Term 1 2016 - Dates for your Diary

**February**
- **Friday 19th**: K-6 Swimming Program at Kendall Pool - 12:30 to 2pm
- **Saturday 20th**: Comboyne Show
- **Friday 26th**: K-6 Swimming Program at Kendall Pool - 12:30 to 2pm

**March**
- **Thursday 3rd**: School Clean Up Day
- **Friday 4th**: Fish Outta Water Show at school - 1:30pm
- **Friday 11th**: K-6 Swimming Program at Kendall Pool - 12:30 to 2pm
- **Thursday 17th**: P&C Meeting – 6:30pm
- **Thursday 24th**: Easter Hat Parade / Egg Hunt
- **Friday 25th**: **PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY**
- **Monday 28th**: **PUBLIC HOLIDAY – EASTER MONDAY**

**PBL Focus Social Skill**
- Week 3/4 - Making eye contact
- Week 5 - Being on Time

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Online now:
Small Schools Swimming Carnival Photos

Comboyne Public School Positive Behaviour for Learning
BE FAIR BE SAFE
Growing Sharing Learning Caring
Current Events

Thank you to all staff, students and the school community for your understanding and flexibility during some unfortunate disruptions this week.

Swimming Carnival

Comboyne Public School competed strongly at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. We had entries in all age events and compared to previous years increased participation and school results. Well done all students who had a go and tried their best at the carnival.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in overall events at the Small School Swimming Carnival:

Gus Buckland: 50 meters Free Style
Ella Hurrell: 50 meters Free Style
Wade Gray: 50 meters Butterfly

P&C AGM/Meeting

The Comboyne Public School P&C Annual General Meeting was held last Thursday. Minutes of the meeting are attached to this newsletter and are also available on the school website.

All positions were filled for 2016 and the following members of our school community have volunteered to take on roles:

President: Rebecca Armstrong
Vice President: Hannah Latimore
Secretary: Rebecca Hurrell
Treasurer: Rebecca Corrigan
Canteen Supervisor: Rebecca Hurrell

The P&C play a vital role in the future management and learning directions of Comboyne Public School. The new committee welcomes all parents and community members to join into this process and encourages everyone to come along to the next meeting.

Following the P&C AGM a general meeting was convened. Minutes for this meeting are also attached to this newsletter and are also available on the school website.

Next General Meeting

17th March 2016
6:30pm

Comboyne Public School Library
P&C Membership

A $2 membership fee is required to be part of the school P&C and also to volunteer at our school.

Attached to this newsletter is a money envelope that can be returned to the school office.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary Contributions Fee for 2016 has been determined at the last P&C Meeting.

Voluntary Contribution:

- $20 per Individual Student
- $30 per Family

The funds raised from these contributions go towards enhancing the resources of the school. In 2016 Literacy and Numeracy resources will be purchased to ensure that all students are learning with up to date and modern materials.

School Hats

At the beginning of the year staff ensured that all students had access to a school hat so that they can participate safely in PE and Sport activities.

At Comboyne Public School we also have procedures stating that students playing in uncovered areas must be wearing hats to remain Sun Safe.

Comboyne Show

School entries for the Comboyne Show will be displayed in the school Library on Friday 19th February. Show judges will also be visiting the school that morning to select entries to be displayed at the show.

All family and community members are welcome to visit the school and view the K-2 Paintings, 3-6 Drawings and K-6 Photography.

School Library

Please remember to bring a bag on Fridays to be able to borrow from the extensive range of books in our school Library.

Students can return books to the school Library on any school day.

3 Way Meetings

The teaching staff would love to have a chat with students and families about their learning goals for 2016. Attached to this newsletter is the 3 Way Conferences – Appointment Sheet. Please consider a
meeting with your child’s teacher, this is a great opportunity to have positive input into your child’s education.

**School Canteen**

A menu for the school canteen has been forwarded to families this week.

Again in 2016 we will be looking for volunteers to prepare food and coordinate the canteen on the day. Please complete the attached slip and return to school if you would like to volunteer and help run our school canteen for a day.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Comboyne Public School students have continued their learning activities in the area of PBL.

The K-2 class have been learning about the rules and expectations in different settings at school. Last week they practiced safe play and following the rules on the Climbing Equipment.

The 3-6 class have been developing the idea of a ‘School Mascot’. An item that represents the values of our school and helps new and younger students to understand the rules of ‘Be fair Be Safe’.

Congratulations to Ava and Wade in being the lucky winners of the CC Award raffles.

**Social Skill Awards**

Congratulations Skye and Lachlan for receiving a PBL Social Skill award.

**Start and End of School Routine**

The bus gate will be locked at 9am and will be reopened following our end of day assembly each school day. This is a safety measure to encourage all visitors to our school to come through the main gate and present to the office.

**Uniform Order**

Uniform orders are due back to the school by Friday 26th February. Uniform order is attached to this newsletter.
**A Fish Outta Water**

An Olympic Odyssey show is visiting our school on Friday 4th March 2016.

This year we are trialling bringing shows to our school instead of travelling away to other schools.

Both the school and the P&C are subsidising this show to keep the cost for each student at $4.00. Permission note is attached.

**Handwriting Tips**

Students who struggle with handwriting may know the content, but have trouble putting their knowledge/thoughts onto paper. Creating messy, illegible writing after so much effort is frustrating and demoralising, and will lead to more learning issues as the student falls further behind.

**Tips for Home**

- Encourage your child to learn keyboard skills.
- Put the alphabet in plain view when working on writing.
- Help your child with written homework, eg. let them dictate to you.
- Use cutlery to eat to encourage fine motor skills.
- Play games with small pieces, eg. Lego, jenga, marbles, etc.
- Write letters on your child’s back and vice versa.
- Encourage the writing experience eg. add items to the shopping list, write down a dinner choice, write notes to each other, etc.

**Term 1 2016 – Upcoming events**

**April**

Thursday 7th  
School Assembly -10am /Morning Tea for parents -11am

Friday 8th  
Mufti Day for World Vision

Last day of term