Welcome back to Term 3
Welcome back to Term 3 at Coopers Plains State School. My name is Jonathan Gagen and it is a pleasure to be relieving as Principal for the first four weeks of this term at your child’s school. I have been excited by the great things I have already seen happening at Coopers Plains and I am looking forward to learning more about the high quality teaching and learning that each child is benefitting from in your strong school community.

Children have had a positive and successful first half of the year and I have been hearing great stories about progress that students have made in their reading, writing and other learning areas. And I have also heard about the sports day at the end of last term – about the excellent sportsmanship and team spirit on display and how the school community supported the event.

Every Day Counts
Thank you for your commitment to supporting your child’s success at school by recognising that every day counts. This growing commitment from the whole school community is shown in the overall student attendance statistics. For the first half of this year at Cooper Plains, attendance was 93.7%, up from 92.3% in same period last year.

School Opinion Survey
The annual School Opinion Survey time is starting. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how our school can improve. Access details for the online Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with the eldest child in each family on Friday 15th July. The survey will be available until Friday 29th July. Please let us know if you require access to our computers to complete the survey. Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Louise Duce on telephone (07) 3323 9222 or email lduce4@coopersplainsss.eq.edu.au

Looking forward to seeing you around the school over the next few weeks.

Warm Regards,
Jonathan Gagen
Acting Principal

Updating Your Contact Details
Please take a couple of minutes to update your contact details to ensure that the school has up to date information for you. This is vitally important so that we can communicate with you quickly and effectively – regarding your child, as the need arises. Thank you for assisting our school office with this.

Library Lines - Term 3 Week 1
Library lessons for all classes this semester will be grounded in the English strand of Literature. Thinking skills will still be involved including thinking critically and creatively as we explore the shortlist and notables for Children’s Book Council 2016- Australia: story country!

There are many benefits of reading for pleasure “including stimulated creativity and imagination, improved physical and mental health and increased empathy and social skills. Ironically, taking time for oneself better equips us to deal with others.” http://educationmatters2.blogspot.com.au/2016/02/the-benefits-of-recreational-reading_14.html

LIBRARY LESSONS and BORROWING days have changed this semester for some classes.

PREP and YEAR 1 - TUESDAY.
YEAR 2 and YEAR 3 - THURSDAY.

If any-one needs help in finding / reading their Premier’s reading Challenge list please come in and ask for some help. If you want to offer to read to some younger students, we shall have some special chairs set up at lunchtimes and before-school times.

Any parents wishing to borrow something to share with their children can also become borrowers of our school library. Any Tuesday 1.40-2.00 (before assembly) please feel free to come in and browse, borrow or chat about books and stories.

Books can be borrowed for one week but be changed anytime the library is opened if needing a quicker loan.

Looking forward to seeing you in the library,
Mrs Fiona Eastwood, teacher-librarian and Mrs Janet Schot, library-aide
**Book Club**  The 5th issue of Book Club should have come home today with the newsletter. If not please see your teacher as copies have been sent to each classroom.

When ordering from Book Club this year you now have 2 options.

1. Fill out the form on the back of the brochure and place this and your money or cheque (made out to Scholastic Australia NOT the school) in an envelope with ‘Book Club’ and your child’s name clearly marked on the outside.

2. Order and pay online with the LOOP system. (Linked online Ordering & Payment system) The instructions for this are on the back of the brochure but simply visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app. If you choose this option you do NOT need to fill in an order form or send anything back to the school!

The 5th issue is due in **next Friday, 22nd July**. Books take about a week to be delivered after the closing date. Books are delivered to your child’s classroom and handed out at going home time. Any further questions please ask your child’s teacher or Mrs Tye, the Support Teacher – Literacy & Numeracy.  

(jtye4@eq.edu.au) Mrs Tye works Tuesdays Wednes-

**Coopers Plains Visual Arts Competition**  We have already received many very creative entries for the Coopers Plains P&C’s Visual Arts Competition. Students can submit artwork in the following categories: Drawing, Painting, Photography and 3D Creations. Students may submit up to three pieces of art per category. Each submission must include an entry form and a $2 payment. A detailed brochure and entry forms went home last term with student report cards. All artwork must be submitted by Tuesday the 23rd of August and will be displayed at the Exhibition Night on the 24th of August. We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations.

**Calendar of Events**

**Term 3 11 July — 16 September**

- Mon 11 July — First Day of Term 3
- Fri 29 July & Tue 2 Aug — Sunnybank District Athletics
- Wed 10 Aug — Ekka Holiday
- Fri 12 Aug — Gala Day 1
- Wed 24 Aug — Visual Arts Night / Competition
- Wed 31 Aug — School Photo’s
- Fri 2 Sept — Gala Day 2

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