Hi everyone and welcome to Education Week! This week we will celebrate Public Education by holding an Open Day at our school on Wednesday and participating in the Stocklands Concert on Thursday. It promises to be an exciting time and we hope to see you on Wednesday and Thursday.

**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

During the first week of term, students participated in a number of activities celebrating NAIDOC.

On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed Steph from the Buudja Marrung Catering and Culture Education Centre who presented a Bush Tucker talk and tasting at school. The students had a great time sampling some of the different foods and learnt a lot during her presentation.

On Friday afternoon, a group from Biripi Aboriginal Children's Service worked with our children in clay making and painting of Dream Time story references. They also treated the children to a barbeque lunch.

It was a wonderful celebration of indigenous culture at our school and we thank both groups for making this time so special for our students.

**Pyjama Day**

During the first week, our school also participated in National Pyjama Day. On Thursday, students wore their pyjamas to school and participated in special library lessons. The students enjoyed the day raising over $50 for children in foster care.

**Education Week – CPS Open Day and Stocklands Concert**

This week our students will participate in two activities celebrating Public Education. On Wednesday 29th July, our school will hold an Open Day in which parents and carers will be invited to visit our writing groups and
participate in the lessons. This will also be a wonderful time to sit with your child and learn of some of the amazing work they are completing at school. Our Open Day will start at 10 a.m. with parents visiting classes, followed by an assembly at 11 a.m. and a barbecue lunch at a small cost to parents.

On Thursday, students will travel by bus to Stocklands Mall, Forster, to participate in the ‘Education Week’ Concert. Students will once again sing their Taree Eisteddfod songs ‘Happiness’ and ‘Cruella de Vil’ and finish the concert with a special skipping display. Students will leave school at 9.30am, arriving for the start of the concert at 10.15am. I encourage all parents to come along and support our students on the day.

**Car Boot Sale**

On Saturday 31st October, the school P and C will hold their ‘Car Boot’ sale at the Coolongolook Oval. The day will start at 9am and all enquiries can be made through the school office. Information pamphlets will follow this week with table prices and further contact information. We look forward to your involvement in this community activity.

**Aussie Bush Camp – 3-6 Excursion**

Rapidly approaching is our 3-6 excursion to the Aussie Bush Camp. On Wednesday 12th August (Week 5), students in our 3-6 class will join with students from Krambach Public School for their 3 day excursion. It promises to be an exciting time for the students. The total cost for the excursion is $225. Once again if you have any concerns with payment, or questions regarding this excursion, please contact me at the school.

**Coolongolook and Wootton Action Group AGM**

On Tuesday 11th August, the local community progress group (CWAG), will hold their AGM at our school starting at 7pm in the school library. I encourage all parents and carers to attend this meeting and become part of this important group for our community.

**P&C Meeting**

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 20th August starting at 9.15am. On the agenda will be Term 3 fundraising including the Car Boot Sale and Wang Waik Driver Reviver. We hope to see you there!

**Canteen**

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have supported our school by helping with the operation of the canteen. We are continuing to seek further volunteers to assist for the remainder of the year. If you are able to help, please contact Trish in the office.

**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 or Silver award during Term 1 and 2 will continue to work towards this goal during Term 3. After gaining the 20 points required to gain their Silver award, students will then start working towards their Gold 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.

Jason Tindall, Principal
Hello from Miss Wood!

Hi everyone! My name is Cindy (Miss Wood) and I am currently doing my internship in the K-2 room. This is the final stage (yay!) of the Bachelor of Education (Primary) which I have been studying online through Curtin University in WA for the past four years.

I live in Forster with my “hubby” and between us we have six children (21, 19, 15, 12, 11 & 6), so I have plenty of “guinea pigs” to experiment with!

I have been an early childhood teacher for the past twenty years. I am loving the K-2 environment at Coolongolook but I will also spend time with Years 3-6.

I enjoy camping, fossicking for gold and gemstones, and our family are all keen snowboarders. I look forward to meeting with you over the next eight weeks. Please come and say hello! Cheers!

Cindy Wood

K-2 News

Class Newspaper

This term we have started publishing a class newspaper. The K-2 Kronicle will be published and distributed each Friday afternoon to each K-2 student as well as 3-6 students if they wish to take one. The purpose of the newspaper is two-fold: to give students an exercise to practise their writing in a formal and purposeful task, as well as letting parents know what is going on in our classroom from the student’s perspective. It has been working well as a reflective tool, encouraging students to think and reflect upon their learning throughout the week. I hope you find the ‘Kronicle’ an enjoyable read.

Fruit

It has been brought to my attention that some students are not putting fruit in the basket each morning. All students share in the benefits of the shared fruit break we offer and no student misses out; however there has been a lower number of fruit during these past 2 weeks than in previous terms. I have asked the students to make sure they pack a piece of fruit each morning as we are talking about our responsibilities in the classroom and how these extend to home.

History

As a part of our history unit this term we are looking at Families. A note was sent home last term asking students to supply us with a baby photo (or one from as young as possible) as well as a current family photo. To date we have been supplied with one set of photos. These are needed for lessons next week so it would be greatly appreciated if you could either inbox, email or send a copy of these photographs during this week.

Jumpers/Jackets

A number of students have been coming to school without jumpers or jackets on these cold mornings. I have a collection of spare jumpers for students to borrow if they have forgotten theirs, and these are even being taken home and not returned. I encourage all students to come to school with their jacket, labelled with their name, even if they put them in their bags during the day.

Anne-Maree Ross

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten have been consolidating their knowledge of single sounds and how to use these sounds when reading texts. As well as learning these sounds, a focus this term is writing letters correctly. It is important for writing activities that students remember the starting points and direction for each individual letter. It is also important to remember correct pencil grip and posture when writing. Weekly homework is a good time to practise letter formation and writing. Happy writing!

Louise Donnelly