



In Form

Phone: 4934 4192
Tuesday 15/3/2015

Dates to Remember

Playgroup
Every Thursday from 9-10:30am

P&C AGM
Monday 21st March

Last day of term 1
Thursday 24th March

School Parade
Parade is held at 12:45pm every Friday. Please feel free to come along and hear messages.
Certificates and awards are also presented during this time.

From the Principal's Desk

This is our last newsletter of term 1. Hasn't this term flown by! We are currently completing the last of our Practice NAPLAN tests, so we will have updated virtual classrooms and individual learning plans shortly.

Rats of Tobruk, 75th Anniversary.

Members of our Coowonga community have been invited to attend the Rats of Tobruk, 75th anniversary. For all those new to our community, Coowonga has long held a special connection to the Rats of Tobruk, being one of only a select few schools in the region to have an official affiliation with these proud Aussie heroes.

Date: Sunday the 10th April, (Last Sunday of Easter holidays)

Where: Jeffries Park in Rockhampton (Cnr Alma St and Bruce Hwy)

Time 9:00am. (Expected to go for about 1 hour)

Cost: nil.

Dress: School uniform

Select students will lay a wreath on behalf of Coowonga State School and light refreshments will be served after the celebration. We hope to see you there.

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for students and school staff

All Queensland state school students and staff can now download multiple free copies of Microsoft Office 2016 to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in.

Microsoft Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the department or part of a school network.

The Office subscription lasts for as long as the student is studying at a Queensland state school, or the staff member is employed by the department.

Holiday Reading

Remember to stock up on some holiday reading for both your children and yourselves. Our school library is a community resource. Parents who are interested are encouraged to check books out of the library as well. If parents value reading at home, chances are children will follow their lead. Although we may not yet have a huge amount to interest many parents, we do have some fiction aimed at adults (John Grisham, Jackie Collins, 50 Shades etc) as well as some outstanding non-fiction books to choose from. You may even find an old favourite from yesteryear that you may want to share with your child!

A reading strategy to consider – To err is human...

When reading at home with your children, don't be too quick to correct them if they make a mistake. Let them read on and see if they pick up their mistake themselves. Self-editing is a critical component of reading and one that good intentioned adults often take away – albeit with the best intentions. If students don't pick up their own mistake, it is a good indication that they are just reading words without making an effort to understand what they are reading. We read for many reasons; for information, to laugh, for fun, etc.; but the basis for all reading is that we are comprehending what we are reading.

Also, if children read a word that is wrong, but the word still actually fits the text and makes the same meaning, it is not necessarily a bad thing. Good readers do not read every word, they use prediction and an understanding of the text to read fluently. Sure, go back and show them their mistake at an appropriate time later, but don't interrupt their fluent reading for it.

Andrew Orr
Principal

Gala Day with Special Guest Michael Salmon



Cyclone Marcia Anniversary Visit



We were honoured to welcome Livingstone Shire Mayor Bill Ludwig and author Lincoln Bertoli to our school on Monday 22nd February to mark the anniversary of Cyclone Marcia and the launch of Mr Bertoli's book, *The Day Marcia Came To Town*. Each of our students were lucky enough to be given a copy of the book to take home. We wish to thank Mayor Ludwig and Mr Bertoli for taking the time to visit with us.

Headlice

Parents please continue to check your child's hair each week for headlice. For treatment advice, consult your local pharmacist or hairdresser.

Lunches

Lunch is an important part of our day at Coowonga and impacts greatly on how students function for the remainder of the day. We would like to encourage parents to please take into consideration what they are packing in their children's lunch boxes.





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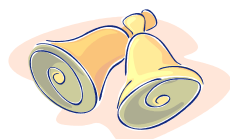
Attendance

School attendance and student achievement are directly related.

Attendance at school every day is absolutely necessary in ensuring your child has the opportunity to engage in quality education. Every day counts! If your child is unable to attend school parents are asked to phone or email the school with details of the absence.

School starts at 9:00am and finishes at 3:00pm!
Just a little bit late doesn't seem that much but.....

Missing just.....	That equals....	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling that's.....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 Weeks per year	Nearly Half a Year



Bell Times

Congratulations to those students who continually make an effort to arrive at school on time.

Please note the bell times:

8:50am— School warning bell

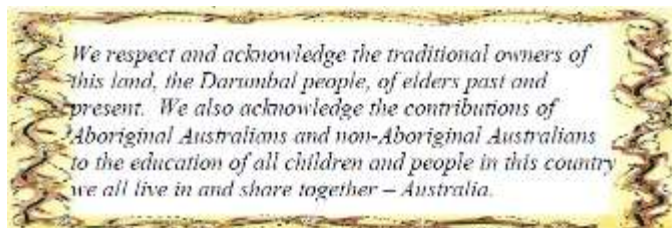
This gives the students time to go to the toilet and get ready for the day.

8:55am— School commencement

Students are expected to be in the class for roll call.

9:00am

Any students that arrive after the roll has been called, without a note, will be written down as unexplained late.



Telephone Enquiries: 4934 4192

Email enquiries: the.principal@coowongass.eq.edu.au

Visit our school website at www.coowongass.eq.edu.au to view the latest newsletter, more photos and other school related events.

P&C NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 21st March at 2:00pm** in the office. This will be our AGM followed by a general meeting. We encourage all parents & caregivers to attend.

Community Notices

Please note: the following notices may be included in the school's Newsletter, they are published in good faith and do not necessarily have the school's endorsement.

THEY'RE HATCHING AT KOORANA



DON'T MISS OUT

For the next 4 months our baby crocodiles will be hatching at Koorana - an event all children should witness. "THE BIRTH OF A DINOSAUR"
To make a booking or for more information please contact Koorana Crocodile Farm on:

phone 4934 4749, 4934 4703
fax 4934 4702

email kooranacrocfarm@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you soon.

EXPECTED 2016 HATCHING DATES:

These are the current dates. Further dates will be available soon.

Wed 13/01/16	Mon 21/3/16	Wed 06/4/16
Fri 12/2/16	Tues 22/3/16	Thurs 07/4/16
Thurs 25/2/16	Thurs 24/3/16	Sat 09/4/16
Sun 06/3/16	Fri 25/3/16	Mon 11/4/16
Tues 08/3/16	Sat 26/3/16	Tues 12/4/16
Sun 13/3/16	Mon 28/3/16	Sun 17/4/16
Thurs 17/3/16	Fri 01/4/16	Tues 19/4/16
Fri 18/3/16	Sat 02/4/16	

Sat 19/3/16 Mon 04/4/16

Sun 20/3/16 Tues 05/4/16

Other dates will be available soon – please contact us



St Brendan's College
2017 Discovery Day

St Brendan's College is a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition catering for young men both day and boarding from Years 7 to 12. We draw our enrolments from the Capricorn Coast, rural and regional towns of Central Queensland and as far north as the Torres Strait and as far south as Brisbane. The College believes that effective teaching and learning is at the core of a great education and St Brendan's College designs the curriculum to cater for the individual student. We would like to take the opportunity to show your son what the College has to offer to advance his education.

St Brendan's College invites
Years 6 to 11 boys to attend our
DISCOVERY DAY

2017 Discovery Day
will be held on
Tuesday 15th March 2016
9.00am to 2.30pm

We would like to extend an invitation for your son to attend our Years 7 to 11, 2017 Discovery Day on the 15th March, so that he may experience a day in the life of a St Brendan's College student. The day will encompass activities in Physical Education, Practical Arts, Science and Musical Arts. He will be accompanied by a Year Level Co-ordinator and Year 11 Students, who will guide him through the day. He is to wear his normal school uniform and needs to bring a school hat and a water bottle. All other requirements will be provided by St Brendan's College including morning tea and lunch. Please tell him to leave his school bag at home for the day.

Transport for students attending primary schools on the Capricorn Coast will be provided by St Brendan's College. Students will be collected from their schools and returned at time to be picked up or to catch their normal buses. Students may choose to make their own way to the College and we ask that they be at the Chapel & Performing Arts Centre before 9:00am.

It would be appreciated if you could R.S.V.P. by the 8th March 2016 for catering purposes. If you would like to make any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Kylie Hedges on 40399405 or by email hdgk@stbs.catholic.edu.au

**Keppel Sands State
School Easter
Markets**

7am-12pm

SATURDAY 26TH OF MARCH 2016

Live Music JUMPING CASTLE

Easter Bunny Arrives at 10am

Hot Food Available
Tea/Coffee Available
Come Down and Support the Local
School

Wanted Stall Holders

Please Call For More Information

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Shai 0408603353