Hi everyone, and welcome to a new year of learning with the Preps and Ones.

I’ve sent home a few notes already, however will reiterate some of the important information for the newsletter here:

Show and tell will be each Thursday, beginning this week. Students will present once each fortnight. A roster was sent home last week. This fortnight’s topic is:

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**Week 2 & 3**

**My favourite book:**
Bring in a book you enjoy and explain what you enjoy about it. Tell us about the story and your favourite character.

**2.2.17:**
Oli, Josie, Jamie, Felicity, Claire

**9.2.17:**
Cadence, Caiden, Laylalee, Hamish, Lucy and Elijah

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**Class work:**
The learning goals and assessment for this term is as follows:

**English:** Prep: select a favourite story and create a short, spoken response to elements of the story
Year 1: respond to imaginative stories making connections between personal experiences and the text.

**Maths:** Prep – sort and classify a collection of objects, answer and pose simple questions to collect information, recall a sequence of activities in the order they were completed.
Year 1 - recognise, model, write and order numbers to 20, counting to and from 100, compare objects based on length using informal units.

**Science:** Prep - represent and share observations about the needs of living things and how an environment can affect them.
Year 1 - identify a range of habitats, examine a local habitat, describe changes and suggestions to improve the habitat, predict changes to a local habitat, sorting and recording observations.

**History:** Prep – Investigate: What stories do other people tell about the past?
Year 1 - Investigate: How do we describe the sequence of time?

**Health:** Prep - identify different settings where they can play safely and identify and describe the different emotions people experience.
Year 1 - describe changes that occur as they grow older, and to recognise diversity and how it contributes to identities

A few notes have gone home this week to prepare students to participate in these subjects over the next week. Would you please take some time to fill in details for your child and return as soon as possible, so they may gain the best from the lessons:
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- Find an empty box or container. Attach your nametag to the container. Think about how you have described yourself and choose two to three items you could place in the container that tells others something about you.
- Fill in a sheet about your child’s milestones at each age so far.
- Record some details about your child when they were younger.

**Homework** begins this week.

Homework folders will be handed in each Thursday, so students can have readers, sight words and spelling tested and changed over for the following week.

Prep children will take home readers each week, and you can read to and with your child, getting them to join in more as they become more familiar with the text.

Rereading the same text is often useful at this stage. Sight words will be introduced soon.

Year one students will have readers, sight words, spelling and number facts. We begin testing in week 2.

Above all, we want reading to be an enjoyable activity. The sight words are the most frequently used words in texts, so getting to know these will help with reading confidence and enjoyment.

Any questions or concerns, please ask myself, Faith or Harmony.

Many thanks  

Michelle Smith

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It’s only the second week back though classrooms are already showing signs of high productivity in learning. Students are responding well to the teacher preparedness for enhancing the learning process. And teachers are making every attempt to make clear what is expected in student learning.

Each class has visible learning goals for the term that are being referred to on a daily basis. This approach ensures students recognise the importance of each particular learning experience towards being successful in the assigned assessment task. So if you would like to know what is expected of your child in their learning this term please arrange some time with their class teacher.

Making learning visible is one action within our improvement agenda for Reading that we are utilising across all subjects. Other actions to enhance student outcomes in Reading will also benefit all learning areas though we remain focused on getting it right in Reading first. If you would like to know more about our improvement agenda for Reading, then please attend our Parent Information Session next Wednesday at 6pm in the green room. Hope to see you there.

Cheers,

Trent

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**Kafe begins again**

Kafe begins this Friday, 3rd January. The Year 2’s and the Year 6’s will be cooking for two weeks. Please check your calendar on the back page to know when your child will be cooking this term. The menu is on page 3. Bookings are appreciated. Helpers too!
Welcome back everyone, and welcome to those new to this fabulous school too. I hope Santa was good to you.

I’m looking to a productive year in the garden in 2017. For my birthday (January 14) I got a great gift – helpers in the garden for a working bee. Thanks to Robyn P, Robyn B, Ann, Jo, Rob, Josh, Lachlan, Harvey, Lisa S, Catherine, Paul, Phoenix and Felicity for whipping the garden into shape ready for Term 1!

WE weeded, fed and mulched many of the beds, planted seedlings and seeds for sprouts, cleaned out the chook house, and even prepared some chutney and pickles using fruits from the garden, for serving up at Friday KAFE lunches. The volunteers are the most valuable asset we have in the Kitchen Garden Program and I am forever grateful to you all. We were too busy working and eating cake to take photos, so you’ll just have to turn up next time to get ‘the full picture’.

We have bumper crops of capsicums, pumpkins, eggplants, spinach, cherry tomatoes, edible seeds, mangoes, and bananas – along with our staples of eggs, lettuces, herbs etc - that I’m sure Zeb and the kids will turn into a tasty Indian feast this Friday. Come along and enjoy.

I’m focusing Friday lessons on health in the coming term – not hard when you have fresh organic food at your door, flowers and birds to put a smile on your face, and a bit of honest labour on the side to keep your body fit.

If you’d like to take part in any way – eg help out in the garden or kitchen, or help supervise the kids in the Friday classes, or throw some money or goods our way, please contact the school, or me directly on 5485 4507. Any help is most appreciated.

Cheers, Keith Gilbert

P.S. I’m still hoping for a handy person or two who can help construct a chook tractor for the garden...if I could have one wish, a chook tractor would be it – the effort we’d save on weeding and feeding the garden with one of these is HUGE.
First Parade

Sascha and Makayla did a wonderful job in their first role as School Captains on parade last Friday!

Pippa and Will receive their Sports Awards from 2016. Congratulations to you both!

I’ve been waiting for ages for this!

Congratulations to all above on receiving a Certificate from the Xmas Card design competition instigated by our local member, Tony Perrett last year.

Birthday wishes to Isabella, Claire and Aiden
Community Events

...soccer...

Cooroora United Football Club Inc.

2017 Sign On

Saturday 21st & 28th January 2017
9.00am - 12.00 noon
Cooroy Library, Maple St Cooroy

If you miss sign on DONT WORRY!!!
Email: Megan cufcregistrar2@gmail.com or
Andrew cufcsecretary@gmail.com
Phone: 0419 999274

...tennis...

Hi everyone,

We had our first hit of tennis under the new lights last Friday and our AGM. New positions are as follows:

President - Terry Sproule
Secretary - Cristy Uechtritz
Treasurer - Steve Tollis (until a replacement is found)
Vice President - Anita Poteri

Steve and his lovely family are planning to move further down the coast and so we need someone to put their hand up to take over treasurer. Chat to myself or Steve if you are interested, it's not a great deal of work - just a little bit of book keeping and paying the occasional bill.

We have also secured funding for court resurfacing, so this should be going ahead in the next month or two.

Tennis memberships for 2017 are now due. Fees are:

Family $85  Adult $50  Child $15  Casual court hire / play $6 per person.

(Please note that if kids are using the court outside of tennis lessons they should be either part of a family membership or have a child membership).

The best way to pay memberships is by direct deposit to the tennis club account.

Bank: Commonwealth  Name: Kin Kin Tennis Club  BSB 064 416  ACC 00909902

Please reference payment with your surname.

Social tennis will occur Friday evenings from 4.30pm for children and then 5.15pm for adults.

The club is keen to increase use and membership this year so please pass on this info to anyone you think may be interested.

Cheers, Cristy

...Gympie Art Gallery...

We look forward to a new year of fun for kids with ART STARS creative sessions for kids starting on Saturday 4 February at the Gympie Regional Gallery.

Two sessions:

10am-12noon for children aged 5-9yrs and 1pm-3pm for young people aged 10 years and up.

Costs $2 to cover materials. Simply turn up. Facilitated by Sandra Ross.

Also Tiny Tots Artplay for little kids with their parents begins on Friday 24 February from 10am-11am for littlies aged between 18 months and 3 years.

Facilitated by Sabine Gaber. Please book for this one as numbers are limited. Phone 5481 0733 for any further information.
FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU
NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NBN

The NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK has arrived in Pomona and Cooran. To help you make the most of it, we are holding an NBN information session. Nothing too complex, just a simple explanation of the new, high-speed network and a Q&A session. Come and ask the expert from the Telstra Store Noosa all your NBN questions.

We look forward to seeing you!

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9.30am - 10.30am
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For information and bookings 54852427
Morning tea - gold coin donation

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When: Thursday, 9th Feb - 30th March
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Cost: $120 (Register and pay online)
Where: Read Park, Tewantin 4565 & Mary River Road, Cooroy 4563
Contact: Nic Roberts 0428724819

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