MEET THE TEACHER SUCCESS……..

Cooerwull Public School welcomed parents and carers to the school last week to meet the teaching staff for 2014. This provided a wonderful opportunity to have an informal chat about the year ahead and to establish a great start with the relationship between home and school. Many thanks to everyone for supporting this important school event and I would encourage parents to keep the lines of communication open throughout the year.

Staying in touch with the school
As a parent it’s much easier to have difficult conversations about your child’s behaviour with the teacher if you’ve established a relationship with them at the start of the year. Read this article or watch the video to hear teachers talk about the importance of staying in touch with your child’s school. Communicating with your school:

School’s back
Life seems to go from zero to 100 during the first few weeks of school. These parents have pooled their years of experience to bring you some suggestions to make the rest of the year run more smoothly. Good luck! Back to school checklist:

Learning to read
Learning to read is hard work and can be frustrating at times for parents and their kids. Watch the video to hear what these public school teachers have to say to help, with quick tips on how to make it easier. Learning to read:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5Om77mluKU&feature=share

Homework and study planning
Most children find planning easier to understand when they have a visual representation of their day or week in front of them. Help your child learn to manage their daily tasks and responsibilities with this weekly schedule template. Weekly schedule template:

Jargon busters
Wanting to start the school year with clarity and wondering about the meaning of some of the school terminology? Here’s a list of common abbreviations or terms to make the world inside the school gates seem a little more familiar. School jargon buster:

Kind Regards,  
Mark Snow
Principal

RECESS AND LUNCH ACTIVITIES
Organised recess and lunch activities are up and running again in 2014. Infants and Primary students are able to participate in a variety of activities, including Touch Footy, Table Tennis, Hockey and Soccer. Other activities include Silent Ball, Dodge Ball, Parachute games, Sand Pit, Scooter Board Races, Skipping, Skills Sessions, Painting and Chess.
**Cooerwull Communicator**

**Tuesday, 18th February, 2014**

**Cooerwull Uniform Purchasing**

Commencing from this week, school uniform will **only** be sold during the following periods:

**Tuesday & Thursday - 12.30 till 2.00pm**

However, if you are wanting uniform and are unable to attend during these times, you are quite welcome to complete an order form and send it in to either office and we will contact you when the order is ready for collection. We will also have a limited stock of hats, jumpers and sports uniform at the primary office from this week onwards.

Uniform order forms will be available from either office or can be printed from the school website. Orders can also be emailed to cooerwull-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Successful Enrichment Evening**

Last week saw another example of CPS meeting our school community needs. Class 4/5/6M held a very successful information session for the new enrichment class after school, thanks to the many parents/carers who attended.

**Penrith Panthers Captivate Cooerwull**

Last week students were captivated by a visit from players from the NRL Penrith Panthers. Aside from promoting Rugby League, the players also endorsed a “Tackle Bullying” initiative by the NRL. Students learned the 5 strategies used to combat bullying, **STAND STRONG, STAY CALM, RESPOND CONFIDENTLY, WALK AWAY and REPORT.** They also emphasised the importance of a good diet and regular exercise!!

**Congratulations to Age Swimming Champs!!!!!**

Congratulations to Cooerwulls Age swimming Champions for 2014. Following the carnival medallions were presented by Mr Prior.

- **Senior Boy:** Jake Ackling
- **Senior Girl:** Geordie Goodwin
- **11 Year Boy:** Logan McManus
- **11 Year Girl:** Emily Kemp
- **Junior Boy:** Lachlan Kendall
- **Junior Girl:** Indiana Lincoln

**Outstanding Achievement Award**

Mr Prior also presented an individual award to Kyle Godden. Kyle is in Year 6 and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, leadership and proved to be a real role model to the younger students.

Not a swimmer but a talented sportsman, Kyle entered every single event he could, even the individual medley!! Kyle supported his house with pride, encouraged others and showed he is a true champion!!!

**Cooerwulls District Swimmers**

Over 25 Cooerwull students attended the District Swimming Carnival held at Portland pool last Friday. There were many outstanding swimming performances as well as some displays of real courage and determination from our not so regular swimmers!! Some students showed no fear of failure as they plunged into the water, regardless of how long it took to make it to the other end. **They came out smiling, EVERY TIME!!!!!**

**Senior Boys Winning Relay Team**
LIBRARY NEWS.....

Year 3 displaying Mystery books!!

Welcome to the Library in 2014! We are looking forward to a very exciting year where students will be involved in completing interesting projects and activities.

In Term One we are covering Library and Information skills in all classes. These skills assist students in being able to find books and information within the library.

Please ensure that all students have a library bag. Infants’ students must have a library bag to borrow books. Primary students are encouraged to bring a library bag but can borrow as long as they can keep the book in a safe place in their bag.

Class library borrowing days are as follows:

Monday: K3, K4, 2-10 and 2-11
Tuesday: 3/4B
Wednesday: 1-8 and 1-9
Thursday: 3/4G and 3/4K
Friday: 4/5/6M, 5/6F and 5/6S

During Term One in the Primary Library we have introduced ‘Mystery books’. This is where specifically chosen quality books are placed inside a bag and placed on the shelves for students to borrow. The aim of this is to encourage students to read a book that they may not usually pick to borrow as well as to have fun and make borrowing exciting!!

We will introduce ‘Mystery books’ into the Infants Library next term.

We encourage parents to take an interest in their children’s borrowing. Infants’ students may need assistance in reading their books and they love to share books with their parents. Students are encouraged to bring their books back each week either to return them or re-borrow them.

MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM TO SOLVE........???????

Have a go at this one, and leave your solution at the Office for Mr Pangas.

There were some strawberries on a plate. Nat took half of them. Then she took 1 more. Five strawberries were left.

How many strawberries were on the plate at the start?

4
6
11
12

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS.... PUBERTY MATTERS

A three week course to help mothers and daughters understand and deal with changes that take place during puberty and adolescence. For more information contact us at CWWHC 02 6331 4133

LITHGOW CITY RANGERS SOCCER CLUB

Will be holding registration/muster days at the Marjorie Jackson Fields from 3.30 – 5.30 on the following dates: Monday 24/2, Thursday 27/2, Monday 3/3, Monday 10/3 or contact Nigel Lloyd on 0409 676019.

Playgroup!!

For children aged up to 6yrs

Cooerwull School Hall Thur 9:30 - 11:30

Playgroup is FREE!!!

Bring a piece of fruit, a drink and hat

Playgroups are provided by the Family Resource Centre

Phone the Families Worker Angie for more information on services available.

0427 074 066.

LITHGOW DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (SOCCER)

Muster Day will be held for Western Youth League (District) on Saturday 22nd February 2014 @ 2.00pm MARJORIE JACKSON SPORTING FIELDS.

Expressions of interest will be taken from players, managers and coaches from U10 - U16 Boys and Girls.

Any queries please email - ldfadistrict@gmail.com or phone Steve or Lia Jennings 63512912
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