ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014
At the time of writing this newsletter, the carnival had not commenced. It should prove to be a brilliant day given the amount of work Mr Priestley has put into its organisation and careful planning. Students have been practicing house cheers and marching. There is an air of excitement in the air. Thank you to staff who helped out including Greg McDonough who is filling in for our GA Reece. Greg has worked hard to prepare the fields and assist with setting up equipment for the day. Thank you our parents who continue to strongly support us in a volunteer capacity. Lastly, thank you to the students for your enthusiasm. I’m sure next term’s first newsletter will be filled with great photos and exciting results.

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Everyone cannot believe the amount of 5 cent coins everyone has donated. This was a great fund raiser and judging by the amount of hands in the air when asked who had been to the local hospital or knew someone who had to be treated there, this cause is close to everyone’s hearts. Thank you for your generosity. Mrs Cooper will finish stacking and counting the coins – sometime in December (only joking). The amount will be revealed soon!

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES
Students will enjoy an array of Aboriginal traditional and cultural activities including the creation of a fabulous mural with local artist, Luke Close. Our year 6 students will lead groups of K – 6 students in art, dance, music and cooking workshops. We are very pleased to have Tony and Alysha’s mother and grandmother helping out with the cooking. We are also very pleased to have students from Kadina High School and Casino High School coming along to assist with other workshops. A big thanks to Seba and Obi’s mum, Jen, who has coordinated the mural painting and to Polly Jude, who has organised our link with Kadina High School.
A special NAIDOC assembly will be held at 12:45 in the hall. The class item will be performed by 1 /2. We hope to see many parents and community members coming along and joining in.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
This amazing activity packed term has come to an end. My thanks goes to teachers, staff and parents for their continual dedication and hard work in supporting our children’s education and congratulations to all our students for their wonderful behaviour, application and friendly community spirit.
We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to return in Semester Two.

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Combined band practice

Students, who are participating in the Combined Band Performance at the PAF later this year, will have their next practice session on Thursday 17th July (Week 1 next term) at Goonellabah PS. Notes have been sent home with students and need to be returned by TOMORROW.

Premier’s Reading Challenge; is your child participating this year?

This Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. By participating, students become part of the community of readers, a member of a huge book club.

Well done all the students who have registered so far! Year 3 has 12. Congratulations to Marnie who has already finished! Year 4 has 7 progressing well. There are also 7 in year 5 with Cooper very close to finishing and most of the 10 year 6 students registered are well on the way! All of Kindergarten and years 1 and 2 are listening to the books being read by their teachers in class so are meeting the challenge.

There is still plenty of time, until August 29, and many books while of high quality are quite short. Students can browse the listed books that we have in our library by logging in to their student portal and going to ‘My Library’. There is a broad variety of books to appeal to most.

A challenge from the Premier of NSW and your school librarian!

Student assembly

Our next assembly is a special NAIDOC day assembly on Friday 27th June starting at 12.45pm in the hall. All families are welcome to attend.

Medical information required

Medical forms for students who are attending the Lake Ainsworth camp next term need to be returned to school by TOMORROW. All information is required by Lake Ainsworth to assist them in caring for your child whilst at camp.

Notes due to be returned

Medical forms for Lake Ainsworth  Friday 27 June
Combined Band note  Friday 27 June

Canteen for Term 3

A reminder that canteen will NOT be operating in Term 3. Many thanks to Emma, Jen and Graeme for their wonderful effort in running the canteen; and to the parents who volunteered their valuable time in assisting.

COOSH News

The COOSH kids have been enjoying these gorgeous sunny afternoons, with lots of free play on the playground. After long days in the classroom this is the perfect way to burn off steam. It’s amazing the extent that the children exercise their vocal chords as well as running around like mad! In addition to this high energy play, other diverse activities have been on offer: the creation of our own ‘Portrait Gallery’, the ‘Clunes Lantern Parade’, origami, a fitness challenge and pet mask making. The kids have spent a lot of time discussing when they will be attending at vacation care and begging parents to let them be involved in particular themed days. If you are thinking of booking your children in, please do so as soon as possible so that we can be sure we have enough resources for our planned activities. Please also be mindful of the fact that in the past the June/July holiday break has been our busiest; so get in touch quickly to ensure that you are not disappointed. The service operates from 8 – 5.30 which is perfect for working parents, or those that just wish to give their kids a fun day out amongst friends. Feel free to give us a call anytime on 6629 1750; if there is no one in the office then leave your number and we will get back to you to confirm your booking.

Kylie and the COOSH team

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