### Term 1 2016 - Dates for your Diary

**February**

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**PBL Focus Social Skill**

- **Weeks 1&2** - What’s your name?
- **Week 3** - Making eye contact

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Online now:

School Leader and Kindergarten Photos
The 2016 School Year Begins

It has been a very busy and productive beginning to the 2016 school year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new students and families and we hope that you enjoy being part of our school community.

The staffing arrangements for 2016 are listed below:

Principal: Mr Thomas
K-2 Class: Mrs Mumford
3-6 Class: Mrs Last
School Learning Support Officer: Mrs Parker
School Administrative Manager: Mrs Cork
Learning Support Teacher (Mon-Wed): Ms Woolston
RFF/Library/PBL/Learning Support: Mr Thomas

Our staffing focus continues to support the key learning areas of Literacy and Numeracy. The current entitlement allows for a high level of small group and individualised instruction as well as personalised support.

We hope that you like the new design of our school newsletter, now known as the Chronicle, and find the information interesting and informative.

We will continue to include information about school events and students achievements. We hope that you also enjoy examples of student and class work.

There will also be many opportunities during the year for family and community members to volunteer and/or become involved in supporting school activities. The P&C, school canteen, and transport to events are just a few. The school appreciates any time and support that you can contribute.

We are sure that 2016 will be an exciting year of learning and enjoyable activities. We encourage all parents and caregivers to keep in contact with the school. We are always just a quick visit or phone call away. We look forward to working with all students, families and the school community during the year.

P&C AGM/Meeting

The Comboyne Public School P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th February at 6:30pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome and we extend a special invitation to our new families. If child minding is a problem, we have a classroom open with activities available. This is a great opportunity to become involved with the decision making at school and working with a great group of people to support all the families in our school community.
Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary Contributions Fee for 2016 will be decided at the next P&C Meeting.

The funds raised from these contributions go towards enhancing the resources of the school.

School Hats

School hats are available for purchase from the office at $5. A hat that gives full sun protection is mandatory for all outdoor activities and the expectation is that this will be a school hat.

Change of Routine

Please complete the attached Change of Routine form if required for this term and return to school ASAP.

School Library

Borrowing from the school library will be on Fridays. Bring along a bag and share in the joy of books and reading.

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

Book Club

Book Club Issue 1 2016 is due back at school by Friday 12th February.

3 Way Meetings

Notes will be sent home with students in the coming days requesting a time for a 3 Way Meeting. These are meetings for students, family members and teachers. They are an opportunity to discuss teaching and learning activities and a time to set some goals for 2016.

A timetable will also be available listing when meeting times are available.

School Canteen

A timetable of school canteen will be made available following next week’s P&C Meeting.

Again in 2016 we will be looking for volunteers to prepare food and coordinate the canteen on the day.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Comboyne Public School will be continuing on the PBL journey during 2016. We will be continuing our Social Skill program and awards, school values and school rule activities.

In 2016 we will be introducing CC Awards, new PBL Expectation Matrix’s, and even a school mascot.

Our goal is to extend our PBL program into the community so there will be many opportunities during 2016 for everyone to become involved.

Start and End of School Routine

If you are picking your child up from school at the end of the day, you are very welcome to come and participate in our end of day routine where the students receive information and say farewell. We request that the children follow the full routine and leave the school through the side gate where the buses pick them up. This allows us to easily discharge our duty of care.

While parents are most welcome to use the administration area entrance, we discourage students from being in this area and would like them to enter school through the bus gate or the gate in Thone St.

2016 school Leaders

Ava Finlayson and James Taylor-Stacey

2016 Kindergarten

Olivia Coombes, Jorja Hurrell, Naomi Latimore and Bohdi Jakubik
Parental Advice
Concerning Head Lice

We would like to advise you that we suspect that nits/head lice are present in the hair of some students within the school.

Please check your child’s hair for nits/lice tonight.

Treatment
• daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice
As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

• regularly check your children’s hair
• teach older children to check their own hair
• tie back and braid long hair
• keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student support/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Kids Tennis Coaching
Returning this Saturday 6th February at 9am, the Comboyne Tennis Club will be hosting tennis coaching for kids. Open to primary and high school aged children, lessons cost $4 per child and run for 1 1/2 hours. Not only do the children learn and enhance their practical tennis skills, but lifelong skills such as sportsmanship and comradery are also developed, all whilst enjoying exercise and generally having fun!

Lessons will be held weekly at the courts, 9am, Saturday mornings. For more information please contact Michael Hurrell 65504321. See you there!

Also the Tennis Club wishes to congratulate past student and tennis coaching participant Kobey Finlayson who was awarded most improved player in our recent Spring/Summer competition!
Term 1 2016 – Upcoming events

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 24th Easter Hat Parade / Egg Hunt
Friday 25th  **PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY**

Monday 28th **PUBLIC HOLIDAY – EASTER MONDAY**

April
Thursday 7th  School Assembly -10am /Morning Tea for parents -11am
Friday 8th   Mufti Day for World Vision
Last day of term

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