Coraki Public School Newsletter

As learners we will: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

From the Principal

We can now announce our 2015 School Captains! Congratulations to these children – Caitlin Writer and Cooper Olive are our School Captains. Abbie Ryan-Jeffery and Sam Wilson are our Prefects. Our House Captains are Harry Baker and Mollee Olive [Rous], Levi Cananough and Cody Hawke-Parsons [Wilson] and Jarred Eller and Caitlin McIntyre-Boyle [Richmond]. We will be holding our Captains’ Assembly NEXT Monday, starting at 2pm – everyone is welcome. We look forward to working with these School Leaders as role models, peer support people and as representatives of our school.

Extra Focus and Support on Literacy and Numeracy
In 2015 and 2016 our school has been allocated additional government funding for Literacy and Numeracy support. This is under a programme called Early Action for Success-we have an extra staffing entitlement, resource funding and can access 2 days a week top quality professional leadership. Tracy Durheim is our guide/leader in this role. We have some solid plans of getting these kids moving along in the early years of school which of course reflects in later years. All our staff will benefit from this programme and of course be involved with the professional development on offer.

Getting news out to parents
This year again we are using a mobile phone app to back up information going home. Once we get it happening regularly this should be a quick and easy way of getting information for those times when a paper Newsletter might get lost.

It is a free app called School Stream- the instructions for downloading it are -
From your mobile device go to the Play Store search for School Stream
Tap the School Stream listing
Tap the INSTALL button
Tap the ACCEPT button
Wait for the app to install then tap the OPEN button
Start typing Coraki Public School into the search then SELECT Coraki Public School
Tap the DONE button in the top left

Headlice
YES, these unwelcome head guests are back. Please check your child’s head and treat. Thorough treatment is the only way to get them out of the school. With the warm weather and lots of visiting going on I guess it is no wonder they have found many heads to make themselves home in.

Focus Value For the Week
DILIGENCE—working hard to do the best job we can it is giving it is giving things our “best shot”. As it has once been said “Everything comes to the one who waits, if that one works while he/she waits”
Year 7 in 2016
It is the time of year to start making decisions around High Schools. Coraki School is lucky to be zoned for Lismore High School which is part of the Rivers College. This is a way of accessing resources across the 3 High Schools in Lismore. This is extremely relevant when it comes times through later years in High School [say Year 9 onwards] when electives and VET options can be chosen. It is way to access much more choice for Secondary options. The Rivers College is holding an information night next week. We are part of their zoned schools. To make informed choices I recommend attending. The following is the information they have sent to parents:

The Rivers Secondary College Year 7 2016 Transition Information Evening
Stage 3 students and parents are invited to come along to the Lismore Workers Club Auditorium on Wednesday 25 February from 6pm-7pm to find out more about The Rivers Secondary College, how it works and the benefits for students as they move into high school. You will hear from John Baker, Executive Principal of The Rivers Secondary College and have the opportunity to meet, hear from and speak to students and other key personnel from each high school.
This evening is designed to give an overview of The Rivers Secondary College prior to each high school holding its individual session in coming weeks: Kadina HS on Wednesday 11 March; Lismore HS on Tuesday 10 March; and Richmond River HS on Thursday 5 March.

Social Circus had a great start last week ....please see the pictures in this Newsletter. I know all the children enjoyed it and worked on giving new skills a good, diligent try. They worked on not giving up and just finding joyfulness in things they do.
Until next week, hopefully see you at our Captains Assembly …

Office Notes

General Permission and Updated Medical forms.
Could you please return these to the Office by Monday 16th February.

Book Packs & Voluntary Contributions
These are available from the front Office for $20.00 each. Book packs include a refill for the year for this bargain price!!!

We have EFTPOS available to make your life easier.

Thank you.
CORAKI JUNIORS
CORAKI Junior Golf is holding a sign on Day and Clinic on Sunday 22nd February 2015 at 9:00am. With PGA Professional Matt Smith.
Come and try day, find out what junior golf is all about.
Junior Golf is open to children from 6 to 17 years of age.
Coraki Junior Golf will be played each Sunday morning from 9:00am. Free lessons are conducted every Friday afternoon from 3:30pm. Contact Bob Grasby 0432 365 852

STUDENT BANKING
Coraki Public School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. It is a great way for your child to learn the good habit of saving money on a regular basis. Our school also benefits from commissions earned.
In order to participate in the School Banking program your child will need a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account which can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank - your nearest branch is Limore. If you are an existing customer with NetBank access you can open an account online. Simply logon as usual, click ‘offers and apply’ tab, then select ‘accounts’ and ‘Youthsaver’. For either option you will need to have your child’s birth certificate and your driver’s licence for identification purposes.
Our banking day is every Thursday. Everyone is welcome to join – the sooner the better!

Beating Picky Eating
Children with strong food preferences who limit their intake of the needed variety of foods can be a challenge. Some of the following ideas may be helpful:

- Remember: Parents choose “which” foods, children decide “how much”
- Create a positive environment at the table, make meal times pleasant
- Be a good role model
- Stick to a routine
- Provide the same meals for the whole family
- Take children shopping, involve them in planning and preparation
- Limit sweet drinks and juice so children have an appetite

If you are stuck in a constant battle, maybe try a different approach.
Social Circus first day—it was great!
The students can’t wait for this Friday!!!
Imagine how good they will be by the end
of term!