Well done to all of the Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed their NAPLAN this week. It was great to see the kids looking calm and enthused about completing the tasks. We will receive their results in late Term 3.

THANK YOU to all of those mums who spent last Friday night covering our library books! The pile was very large, and it would have been impossible for our staff to get them all covered so quickly. I am very appreciative of your time and efforts.

Staff are starting to write student reports for this semester. The format of our report is changing. I hope that parents/carers find it to be much easier to read and are happy with the new design.

If you have any concerns about your child’s progress at school, our doors are always open. Please make a time with Debbie in the front office if you wish to speak to your child/ren’s teacher.

Anna Starcevic
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Thursday 14
- Tooty Fruity – Julie on roster
- Office is unattended

Friday 15
- Naplan make up day for absent students
- Tweed River High School Science Day
- Office is unattended

Monday 18
- Office is unattended

Thursday 21
- Tooty Fruity – Anna on roster

Friday 22
- Far North Coast Zone PSSA Cross Country

June

Thursday 11
- Tweed Valley Jazz Club Workshop @ Condong Bowls Club Yr 3-6
- Tooty Fruity – Helper needed

MURWILLUMBAH CROSS COUNTRY

Twelve students competed at the Murwillumbah District PSSA Cross Country on Friday 8 May. All students put in an excellent effort. Congratulations to Amelia Dunning who won her age race and is Age Champion 10 Year Girls! Amelia will now go on to represent Carool and Murwillumbah District at the Far North Coast Zone PSSA Cross Country to be held at Murwillumbah on Friday 22 May.

Thank you to parents for providing transport and for their encouragement and moral support to all students.

A special mention to the following girls for their placing in their age groups: Siyah 3rd in 8/9yrs, Jade, 14th in 11 yr and Gypsy, 18th in 10 yr.

Well done to all our students for participation and behaviour. There were over approximately 50 students competing in each event.

The result for our other competitors is as follows:
- Phoebe 40th
- Allira 35th
- Kealey 32nd
- Lucas 28th
- Charlie 34th
- Reuben 36th
- Kiahn 27th
- Flynn 34th
**POP (Parent Online Payment)**

**Make Online Payments**

From Friday 15 May it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called ‘Other’ to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

A Parent/Carer instruction booklet has gone home with the newsletter which provides all the information needed to use POP.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

**EXPOSITION WRITING**

This Term, Year 5 & 6 have been practising writing expositions. Below is an excellent piece by Brendan.

**Computer Games—Are they a waste of time?**

Computer games, they’re fun, educational and imaginative. In my opinion computer games are great, interactive things to play.

Playing video games can help with a child’s imagination and creativity. Games such as Minecraft and Terarria are both great building games and are widely distributed across the world. They definitely boost a child’s IQ. They can also help with career opportunities, such as game design, graphic design and character design.

Video games have changed many people’s lives. Some have grown up to become professional gamers, reviewers for YouTube and even console designers! Video games can be a good influence on all, even if you don’t play them very often.

Video games have helped develop major companies including Microsoft and Apple. Video games have raised billions of dollars for numerous companies across the world! Imagine if you made just one game and earned millions!

I recommend video games. They can boost IQ, create jobs and make you millions!

**TOOTY FRUITY**

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**PARENT TIPS**

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:


**Food Allergy Week 17-23 May**

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Minutes for Meeting of the Carool P & C

Date: Wednesday 6 May 2015
Venue: Carool School
Time: 2.45 pm

Present: Dinah Williams, Tania Brown (President), Mel Sims, Michelle Riley (via phone), Helen Tunks (Secretary), Anna Starcevic (Principal), Deb Flaherty (Admin)

Apologies: Lisa Green (Treasurer), Julie Hill

Principals Report. See Attached

Presidents Report Nil

Treasurers Report - nothing to report, same as last month

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
26 March 2015, see attached.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Uniforms – To resolve the issue of parents having difficulty ordering skorts, Anna advised that parents can now order from school. Microfibre skirts with in-built gym shorts are acceptable for sports days. Tights are only able to work under skorts or shirts. Girls can wear boys shorts as well.
2. Hats – P&C had resolved at meeting on 5 Feb 2015 purchase surfer hats with gold embroidery for school. The purchase of the hats has been made and P&C is to reimburse school for $243.
3. Camp Subsidies – Anna advised that Year 3-6 are going to the Brisbane 3-day camp in September, Term 3 Week 9. The cost per child is $340. Discussion regarding P&C subsidy of camp in line with previous subsidy of Camp Goodenough every 2nd year. Unanimously voted (including Michelle) for $100 subsidy per child, increasing to $130 for second sibling.

Cost estimate: 21 students x $100 = $2100 + 6 x sibling subsidy $30 = $180, TOTAL $2280.

Anna also advised that the K-2 classes will be going on a day trip. Discussion regarding subsidy or assistance with driving. Unanimously voted to support cost of transport up to $220.

GENERAL BUSINESS & AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Garden – School is to buy topsoil for garden – current quote is $170.. Helen advised that Bunnings can’t help with topsoil but can help with plants. Mel to ask for Lisa at Bunnings when she purchases the ~$50 worth of plants P&C agreed to purchase. Helen to check up with her friend at Coast to Country Landscaping regarding the purchase of topsoil.
2. Lunch Area Outdoor Table & Chairs - an outdoor setting is needed to replace the existing round rickety table and plastic chairs All families please search for 2nd hand items via online auctions, gumtree or council pickup etc. Please ring Anna with the information prior to purchase.
3. Inside Play – Discussed the issue of whether children were allowed to play undercover to avoid the sun. Anna confirmed that children can play undercover if they choose, however they are encouraged to play outside for the early morning session before school starts, to use up some energy. The exception is if a child has forgotten their hat, they must sit down under cover and not play to remind them to bring their hat.
4. **Chess Sets** – Anna advised that about 20 students are interested in the Chess Club. The school has 2 chess sets. Discussion regarding the need to purchase 6 more. Helen advised that Lisa had suggested that P&C should buy some chess sets. Voted unanimously for P&C to buy 3 sets (approx. $20-$30 each). School is to buy 2 sets + the P&C 3 sets, and P&C will reimburse for the 3 sets. Dinah Williams also offered to buy the school a chess set which was gratefully accepted.

5. **Yoga Classes** – P&C Activity. Helen to prepare Risk Management Plan and give to Anna by Monday 11/5/2015. Classes are to start on Thursday 14th May 2015.

6. **Fundraising** – Discussion re fundraising. Unanimously decided to have another **Trivia Night in Term 4.**

   Also discussed raising funds through grants for a minibus – Dinah to research bus sizes and Driver Licence restrictions. Helen to research grants for minibus & school sign.

   Also discussed the need for another event to attract the attention of the wider community. A Fete was discussed and agreed that more discussion should be made with the strong possibility of a Fete to be held in Term 3.

7. **Hopscotch/Handball Courts** – Discussed the possibility of painting hopscotch and handball markings on the concrete in front of the K-2 building. Anna to discuss with staff. Mel to approach her brother regarding the possibility of doing the linemarking professionally.

8. **Chickens** – the keeping of chickens discussed again. Nothing resolved. More discussion required on what is wanted by the children, families and staff, and can be managed long term by the families.

9. **Meetings** – set calendar, times

   **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - To be advised

   **CLOSE OF MEETING** – 4pm approximately