Welcome Back
Welcome to the 2017 school year. It is an absolute pleasure to once again serve our Conondale community. We are set to have another very big year at Conondale, with an enormous number of special programs and events to keep our children busy and happy.

Welcome back to all of our school families and a special welcome to all of our new Conondale families. It was lovely to see all of the beautiful smiling faces on the students on our first day. It was especially wonderful to see our brave new Preppies who have settled into school life brilliantly!

This year we have welcomed 24 new students to our school and I am proud of the way our students have settled back into their learning and supported our new friends, making them feel welcome. We have a fabulous culture at Conondale and that has been clearly evident over the past week. There is a positive vibe across the school and I thank all of our parents for ensuring that our students were fully prepared for the start of the school year.

Enrolments 2017
Enrolments at our school remain strong again this year with 96 students enrolled.
This gives us enough staffing for four classes. As a staff we have split students into the following four groupings: P/1, 1/2, 3/4, and 5/6. We have made the conscious decision to make much smaller classes in the younger year levels, as this is where we know student numbers matter the most. All classes at our school are within the recommended class size limits. Next Thursday is ‘Day 8’, when the enrolment census is sent through to central office and our staffing levels are confirmed. We are 7 students away from the numbers required for a fifth class to be established, so I do not anticipate any change in staffing numbers between now and then.

Our 2017 Improvement Agenda
We have an amazing school! We are spoiled by fantastic facilities and resources, and blessed with great kids. In 2017 we hope to again capitalise on this by continuing to shine and further progress our school improvement agenda.

Over the past two years we have had a clear improvement agenda focussed primarily on improving:

1. Student attendance; and student performance in 2) Writing.

One of the greatest determinants of student success at school is attendance. It’s for this reason we will continue to focus on improving our attendance rates this year.

Our writing focus has so far targeted the mechanical concepts of print, grammar and punctuation. This attention in classroom teaching and learning experiences, professional learning sessions, in staff meetings, and student assessment moderation has shown through in the improvements I’ve witnessed in student journals.

In 2017 we will continue this focus on writing, and continue to consolidate and formalize the work we began 4 years ago to further improve reading comprehension standards in our school also. Our improvement focus in reading and writing will steer closer toward the foundation concepts of phonics and phonemic awareness – the building blocks of our language, without which reading and writing improvement will never get traction. Phonics and phonemic awareness will be a strong focus area for staff professional learning, and in formalized classroom learning experiences with students. I welcome you to come on this journey with us.

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INVESTING FOR SUCCESS

Investing for Success is a QLD Government initiative, providing all schools with much needed funding to support students in achieving National Minimum Standards in Literacy and Numeracy. The money given to Qld schools is to be used to improve Literacy and Numeracy results. To receive this funding, schools must complete an agreement that commits them to guarantee that every student will either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning difficulties.

Conondale State School has received $46,546.00. Our school will use these funds to:

- employ additional staffing to assist students with literacy and numeracy needs;
- provide professional development for teaching staff;
- purchase additional reading resources for our Guided Reading program; and
- purchase additional IT equipment to help students engage with the curriculum.

Click HERE for more information about this wonderful initiative. Our school plan can be found HERE.

It is an honour to work with your children every day, and I look forward to another wonderful year together in 2017.

Kind regards
Adam Vlieg (Mr V)
Parent Orientation Evening

**Wednesday 8th February**

**5.30-7.00pm**

We will be offering two information sessions per class, to allow for families with children in more than one class:

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Parent Mathematics Evening

**Tuesday 14th February**

**5.30-7.00pm**

with guest presenter, Mr Steve Redshaw (Regional Support Officer, Mathematics)

Welcome to our 2017 staff

**Principal** - Mr Adam Vlieg

**Class Teachers** -

P/1 Mrs Jan Gray

1/2 Mrs Louise Sanderson (Monday, Tuesday, Friday)  
Mr Adam Vlieg (Wednesday, Thursday)

3/4 Miss Shayne MacMahon

5/6 Mr Tom Gray

**Teacher Aides** -

Mrs Pam Argue (Student Support Strategy, SAKG Garden Co-ordinator)

Mrs Jenni Evans (Student Support Strategy, SAKG Kitchen Co-ordinator)

Mr Chis Gwin (Student Support Strategy, Library)

Mr Dave Sanderson (Student Support Strategy, ICT Support)

Miss Wendy McIntyre (Student Support Strategy)

TBC (Student Support Strategy)

**Specialist Teachers** -

Ms Jacinta Foale (Classroom Music)

Mrs Karla Hynes (LOTE - Japanese)

Mr Paul Meneely (Instrumental Music)

Mrs Louise Sanderson (Physical Education)

**Student Support** -

Mrs Tania Dahms (Guidance Officer)

Mrs Becky Francis (Chaplain)

Mrs Jo Ferrier (Special Education Program, Learning Support)

Mrs Deb Price (Social/Behaviour Support Officer)

**Ancillary Staff** -

Miss Corrina Cole (Schools Officer - Cleaning)

Miss Asta Joli (Schools Officer - Cleaning)

Mr George Ferriday (Schools Officer - Grounds)

Mrs Lisa Richardson (Administration Officer)
**Yr 8/1 NEWS**

Wow! A big welcome to all our new and returning students and we hope you all thoroughly enjoyed the summer holidays. Our Prep/Yr 1 class for 2017 has 39 students - 12 Preps and 7 Yr 1's. We have had a great start to the year with all the Preps settling in well. It is always exciting starting a new year, meeting new friends and teachers and having great expectations about what we will do and learn. For the parents it is ensuring your child is excited and happy to head off each morning and knows that you are there to help and encourage them.

Please read and respond to all notes in your child's home folder, ensure their homework is completed and signed each night (only takes 10-15 mins) and that ALL of your child's belongings are NAMED (includes lunch box items, undies, togs, etc). This saves lots of tears and frustration. Thanks and have a great 2017!

*Mrs Jan Gray & Mrs Pam Argue*

**Yr 1/2 NEWS**

Welcome, to the Year 1/2 class. We will be your child's teachers for the year. We are really looking forward to sharing the busy and productive year with you and your child. Louise will be in the classroom on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Adam will be teaching every Wednesday and Thursday.

By now we hope you have been inundated with stories and toy story trivia from our first week at school. If you haven't please say to your 1/2er: To Infinity and see what they do afterwards. We have had an awesome start to the year and are looking forward to seeing your children grow and sharing their learning adventure.

You should have received a note earlier in the week outlining our class routines and other important info. If you didn't please pick one up from the classroom.

I have included below an overview of our specialist times:

- **School Library** – Wednesday
- **Mobile Library** - Monday morning
- **Physical Education** – Monday 11.20 – 11.30
- **LOTE (Cultural awareness)** – Tuesday 11.20 – 11.40
- **Music** – Tuesday 11.40 – 11.50
- **SAKG (Kitchen)** – Tuesday 11.40 – 1.00

Parent helpers needed M-W, F mornings for Daily 5, Wed 11.40 - 1.00pm for cooking and Thurs 12.20 - 1.00pm for swimming. Any other times are a bonus and we'd love to see you.

Next week sees us kicking off in all curriculum areas. We will be introducing a new approach to literacy in our class, The Daily 5. This involves Reading to Self, Reading to Someone, Listening to Reading, Writing and Word Work. We'll be sharing more about this focus in coming editions as well as at our parent information session in Week 3.

*Mrs Louise Sanderson & Mr Adam Vlieg*

**Yr 3/4 NEWS**

Welcome to 2017 in Year 3-4.

I hope you have all had a wonderful break over the holidays with your children and they are ready and excited for a new year of learning and adventure. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to new families to our school. I had a very restful time spending it with family and friends and settling into my new flat in Maleny.

As a priority at the beginning of the year, can I ask that parents-guardians make sure that every student's uniform/lunchbox/water bottle is clearly named before they are brought to school!

Can you also make sure you have filled all of the permission slips for your child in regards to media, I.T., sport and updated any change in telephone number or health/allergy status. This is particularly relevant for students who have asthma or use Ventolin, as there are now new requirements for parents to have a treatment plan agreed upon with your family G.P. which need to be provided to the school.

This year we are doing are doing things a little different with the kitchen/ garden program and spreading the participation of classes out over the year. This term our class is contributing to the garden on a Wednesday morning from 9.20-10.20 and we are looking for parent volunteers to help us. If you can volunteer, please let us know!

Music and Japanese classes will now be held in the first session of the day on Tuesdays straight after parade, and P.E. will be held on a Thursday straight after morning tea. This term is swimming so remember to pack a named rashie, swimming cap, togs, goggles, towel and plastic bag to put the wet things in after every Thursday morning. Some students bring thongs or sandals to wear to and from the pool, but this is optional. If your child does this, please make sure they are named!

In the next couple of weeks we will finalise how the literacy block is going to look- we are introducing the Words Their Way spelling program this year - but I am always on the lookout for volunteers to help with reading or rotations. If you are able to help, please let me know what day(s) and time(s) work best for you.

*Ms Shayne 🌟*

**Yr 5/6 NEWS**

Welcome back everyone. A special welcome to Lachlan, Jayden, Penny and Brock who have joined us from other schools. Also a special welcome to the year 5 students who have “stepped Up” into their leadership role, eager to help and to assist the year 5 should it be needed.

Homework is expected to be done each week. I do not set difficult homework and I don't wish to cause family arguments at home. Basically, I set homework in order for students to develop their time management skills in preparation for high school. I would estimate homework to take no longer than 30 minutes a week.

All students seem to be focussed and willing to try hard. I appreciate it is very early days yet, but we have made a promising start.

*Mr Tom Gray*
**PE News**
Swimming starts next Thursday, 2nd February. All permission notes need to be back by this date. Payment of $27 needs to be made by 9th Feb if no season pass is held.
Parent helpers are essential. Please let myself or your class teacher know if you are able to help out on Thursdays at the following times:
- P/1: 10.00 - 10.40am
- 3/4: 11.40 - 12.20pm
- 5/6: 12.20 - 1.00pm
The students made huge improvements last term and I look forward to seeing these continue this term.

*Mrs Louise Sanderson*

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**Community Playgroup**
Every Thursday
9:00-11:20am
Music and art activities, storytime, loads of fun...
*All welcome*
(Remember to bring your piece of fruit for fruit break)

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**Nihongo News**
Minasan, konnichiwa! And a very happy new year also. I am so pleased to be back at Conondale State School for 2017. I look very forward to working with your children and developing their language skills and deepening their understanding of cultural awareness. This term we will be looking at revising our Japanese greetings, learning about our family and likes and dislikes. We will be investigating special festivals such as Oshogatsu and Kodomonohi.

**Help Needed!!**
I am looking for a low table for the Japanese room, such as a coffee table, or a table that can have its legs cut off. I would like to set this up in the Japanese classroom to give the students a taste of Japanese culture. Can you help? Also, is there anyone in the community that could sew a few large cushion covers for students to sit on? I could provide material etc. but unfortunately I have no sewing skills!
If you can help, or if you would like any further information regarding the Japanese program at Conondale, I am here on Tuesdays each week, or can be contacted at khyne6@eq.edu.au.

*Arigatou!*
*Hynes Sensei.*

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**Kitchen-Garden News**
**NEWS FROM THE GARDEN**
Firstly I’d like to wish everyone a happy New Year. This year seems to have a wonderful feel already and students are showing great enthusiasm to get started in the garden.
After the Xmas holidays the garden is always overgrown and now is the time that we could use your help.
We will be having a working bee next Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00am (adults only no students) to begin with the clean-up and preparation of the garden bed for Prep/Year 1. We will be digging their garden bed up as it is thick with weeds, particularly nutgrass. So bring your tools and help us out. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Students gardening classes will commence next week on Wednesday and Friday mornings.
This year our gardening will be a little different, as I am wanting the students to have more ownership. They will be choosing their class garden bed/beds and will then be responsible for most of the work in preparing, fertilizing and mulching them. I will supply students with a list of herbs, veggie seeds, veggie seedlings available and will organise the purchasing of plants.
We are going to also start a Gardening Club for students. They will be able to work in their gardens, possibly in lunchtimes on two days a week. I will discuss this with students in order to work out what they would like to do and how to run this club.

**NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN**
We are so very lucky to have our wonderful kitchen facilities at Conondale. I am extremely pleased to be working with your children in our kitchen again this year!
This term our Yr 1/2 and Yr 5/6 classes will be cooking, beginning from Week 2. Kitchen classes are being held at the following times:
- Yr 1/2 (11.40-1.00pm)
- Yr 5/6 (9.20-10.40am)
We would love to have parents join us in the kitchen. We have some wonderful recipe ideas planned for our students this year. Notes were sent home with students last week with more information.

*Happy Gardening*
*SAKG Garden Specialist*

*Jenni Evans*
*SAKG Kitchen Specialist*
Everyday counts!

One of the greatest determinants of student success at school is attendance. Thank you to all parents who ensure attendance rates are high for students at our school.

Let’s continue to work together to build our attendance rates and give our students the very best chance of success. As you can see from the table on the right, even attendance levels of 85% add up to a significant amount of time lost.

Parents are reminded that effective enrolment (meaning enrolment and regular attendance and participation) of children of compulsory school age is enforceable by law. Parents who fail to ensure students are effectively enrolled and attending school may be prosecuted for breaching the Education Act.

More importantly though, there is a clear link between student success at school and regular attendance. At Conondale we notice a strong correlation where students with attendance rates of 95-100% achieve much higher results in class work and standardised assessments such as NAPLAN. The lower the attendance rates of students, the lower the performance rates of students.

Student Resource Scheme

While the costs of educational tuition are provided directly to schools by the government, parents themselves are directly responsible for providing textbooks and other personal resources for their children while attending school. In recognition that these costs can be high, our school operates our Student Resource Scheme that enables a parent/carer to enter into an agreement with the school that, for a specified annual participation fee, provides for the purchase of these resources. Our 2017 costs are as follows:

**Year: Prep - 2**

*In 2017 the Student Resource Scheme for Years Prep – 2 remains at $130.00 per student.* This cost is broken up into the following components:

- **$100.00** Resource fee This fee covers the costs of printing, purchasing stationery and consumable and art materials for the student; and
- **$30.00** Kitchen-Garden fee This fee covers the costs of food items for our cooking program throughout the school year.

**Year: 3 - 6**

*In 2017 the Student Resource Scheme for Years 3 – 6 remains at $138.00 per student.* This cost is broken up into the following components:

- **$100.00** Resource fee This fee covers the costs of printing, purchasing stationery and consumable and art materials for the student;
- **$30.00** Kitchen-Garden fee This fee covers the costs of food items for our cooking program throughout the school year; and
- **$8.00** Sports fee This fee covers the costs of registration in interschool, district and regional sports for the school year.

Next week all parents will receive invoices and letters for the 2017 ‘Student Resource Scheme’. Please ensure these participation forms are returned ASAP. This year the payments will be broken up into three easy parts, each with incremental due dates. Parents can pay upfront, or alternatively in these three smaller payments throughout the year. Weekly and fortnightly payment plans can also be set up for individual circumstances, including directly through Centrelink’s CentrePay system each fortnight. Contact Adam or Lisa if you require any payment plans to be set up.

FaceBook

For up to date information be sure to like our Conondale State School Facebook page

Fruit Break

A reminder to all parents: All classes at our school have a fruit break every morning. Students are to bring at least 1 piece of fresh fruit to eat during this time. Our fruit break initiative is an important strategy to instil healthy eating attitudes in our students.

A reminder also that all classrooms at our school have fridges for student lunches. We encourage students to be using these to keep their food fresh.
Violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated in our school.

It's not just a courtesy. It's the law.

If you choose to act in an abusive manner toward staff or students you will be issued a direction prohibiting you from entering the premises and attending events. You may also be charged by QLD Police.

Respect our staff, respect our school

CODE OF SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR

Essential to effective learning is a safe, supportive and disciplined environment that respects the following rights:

• The rights for students to learn;
• The rights for teachers to teach;
• The rights for all to be safe.

Unfortunately from time to time we do have some members of our school community who fail to respect these rights of others. Our school staff maintain a zero tolerance policy to abuse by others, either directly toward themselves or to their students. The Code of School Behaviour defines the responsibilities that all members of the school community are expected to uphold and recognises the significance of appropriate and meaningful relationships. The Code of School Behaviour outlines a consistent standard of behaviour for all school communities in Queensland, inclusive of students, staff and parents. The Code has been developed to deliver the best possible outcomes for students, recognising the close relationship between learning, achievement and behaviour.

Parents can access the Code of School Behaviour by clicking on the following link:

Welcome to 2017

The Conondale State School P&C Committee wish you and your children all the best for 2017. It’s great to see all the new faces joining our school community this year and just as exciting to welcome back our returning families – thank you all for choosing our school for your child’s education.

☆ Our P&C’s vision

To create a fun, safe and educational environment that our children and the school community want to be a part of – because children perform better when supported by the ones they love.

☆ Our plans for our school

Our P&C has big plans for Conondale State School in 2017 – including:

★ tuck shop improvements – a healthier menu, a wider range of choices and a site renovation
★ uniform options – a choice of organic cotton polo shirts and sun-safe swim shirts
★ STEM* resources for all classes
★ educational workshops for parents and community members
★ a large cubby house for the playground.

We will continue to provide fun events for the children throughout the year and a free school bag (backpack) for every new student.

Over the coming years we will also provide funds to the school to help them deliver:

★ an outdoor learning area
★ chilled and filtered drinking water
★ a dedicated STEM* classroom
★ kitchen garden renovations and playground expansions.

During the next few weeks, our Strategic Plan and 2017 Operations Plan will be distributed to all parents for your feedback and comments.

* STEM is an applied method of teaching Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths in an holistic approach to solving real-world problems. STEM is integrated within all other subjects.

☆ Information evening

An information session for all parents will be held next week – on Wednesday 8 Feb.

During the evening, our P&C will provide refreshments in the school library.

Please come along and have a chat to us about the P&C’s role in the school.

☆ Our next meeting

Our committee holds regular monthly meetings and all those interested in the welfare of the school are welcome to attend.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 6 February at 3:30 pm in the school library.

Please come along – we would love to hear your ideas and there will be no pressure to join the committee (unless you want to, of course).

Your children are welcome to stay after school, they can play just outside (within view) or read quietly on the beanbags.

☆ Your feedback

We welcome all feedback, suggestions and ideas you might have. Please email feedback@conondalepandc.org.au with your thoughts.

Thanks again for choosing Conondale State School and we look forward to meeting you.

Help our P&C make a difference!

Our P&C has an important role to play and we would love you to be a part of it.

An essential part of our school

The Conondale State School Parents and Citizens’ Association (P&C) is managed by an executive committee who, along with other P&C members, work closely with the principal for the benefit of our students.

Joining the P&C is a fantastic way for you to get involved in your school’s community, contribute to the quality of your children’s education and to make new friends.

It is a great opportunity to share in the school’s decision making processes and make a difference by contributing to the management and improvement of the school – for the future of your children.

What does the P&C do?

★ consults on school policies & activities
★ financial planning & budgeting
★ manages the tuck shop & uniform shop
★ assists with school functions
★ applies for grants
★ raises funds for the school

Fundraising

Our P&C is passionate about improving our children’s learning environment and providing resources to improve the school grounds.

We have an agreement with the Sunshine Coast MotorCycle Club to cater for events held at Conondale Memorial Sport and Recreation Reserve. Catering for these “take away” events is our main source of income.

This arrangement with SCMC has been highly successful – enabling the P&C to provide our school with amenities that many larger schools are envious of.

We need your help

We are calling for volunteers to join our vibrant & growing committee. The more people helping, the more we share the workload and the more our school benefits.

We would especially like to chat with anyone who is comfortable managing catering teams and/or preparing food – whether you have experience in the hospitality industry or are just keen to help us out.

If you would like to volunteer, please email secretary@conondalepandc.org.au and let us know how you can help.

Our aim is to raise funds for the school and achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.

Remember, we are not asking for your money – just a little bit of your time.

Membership & meetings

Our P&C committee holds regular monthly meetings and all parents and interested community members are welcome to attend.

P&C membership is free. You can choose whether or not to attend regular meetings and there is no obligation to take an active role. Even if you can’t make it to our meetings, being a member is a great way to stay informed and have your say.

If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, email secretary@conondalepandc.org.au or come along to our next meeting & meet our executive ...

Our current executive members are:
★ Kaye Stephens - President
★ Angela Antizak - Treasurer
★ Michala Stephens - Secretary
★ James Bradbury - Vice-President
★ Dave Sanderson - Vice-President

Our next general meeting will be held at the school on Monday 9 February at 6:30 pm in the school library (children welcome).

Children are happier and perform better when parents are involved.

AGM & executive positions

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in March, during which we will elect our new executive members. Anyone who is interested in becoming an executive member of our P&C, or in joining our catering team, is encouraged to contact us before the AGM.

Roles & responsibilities

The P&C works with the principal and the school community in a productive partnership to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students. It is not the role of the P&C to interfere in the day-to-day running of the school – this is the role of the principal.

Following is a summary of the main roles.

President...
★ holds office in an honorary capacity
★ presides as chair at meetings
★ puts to vote motions and amendments
★ as chair, has a deliberate & a casting vote
★ provides leadership & liaison with stakeholders
★ oversees accountability of the P&C
★ endorses participation

Vice-President...
★ acts as the president’s understudy
★ becomes familiar with rules & procedures
★ provides support to the president & members
★ chairs meetings if the president is absent

Secretary...
★ maintains attendance & membership records
★ assists the president to prepare agendas
★ prepares and presents minutes
★ records and deals with correspondence
★ maintains custody of P&C documents

Treasurer...
★ correlates with the P&C’s Accounting Manual
★ prepares the annual P&C budget
★ prepares financial statements at each meeting
★ prepares annual statements for audit
★ must keep an accurate account of all P&C income & expenditure

Principal...
★ is the Department of Education and Training’s representative to the P&C association
★ is an ex-officio (automatically) member of the P&C
★ can not hold office on the P&C executive committee or any sub-committees
★ is obligated to take direction from the chair and speak through the chair (as all members are)
★ monitors P&C, reporting to ensure compliance with QGoV Government requirements
★ provides regular reports to the P&C on school activities including school financial statements

Further information is available from the P&C’s Qld website www.pandc.qld.com.au.
Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing holiday. Since the New Year, I have been thinking a lot about how precious our time on this earth is and how quickly things can change in a person’s life. I read a verse from the book of Psalms this morning that says, “Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Just recently I have been confronted with how short life is. Whenever I celebrate another birthday for myself and especially my children, I am almost brought to tears as I see how much they have grown and how quickly this time with them passes by. So in short, I am realising more and more to find opportunities to grow from each day; more awareness to savour the moment and be present with my children; and learn to be a person who priorities ‘being’ over ‘doing.’ Have a great week.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

‘MALENY’S MILKIN’ IT FOR CHARITY’ fundraiser is on the 4th March at the Maleny Dairies. This is an 18+ event to raise money for chaplaincy. A fantastic afternoon at the cow “races” Tickets on sale 1st February. See Chappy for more details.
QLD Health
Dental Van visit
The dental van will be moving to your school soon. Dental forms have been issued to all students.
FREE dental treatment is available to all students, regardless of whether your child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme (CDBS) medicare funding or not. Dental forms have been issued to all classes.
If you are eligible for CDBS please complete both forms issued. A parent will need to attend dental appointment to sign medicare assignment forms.
If you are not eligible for CDBS please complete only medical consent form.
To find out if you are eligible for CDBS contact medicare Ph 132011 or look online at myGovhttps://my.gov.au/
It would be appreciated if all forms are completed & returned to school office by 3/2/17. Dental appointments will be sent home via your children. If these appointments do not suit you please ring us to arrange another time.
If you have any queries please feel free to contact us.
Ph. 0419 736942. Email: SC-Nambour-OralHealth@health.qld.gov.au With the subject “Maleny Dental Appts”
Enza (Dental therapist), Kylie (Dental assistant) & Cheryl (Dentist)

School Camp
Thank you to all parents who returned our 2017 school camp EOI at the end of last year. The clear consensus from parents was the desire for a ‘beach style’ camp experience for students.
We are currently finalizing our Yr 4-6 school camp and notes will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Library News
Our school library will open again next week. All students are allowed to borrow up to two books per week. Happy reading.
Chris Gwin

We are very excited ATM because we are currently in the process of upgrading our school to new super-fast internet.
You may notice Telstra running new high-speed cabling through town, from the exchange and into the school. (Sorry everyone - this upgrade is only for the school, not the rest of the township)
For a number of years at our school we have enjoyed fibre optic cabling between our buildings, and wi-fi capability in all of our classrooms, but have been limited with the standard broadband speed coming in to the school from the exchange to the node. As you can imagine, when you have 25+ laptops and iPads all trying to access this network at once, speeds can slow down. This upgrade will provide enormous benefits to our students as network speeds are increased enormously! We can’t wait until the upgrade is complete 😊
We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and celebrated in style at New Years. This week we began our term 1 lessons, squad and mini squad.

**Lessons** - there are options available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with our fabulous teachers Fiona and Steph. Please email Fiona jfh430@gmail.com or call 04 2370 163 to book your spot. Cost will be $120 for 10 weeks or $108 for 9. There is an additional discounted entry of $3/wk if you don't have a season pass. There will be no lessons on Thursday 26th Jan.

**Mini Squad** - again this term we are offering mini squad sessions with Fiona on Mon and Wed mornings at 8am and Wed afternoons. For $120 plus entry you can choose to go to one or all of these sessions. Please contact Fiona if interested.

**Squad** - High school and primary school squad runs on Tues and Fri mornings 7am and 7.40am respectively. A high level of ability in all strokes and fitness is expected. We thank Scott for offering these sessions. Cost $130 including breaky. Please let me know if you're interested.

**Adult lap swimming** - every morning the pool is open to adults for lap swimming 8.30-9.30am. This is an unstructured session where you can do whatever laps you want to do. Cost is just entry if no season pass.

**Aqua aerobics** - We have kicked off again with 3 sessions a week. Mon 5pm, Thurs 7.30am and Sat 7.00am. All fitness levels catered for. Relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Non-members $10/session or $90 for a 10 session pass. Members $8/session or $70 for 10 session pass.

The next round of Get Started vouchers opens on the 25th Jan. This is an initiative of the state government that entitles eligible families to $150 per school aged child toget involved in sport. We are a provider. Please see https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/apply/ for more info.

**Triathlon** - The date has been set for the 2017 Conondale Triathlon. This is the 1st of April (first day of holidays). Stay tuned for more info.

**Social Tennis** will be kicking off again on Friday 3rd Feb from 3 -8pm. Come on down for a hit and something to eat and drink. This will continue on the first Friday of the month until June.

Hope to see you around the pool or tennis courts soon 😊

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**GET STARTED FUNDING AVAILABLE**

A reminder about this great financial support initiative from the QLD Government that can help your child get active and join a local sporting club. The Get Started program provides eligible children and young people aged 5 up to 17 (inclusive) with a voucher valued at up to $150 for membership and/or registration fees.

More information on Get Started Vouchers, is available at: https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/apply/

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**MALENY GIRL GUIDES**

Meet Tuesday from 4 to 6 pm at the CWA rooms Bicentennial Lane, Maleny. Girls from 6 to 18 welcome.

Phone Leanne on 0447 239725