



9 February, 2018

## Dear Parents

At the start of the school year it is important to have routines in place that will help students navigate the school year. In the first week of school teachers spend a lot of time setting up routines within the classroom to make the day to day running of the classroom manageable. It is the same with students at home during the school term. Routines help make the busy day to day life manageable. With parents working, the pressures of work, mealtimes, afterschool activities and homework all impact on family time and can cause stress. Having well-formed routines at home helps keep everyone happy and on track with the busyness of the school term. I have included some suggestions from the Queensland Government early childhood website.

### Daily routines

Daily routines can help children understand what they need to do, when to do it each day and why it's important. To help prepare your child for school, get them into a routine which includes:

- going to bed early
- waking up at a certain time—leave plenty of time to get ready
- having a healthy breakfast—needed for energy and concentration
- preparing and eating lunch
- making time for physical activities.

Before your child starts school, make sure you talk to them about what to expect. Remember to be flexible, as it may take them some time to understand their new routine and adjust socially.

### School lunch

When packing your child's lunch:

- provide healthy and filling food and drinks (not sweets and chips) in realistic quantities for morning tea and lunch

- make sure they can easily open wrapped items and their lunch box
- provide a variety of smaller items instead of 1 or 2 large items
- provide a water bottle every day and encourage your child to use it.

### Get involved with your school

Take an interest in their schooling, be positive about it and let them know it's important to attend. Get involved with their school by:

- meeting the teacher
- informing the teacher of any changes affecting your child
- talking to other parents
- volunteering (e.g. in the tuckshop)
- reading school newsletters and bulletin boards
- attending school events like parent association meetings, fetes, open days or sporting carnivals.

### Family activities at home

You can also help your child's progress at school by doing family activities including:

- reading aloud (develops concentration and awareness of language patterns) and writing with them—e.g. shopping lists and letters
- stimulating their imagination and natural curiosity—e.g. visiting a zoo, park or airport
- playing sports, and card or board games—helps develop mathematical, problem solving, language and social skills
- shopping, walking or gardening together
- singing their songs and nursery rhymes together.

All these suggestions can help set both parents and students up for a successful school experience throughout their entire school life.

## PLAYGROUP

Our Playgroup is up and running again for 2018. Children ages 0 – 5 years old are more than welcome to join in our fun activities from 9am to 11am every Friday. Cost is \$2 per family.

## Q-PARENTS

If you haven't joined Q-Parents yet, it is worthwhile to take the time to download the Q-Parent app. This app will give parent's access to their students report cards, their current balance for any school accounts, awards that student's receive. Q-Parents is also being implemented at the Isis District State High School so if you have students enrolled there you will be able to see their information as well. I would encourage you fill in the application and join Q-Parents.

## HOT WEATHER

The Weather Bureau is predicting very hot weather over the next week or so. I would encourage students to bring water bottles to school and make sure they stay well hydrated. Whilst we are lucky enough to have air conditioning in each classroom, students still need to drink plenty of water on the hot days to be able to concentrate and focus on their schoolwork.

Kind regards  
Matthew Parsons  
Principal

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

**Prep/1: Emayha Marshall** for excellent results in her



decoding;

**Yr 2/3: Alicia Ebert** for

excellent understanding of 2D numbers and counting;

**Yr 4/5/6: Clancy Woods**

for helping other classmates;

**Yr 4/5/6: Telesche Brady**

for the enthusiasm she shows when completing all tasks.



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

**Prep/1: Sienna Cini** for the excellent results she has been achieving;



**Yr 2/3:**

**William Clatworthy**

for valuable contributions to class

discussions;

**Yr 4/5/6: Ella Reece** for the effort she is putting in learning about number in Maths;



**Yr 4/5/6: Karalee Piper** for always approaching tasks with a keen attitude and completing



her work to a high standard.

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to **Vincent McCoombe** who was awarded the Principal's Award last week for his enthusiasm and the excellent handwriting he did in class this week.



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Congratulations to **Hayden Byerlee** who was awarded the Principal's Award this week for helping Mr Parsons by delivering the mail to the office.



## GERMAN STAR OF THE WEEK

Our German Star of the Week last week went to **Chase Trott**. Chase has started German well, participating confidently when we discussed different fairy tales. He used his vocab cards to make groups and explained his choices. Sehr gut gemacht und mach' weiter so Chase! (Well done Chase and keep this up!)



This week's German Star of the Week went to **Finn Ross**. Finn is showing confidence in the language classroom, using different strategies to participate enthusiastically. He accepts correction willingly and is enjoying the challenge German is offering him. Mach so weiter Finn!



**Date Claimers:**

27 Feb: Bookfair till 9 March  
 30 Mar: Good Friday  
 16 Mar: Term 2 commences  
 29 Mar: Cordalba Cross Country

**CLASSROOM CORNER – Year 4**

Going from Year 3 to Year 4 has been a big step, you become a more independent student. It is exciting having new teachers. Mr Mac and Mr Parsons are very nice teachers. We do many different things and subjects in year 4. There is Classcraft, Prodigy and Instrumental Music. We have just finished writing our goals which we are to achieve by the end of the year. We have different teachers for different subjects. We do rotations every afternoon. We glue our homework in and change our books by ourselves. Year 4 is a fantastic and independent class.



By Charlotte Johnson and Atalia Knight

**BOOKFAIR**

You're invited to our Paws for Books Bookfair starting February 27 and going til March 9 with parent evening, 1 March from 5pm–7pm.

**WOOLLIES EARN & LEARN**

Woohoo, Look what we earned! Thanks to everyone who supported our school and collected Woollies stickers last year. Our rewards arrived last week. Aren't they great.



**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS 2018**

Cordalba School is taking part in the Coles Sports for School in 2018. For every \$10 you spend at any Coles Supermarket you receive a Sports for Schools voucher. (some exclusions apply). Bring the vouchers into

our school and leave in the collection box. There is also a collection box at Hinkler Place. Ask your family and friends to help. At the end of the programme we can redeem our vouchers for great sports gear. The programme ends on 15 June.

**URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!  
 TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS  
 NEEDED**

We are in urgent need of support to run our tuckshop each Friday. Please speak to Kylie Woods or let the Office know if you can help out. We appreciate the time you give very much. With our present number of volunteers we may have to close the tuckshop. We all know how nice it is each week not to have to make lunches, so please nominate to help. The more helpers the less times you will be required on roster. Our tuckshop is quite simple, taking at most about 3hrs out of your day. Most foods are prepared and only need to be heated and/or packaged. You can work alone, or be rostered with someone else. Please, if you can help, even if only for morning tea or lunch, not the whole day, let Kylie Woods know or phone the office on 41266184.

Tuckshop orders must be placed on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS by 9am** for Friday Tuckshop.

Please place Morning Tea and Lunch orders on **SEPARATE PAPER BAGS** with your Child's Name and Year level clearly marked. The money for the orders can be placed in one bag. Please make sure you are using the current menu.

**CENTREPAY DEDUCTIONS**

Parents can make regular payments against their accounts with the school using CentrePay. This includes excursions, swimming, uniforms and booklists, etc. Please advise the office if you wish to use CentrePay. Our reference number is 555 106 854T. Centrepay takes the nominated amount fortnightly from your CentreLink payment and pays it to the school and most families find it very convenient. The surprise is at the end of the year when you owe nothing. On average \$10 a fortnight per child will be sufficient.

**NEXT P&C MEETING**

Our next meeting will be our AGM. A date is yet to be set as we await the return of the treasurer's books from the auditor.

## TUCKSHOP ROSTER

16 Feb	Leisa O
23 Feb	Kylie W
02 Mar	Emma J
09 Mar	Kathleen & Jenna
16 Mar	Jami &
23 Mar	Leisa O
20 Apr	Kylie W
27 Apr	Emma J

## 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

### TENNIS HOT SHOTS:

Vacancies exist each Thursday afternoon for Term 1, 2018 at the ISIS Tennis club, North Street, for players to come and join Tennis Australia's National program, conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner, with lots of fun & games to suit all levels.

For further information please contact Kevin:  
4152 0753 / 0409 520753

**Registration is essential**

### **FOR SALE**

2013 Hyundai IX35SE Auto  
110 000 km  
\$14000  
Ph: 0402 598 566

## Gin Gin Football (Soccer) Club

The Gin Gin Football Club would like to welcome all new and returning players and coaches to our sign on & information sessions.

**Date: 17 February 2018**

**Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm**

**Place: Gin Gin Rugby League  
Grounds.**

**Rangeview Road**

**All new players get a free soccer ball**

Families that have a Pension Concession Card number or a Centrelink Health Care Card, can receive a **\$150** rebate from State Govt. to help pay for your children's fees. Just go to

**[www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getintothe  
ame/parents-carers.html](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getintothegame/parents-carers.html)**

**We are looking for all age groups, boys  
and girls from Under 6.**

For further information please call:

President: Sarah Bechly 0407 558 541

Treasurer: Muppie Dean 0437 627 707

Secretary: Jenelle Wenzel 0447 174 342



## Childers Junior Rugby League

### **SIGN ON DAY**

**"Become a Little Devil"**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

3:30-5:30

Childers Showgrounds

Meet the Isis Devils Senior players!

Fun, Games and a Sausage Sizzle.

Pre-register at [playnrl.com](http://playnrl.com)

or register on the day.

Find us on facebook



## YOUR LOCAL SHOP

Cordalba Historic General Store & Takeaway

Proud supporters of our school.

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

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

Phone: 07 4126 6495

## COMMERCIAL HOTEL, CORDALBA

Drop by and enjoy some country hospitality. Please support a local business that supports our school. The hotel kitchen is under new management. Meals are from 10am each and every day.

Thank you Anthony for your ongoing support of our school.