Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had a very busy few weeks since our last newsletter. Last week we had visits from very high ranking Queensland Government Officials.

Our inspirational School Choir opened the Cooktown Community Cabinet by singing the National Anthem on Sunday 25 May. They were superb – in fine tune and gorgeous choir uniform. We are very excited about their progress and look forward to them competing in the Cairns Eisteddfod.

On Monday 26 May at school we had breakfast with our Director General of Education Dr Jim Watterston, our Regional Director Mrs Deb Dunstone and Head of Student Services Mrs Marian Prete. We then went to visit classrooms and talk to students and teachers. The French class in 5/6G was awesome!

We had a surprise visit in the middle of the day from the Honourable Member for Cook Mr David Kempton who was accompanied by The Premier’s wife Mrs Lisa Newman and the Cook Shire Mayor’s wife Mrs Saya Scott. We visited other classrooms and introduced them to our new additions – the chickens in year 4 T.

At 1:45pm sharp the Minister for the Department of Education, Training and Employment the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek and his Chief of Staff Ms Fiona accompanied by the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services arrived. In Prep we learnt all about text, then we visited 5/6B who were lucky enough to have their photo taken with the Minister. In 4T the Minister was astounded at how the students knew and understood their learning data. He said that he visits many school but has never had conversations about student data or seen data walls.

The Police Minister was very funny and the students didn’t believe he was the Police Minister – because he wasn’t in uniform, as one child said, ‘He wasn’t suited up!’

The experience was very exciting and all students from P-12 demonstrated what fantastic Safe, Respectful, Learners they are. It was such an honour privilege for our school to be visited by such high ranking delegates.

Leanne Rayner

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2
Saturday 7th June
Discovery Festival Float

Monday 9th June
Queen’s Birthday

Sunday 22nd & Monday 23rd June
Choir Trip
Cairns Eisteddfod

Track and Field
Tuesday 24th June
Prep –3
Year 8-12 3000m
Wed 25th June
Year 8 - 12
Thurs 26th June
Year 4 - 12

Term 3
Tuesday 9th September
School Photos

Did you Know?

There is a shark in Greenland that eats Polar Bears and can live up to 200 years?

Come and help decorate the school float for the Discovery Festival Parade. Saturday at 12 noon in the Events Centre car park. All students and parents welcomed!
Regional Cross Country

On Friday 23rd May Cooktown SS had 4 secondary students and 6 primary school students attend the Regional Cross Country Trials at Trinity Anglican School (TAS) in White Rock (Cairns).

The track was tough and muddy, combined with cool wet weather, however all students did our school proud. A special note is to be given to Nicholas Harvey Yr11 and Steven Johnson Yr10.

These two boys have been training extremely hard since their preparations for our school carnival and it has paid off so far with both boys finishing in 5th and 4th place respectively in their age groups and earning a place in the Regional team to compete in the State Titles in Toowoomba in July.

We wish these two boys all the very best for this event. Thank you also to the parents who gave up their time to take the students.

Senior Geography Class

The Senior Geography Class conducted a field study in the Upper Annan River Catchment on Tuesday May 20th. Students measured pH, turbidity, habitat coverage, and temperature (it was a chilly 19 to 20 degrees at Twin Forks and 23 to 24 degrees at the Little Annan Causeway).

The purpose of the study was to see real Geography happening by investigating factors that affect catchments. The water was clearer at Twin Forks. Processes within the catchment between Twin Forks and the Little Annan Causeway were attributed to an increase in the turbidity.

At the water’s edge we used a net to see if we could catch marco-inverbrates. The presence of certain organisms indicated the waterway’s health, which confirmed our prediction that the Annan River is a healthy catchment that supports the diverse life in Far North Queensland.

We would like to thank Jason from the South Cape Catchments for sharing his catchment expertise and equipment to make the field study enjoyable and educational. Mr Aaron Bates

Rollicking Readers

Come to library every Thursday morning at 8:30 and listen to a great story. Mums, dads, grannies, grandpas, brothers, sisters, aunties, uncles and friends are all welcome.

If you would like to read your favourite story to a small group of eager listeners come and see Helen in the library.

Digital Media News

Cooktown P-12 State School has a new Web Site. It is full of lots of useful information and newsletters can be downloaded from there as well. Just type cooktownss.eq.edu.au in your browser to get connected.

The Cooktown P-12 State School P & C has joined Facebook. Be sure to look the up and like the page if you are on Facebook. P & C is an essential part of any school. The page can keep you in touch and is full of current events.
The Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual statewide event for students from Prep to Year 7 in state, Catholic and independent schools as well as home-educated students. Individual students, whole schools or individual classes can enter the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The reading period for the 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Tuesday 20 May and closes Friday 5 September.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.

For a student to successfully complete the Premier's Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below.

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Experiencing a book can include classroom or at-home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a text, or being read to.

The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 7 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.

Students who complete the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier.

Cooktown State School is registered for this challenge. Students have a form for recording their books. Help your children meet the challenge by encouraging them to read to you and fill in their form. See Mrs Clarke in the library if you need a form.

*Congratulations to the winners of the Lucky Book Fair Buyers competition - Jake, Fraser, Jasmine, Flint, Michala and Jaylaine.*
Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you for your great support with our Book Fair last week. The school made $600 in commissions which will be spent throughout the year on new books for the library. Thank you to those students who helped out in their lunch times.

A HUGE thank you to Tahlani for giving up so many lunch times to help out. We couldn’t have run the Book Fair so smoothly without her help.

Students discover a healthy breakfast thanks to our local IGA

This week, students and teachers raised approximately $300 for the Discovery Festival by purchasing a healthy breakfast. By purchasing a healthy breakfast, not only were students raising money for the Discovery Festival, but they were also fuelling their bodies with healthy food. What a great start to the day!

On Tuesday, students enjoyed a sausage sizzle while Wednesday saw bacon and eggs on the grill. Students had the option of adding healthy extras such as onion, avocado, tomato and mushrooms. Thursday morning saw banana smoothies and fruit shakes as a healthy breakfast alternative. All breakfast options proved very popular with all days being ‘sold out’. Thanks to Mr Mitchell for being ready on the BBQ and the blender each morning - he is a champion egg flipper!

We must acknowledge and thank our local IGA, including Paul (manager) and his team for being more than supportive of this event by providing all the food necessary, for all three breakfasts. Thank you!

Discovery Weekend Float

All students are invited to join our Discovery Festival float. The Theme this year is “Hook into Learning”. Again we have the large low loader truck for students to sit on.

The float will be decorated in a fishing theme and students are asked to dress in fishing attire. We will be decorating the float at 12 noon at the Events Centre car park and all students taking part in the parade are asked to assist in the decorating.

We will be arriving at the corner of Hogg and Charlotte Streets ready for pickups of other students between 2.15 and 2.30pm, ready for the grand parade.

We invite all parents to participate as well - The more the merrier!

If your child/ren are absent for school, remember you can ring anytime, even after hours on our Absentee Phone Line 40820266
## Track and File Timetables

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The annual Cooktown State School Athletics Carnival will take place on the following dates:

**Prep to Year 3:** Tuesday 24th June 9 - 11am (8 years and below)

**Year 8 – 12:** Tuesday 24th June (3000m) 2 - 3pm (13 years and over) – NOMINATIONS ONLY

**Year 4 – 12:** Thursday 26th June 9 – 3pm (9 years and over)

All events will be held at the school oval. Students will have access to bubblers to fill their drink bottles throughout the day, however please ensure students start the day with a cold water bottle. The tuck shop will be open to purchase food on the day. Primary classes are still to put in their tuckshop order in the morning, high school students will be given allocated times during the day to buy their food and return to the carnival.

The program for the day is attached. Please note that students compete in AGE groups NOT year levels. The age groups are listed below. District qualification is for Under 10 years and higher.

Students are to wear AND compete in covered footwear on the day. Students are also encouraged to wear their house colours: Cook – Red and Kennedy – Blue. Students should also come equipped with sunscreen and a hat for sun protection.

In order to qualify for districts students must meet the below criteria:

- 100m, 200, 400m – 1st place
- 800m, 1500m, 3000m – 1st or 2nd place
- All field events - 1st or 2nd place

Students must also adhere to school policies regarding assessment, behaviour, attendance and uniform as they will be representing Cooktown SS. IT IS AT THE PRINCIPALS DISCRETION TO APPROVE STUDENTS TO BE ENTERED FOR DISTRICT TRIALS.

If your son/daughter has any specific health issues you wish to make the school aware of prior to the event please let us know.

Parents/Carers are encouraged to come and support their son/daughter on the day and IF AVAILABLE VOLUNTEER ON EVENTS TO HELP ASSIST STAFF. A program is attached for even times.

**Age Groups**
- Under 9: 2005
- Under 10: 2004
- Under 11: 2003
- Under 12: 2002
- Under 13: 2001
- Under 14: 2000
- Under 15: 1999
- Under 16: 1998
ANZAC Day