

## Dates to Remember

Playgroup  
Every Thursday from 9-10:30am

Book Club orders due back at school  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Labour Day Public Holiday  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

NAPLAN Testing  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Bravehearts

The visit by Bravehearts was a great success. The students learnt a great deal about personal safety and tell tale signs when something is wrong.

Bravehearts 3 rules are

- We all have the right to feel safe with people
- It's OK to say no if you feel unsure or unsafe
- Nothing is so yukky that you can't tell someone about it

These rules are aimed at providing children with confidence and resilience skills in any situation.

Children learned that often their bodies automatically react with signs that something may not be right. If they experience these signs, they should listen to them.

The signs were

- butterflies in stomach
- jelly legs
- heart beats faster
- need to go toilet
- stuck in the mud feet

All children will be receiving an activity booklet shortly. I encourage parents to use this book as a chance to discuss safety issues with your children. It's so unfortunate that shows of this nature have become necessary, but our

children's safety has and always will be our number one priority.



### ANZAC Day

A big thank you to those students, staff, parents, carers and community members who participated so respectfully in both our school ANZAC ceremony and the march through Rockhampton. We have once again endeared ourselves to the Rats of Tobruk Association.

A big thank you to Sensei, Mrs Murphy, our dedicated aides and of course the students for the outstanding rendition of "In Flanders Fields", and how good were our students reading the poem 'ANZAC Day'. Thank you also to our VIP guests, Chris Chase and Stan and Georgena Diplock for supporting our school commemoration.

### *Home Reading Tip 3*

When reading books, allow children to 'read on' to work out unfamiliar words (not just with spelling but also meaning). It is important that readers develop many different reading strategies because we are always going to come across



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unfamiliar words. Quite often, if we read the whole sentence, maybe even the sentence straight after as well, we can identify what word fitted in. If someone is constantly filling in the gap for the child, these independent reading strategies will take much longer to develop.

Andrew Orr  
 Principal

## Playgroup



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.

## 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.

## 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 <b>Half a Year</b>

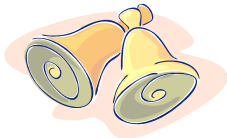
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All Queensland state school students and staff can now download multiple free copies of Microsoft Office 2016 to their personal home computers and mobile devices.



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## 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**

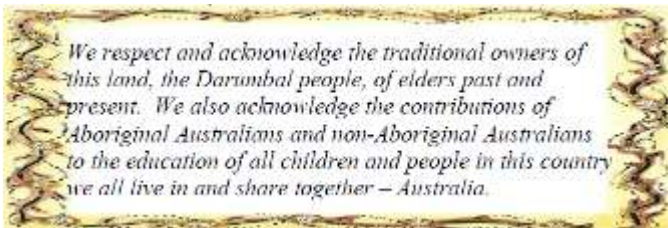
*This gives the students time to go to the toilet and get ready for the day.*

**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.*



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Visit our school website at [www.coowongass.eq.edu.au](http://www.coowongass.eq.edu.au) to view the latest newsletter, more photos and other school related events.

## 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.**

**CAR BOOT SALE - BOOK YOUR SITE NOW:** Saturday 11th June 7am - 11am. Anglican Parish of Keppel Car Park, 18 Housden Place, Taranganba. Only \$15 a site or \$25 for two. Bric a brac, loads of treasures and a sausage sizzle - Something for everyone. Come and grab a bargain from the great variety of stalls. To book your site please phone Lyndall on 0418 392 303.

## 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](mailto: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





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## TROPHY DESIGN COMPETITION

The CTC Rocky River Run organising committee is looking for a unique and inspiring trophy design that represents Rockhampton and the Rocky River Run values.

The trophy will be awarded to the Rocky River Run winner.

**Be creative and bold – there are no restrictions!**

**Who can enter**  
People of any age and gender are welcome to enter the CTC Rocky River Run Trophy Design Competition.

We are dedicated to promoting our community and encourage local residents to enter.

Entries close: 15 April 2016.

**How to enter**

- Draw and design by hand or use your computer skills.
- Save your photograph or design as a .jpg or .pdf file.
- Complete the submission form at [ctcrockyriverrun.com.au/competitions](http://ctcrockyriverrun.com.au/competitions)

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### CTC Rocky River Run gives back to schools

The CTC Rocky River Run shows it's dedicated to giving back to the local community by announcing that it will be making a school donation for every student that registers.

To encourage young people to enter, the CTC Rocky River Run will donate \$2.00 for each registered student to their primary or secondary school in Queensland.

CTC General Manager, Darryl Lapworth says that these school donations will ensure that every person that registers and their region is acknowledged.

"There is no cap on the number of school children that register for the CTC Rocky River Run. The more students that enter, the higher the donation to their school," says Mr Lapworth.

"It's a fantastic initiative to get young people inspired in a great community event while promoting health and fitness and important issues in Central Queensland. Students can choose to walk or run while enjoying the picturesque views of the Rocky country," continued Mr Lapworth.

The CTC Rocky River Run has a strong focus on community participation and are passionate to get all of Queensland involved.

"The school with the greatest percentage of registered students will receive the prestige's award of the CTC Rocky River Run perpetual trophy along with \$200 cash," says Mr Lapworth.

The school donations along with encouraging students to enter the CTC Rocky River Run Design a Trophy Competition is part of a plan to get more young people in our community involved in a local event that gives back to a great cause.

This is the ninth year that the community will be coming together for Rockhampton's favourite family event, the CTC Rocky River Run.

CTC, the organisers of the event this year, are strong local advocates for community health and supporting homeless youth and those who are doing it tough. Young people are given guidance to work through their issues and get them ready to embrace a positive adult life. CTC's main business is creating jobs, helping job seekers with career choices and making labour hire, apprenticeships and traineeships simple for employers.

"CTC is honoured to be given the opportunity to organise a local event that gives back to our community. CTC's mission is exactly that – to give back to the community," says Mr Lapworth.

The CTC Rocky River Run caters for people of all ages, abilities and fitness levels with several distances, ranging from a half marathon to two kilometers. There will be a fancy dress option for teams and a dedicated race for those in wheelchairs. Funds raised for the charity event are directed towards youth issues including homelessness, mental health and the prevention of youth suicide.

Register your interest at [www.ctcrockyriverrun.com.au](http://www.ctcrockyriverrun.com.au). For more information on CTC, please visit [www.ctc.qld.com.au](http://www.ctc.qld.com.au).

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