This week is the week that even the maddest of planners would not have planned! We have 4 short trips happening for classes with the 5/6 class almost very seasoned globetrotters. Their activities this week were not our planning but dates given to us! Today 5/6 is taking part in the Get Hooked Fishing programme [something the seniors do each year – usually we do this in Term 4. Tomorrow, Year 6’s are at Evans River High School all day. This Friday our Year 5 students are at Southern Cross University for a morning of activities. This is part of an outreach programme from the Uni which aims at letting children explore options in their education and expose them to possibilities. It is important to dream and have ambitions.

We have had staff members sick this week too which always throws some classes out of routine. But being out of routine is a good life lesson too- to be flexible around plans is always important. Life isn’t always as it is planned as adults and we have to learn to adjust. I must say most children do this very well.

Kindergarten 2016
It is that time of year to consider enrolling in Kindergarten and our “SmartStart Kindergarten Orientation” programme is starting on October 16th. For families with children turning 5 before July 31st 2016 it is crunch time!

For families that have siblings ready to start next year, come in and start the enrolment process. If you know any families with young children please let them know it is time to call in and have a chat to us about the education that can be given here at Coraki Public School. We are a small school that offers many and varied opportunities. We are a very well-resourced school and have the facilities and back up of the greatest public education system in Australia. Our staff undergoes constant professional development and is highly accountable to the profession of teaching. All our classes each have School Learning Support Officers [Aides] to provide extra support, 1:1 time and specialised activities such as speech and general learning.

We believe in our school but most importantly believe in each and every one of our students here.
“Proud of Coraki” Video
On Friday of next week, the Senior class will be starting to put their storyboard of their film into real life. They will be recording around the school and also around some parts of town. The general permission note from the start of year will cover the permissions for this. They will also be getting shots of some other children around the school yard.
IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO BE PART OF THIS FILM, please let us know and we will keep them off camera. This film will be shown possibly nationally so please let us know if you don’t want your child filmed.

Pyjamas and Sports
You might have been mistaken last Friday morning that everyone at Coraki PS had slept in. Our children and teachers came to school in their pyjamas to raise money for children in Foster Care. It felt a little strange to be wearing a dressing gown around the school playground, but all for good cause. Our Minister for Charities helped promote this and all up we raised over $60, thanks to all our sleepy heads!
While some stayed in pyjamas all day, others were at the Ballina District Athletics Carnival. From our team we do have some children going on to Zone level, the names are yet to be confirmed. But well done to all our competitors!

Don’t forget to download the school stream app onto your mobile phone [select Coraki PS when you do !] There is a way through this app to send absent notes to school if your child is sick. Try it!

Stay warm for this last part of winter

From the students......
Sport Colour Day
On the 14th of August 2015, Coraki Public School is having a day where you can wear sports colours or sports uniform. It doesn’t cost anything. Please come along and enjoy the day
Izak Welch

Reminder:
Stage 2 & 3 Major Excursion payments need to be finalised by 28th August.
We have EFTPOS for your convenience.

Further notes with all the information for the excursion will be coming out in week 7, starting 24th August.
Sparking your child’s interest in trying new foods
- Offer your child a new food regularly. Children may need to try a new food many times before liking or accepting it. Don’t give up or say “they don’t like it” after just a few tries.
- Encourage your child to explore new foods. Looking, touching and smelling a new food helps children learn about it and be more prepared to taste it. Talk about the food with your child.
- Involve your child in choosing new foods when you are shopping.
- Children love to help with food preparation tasks such as pouring, stirring, spreading, dipping and shaking. Children who are actively involved in preparing food are more likely to try that food.
- Growing vegetables and fruit is a fun way to help children learn where food comes from. Try growing cherry tomatoes, herbs, beans or strawberry plants in pots or in the garden.
- Serve only a small amount of the new food on their plate so it doesn’t overwhelm your child. Serve alongside foods they already like eating and are familiar with.
- Make meals and snacks look appealing by using different coloured foods, interesting shapes and textures.
- Try varying the way new foods are prepared. Some children prefer cold, crunchy foods while others enjoy cooked. This can change over time.
- Give your child a choice of healthy food – offer a small range of healthy foods eg in the middle of the table, and allow your child to choose what s/he wants to eat.
- Congratulate your child when s/he tries something new even if it’s just a small mouthful. Their efforts to learn about food by touching, smelling or tasting it are also important to acknowledge.

Gubi Awards

Kaeleb Spek 280
Amber Stewart 560
Tahlia Lindsay 400
Tigerlily Corkill 340
Abbie Ryan-Jeffery 600
Douglas Williams 110
Phillip Pollock 500
Harry Baker 590
Jordon Cartwright 310
Juwarn Williams 140

Assembly Awards

KCT
Analissa Spek—Trying hard in reading
Emilia Little Albaraccin—Working hard in all areas

1-2 LP
Jackson Corrigan—Outstanding behaviour
Hunter Stevens—excellent manners

3-4 JC
Hayley Spencer—Great effort with homework
Billy-Jack Kapeen—Great effort with homework

3-4 CO
Blaire McElligott—Excellent effort in all area of learning
Brydie Eller—Excellent effort in Maths

5-6 MM
Bronte Phelps—Excellent writing
Cody Hawke-Parsons—Working well in class
DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) is taught throughout the whole school to encourage children to read—novels, non fiction, newspaper, magazines or, in other words, anything!

Reading is an important skill in all our lives and Year 5-6 read independently every day. The children find a comfortable spot in their room and read. Everyone seems have interesting books from these photos!