Term 1 – Week 6

Monday 2nd March 2015

Waterwatch
A reminder that students in Years 3 to 6 will be heading to the creek this Wednesday, 4th March, with Kirsty from MidCoast Water, to find and observe bugs. If the weather is overcast or drizzly, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately (raincoat, gumboots), as we will still go to the creek unless it is pouring.

School Attendance

Why is arriving at school on time important?

Arriving at school and class on time:
- ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert
- helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence.
Cross Country Running
Our students have begun to prepare for the 2015 cross country event, which is being held at Coopernook School on Thursday, 19\textsuperscript{th} March. Students who are turning 8 years old this year, and older, are eligible to participate. For students in years 3 to 6, this program is part of the curriculum, and they are expected to participate. Parents of students in younger grades should consider all aspects of the day before they decide to send their child on the day. Please talk to Ms Lawton or Ms Capperauld if you have any questions.

Library Stocktake
Parents and carers are asked to assist the school by searching your home for junior fiction books. A stocktake is underway and we require all junior fiction books to be returned to the school.

Teacher parent interviews
Interviews will be conducted in Week 9 and 10 this term. A schedule is attached. Please return promptly.

In the Classroom
Student writing from Year 3-6

\textit{Pink Is...}

Pink is a little girl’s smile at her birthday cake
Pink is a pretty pink dress that girls love
Pink is a flower in the summer breeze
Pink is a book that you read
Pink is nail polish on your fingers
Pink is a pencil to colour in with
Pink is your mother’s lips when she talks
Pink is a bird that flies past your window
Pink is the colour of your favourite bed
Pink is a shopping bag.

Shayne, year 4

Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading. Find out more: \url{http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home}
Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.
Find out more:

Yours in education
Sheila Capperauld

Community News

DANCE CLASSES
at Coopernook.
For – Pre Schoolers/Tiny Tots, Children & Adults.
CLASSICAL BALLET, TAP, JAZZ, HIP HOP, CONTEMPORARY & BELLY DANCING for the Mums.
Enquiries - CALL Miss Des on 0417 18 9845

Free activity: National Parks Week 2015
Digging up the Past – archaeology for kids 6-12 years

Sunday 15 March at Saltwater National Park
Get the kids involved with a fun activity and exploration of a beautiful landscape
Come exploring Saltwater National Park along the sandy tracks and dense coastal rainforest. You and your WilderQuest buddies will search for mystery objects that have been buried, and discover the reconstructed shell mound or midden made from cleaned and mounded shell material. Some of the mystery objects are ancient and others come from long ago. We'll take a look at these objects and learn where they fit into Australia’s past. This WilderQuest activity has been designed for school children 6-12 years and their parents. Remember to wear enclosed shoes and a hat and bring a water bottle in a small backpack.
When: Sunday 15 March 2015, 10am to 11.30am
Where: Saltwater National Park. See getting there information.
Meet: Meet Guide near Amenities Block
Guide: Discovery Ranger Keith Davy
Grade: Mostly level track with rough, sandy surface. Not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.
Price: Free but bookings essential as strictly limited to 30 places.
Bookings: Essential. Phone (02) 6588 5519 or email susan.phillips@environment.nsw.gov.au
Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.
After Sunday 15 March this activity will be available to all primary schools subject to a fee and at least 2 weeks prior notice.
To find out more about this activity follow this link: