Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Week Parade

Excitement is mounting with the Book Week Parade set to go ahead this Friday. It will be the highlight of the week celebrating the importance of reading for learning and enjoyment. Please read the information Mrs O'Dwyer has sent home and we thank her for organising the Book Fair and Book Week Parade for our school. Permission notes must be returned to classroom teachers. It is expected that ALL children will participate in this school activity. We will be leaving school at 12.15pm with the parade beginning at 12.45pm from the corner of Parker and Wallendoon Streets, up and down Parker Street then across to Jubilee Park for a picnic lunch. All family and friends are invited to attend. NOTE: Should there be inclement weather on Friday the parade will still go ahead in the school hall commencing at 12.15pm followed by a picnic lunch at school. We are looking forward to seeing many wonderful characters as we celebrate Book Week.

Aussies of the Month

The “Aussies” for the month of August are Asher Deece (KF) and Brianna Foster (5/6W). Asher and Brianna are commended for their beautiful manners and kindness to their friends and peers. We are lucky to have such wonderful children at our school.

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Wattle Time Street Parade
All students are invited to march in the Wattle Time Street Parade on Saturday. This is a wonderful event organised to promote the town and welcome Spring. We will meet in the grass area across the road from the swimming pool entrance at 11.45 ready for a 12.00 o’clock start. We will join with students from Cootamundra Public and High Schools. At the end of the parade all students will return with staff to the meeting place across from the pool to be collected. Students will wear the sports uniform with the gold polo shirt and either track pants or maroon shorts with school jumper or tracksuit jacket, depending on the weather. Join in and celebrate this fun event.

Artists of the Month
During Monday’s assembly Miss Hipwell announced this month’s “Artists”. They are William White, Stevie Hartshorn, Samantha Graham, Robert McDonald (absent), Kurtis Robinson, Lucy James, Izabella Irving and Owen Moss. These creative works of art are on display in the foyer for all to see.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN Reports for Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sent out tomorrow with the students. They should arrive unopened and will have a letter with the report. If you wish to discuss this report please contact the school to make an appointment with the classroom teacher or with Mrs McLeod. The results reflect positively on the learning programs and support we give all students in Literacy and Numeracy. Our organisation each day includes set times for English and Mathematics with students in groups, supported by School Learning Support Officers. We have students attending Reading Recovery lessons with Mrs Camilleri, and Mrs Grove supports students and teachers with English programs. This system allows all students to receive help and encouragement to persist with their learning and achieve their best.

Book Fair
Thursday is the last day for the book fair. The library will be open from 9am to 4pm. There are still lots of great books to choose from. The winners of our lucky door prizes are Tammy Palmer, Virginia Irving, Brian Smith, Leean Sedgwick, Kathy Maclagan and Samantha Carter. Please call in at the library to claim your $10 credit from the fair.

P&C News
Fathers’ Day Stall
The P&C will hold the Fathers’ Day Stall on Thursday, 3rd September and all students will be invited to shop on Thursday afternoon. Gifts will be very reasonably priced with the dearest items being $5.00.

Seth Schultz and Jaiden Duncan, Jake Tregear and Michael Perry ran a very successful assembly on Monday.

3/4W rehearsing for the upcoming play.
Skoolbag App

What is Skoolbag? Skoolbag provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications. No more lost paper in student school bags! School newsletters, school notices and alerts are communicated directly to the parent smartphone through the Skoolbag school Mobile App. Skoolbag is school Mobile App that communicates directly with iPhone, iPad, Android, and Windows Phones devices.

How does it work? Once a school has registered with Skoolbag, we will configure their School Mobile App. This process happens very quickly, and the school is then able to create their content categories and upload their notifications and/or documents. After that, parents add the School Mobile App to their phone, and can view the schools documents and notifications.

Skoolbag offers: Skoolbag is a very flexible school mobile app and offers:
- Unlimited free instant Push message notifications (Push anything instantly)
- Unlimited Push message categories for parents to subscribe to.
- Alerts
- Events
- News
- Newsletters
- Parent eForms for Sick Note/Absent and Change of details.
- Information pages (Create unlimited content pages on the fly)
- Permission Notes
- Links to website pages
- Embedded PDF documents
- Embedded Videos/Maps and GPS directions
- Create your own unlimited custom eForms with payment and signatures if required.
- Unlimited content Categories (Create unlimited content categories on the fly)
- RSS Feed and Google Calendar integration
- Social Media Integration with Twitter and Facebook.
- Social Media sharing (Option for parents/students to share app content on their own Facebook/Twitter feeds).
- Website integration (Post content once, and publish everywhere)
- Includes free Skoolbag Website which syncs seamlessly with the app!
- Reply by SMS and Email (Great for Parent/Student Feedback)
- Unlimited photo galleries (create a photo gallery on any content entry)

This App is so simple to use! It is compatible with Apple, Android and Windows. We are aiming to have this App up and running ready for Term 4. Please watch this space for further important updates.

The State Rugby Tournament (by Jye Hefren)

At the three day carnival the Riverina came 12th in the state. On the first day we had 3 games and on the other 2 we had 2 games each. I played on the wing. The carnival was held at Pittwater Rugby Park. We won 2 out of the 7 games and we had so much fun. It was a great experience for me. A huge thank you to my parents for taking me to training and the carnival and thank you to Mrs Lawson for encouraging me to participate in this great game.

How to determine your child’s digital diet

As reported on Channel Nine’s 60 Minutes recently young children are becoming hooked on their parents’ iPads, iPhones and other digital devices to the detriment of their language and intellectual development. This is an age when children’s brains are rapidly changing and habits are becoming hard-wired. There is evidence to suggest that children

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under the age of three shouldn’t use digital technology at all. After that age it should be phased in wisely. Here are some guidelines for children's digital and Internet use:

0-3 years: Avoid using digital technology with this age group. Human interaction is paramount during this stage of high curiosity, high imagination and high learning. It’s a time of high language learning that’s best stimulated through human interaction. It’s also an age when the brain is forming lifelong connections so it’s a high habit-forming stage.

3-6 years: Allow children a maximum of an hour’s supervised digital use a day during this stage. This is an age to build on children’s basic language skills and build their readiness for the next social stage of their development, and for school. Stick to digital technology for educational uses such as development of pre-reading, reading and maths skills. Adults should look for opportunities to play with and talk through what they do.

6-9 years: Extend to a maximum of ten hours a week incorporating mainly educational use and some games. During this stage children benefit from a broad range of physical, social and intellectual experiences before they start to specialise in adolescence. Avoid allowing the use of digital games to take up all of a child’s free time, as is the norm for an increasing number of kids.

9-12 years: Children at this age are more able to integrate digital media into their daily lives. Adults play a part in monitoring how they use digital media and encouraging kids to be discerning and critical online users. Online safety, suitability of content and maintaining a balance between the real world and the offline world are critical issues for parents at this stage.

12 + years: There are many items a teenager would ditch before they ejected a mobile digital device from their lives. For most young people the digital experience is integral to almost everything they do. Perhaps kids who live on the margins are at greatest risk in this age group. That is, the kids who don’t quite fit in; who struggle academically or those with little balance or interests other than those found online.

Science is only just discovering how highly addictive Internet use can be. Its use changes the patterns in the brain, which is concerning as for teenagers as this is the cohort most open to developing addictive behaviours. The digital world offers exciting opportunities for kids and a range of experiences for the whole family. It can be entertaining, educational and rewarding – with new avenues to create, connect and communicate. Only now we are starting to see the risks associated with children being linked to the digital world. The early signs are that adults need to err on the side of caution and conservatism and certainly think twice before handing over a mobile digital device to keep a child occupied.

Awarded this week for positive learning are Tori Craw- Reid, Caitlyn Smith, Logan Collins, Riley Holmes, Matilda Whicker, Harmony Whicker and Makayla Whicker.
What's on in the... “School holidays!”

Flying high

Make planes with polystyrene foam
1. Wed September 23 (11am-noon)
2. Friday October 2 (11am-noon)
$2 per session
Limited numbers: for bookings, ph 69402200.

Li'l Melodies presents...
UKULELE WORKSHOP

Wednesday September 30
10am-noon
Cost: $25

Numbers strictly limited
Bookings: ph 69402200

Colouring in & BOARD GAMES
Friday September 25

2-3pm
$1 per child
Afternoon tea provided.

Bookings: ph 69402200