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NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 8 Wednesday 14th June 2017

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DATES TO REMEMBER			Notes recently emailed	
Community Singing Friday 2.30pm in Redgum - All welcome			MEP Song Survey	
Thurs 15 Jun	Diary of a Wombat Excursion (Whole School)		Diary of a Wombat Permission Note	
Tues 20 Jun	Fresh Taste – Kulture Break Performance			
Thurs 22 Jun	Tennis Clinics 9.00 – 11.00am			
	Print Studio and Botanic Gardens (Year 2)			
	Reports sent home			
Fri 23 Jun	Morshead Outreach 11.00am (Years K-2)			
Tues 27 Jun	Tennis Clinics 9.00 – 11.00am			
Wed 28 Jun	Assembly hosted by Preschool 9.00am			
Thurs 29 Jun	Mr Tim - The Food Detective 10.00am			
	International Day of Mud!			
Fri 30 Jun	Last day of term 2			
Mon 17 Jul	First day of term 3			

Congratulations Bianca

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the community of a very well deserved promotion for Bianca. An experienced educator committed to the education of the whole child and taking on responsibility to grow the capacity of staff within our school and across our system, Bianca has been acting in a school leadership position in varying capacities since 2014. I congratulate Bianca on her formal promotion to School Leader C. Bianca will commence this position, moving to Amaroo School, from the beginning of term 3.

It is with mixed feelings that I share this news as it means Bianca will be leaving us at the end of term 2. While she will be greatly missed as a staff member, we feel privileged to have worked with Bianca, constantly growing ourselves as we share her passion for early childhood education.

I am currently in the process of recruiting staff for term 3. Many of you may have noticed Melissa has a growing bump with baby number three on the way. Our Phil has also had to take further leave to take care of his ongoing medical condition. We currently have Darren working with us as a temporary BSO for now. I will keep you informed as staffing positions are clarified.

High 5 Award

Congratulations to **Harriet** in Kindergarten on receiving the High 5 award this week showing *Respect for each other: Nothing less* at our Morshead Outreach last week, in community singing every week and being a kind and caring friend in the classroom and on the playground.

Reading Logs

Each week it is a pleasure to share with students their reading achievements through their home reading log. Congratulations to the following students who have already recorded 100 nights and shared their reading log with Jenny.

Kindergarten : Sophia, Harriet , Rosie, George, Zizu, Phoebe, Jackson, Joshua

Year 1: Elliana, Faye, Xavier, Sumi

Year 2: Edward, Freja

Semester one reports

Next Thursday 22nd June semester one reports will be sent home with your child. I would encourage families to **open the reports at home** and read through them together. Class teachers have spent many, many hours preparing each individual report. Please take the time to read the reports together with your child and celebrate their successes. Year 1 and 2 students will also receive the A-E grade report.

Teachers will be available for parent/teacher interviews during week 10. Please look out for the time schedules which will be on display outside your child's classroom next week.

MEP Song Survey

O'Connor Cooperative School and the Music Engagement Program are working on some exciting projects this year, including a 'performance' of international songs in Term 3 Wed 20 or Thurs 21 Sept (TBC) at Llewelyn Hall ANU, which will be interactive and involve as many individuals in the larger Coop community as possible. We have a range of things to ask you about this project, but most importantly at the moment we want to get some idea of interest in terms of the song repertoire and engagement from past students, parents, and other interested people.

I have attached a link to a survey for you to complete if you are interested in doing so. It involves the current song set as already tested on Coop students, or that we are in the process of testing. The songs come in two files and can be found at this link: <http://musicengagementprogram.org>

Look for the Coop Tab at the top. You will be asked for a password, which is Co-op (capital important!)

Set 1-16 is the set tested on Pre-school and Kinder, as well as Years 1 and 2.

Set 17-24 have only been tested on Years 1 and 2.

Anyone interested in being involved in the performance, whatever their age, may complete the survey, whether they are closely involved with Coop or not. Completing the survey does not mean you **MUST** be involved in the performance, or preparation - in some ways, more people is helpful for us to get an idea of the general popularity of the songs. The main point is how you might feel about **SINGING** the songs, rather than just listening to them.

You may need to help younger students who wish to complete: they can stop at 16 or go on for the whole set, whichever seems to work best. You should be able to open several versions of the survey so that you can complete them at the same time as a family (but do make sure everyone makes up their own mind).

MEP Song rating Survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MEP_COOP_17

We are hoping parents and family members will want to be part of the musical evening. If you are interested in being involved in the performance, please send a [reply email to Jenny](#), since this survey goes direct to our analyst to preserve anonymity.

Regards *Jenny*

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to those families who have made a voluntary contribution to our school. If you are yet to do so and would like your donation to be tax deductible, please advise Natalie that you would like your contribution to be donated to our library fund. Voluntary contributions for 2017 have been set at \$110.



Thank you to those families who have also paid the bulk book pack contribution of \$90. Our stationery is purchased in bulk at the beginning of the year to ensure all students are able to access stationery supplies as they need them throughout the year.

Preferred method of payment is electronic funds transfer and details are as follows:

BSB: 032-777

Account number: 001172

Account name: O'Connor Cooperative School

If you have collected a school jumper or T shirt and are yet to pay these bank details should be used. Please note purchase type in the reference section eg. Loudon Vol Con or Lalor Jacket. Receipts will be issued on payment. If you are unsure if you have paid for the voluntary contributions, the book pack contribution or for school clothing, please contact Natalie.

Upcoming Events

To launch the Fresh Tastes program, we have two fantastic performances

coming for the enjoyment of our students. Each performance will take place at school and with a focus to encourage healthy eating and physical activity in our daily lives. Please see the details below.



Dance Workshop and Presentation featuring Busy Broc Tuesday 20 June 9.30am



The Lizards and Geckos will participate in a dance workshop with the talented dancers from Kulture Break. The whole school will then be invited to a healthy lifestyle presentation featuring Busy Broc. The Lizards and Geckos will have an opportunity to perform the dance moves they learnt during their workshop.



Mr Tim and The Food Detective Show Thursday 29 June 10am

Mr Tim and the Food Detective will present their show to the whole school, giving their message of healthy eating through drama, song and dance. It will be a fun and interactive performance.

Library news

This term we have continued to take part in the Scholastic Book club scheme. Scholastic offers a wide range of resources at affordable prices. Every purchase made entitles the school to points which can be used to acquire more resources for our children. Payments need to be made [online](#) so there is no need to return cash to school.



Book club orders close this Friday, 16th June for the current catalogue. If you would like to make a purchase, please visit the website by this date. When the orders arrive the pack will be distributed to your child. Please advise Ro-Berta about collecting the pack if you do not wish your child to see the contents.

Preschool News

We've had an exciting term two and simply can't believe how fast it has been travelling! Here are a few things that we've been working on...

Preschool's interpretation of Holton Rower's tall paintings: While exploring how water travels through our pipes, we noted some beautiful descriptive language such as dripping, tipping, running, pouring, trickling and flowing. This language was transferred into our art last week after viewing the work of Holton Rower's tall paintings. The video we watched was absolutely magical and mesmerised each and every one of us. As a result, Ro-Berta's husband built a sculpture for us so that we might create our own tall painting. Bianca worked with the children to use the electric sanders and prepare the



sculpture; while Ro-Berta supported the children to complete an undercoat of black. The children mixed brightly coloured paints in small glasses and used these to work collaboratively to create our own *Tall Painting* that has impressed us all! We are so proud of our work that as a class we contacted the coordinator of a community art show called *RANDOM*, who have offered us a place in their show at the ANU School of Art. This will be held from 7/7-21/7 in the School of Art Foyer. If you have time, please try and get along to have a look.



Planting out the playground: This week our pre-schoolers were invited to plant 40 pots of native grasses throughout the playground. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to contribute to their environment and build upon their sense of social responsibility. The earth was quite hard to dig in some places of our playground but we were so proud of the way our keen gardeners demonstrated persistence and commitment to the task at hand. A special thank you to Jude, Eliza, Max, Tom, Riley and Gilbert – you all did an awesome job! We'd like to thank *Bunnings* at Gungahlin for reserving the bulk lot of plants and reducing the price for us.

Seesaw: Preschool have recently adopted an online platform for sharing student work portfolios. We'd like to say a big thank you to the families who have had time to pop in and see us and signed their children up. This should be up and running for all families by mid-week, week 9. Permission forms were emailed to families last week with the preschool program and it would be great if these were returned as soon as possible. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to come and talk with us. Emma (Samuel's mum) has also offered to share what the app looks like when you download it on your phone and how it works from a parent's end, so feel free to tap her on the shoulder next time you see her.

Year 2 Athletics Carnival

Lyneham Primary School kindly invited all of our year 2 children to participate in their annual athletics carnival in week 6. This was another transition to Year 3 event and gave the children an opportunity to see and feel what it was like to be in a sporting event with a big school.

We all met at Dickson Oval and quickly began our first event of long jump, which was followed with shot put. As they waited for a turn to jump or throw, they got a chance to chat with some of the Lyneham Primary Year 2 students.

We were proud to see all of our children running in a race, some ran in every racing event from 70m to 800m. Many of our Coop children were placed in the top three in their races. A member of the Lyneham School teaching staff commented on what great runners we had at our school. I was very proud of the way all of our children competed and gave their best. We finished the day off with some javelin throwing and a final running race before heading back to school. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to help on the day with transport, assisting with supervision and cheering everyone on.

Caroline

