Every day, every lesson counts at our school.

As we reach the end of Term 2, parents/carers are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day and on time counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. One day off school a fortnight is equal to missing more than a year of learning over twelve years. Each day’s learning builds on what has been learnt before.

Good attendance begins in Prep. It’s where good habits begin!

OK reasons to stay home from school

Sick
Natural disasters
Competing in a school sporting event
Attending an interview for high school
Representing the school at a learning event such as choir performance, Readers Cup or Maths Team Challenge

It’s not ok to skip school to:

Go on holidays
Finish an assignment
Shop
Sleep in
Birthdays
Minor check-ups or care such as hair cuts

What parents/carers can do:

Promote the importance of school
Get to know the teacher
Go to school events
Read the school and class newsletters
Be organised at home
Supervise homework
Ask about your child’s day
Volunteer to help at school

Wendy Neal Principal

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Coopers Plains Student Running Club
(Term 2 and 3)

From next week (Tuesday 14 June, Week 10) a running club for interested Year 2 – Year 6 students will be ‘running’ for the remainder of Term 2 and Term 3. The circuit will involve students running around the big oval, through to the small oval and back around the big oval in a circuit. Over the course of the twelve weeks, the initial goal will be for students to run the distance from Coopers Plains to the Gold Coast (approximately 80km).

When: Tuesday and Friday mornings from 7:40 – 8:15am, including stretching and warm downs.

Where to meet: Under the shelter between the administration building and the Year 5/6 classrooms.

Please note that on rainy days there will be no running club!

Who for: Students from Years 2-6

Students can wear running shoes and clothes for the morning and will have time to change into their school uniform after running, before school begins.

Parents are welcome to be involved, either choosing to run with the students or in assisting with supervision around the course. Please let me know if you would like to be involved.

Elissa Dinh
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The Coopers Way
At Coopers, we have a way.
We have a way of doing things.
A way that makes us strong,
A way that helps us to belong.
Being patient, waiting my turn.
Letting others teach and learn.
Playing fair and getting along.
Saying sorry when I am wrong.

This is the Coopers Way –
Safety, learning and respect everyday,
Being the best that I can be.

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This is the Coopers Way
Listening when my teacher speaks.
Getting help when I don’t understand.
Doing my very best.
Effort is crowned with success.
Keeping hands and feet to myself,
Calm words will sort it out.
Helping others, being a friend.
We’ll succeed together in the end.

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Principal

Coopers Way
Coopers Plains State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff, where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

Our school community has identified the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour

At this school we RESPECT people, place and property

At this school we participate in LEARNING and allow others to learn and to teach

At this school we ensure the SAFETY of ourselves and others

We call this the “Coopers Way”. The Coopers Way applies to ALL aspects and members of the school community including our parents/carers and their interactions with staff. The following is the words to our school song – “The Coopers Way” which encapsulates the ethos of The Coopers Way

Wendy Neal
Principal

Staffing News
On Monday June 12, we welcome back to the office Mrs Louise Duce from her Long Service Leave. Thank you to Mrs Weir, Mrs Coles and Miss Wakefield for the fabulous job they have done in filling in for Mrs Duce.
Reporting to Parents
Written report cards for all students will be distributed on Thursday 23rd June.

Understanding Your Child’s Report Card
As you are aware, students and teachers are working with the Australian Curriculum, as interpreted through Queensland’s C2C curriculum resources.

Report card results in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History this semester are based on the content descriptors and year level Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland have become familiar with a 5-point scale (e.g. A-E) process for reporting in all schools. This system refers to attainment standards called called “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria.” So what makes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade.

So what does a “C” really mean???
A “C” means that the student has met the criteria for a learner to be at the appropriate year level.

“C” means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level at school. The best description is to say that a “C” means that the student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be.

That means attaining a “C” for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for your year level!

With all of this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or “B”. These grades are not awarded simply to the top students in the class. They are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria required for their year level.

Australian Maths Competition 2016
Registrations to participate in the Australian Maths Competition at our school have now closed. Thirty children from Years 3 to 6 have registered to take part in the Competition on 28th July, 2016.

This year, registered children will also have access to GetSet – an online preparation course to help them get ready for the competition. GetSet can be accessed at home or school.

Children participating in the competition will receive a separate note to tell them how to access the website (including an access code) and activate their membership. Please ask your child to see Mrs Tye or Mrs Dinh if they need help activating their membership. They can access GetSet for 6 months. Current membership ends on 7th December, 2016.

Assembly News
Please come and join us on Tuesday 14 June for a special assembly to present the Choir Captain and Band Captain badges.
The band will also be entertaining us.

Field Event Sports Day
It was a very cold and windy day for the field events on Monday, thank you to the parents who were able to join us even on such a cold day. Congratulations to everyone for their great efforts and trying their best.

Calendar of Events

**Term 2: 11 April—24 June**

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