Principal's Message

Welcome back to all of our families. It is fabulous to see all of our students settled and in the swing of learning. We have currently 51 students. They have been split between 3 classrooms. We have K/1/2 with Mrs Stewart, 3/4 with Miss Orr, and 5/6 with myself. Mrs Gosling has returned to us and is working with all classes providing teacher release. A special welcome to families who are new to our school. We are excited for the year ahead and I look forward to working with all families.

Upcoming Excursion Yrs 3-6.

Years 3 to 6 have an exciting opportunity with an upcoming excursion which will enhance the topics we are learning in Mathematics, Science and Geography. We will be travelling overnight to Sydney on the 17th May where we will visit the Powerhouse Museum in Darling Harbour and then stay overnight in Taronga Zoo. During our Zoo Snooze we will have personal guides who take us exploring the zoo at night. We will get up close and personal with a variety of animals as well as experience many behind the scenes activities. The cost for this excursion is $150 per student. We will be offering financial assistance of $20 per child for families who may be experiencing financial difficulties. We do not want any child to miss out so please speak to me as soon as possible if you foresee a problem in your child’s attendance. Permission notes will come home soon. You can start to pay this excursion off now- all payments will need to be finalised by May 6th. This is Term 2 week 2 and while this seems a long way off we know it will roll around quickly.

Tania Gilchrist

Introducing Our School Leadership Team

In years 5 and 6 students have been learning about what a Parliament is and how it operates. Believing leadership is a shared role; all students in year 6 have formed a school parliament to work together in making our school the best it can be. We are proud to introduce our school leadership team and school parliament for 2016. We will have a formal induction ceremony later in the term.

Prime Minister- Sasha Jackson
Deputy Prime Minister-Natalie Bosch
Minister for-
Arts & Environment- Shawn Drury and Lexie Sheather
Sport & Leisure- William Harper
Science & Technology- Bantiva Baker
Health & Welfare- Madison Gill
Mathematics & Engineering- Matthew Turner

Coopernook School Leadership Team

William, Natalie, Shawn, Lexie, Sasha, Front: Matthew, and Madison
**SCHOOL FEES**

**Voluntary School Fees**
Voluntary School Fees will remain the same for 2016
1 student: $15
2 students: $25
3 or more students/family rate: $30
Payment of fees can be made at the school office.

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**Some of our new Kindergarten students**

Amelia Gill looking very happy to be at big school

Nathan Drury-Erikson settling into the K-2 room nicely

Doing some beautiful work is Summer Montgomery

Big smiles from Jamie Moore

Beautiful work Aston Crawford
Important Upcoming Dates

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School Banking

School banking has recommenced on a Monday each week. Anyone interested in opening an account can see Mrs Clare in the office or call into the local CBA branch in Taree? There are lots of great reward prizes on offer again this year! Our school benefits as well from student banking, with the CBA paying us a commission on all deposits.

OFFICE HOURS

The School Office hours for this term are:

- Monday: 8.30am – 3.00pm
- Tuesday: Closed (If you require assistance on Tuesdays you can still ring the school phone number as the call will be redirected to the School Mobile)
- Wednesday: 8.30am – 3.00pm
- Thursday: 8.30am - 3.00pm
- Friday: 8.30am – 3.00pm

Safety Reminder

- There is no staff supervision at school prior to 8:30am. Please ensure that your child/ren do not arrive at school before this time.
- If you need to talk with teaching staff or office staff please park your car on Macquarie Street and walk up to the school office. Vehicles on school premises are a safety issue. If you need to drive onto the school site please contact the office beforehand.
- At no time are vehicles to park in the "No Standing" zones either side of the vehicle access driveway.
- Staff thanks parents/carers for being so vigilant and supportive in escorting students across Macquarie Street when entering and exiting the school both before and after school.

P&C Uniform Shop

Uniform co-ordinator is Amanda Richards. Uniform Order Forms are available at the front office.

Items sold through the P&C Shop include:

- Gold and navy school shirts,
- slouch hats,
- shorts (cargo/micro-mesh),
- skorts,
- tracksuit pants,
- Dry and Cosy winter all-weather jackets,
- Wirray/Dungan House T-shirts (all students K-6, require a sporting house shirt for in-school sporting events held throughout the year).
- Library bags
- Excursion Back Pack (great for swimming in Term 4) and
- Mighty Tuff School Back Packs

P&C MEETING

Our first P&C Meeting for the year will be held next Wednesday, the 10th February at 3.10pm. All welcome. We invite all new parents to the school to come along, the meetings are held in the Multipurpose Room and children are welcome.
**Student Fund Raising**

Each Friday at second break we will be selling Home Ice Creams for $1 for help with student fund raising. This money goes towards things like Excursions, Books and resources. A yummy treat especially in this hot weather!

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**School Assemblies** will be held each fortnight throughout 2016 in the Year 3-4 classroom commencing at 2.15pm Friday 12th Feb. Everyone is welcome.

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**Community News**

Harrington Waters Golf Club is interested in developing a “Junior Golf Program”. They are holding a meeting to discuss this on Sunday 21st February 2016 at 1pm at the club. The club would like to invite students and their Parents/Carers to come along to support such a program. Any further information can be obtained by phoning David Fisher on 0458483913

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**COOPERNOOK GARAGE SALE**

Coopernook is having its annual garage sale on April 9 2016. If you would like to participate in this popular event please call Len on 0439433514 to register.

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**Coopernook Website**

Please take some time to have a look at our website: www.coopernook-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Our newsletter is put on the website every Thursday afternoon.

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**Healthy Lunch Box Ideas**

Don’t forget your WATER BOTTLE, maybe two?

**Good for Kids**

PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

Many products marketed as being a healthy lunchbox addition can be high in sugar and fat, and low in nutrients. Here are some healthy options to consider swapping in your child’s lunchbox:

- An apple or banana instead of a fruit roll-up.
- Swap chips for unsalted air-popped popcorn.
- Include low-fat plain milk instead of drinks high in sugar such as sports drinks and fruit drinks with less than 99% juice.
- Swap sugary snacks, such as cake or biscuits, for a low-fat plain/fruit-based yoghurt.
- Use wholemeal or multi-grain bread instead of white bread for sandwiches.