School Review
The outcome of the School Review confirmed what we already knew in our hearts, that Coopers Plains State School is a leading school in many areas. Our children achieve at very high levels and our individualised approach to learning ensures that "every child is a star". The major finding was that this school was a well-kept secret and we need to clarify, promote and communicate our school to the wider community. We have started this by this new look newsletter. We would really appreciate your feedback as to the format.

Congratulations to our student leaders, school captains, Bisbee Gleeson and Sarita Cox and our seniors whose induction ceremony was held Tuesday 16 February. It was lovely to share this with members of the school community.

Thank you to Mrs Fawssett who wrote a special song which the choir performed.

Principal

Parent/Teacher Meetings
Parent/teacher meetings are presently being held across all year levels. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss with the class teacher your child's needs and the educational goals you would like your child to attain.

Reminder - Religious Instruction
Please complete the note sent home yesterday if you DO NOT wish your child to attend religious instruction.

Gala Day
Tomorrow, Friday 25th February is our first Gala Day for the year. Students will be travelling to Sunnybank State School on Eddington Street to play soccer. We will also have a softball team travelling to the Indians Baseball Club, which is located on Dew Street in Runcorn. All students will need to bring a packed lunch as well as their hate, water bottle and sunscreen. The payment of $10 is payable to the class teacher by departure on Friday. Can all students please ensure that they arrive at school by 8:30am.

Change of Address/Contact Numbers
If your contact details have changed recently, please complete the form attached and return to the class teacher or office.

Library Lines
PARENTS in the LIBRARY. Please join us any Tuesday 1.40-2.00pm (before assembly) if you would like to browse and borrow something to share with your children at home. Celebrate WORLD READ ALoud day this week with something you loved reading when you were a child.

Next Tuesday, 1st March from 1.30-2.00, our TakeTwo champions are keen to show parents how to play. Come along for a look and some fun.

Research on the brain states that the human brain is almost infinitely malleable. A professor of neuroscience James Olds, says that "even the ‘adult mind’ is very plastic" and can reprogram itself, altering/adding to functions and pathways among the 100 billion or so neurons inside our skulls. Maryanne Wolf (developmental psychologist and author) says readers make associations and connections in the quiet spaces opened up by sustained, undistracted reading of a (any genre) book, as deep reading is indistinguishable from deep thinking. She argues that this sort of reading deeply is a different skill to reading online. That sort of reading tends to be "mere decoding of information". What impact does this have on today’s learners?

Feel free to post your comments on the library postik wall (our padlet can be found at: http://padlet.com/feast3/Coopers_Library_Posts please notice the underscore_between Coopers_Library_Posts)

READERS CUP trials have started this week to find our team to go to the regional finals on Monday 13th June, at Algester State School.

Looking forward to seeing you in the library, Mrs Fiona Eastwood, teacher-librarian and Mrs Janet Schot, library-aide.
P & C News
Thank you to all the parents that came to the first P&C meeting on Tuesday, we hope you found it worthwhile. The AGM is being held Monday 21 March at 6:30pm followed by General P&C Meeting at 7:00pm in the Resource Centre.

What is the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C Association)?
The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) is a group of community-minded people, parents and citizens, who take on a more formal role to assist the school by providing:

• feedback on school policies and activities
• additional resources to be used to enhance student learning
• parents with opportunities to be involved in their child’s education.

Objectives
The objectives of the Association are to promote the interests of, and facilitate the development and further improvement of the school, by promoting parent participation, encouraging close cooperation between parents, students and staff and promoting positive community support.

Functions
(a) To foster general community interest in educational matters
(b) Encourage closer cooperation between the parents of students attending the school, other members of the community, staff and students of the school/centre
(c) To provide advice and recommendations to the Principal of the school on issues and concerns in respect of students and the general operation and management of the school
(d) To provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school
(e) To perform any other functions as the Minister may determine, not inconsistent with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

Calendar of Events

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