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**Dear Parents**

Yesterday, students in Years 2-6 voted for our School and Sports Captains for 2017. Each student was required to give a speech on why they would make a good student leader for Cordalba State School in 2017. The quality of all the students' speeches was outstanding this year and they did themselves, and our school, proud.

I would like to announce that our School Captains for 2017 are:

- Jeorga Oates
- Paige Sondergard
- Jed Fredriksen
- Patrick Rix-Woof



The Sports Captains for 2017 are:

**Koalas:**

- Mathew Clatworthy
- Faith Bennett
- Sharlie Tumbers



**Wombats**

- Abby Buckley
- Tyler De Martin
- Ryan Higginbotham



I know all these students will do a great job in representing our school throughout 2017.

**Investing for Success**

In 2017, Cordalba State School will receive \$41610. To receive the funding, schools must complete an agreement that commits them to guarantee that every student will either:

- Achieve NMS in reading for their year level or
- Have an evidence based learning plan in place to address their specific learning needs.

Under this agreement, schools will be accountable for improving student

performance and will have the flexibility and autonomy to decide how the funding should be spent.

The focus of our Investing for Success is improving reading levels across the school and to continue to introduce coding across the school.

As a school we have identified the following important strategies to use our funds to resource:

- Employ teacher aides focused to improve reading, based on class/school/state data,
- Continue to implement Daily Rapid Reading in Years 2 to 5,
- Use data to identify learning gaps and design learning goals and plans for students,
- Implementation of Building Blocks for Learning Prep to Year 6,
- Implement Dr Carol Christensen's comprehension skills,
- Develop and implement coding across Prep-Year 6 classes,
- Purchase coding equipment and Professional Development resources.

Our student performance will be measured throughout the year and we will be required to demonstrate how the extra funding is helping to maximise learning outcomes for all students.

The agreement will be published by the school on the school website when finalised. This is a very exciting program and funding for our school.

**Building Blocks for Learning**

It is exciting to see the level students have achieved with this program. This week both decoding groups completed their first module. As I go into classrooms around the school it is amazing to see the progress students are making!

We are excited because we are having a visit from Dr Carol in two weeks' time. She is coming to visit and work on the next part of our program – Comprehension. Dr Carol will also visit classrooms and give us feedback on the implementation of our reading program.

### Q-Parents

Don't forget to sign up for Q-Parents! The information you need is attached to today's newsletter. If you need help to sign up please see Mrs Leeson in the office. Families who have nominated an email address will receive their initial email this afternoon after 3pm. Once you have registered, the school will be sent an email requesting you be activated in our system. This will occur early next week and then your site should be live.

Kind regards  
Matthew Parsons  
Principal

### Date Claimers:

- 10 Mar: Free Dress Day – donations to the Leukaemia Foundation
- 17 Mar: National Day Against Bullying and Violence – Come dressed in orange
- 28 Mar: Cross Country
- 28 Mar: P&C Meeting 3:15pm
- 31 Mar: End Term One
- 18 Apr: Term 2 begins
- 23 Apr: Gardening Working Bee

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates last week:



**Prep/1: Hayden Byerlee** for his detailed drawings from the story 'I Went Walking';

**Yr 2/3: Charlotte Johnson** for her



independent work habits and excellent listening skills,  
**Yr 4/5: Chelsea Ham** for her beautiful handwriting and

a great start to Cordalba School;

**Yr 6: Dominic Rigby** for his excellent work in maths on number and the improvement in his 'fast facts'.



### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates this week:

**Prep/1: Emily Johnson** for her excellent effort in learning rhyming words;



**Yr 2/3: Sara Ham** for her excellent understanding of addition, subtraction and number facts;



**Yr 4/5: Samantha Rix-Woof**



for consistently giving 100% effort in all tasks;



**Yr 6: Sarah Campbell** for her excellent work in maths on number and place value.

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to **Mathew Clatworthy** who was awarded the Principal's Award last week for his honesty and initiative shown, a fantastic role model for everyone.



Congratulations to **Abby Buckley, Sarah Campbell, Jasmine Green, Jeorga Oates, Paige Sondergard, Mathew Clatworthy, Tyler De Martin, Jed Fredriksen, Ryan Higginbotham** and **Patrick Rix-Woof** who were awarded the Principal's Award this week for the great presentations of their School Captain's speech.



Back: Jasmine, Tyler, Mathew, Patrick, Jed  
Front: Ryan, Jeorga, Sarah. (Away Paige, Abby)

### CLASSROOM CORNER

The Prep /Year 1 have had a busy start to the term. They now have their OWL topics and are well under way discovering interesting facts about their topic.

Emma has been busy planting some lovely flowers as part of learning about flowering



plants. Breanna and Zara weeded the garden getting ready to plant some vegetables as part of their agriculture and tree topics.



Emma planting flowers



Breanna & Zara weeding

### GARDENING WORKING BEE – 23 April

Thank you to Adam and Kirstyn for the loan of their rotary hoe on the weekend. It did a fantastic job and saved a lot of manual labour.

We are organising a working bee for Sunday 23 April to work on the gardens in our school. Please set this date aside, just a few hours would be a great help. Hopefully it will be a little cooler.

### FREE DRESS DAY - 10 MARCH

**Come dressed up as ‘what you want to be when you’re older’ day**

On Friday 10 March, all students are invited to come in themed dress and make a gold coin donation which will be given to the Leukaemia Foundation. Dress as an occupation you might want to do when you are older.

### BOOKFAIR

Our Scholastic Bookfair will be arriving on Monday 6 March. It is here till Friday 10 March. There is always some fantastic buys for our avid readers. Parents are welcome to come along and browse too. Mrs Rayner will be here on Thursday night from 5pm to 7pm for those who can’t make it during the day.

### JAKES CANDY EASTER FUNDRAISER

Enclosed in your newsletter is our P&C’s first fundraiser for the year. Jakes Candy has a great reputation and their range is unbelievable. This is a great opportunity to shop for family and friends for Easter. Please ask your neighbours and friends too for their orders. **Orders will need to be back by Monday 20 March.** They will be delivered to the school on Wednesday 29 March.

### PRO BOTS

Our Yr 2,3,4 class were asked to comment on their classroom activities with the Pro-bots. Here are just some of their responses:  
The Pro-bots are fun to play with but they are very expensive so we have to be careful and look after them – Riley

We have been estimating distance to stop at stop signs – Aleisha

We have been learning to programme to Pro-bots to make squares and rectangles – William

The Pro-bots are fun to learn on and easy to programme. I like them because I’m learning something new – Charlotte

I think the Pro-bots are very handy because they can help you draw. I like the Pro-bots very much – Chase

I am enjoying technology lessons with the Pro-bots we are learning something new each week – Michael.

### HEAD LICE

Head lice have been detected in the school. **It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY.** Keep checking **every 2 days** until there are **no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.**

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment including removing all eggs. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. If you need help please contact the school administration. Teachers will reduce head-to-head contact activities where possible while head lice are known to be around.

If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school on telephone: 4126 6184

### ICY CUPS

Do you want to cool down? Well, buy an icy cup from the Year 4/5/6 classroom. After school, Tuesday and Thursday, 50c ea  
Hot day, cold day, drink it anyway.

### NEXT P&C AGM MEETING

28 March 2017 3:15pm

Please join our small but very active Parents and Citizens Association. Our P&C is noted for great achievements around our school, having raised a significant amount of the funds to air-condition out school is just one. They can’t do it alone, any support is greatly appreciated.

### TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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| 03 Mar | Jami M & Kylie W   |
| 10 Mar | Leisa O & Linda P  |
| 17 Mar | Emma J & Kirstyn A |
| 24 Mar | Fiona B & Jenna K  |
| 31 Mar | Kylie W & Jami M   |

## TUCKSHOP HELPERS NEEDED

We still urgently need volunteers in the tuckshop. Please if you can give a little of your time on a Friday, get in touch with the office. It is quite simple to run on the day, most foods are prepared and only need heating. We can roster you on with an experienced mum. Dad's are more than welcome too. Without more help we may have to close or reduce our tuckshop days. A huge thank you to our volunteers to date.

## SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Payment to the school can be made in person at the Office; cash, cheque or EFTPOS or by Internet Banking.

Details for Internet Banking are:

**CBA BSB** 064-408

**Account:** 0009 0079

**Acc Name:** Cordalba State School  
General Account

**Transaction Details:** Please enter your CHILD'S NAME and CLASS as transaction details. Payments via the Internet are to be made no later than 2 days prior to the deadline to allow for payment to reach our account. Please ensure details are entered correctly.

**P&C Payments:**

Please note payments to the school do not include Tuckshop or Uniform Shop. These are managed by the P&C. Their details are:

**P&C Acc Name:** Cordalba State School  
P&C Assoc

**ANZ BSB:** 014-540

**Account No:** 4400-09877

**Transaction details** – please list Family Name when making payment.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COFFEE CLUB

A few mothers have started an informal morning "Coffee Club" at the Cordalba Hotel from 9am; Monday, Wednesday and Friday school mornings starting 15 February. A selection of coffee, tea, juice, softdrinks and cake are available. All parents are invited and children are welcome. Cost is \$3 each with 50c from each purchase going towards the school.



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**SATURDAY  
FEB 25 2017**  
**SUNDAY  
FEB 26 2017**  
**NATIONAL  
SIGN ON DAY**  
#joinusatthetrack

## YOUR LOCAL SHOP

Cordalba Historic General Store & Takeaway

Proud supporters of our school.

Open 7:00am – 7:00pm for your convenience

Call any time 7 days for:

- Fresh takeaways made in store
- Packed lunches, sandwiches, biscuits & cakes
- Coffee, cold drinks / milk shakes
- Hot chooks

Running Late? Short of time? Phone: 07 4126 6495

## COMMERCIAL HOTEL, CORDALBA

The hotel is preparing meals from 10am each and every day. Please support a local business that supports our school. Drop by any day and buy a ticket in the raffle, all funds raised go towards our school. Thank you to Anthony, Richard and Kelley for their ongoing support of our school.

## FAMILY FUN @ 4

Games, Stories, Fun, Food, Craft,  
Puppets

Every Thursday 4pm – 6pm

At the Uniting Church

36 Macrossan Street, Childers

No age limit but if you don't go to school you must bring Mum or Dad

Just \$2 per child or \$5 a family.

More details Phone

Bronwyn 4126 1739



## TENNIS HOT SHOTS "GAMES" - Vacancies

are available for children wishing to learn how to play games every Saturday morning. Red Ball players: 9.15am - 10.15am; Orange Ball players: 10.15am - 11.30am; Green Ball players: 10.15 - 12 midday. For further enquires and to register please contact Kevin & Suzie Banner: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753