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2017
Our Goal: To be among the top performing small schools in the North Coast Region

A Word From the Principal

Conondale State School Annual Improvement focus

- Writing
- Attendance 95% and above

Wow Conondale, you sure know how to make someone feel welcome! These past two weeks, I have been action packed and I have been overwhelmed by the help and support offered to me by not only the staff, but also the students and broader school community. I cannot thank you all enough for this, as it has made my start as Principal of Conondale, a smooth and enjoyable experience.

ANZAC Commemorations-
School Parade

Our school parade was held last Monday morning in the COLA with participation from all classes. Thankyou to the Year 5 students who took up the challenge of running the parade, they did a wonderful job.

ANZAC Day service—Witta Cemetery

Our Year 6 students, Abbie and Cameron Ebbing, did an exceptional job when representing Conondale State School at the early morning Witta Cemetery service. Both students delivered a heartfelt speech and recited the Rupert McCall poem ‘One Hundred Years from Now’.

Maleny ANZAC March and Ceremony

This year our school was represented at the march by students across all year levels. As a newcomer to this march I was quite taken aback by the size and enthusiasm of the community. Mrs Louise Sanderson informed me that our school representation was one of our best yet.
ANZAC Day 2017

Cameron and Abbie at the Witta Cemetery Service

A large representation of students and their families at Maleny parade.

Year 6 Camp 2017

The skies finally parted and the sun came out ready for the start of our new term and the for our Year 6 students to head off to camp. A big thanks to Mr Adam Vlieg for taking time out from his new position at Nambour SC and taking our students on their camp.

From all reports everyone had a wonderful time.
Cross Country

Well done all the students who participated so enthusiastically on Friday at the Small School’s Cross Country. Thankyou to the parents who attended and showed support for all our athletes. A special congratulations to Sebastian in Year 4 and Lacey in Year 6 who will now represent the small schools at the Nambour District competition. Good luck Sebastian and Lacey!

Attendance

Our school student attendance target for this year is 95%. In Term 1 our student attendance was 90.9%. There is a trend of lower attendance on a Friday. Please ensure that you make every day of school count by ensuring your child is in attendance. Although we encourage strong attendance we also realise that there will be times children are unwell and are best to stay at home and rest.

Mother’s Day Gifts Required

Louise Sanderson is going to be running a Mother’s Day stall for all classes on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th. For this to be successful she is asking for donations from every student. The donations will be pooled and then set up for sale for the students to buy for their Mum’s. Prices will vary and the students will get a chance to look before they buy. We already have some plants, crocheted goods and beauty products donated. Please drop donations into the box in the office before Wednesday 10th May. All proceeds will go towards a local charity. If you are able to assist with selling and or setting and packing up, please let Louise or Lisa know.

Tuesday Parade

Commencing next Tuesday at 9am we will be holding a formal school parade in our COLA. Our year 5/6 students will be running the parade as part of their leadership training. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

Gardening and Kitchen News—Jenni Evans

I would like to welcome the Prep/year 1 and Year 3/4 to the kitchen this term. We are looking forward to some great cooking this term and have already started using the beautiful fresh produce provided by our school garden. Thank you to those who have put their names down to volunteer as an adult helper in the kitchen, your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Naplan 2017

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May, students will take the 2017 NAPLAN tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to:-

http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html
**Welcome**

Conondale State School would like to extend a warm welcome to some staff that will be working with our students and school community over the coming weeks/term.

**Michaela Stevens**– Teacher’s Aide

**Lynne Bowen**– Teacher’s Aide

**Gary Allen**– Year 5/6 Teacher

**Uniform**

On Tuesday our student attending the Maleny ANZAC Day parade looked magnificent in their full Conondale School uniform. Let’s keep up the good work and make sure we are wearing the correct uniform for the cooler winter months. Please see Lisa at the office if your uniform supplies are running low.

**Fees**

Reminder notes will be coming home this week for families who are still to pay the school resource scheme. A huge thankyou to the families that have already paid.

**Overdue Library Books**

We are thrilled that so many of our students are borrowing from our school library. Unfortunately many of us love our books so much we are forgetting to return them. We need all overdue books to be returned as soon as possible so that the borrowing can continue. Invoices will be issued for library books that are overdue by 4 weeks or more.

**Swimming Pool and Tennis Club News**

We would like to thank all our supporters this season. Without your contributions and support we wouldn’t be able to keep running. Through our swimming lessons, squad, aqua aerobics and general recreational swimming we are able to offer so much to the community. We were successful with a major grant from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and thank them. This grant will enable us to buy a trailer and storage shed. Scott Lanham volunteers his time to coach the squad kids and we thank him enormously for this. His knowledge and skill is highly regarded by all and the results we get at the annual swimming carnival is testament to this. Lastly thanks to our pool supervisors, LTS teachers, pool maintenance and committee members. A job well done!

**Breakfast Club**

…will be every Friday morning. Everyone is welcome to come to the tuck-shop and enjoy breakfast. Parent help is always welcome.
Welcome to term 2 and a big thank you to all our dedicated volunteers.

Catering
Our catering team have been busy raising funds for the school.

We provided breakfast and lunch for a motocross practice day on Easter Sunday - more than 150 riders plus spectators - and we had the pleasure of meeting Craig Lowndes, woohoo!

On Sunday 23 April we provided food and refreshments for the largest Grass Track event this year - 80+ riders. This is the first time we’ve served breakfast at Grass Track and it went down a treat - yum, you can’t beat a good bacon and egg roll when you’re famished!

We are now busy planning for our biggest day of the year - the Australian MX Championships - this Sunday 7 May we’re expecting about 3,000 people and it’s going to be awesome! Keep an eye out for our flyer.

Classic Dirt 13 is also getting closer - 9 to 12 June - put it in your calendar!

AGM
A huge thanks to all those who attended our AGM last week. It was fantastic to see the great show of support from our parents and community - what an amazing turn out! Thank You :-)  
Congratulations and a big welcome to our new executive for 2017:  
President - Angie Anlezark  
Vice President - Dave Sanderson  
Secretary - Sam Mellor  
Treasurer - Michaela Stephens.

Tuck Shop
The new menu for our café-style tuck shop is still in the planning stage. If you would like to help with running our tuck shop please contact tuckshop@conondalepandc.org.au.

Our kids competition to name our new tuck shop is still on - if you can think of a great name, please send it to our tuck shop email address or drop it into the school office. Don’t forget to include your name and class details to have a chance to win the prize.

Congratulations Mr V
Mr V is heading to the big smoke to join Nambour State College and lend his amazing leadership skills to the diverse collection of students who will, without a doubt, benefit from his dedication and expertise.  
Wow, what awesome news! We are so excited for him and can’t wait to hear about his adventures. No doubt Mrs Sanderson’s class will want to keep him informed on the adventures of Super V.

Of course, the hardest part will be finding someone willing to paint themselves blue for the athletics carnival this year!

Congratulations Mr V and have fun with all those new kids!
Prep/Year 1
Hi everyone and welcome back to Term 2. The children have settled back into the swing of things and were excited to catch up with all their friends. This is a jam packed term with cooking on Wednesdays. Parent helpers are needed for cooking. Please email me if you are available to help from 11:30 - 1:00 jgray97@eq.edu.au.

We also have our interhouse Athletics Carnival, the Maleny Show, our Mothers Day lunch, Report Cards and Gold Pass Day to finish off the term. Please keep up to date by checking your child’s homework folder for notes each afternoon, emails for newsletters and reminders on Facebook.

The children were surprised on their return after the holidays to find Mr V had left but they gave Mrs Julianne Mabb a warm welcome. We also welcomed Michaela Stevens in as teacher aide to replace Wendy who retired at the end of last term.

It was wonderful to see so many parents, teachers and community members at our last P&C meeting for the election of the office bearers for 2017. Our P&C is such a dedicated and hardworking bunch who spend so much time working to raise much needed funds to resource and support projects at our school. They ask if you could please put up your hand up and volunteer for a few hours at the bike days held throughout the year. It really is fun and you can do any number of hours you wish. Bring a friend because as you know ‘many hands make light work’.

Jan Gray and Pam Argue

Year 1/2
Well Term 2 has certainly been a busy one already. We’ve welcomed Mrs Mabb into our class and she has been a great fit. We’ve also hit the ground running in all areas. We are looking at narrative structure in English this term and the students will in turn be writing their own story based on characters and emotions we’ve been exploring. In Maths we have moved onto Chance and representing data with picture graphs. We have been experimenting madly in Science to determine the different properties of materials and will be soon combining materials to make a useful object. We are hoping to get to the Recycling Centre later this term to consolidate this unit.

Louise Sanderson and Julianne Mabb

Year 3/4
This term is flying by… it must be because we are having so much fun! The Volleyball Gala at Montville was a great success. You would have been very proud of the sportsmanship of our class and school. The weather was glorious and all students had a ball. This last week we have working hard on finishing our new chapter for The Twits. Our class has come up with some very devious tricks to play on the main characters! In maths, we have been consolidating addition and subtraction strategies, fractions, and exploring when to use the greater than and less than symbols.

Interesting Fact: As we head towards the end of term, we are all becoming very tired and sometimes a little teary… and that’s just me J. I researched recently the number of hours of sleep that children between the ages of 6-13 need each night and was not surprised to find that they need 9-11 hours. Is your child getting this amount of sleep each night?

Shayne MacMahon