From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome to Week 3 of term. The students have settled back into classroom routine and we are pleased with their progress at this time. We look forward to seeing you at our school soon!

ANZAC Assembly

On Thursday 23rd April, the school held its 2015 ANZAC Assembly, commemorating 100 years since the ANZAC landing in Gallipoli. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance, actively participating in our ceremony and commenting on the success of our tribute to those soldiers who have served and fallen defending this great country of ours. Congratulations also to our support team who led the assembly and to our student body who displayed great pride and respect during the assembly. Well done everyone!

Our ANZAC Day activity – Cookies in a Slouch Hat
**Aussie Bush Camp – 3-6 Excursion**

During Term 3, students in our 3 to 6 class will join with students from Krambach Public School for their Aussie Bush Camp Excursion. It promises to be an exciting time for the students. The total cost for the excursion is $223. To assist with payment, attached is a suggested payment schedule. We hope this is of benefit and please don’t hesitate in contacting me at the school if you have any concerns.

![Aussie Bush Camp Image](image)

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**NAPLAN**

On 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. Mrs Donnelly will work with the children at this time and usual group activities will proceed in both classes.

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**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Last Thursday and Friday, parents and carers were given the opportunity to sit with their child’s teacher and discuss progress during Term 1. Thank you to those who attended our meetings. It was wonderful to discuss your child’s social, emotional and educational progress at this time. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school and we will organise a convenient meeting time over the coming weeks.

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**Week 4 Assembly**

On Wednesday 13th May (Week 4), the school will hold its next assembly. The assembly will once again be held in the school library at 2pm. At this assembly we will present our class and group awards plus announce our next round of Bronze award recipients. We hope to see you there!

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**Life Education**

On Friday 15th May, the Life Education Van will once again visit our school. Attached is a permission slip and payment form for this wonderful learning opportunity for our children.

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**Canteen**

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have supported our school by helping with the operation of the canteen. We are now currently seeking further volunteers to assist during Term 2. If you are able to help, please contact Amanda on 0418437618 or Casey on 0432504601.

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**Mother’s Day Stall**

On Friday, students will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for Mother’s Day. Gifts will be $5 each and sold in the morning session.

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**P&C Meeting**

Our next P and C meeting will be held on Thursday 21st May at 9.15am. On the agenda will be Term 2 fundraising and a summary of our Mother’s Day stall. We hope to see you there!
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.

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.

Jason Tindall – Principal

Kindergarten Newsletter

Kindergarten have settled back into school routine ready for a busy Term 2. We are happy to be in our new room with lots of space for group activities. Every morning all K-2 students participate in a phonics program called LIPI (Lessons in Phonics Instruction). This is a program designed to teach letters and sounds by matching activities, writing words and using these words in sentences. All students are making excellent progress and enjoy participating in this activity based program.

Louise Donnelly – Kindergarten Teacher

K-2 Newsletter

Welcome back to what looks like a busy Term 2. There are lots of things happening this term in K-2 that will ensure we are all kept engaged and learning.

Welcome Miss Byrne

K-2 are lucky enough to be hosting a Student Teacher from Swinburne University. Miss Byrne comes to us with many years of early childhood experience and is already showing her enthusiasm for teaching at our school. Miss Byrne will be with us for another 3 weeks. In this time she will be teaching lessons under my guidance and supervision. We hope Miss Byrne enjoys her experience here at Coolongolook and she learns some invaluable skills to enhance her chosen career.
**Fruit Break**

Thank you to all the ladies that have helped cut fruit already during the term. Amanda, Kris and Lee give up their time in the mornings to cut up our healthy snacks so we can enjoy a variety of different fruit. Students are generally remembering to pack their fruit each morning so this can continue.

**Room Change**

We have now been in our new room for 2 weeks. The extra space has been wonderful in allowing students to engage in individual learning activities and rotational groups. The new Kindergarten room allows early learning activities to happen without disturbing the lessons of Years 1 & 2. Then each afternoon we are able to spread out and undertake wonderful engaging activities for HSIE, science and art.

**Labelling Clothes**

Coming into the colder weather we have been seeing a lot of school jackets being found without names. Please remember to label your child’s jackets so that if found they can be returned to them promptly. There are a few jackets in my room that don’t have names, so if you child has lost theirs, please encourage them to look at these.

Anne-Maree Ross - K-2 Teacher

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**Good for Kids good for life**

**Fussy eating in children**

Fussy eating is normal; one day your child will be ravenous, the next day they will be picky. Children’s appetites are affected by their growth cycles, which is all part of their development. Here are some simple tips to manage fussy eaters:

**Get into good habits**
- Ensure children get regular meals and snacks throughout the day
- Set time limits for meals
- Limit talk about your child’s food fussiness in front of them

**Create a pleasant atmosphere at meal times**
- Turn off the TV
- Give everyone an opportunity to talk

**Allow some choice**
- Allowing limited choice in what they eat e.g. would you like grapes or a pear

**Introducing new foods**
- Start with small serves of the new food
- It may take 10-15 times of offering before a child will take a liking to the new food
- Eating with other children can help exposure to new foods
- Always try to eat the same food as your children and talk about how yummy it is or isn’t this flavour nice etc.

For more information on fussy eating go to: [http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/fussy_eating.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/fussy_eating.html)