Coraki Public School Newsletter

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

From the Principal

NAPLAN Tests
This week the children in Years 3 and 5 are sitting the NAPLAN tests. On Tuesday the test was on Language conventions and Writing, Wednesday for Reading and Thursday the test was based on Numeracy. There is always a lot said in the press about NAPLAN and of course we all know the arguments for and against standardised testing. The results are used to help schools analyse programmes and of course are the basis for a lot of funding also. It was good to see that our children were not stressed over the test and took it on board as just a part of what they do as school students. NAPLAN does only test one aspect of learning and use only one form of testing. We like the old cartoon which has a monkey, a penguin, a seal, a dog and a fish in a fishbowl lined up. A professor-type tester is giving out the same test paper stating everyone must climb the tree behind The words underneath say “Everyone is a genius, but if we judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid.” The results of NAPLAN get back to schools by mid September.

Cross Country – Zone Carnival at Lennox
Our team once again tried their best and showed good sportsmanship last Friday at Lennox Head. From the races we have three girls going on to Zone Level next week. These runners are - Cody Hawke-Parsons, Brodie Hawke-Parsons and Shiarnah Faint. It seems girl power is running high at the moment!!

“Grow Up Smiling” Dental Van
This mobile dental checking van was here at school last year. It is returning here to school on May 28th and 29th. This is a free service for those who qualify through Centrelink. First visit is a check. Any work that needs doing is then followed up when the van returns to school a month or so later. Any check or work is entirely by choice by parents. We have sent the permission notes and necessary paperwork home with the children. We need these returned by MAY 28th please. We will give reminders in the meantime.

Trip for Year 5/6 – environments
Tomorrow the year 5/6 class is going to Victoria Park rainforest area [after NAPLAN of course]. This is part of their work in Mrs Haye’s Science time which is looking at environments, in particular Rainforests. They will be taking part in a talk about rainforest regeneration and exploring the particular features of rainforests. A note did get out on Monday and we have had some offers of transport, thank you. This follow on from work in Term 1 around Antarctica, which would have been a trickier environment to go into.

School Banking Day is Thursday’s

Calendar

Term 2

15.05
K, 1 & 2 Fire Station visit

19.05
Yr 6 SCU program

28—29.05
Dental Van Visit

03.06
School Athletics Carnival

14.05—20.05
Bryce Gollan

15.05
Teagan Corrigan

18.05
Teagan Corrigan
Chat time……
Please feel free to contact the office to arrange a suitable time to chat about any concerns or questions you may have, or if more convenient please email me at: jane.cottee@det.nsw.edu.au

Behaviour on school buses
There have been many incidents happening on the school buses lately. We constantly remind our students about safe bus travel – to stay seated, use school language, quiet talk and listen to the driver. Northern Rivers Buslines is very patient with some of our children but does resort to sending home Warning Letters or banning children off buses. This is a real inconvenience for some families and can end up with families being in trouble for not sending children to school. We all know school attendance is required by law. Please remind your children about safe bus behaviour and if your child does ever have a ban on buses, he/she still must attend school.

Southern Cross University Year 6 Programme
A team for the university in Lismore is coming to school next Tuesday. This is part of an outreach programme to encourage senior primary children to consider all options as they start High School. There is no doubt that a good attitude at the start of High School can give wider options at the end. Sometimes it can be too late to get the necessary marks and background knowledge to be able to make good subject picks in Year 11 or 12. Like it or not, High School is the time to start getting best options for working life organised. Notes and a survey went out to Year 6 families. There is no cost for this and no travel away.

Enjoy the beautiful Autumn days before the cold! [speaking of which……names on jumpers please, our lost property box is growing]

Assembly Awards

KCT
Emilia Little-Albarracin—Effort in reading
Charlie Brien—Effort in writing

1-2 LP
Chelsii-Lee McElligott—Fantastic Handwriting
Malachi Kapeen—Outstanding work in Maths

3-4 JC
Jasmine Deas—Trying hard with all work
Jade Brien—Hard working class member

3-4 JC
Hayley Spencer—Great ‘Sound Waves’ work
Joshua Stewart—Completing work

5-6 MM
Sam Wilson—Working well in class
Caitlyn McIntyre-Boyle—Working well in class

Inquiry Learning MH
Tahlia Lindsay—Always working extremely hard
Jaxon Olive—Trying hard in all areas of his work
Active Transport: What does that mean??

Active transport is defined as any form of human powered transport (e.g. locomotion on foot, or bicycle, skateboard, etc).

The majority of Australian primary and secondary school children do not use active transport to travel to and/or from school on a weekly basis. Both children/young people and parents should incorporate active transport into their everyday routines. Other than school journeys, replacing short car trips to a range of destinations (e.g. local parks, local shops, friend’s house) with walking or cycling is feasible (e.g. 1 kilometre is about 15 minutes of walking) and will have a range of benefits both to the child and the environment. Fewer cars on the road make it safer for everyone, especially around schools and parks.

School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Coraki Public School.

General News

Stage 2 & 3 Brisbane Excursion
Please continue to make regular payments towards this excursion. The excursion date is 9th, 10th & 11th September.

Payment Methods
Don’t forget we have EFTPOS for your convenience. All payments for excursions performance etc is to be in before the day of the event and may be paid off in a lay by system.
Some more photos of the Mid Richmond Carnival and our hard running children!