**Term 1 2016 - Dates for your Diary**

**March**
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> School Clean Up Day
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Fish Outta Water Show at school – 1:30pm
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> K-6 Swimming Program at Kendall Pool -12:30 to 2pm
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting – 6:30pm
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Hat Parade 10:30am / Egg Hunt 10:45am
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**  **PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY**
- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**  **PUBLIC HOLIDAY – EASTER MONDAY**

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

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**PBL Focus Social Skill**

- **Week 6** - Being on Time
- **Week 7** - Choose Your Words

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- **3-6 Class Earth Science Photos**
**Current Events**

Swimming for sport has been a great success this year with all students showing improvement in water confidence and safety.

Last Friday 16 students were able to achieve a group goal of treading water for 1 minute and also floating on their backs for one minute. These vital skills will help our students stay safe when in water.

The K-2 students have been balancing and moving around on pool noodles. This building up water confidence and breathing skills.

**P&C Meeting**

Thanks to all of those families that have forwarded their $2.00 membership funds to the school and joined the P&C for 2016.

**Next General Meeting**

17th March 2016

6:30pm

Comboyne Public School Library

**Voluntary Contributions**

Thank you to the nine families that have paid the 2016 Voluntary School Contributions Fee for 2016.

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.

Voluntary Contribution:

$20 per Individual Student

$30 per Family

**Moving into Year 7 in 2017**

Year 6 student’s application for expression of interest for placement in Year 7 in 2017 in a NSW government high school are attached. Please return the form to school by Friday 18th March 2016.
Comboyne Show

Our school had a very successful Comboyne Show with entries in the Art, Photography, and produce sections.

Congratulations to all students who displayed their work at the school, those whose work was displayed at the showground, and the lucky students who received awards.

Our whole school worked together to select our mixed vegetable entry, mixed herbs entry, biggest beetroot and Giant Pumpkin. We placed first with the mixed herbs and the biggest beetroot shown to the right.

Thank you to all families and community members who visited the school to view our art and photo entries. The students enjoyed displaying and showing off their work.

School Library

New books have arrived and are on display in the Library. Students have already taken interest in the non-fiction Rubbish and Recycling text and the fictional Hunger Games Series.

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 3 Way Meeting are underway. Thank you to all students and families who have requested the meetings. It is not too late to give the school a call and book in a time to talk about your students learning and goals.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

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’.

We would like to introduce ‘Giggles’ as the Comboyne Public School Mascot. Giggles has a long history of helping others to act fairly and feel safe at our school. In fact he has been a part of our school for over ten years.

Giggles is always popping up in the strangest of places to help people remember our school values and also our school rules.

Congratulations to Ella and April in being the lucky winners of the CC Award raffles.

Social Skill Awards

Congratulations Bohdi and Ava for receiving a PBL Social Skill award.
A Fish Outta Water

An Olympic Odyssey show is visiting our school this Friday at 1:30pm.

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.

No Swimming this Week

Due to the Fish Outta Water Show there will be no swimming this week. Next Friday will be our last day of swimming.

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.

School Canteen

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 9th March – Alice Duck
Wednesday 16th March – Kirsten Taylor

Payment Envelopes

A bundle of payment envelopes have been sent home today for parents to use for sending money to school for excursions, sport etc. If you require more please just ask at the office.

P&C Easter Raffle

We are asking that each child brings in an Easter Egg of any size to donate towards an Easter Egg Raffle which will be divided up into 3 prizes.

Each family will receive today a booklet of 10 tickets to be sold at $1 per ticket. All money and sold or unsold tickets are to be returned to school by Wednesday 23rd March. The prizes will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March at school.
Attendance

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Please report to the office for a student late note when arriving late to school.

How much water do children need?

As a general guide, children up to 8 years of age should have a minimum of 4-5 cups of water a day. Children above 8 require at least 5-6 cups of water per day.

How do I get my child to drink water?

Try these tips to help boost water intake in children:
- Add a slice of lemon or lime to give water a different taste
- Ensure your child has always got a water bottle handy
- Use herbs including mint or spices such as ginger to flavor the water
- Freeze fresh fruits and use them as ice cubes in glasses of water

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