are able to help, please contact Amanda on 0418437618.

P&C Meeting

Our next P and C meeting will be held Thursday 21st May. We hope to see you there!

Mother’s Day Stall

Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 8th May and all gifts will be $5.
Driver Reviver

During the holidays, a group of our hard working parents and carers joined together to operate the Driver Reviver at Wang Wauk Rest Stop. Their time and effort helped raise $441 for our school. A big thank you to Lyn and Nick Rooney, Amanda Mace, David Rooney, Beau Threadgate, Tim Loveday, Jeremy Saba, Vanessa Carlson, Christine Carruthers, Christine Thoroughgood and Lee Beyer. Could I also thank Jody Threadgate and the Nabiac SES for their continued support of our school. This is once again one of our major fundraising events for the year, so thank you everyone!

Head Lice and School Sores

Just a quick reminder to all parents and carers to check your child regularly for head lice and school sores and to take appropriate action if found. Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Impetigo (School Sores)

Symptoms

- Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

School or home?

- Keep home from school until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I help prevent spread?

- Parents of children who may have had contact with impetigo should look for signs of infection and seek treatment if symptoms develop.

Staff Update

Just a quick reminder that Mrs Drummond will be away during the first two weeks of Term 2. We hope she enjoys her time away and at this time welcome Mrs Sharon Chambers, who will fill her role in the office.

Jason Tindall - Principal

Introducing Mr Nathan de Rooy

Good day to you all. I’d like to take this time to introduce myself – I’m Mr Nathan de Rooy. I have been a local in the Forster area for nearly 20 years. After completing year 12 I attended and worked for Charles Sturt University Bathurst Campus. Throughout my course I have had the opportunity to undertake professional placements in Forster, Menindee/Broken Hill and Bathurst before doing my internship at Pacific Palms, graduating with a Bachelor of Education (Primary) in December of last year. I have actively been involved with soccer as a referee for around 11 years both locally and in Bathurst. Furthermore, I have been involved with Surf Live Saving at One Mile Beach since I was 5 years of age and am fortunate to now work for the Australian Lifeguard Service over the school holiday periods.

Anyway, that’s enough about me ..... I just wish to say I am excited about the opportunity of working with the great team at Coolongolook Public School, the students and the community.

Mr de Rooy
Simple and inexpensive physical activity

Increasing the amount of physical activity in your child’s day is a simple and inexpensive way to improve their health and wellbeing. Being active needn’t cost a lot or take up a lot of time. Here are some fun and easy ways to include more activity in your child’s day:

- Playing games like ‘Simon Says’ or ‘Follow the leader’
- Playing with the dog
- Going for a walk
- Playing in the park
- Dancing in the lounge room
- Kicking a ball in the backyard

Encourage your kids to be creative while having fun and being active, for example:

- To make bats or racquets, roll up newspaper or use cardboard tubes
- For markers or obstacles for games, use plastic bottles, containers or shoes
- Brooms or mops can be used for hurdles or the limbo bar
- Chalk, rope or masking tape are great for game markings e.g. hopscotch, handball

If you have a backyard, make the most of it! Play hopscotch or elastics, chalk up some handball markings, create a soccer goal from bins or other backyard objects or you could put up a netball or basketball hoop.

There are lots of simple and inexpensive ways to help your kids be active every day.

Reference: Q4: The Coast in Motion - Family ACTIVation Pack

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