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NEWSLETTER

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Prime Maths

As I announced at our last assembly we are introducing a new maths program to the school called Prime Maths. The program is based upon the methodology used in schools in Singapore to teach maths. Singapore has one of the highest achievement rates for students in maths in the world. This strategy will help us to improve the maths outcomes for our children. It will take some time to implement fully, but I am hoping that by the end of the Semester it will be fully up and running. One of the things we are considering is grouping the children according to Year level for maths. The main problem with this approach is that we don't have equal numbers in each year level. This is why we have combined year level classes, rather than straight classes. We are working out arrangements to ensure class numbers remain manageable.

Punctuation and attendance

Whilst we have had a small reduction in the number of children arriving at school after the siren in the morning, we are still seeing a steady trickle of latecomers each morning. It is vitally important for your child's education that they are in class for the start of the day. Children coming in late will feel embarrassed, will be unprepared for their day and will have trouble trying to catch up with the pace of the lesson. Absence from school should only be for legitimate reasons, such as being unwell or medical appointments or for extreme emergency situations and should be explained by a note when they return. The Department of Education does not accept family holidays as an acceptable reason for absence. I have had a reason for absence as the day being the child's birthday. This is also not a good enough reason. As well as being essential for a child's academic progress, regular attendance and punctuality at school help build important life skills that will ensure their success when they enter the workforce.

One Vision Screening

We have been invited to participate in a project called One Vision, which is sponsored by Phoenix OPSM. Essentially, trained optometrists visit the school and conduct a general eye screen. Children who are identified as having vision issues are referred to Phoenix OPSM for a full vision test. If the children are identified as needing glasses they are able to obtain them from a range of free glasses. I have accepted the invitation and will be sending home information and permission slips shortly. I would urge all parents to participate. Purchasing glasses, even for children, can be an expensive exercise.

Kind Regards,
Ray Knight, PRINCIPAL

Languages Update

On Australia Day, 26 January 2016, our school chaplain, Ms. Snare and her son Luyando visited our Bali sister school SD2 Liligundi. SD2 is located in the province of Buleleng in Singaraja, which is in the northern part of the island. It is a small school of 49 students and 6 teachers. Although small in numbers, SD2 make up for their size with their big talent for Arts & Craft. The students win Art and Craft awards on a regular basis in competition with other primary schools on the island of Bali!

Ms. Snare and Luyando were shown around the school to meet the staff members and students of SD2 Liligundi. They were also invited to share a meal of rice and dishes with the members of staff. Ms. Snare and Luyando presented stationery items such as rubbers, pencils and coloured pencils along with a few English – Indonesian dictionaries for our friends at SD2. This was topped off with a treat of Freddo Frogs for each student, which put huge smiles on their faces. Ms. Snare also presented our 'Batik' artwork and introductory letters that LA12 and LA11 of 2015 created and wrote for our Bali friends. In turn, Coolbellup Community School was presented with a painting of local tropical fruit from the Year 3 students of SD2 among smaller plasticine and clay figurines. Back in Coolbellup, Luyando on behalf of SD2, presented the art piece to Mr. Knight at one of our whole school meetings last week. This art piece will find a home in the front office of our school while the plasticine and clay figurines are being displayed in LA13, the Indonesian language classroom.

This is the first of many visits that we are going to make to Liligundi in Buleleng. Terima Kasih Ms. Snare and Luyando for taking the time and effort to visit our friends at SD2. Parents and community members, if you would like to visit our sister school and/or donate items towards the school, please contact me on Christiana.Bain@education.wa.edu.au or leave me a message at the front office.

We are having our first 2016 charitable collection for SD2 Liligundi **on Wednesday, 6 April 2016**. A dress up day called '**Rainbow Day**' is in the planning phase. Students are invited to dress up in various colours on the day and to bring in a gold coin. There will be rainbow coloured food items for sale and the student leaders will run an obstacle course during lunch, which will require a gold coin for students to participate in. We are asking for any parents who would like to donate rainbow themed food items (cookies, jelly, cake) for our Rainbow Day fundraiser to please contact Olivia Mottram or myself by leaving a message for us at the front office. All monies raised will be donated to SD2 Liligundi. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Salam Hangat (Kind Regards), Christiana Bain, Languages (Indonesian) Teacher

COMING EVENTS

Monday 7 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 10 March	Girls Multisport Carnival @ Success
Friday 11 March	Assembly LA 2
Wednesday 16 March	P & C AGM
	OneSight Screening



Health Ed Newsletter Info Term 1

Building Resilient Cooby Kids

Tip2: Encourage your child to re-phrase unhelpful thinking

Helpful thinking is based on facts and helps calm us down, solve problems and bounce back.

Teach your child to turn words such as—*I'm stupid* or *She hates me* into more helpful and optimistic thinking—*I made a mistake, everyone makes mistakes* or *She doesn't hate me, she just feels like playing with someone else today.*



A gift from our sister school

Staff at our sister school



Do you have questions about who and what the **P&C** is?
What gets discussed and who does what?
Thinking of joining at our **AGM** (Annual General Meeting) on the 16th March?
Come along and meet the current **P&C** members and ask those questions.

When: Wednesday 9th March 9-10.30am

Where: Cooby Café (behind Chicken Treat at the Cooby shops)

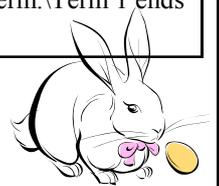
Who: Everyone who is interested in their child/rens experience of school.

Kids are welcome (but you may need to bring some toys to keep them entertained).

We will talk about our fundraising in 2015 and our goals for 2016, some of the topics we discuss and answer questions that you may have. We look forward to getting to know you.

Parents and Citizens' Association of Coolbellup Community School and Coolbellup Learning Centre.

CORRECTION: Our Easter Raffle is drawn on Thursday 24 March at the Easter Bonnet Parade. However this IS NOT the end of Term. Term 1 ends on **Friday 8 April.**



Join the 2016 School Banking Program!

School banking day is every Friday morning in the Community (Uniform Shop) room from 8.15—9.00am. There are great 'out of space' rewards for the students this year and our school benefits from your child being involved in the program.

If you would like your child to participate, contact the Commonwealth Bank (there is a branch located at the Kardinya shopping centre) or collect an information pack from your school banking coordinator, Yvette Terpolilli, on a school banking day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTH LAKE GIRLS' BRIGADE We meet on Tuesdays at the Lakeside Recreation Centre from 4.45—6.30pm.
Contact Jeanette Knight (no relation to our Mr Knight!) on 9337 8939.