Welcome to 2017 at Coopers Plains State School. We look forward to another year of excellence at Coopers.

Our enrolment numbers continue to grow and this year we will increase from 7 classes to 8.

The new class structure will commence on Monday 13 February. The classes will be:

Prep: Mrs Kate Atkinson
Prep/1: Ms Leeanne Jackson
1: Mrs Shalini Dahiya
2: Mrs Linsey Rogers
3: Mrs Rhiannon McLean and Mr Dionne Healy
4: Ms Sally O’Neissy
5: Mr Martin Woodbury
6: Mrs Vicki Morrison

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new teachers Linsey Rogers, Shalini Dahiya and also Camilla Wakefield who will be working in the office with Mrs Duce.

A huge thank you to our wonderful P&C who have installed our new notice board. It looks amazing.

**Coopers Community Connect**

We are offering two opportunities for parents to come together at our Coopers Community Connect meetings on Wednesday 15 March. The topic for discussion will be on curriculum within our school (the evening session offers a repeat of the morning session). The Principal, Ms Wendy Neal, and teacher, Elissa Dinh, will be facilitating the sessions. These meetings are open to all parents interested in meeting other parents from the school and in finding out more about the curriculum that their children will be engaging in at Coopers Plains State School this year.

There will be no supervision for children, these are sessions for parents only. Light morning tea or supper will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there and working with you in providing quality learning opportunities for your children.

**Date:** Wednesday 15 March

**Time:** 9:00-10:30am and 6:00-7:30pm

**Student Absence Information**

Within the next few weeks Coopers Plains State School will be implementing our exciting new same-day messaging system for student absences. This new system will allow us to send an automatic text message to parents when their children are absent. This allows parents to quickly respond to the school with a reason for the absence, and removes the need for the school to call.

This system follows the new directive of the Queensland Education Department, by which the parent/guardian of every absent child must be contacted during the same school day unless a prior explanation has been given. This is to ensure that both the school and the parents know where the student is at all times.

While we are getting the SMS system set up we will be manually ringing parents each day if their child is absent, usually before 10 o’clock. Please feel free to contact the school earlier by ringing the office on (07) 3323 9222 or emailing StudentAbsences@coopersplainsss.eq.edu.au.

If your mobile number has changed please ring or provide a signed note to the office with all details, as it is important that we have your correct contact details.
Important School Information:

**School Times:**

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Students are not to be on school grounds before 7:30am. All students that arrive before 7:45am must remain under supervision in the office for safety purposes.

Students should be collected no later than 2:40am. Please ring the office on (07) 3323 9222 if you are delayed.

**Office Times**

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm

Student banking - Payment of student funds can be made at any time within office hours. Please be aware we accept cash and most cards. We rarely have cash available, so it is preferable that correct change is given. Please contact the office if you would like to arrange a payment plan for any invoices. You can also pay any student invoices online at www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete.

**Tuckshop and Uniform Shop**

Both our tuckshop and uniform shop are run by Coopers Plains State School’s marvellous P&C Association. They can be found on the bottom floor of the administration block.

The uniform shop and the tuckshop are open Wednesday - Friday from 8:00am - 1:00pm.

A tuckshop menu is available on our school website (www.coopersplainsss.eq.edu.au) and from the tuckshop. Students wanting to order tuckshop should come to school with a brown paper bag with the food items written on the front and correct change inside.

**Student Sign Out Procedure**

All arrivals and departures outside of normal school times must go through the office. Students that are being taken early must be signed out by the parent or authorised carer at reception. You will then receive a departure docket to present to the teacher. Students will not be released from class without a docket. Please be aware that arrivals after 9:30am and departures before 1:30pm, regardless of reason, will count as a half day absence.

**PE News**

Welcome back everyone. It's been a great start to 2017. All the classes have started some fun and exciting skills and activities in PE this term. We are doing a variety of different activities in each grade including skipping, ball skills, movement skills, agility runs and rolls, and soccer skills. A special mention to Johnathan Lang for the most skips on the long rope! A reminder to all children - please remember to bring a water bottle to PE every Monday. It's very hot and there are no bubblers in the new hall. Keep up the great work everyone.

Ms Peak (PE Teacher)
**Book Club**

Book Club is a way of buying quality children’s books at reasonable prices and helping your school at the same time. When you order from Book Club the school receives bonus dollars and points which we use to buy resources for our school. The first issue of Book Club should have come home with the newsletter today. If not please see your teacher as copies have been sent to each classroom.

When ordering from Book Club you 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. **These MUST be given to your classroom teacher.** Teachers will then send orders to the office in a folder.

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 first issue is due in by **FRIDAY 17th February.** 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 for Literacy & Numeracy. Mrs Tye works Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays and can be emailed on jtye4@eq.edu.au.

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**Chaplain’s Corner**

Hello everyone

I hope you had a wonderful time with your children over the school holidays. It is a privilege to have them back with us at Coopers Plains SS. I will be continuing this year to provide the students with a chill out area in the Chappy room during lunch breaks. The students interact through playing games, listening to music, dancing and generally just having fun.

One of my key roles in the school is to provide social & emotional support. The Chappy chill out room is voluntary participation and one way the school assists your student to connect and enhance their friendships.

I will be away on leave for the next four weeks, but I’ll be back ready to continue my work after that.

I hope 2017 brings you much joy and happiness.

Kind regards,
Steele Sutton
School Chaplain
**Library Lines**

The school library welcomes all our borrowers and their families. Borrowing and class times have been set for this semester. All loans are for ONE week with the options of extending a loan if requiring more time to finish OR swapping earlier when necessary. This can happen any day before school when the library is open or on Tuesdays and Thursdays when staffed by the teacher-librarian.

TUESDAY borrowing times have been allocated to Yr 6, Yr 5, Yr 4 and Yr 2.
THURSDAY borrowing times are for Yr 3, Yr 1 and prep.

Parents are welcome to become borrowers to share some of their own favourites with their children. Any Tuesday 1.40-2.00 (before assembly) please feel free to come in and browse, borrow or chat about books.

Displays and museum loans have also generated a lot of interest. Last fortnight we had the box about “coral reefs”. Thanks for the responsible handling of the artefacts – the Queensland Museum love loaning to schools like us because of this respectful use of the loan items. Next week we shall pick up a box about tree life.

Looking forward to seeing you in the library,
Mrs Fiona Eastwood, Teacher-Librarian and Mrs Janet Schot, Library-Aide

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**Community News**

**Griffith Moorooka Roosters AFL Sign On Day**

*Saturday 25/02/2017 Alexander Park—334 Beaudesert Road, Moorooka 10:00am—12:00pm*

Please come along and register your child for Junior AFL at your local club in 2017 and get to know other people in your community and have a fun day. There will be a free sausage sizzle, prize giveaways and a Parent v Children’s game of AFL as well. Prices for the season range from $60 to $140 depending on age. Under 8’s that apply for the Auskick program play for free. **The Moorooka Roosters AFL Club is a registered provider for the “Get in the Game” grant, see below.**

**Get in the Game Vouchers**

The Queensland Government has a new initiative to help fund children’s access to sports clubs. Parents or guardians holding a valid Centrelink Health Card or Pensioner Concession Card with the child’s name on it are eligible for up to $150 to spend on registration to sports clubs for their child.