Dear Parents,

The event of cyclone Ita has certainly brought our whole school community together. It was of great relief to know that no one had sustained life threatening injuries or worse. Many homes and farms are in a state of disaster that will take time to repair. Many incomes have been damaged as well. The stress of such a traumatic event can result in long term effects to many facets of our lives. If you have found that your children are suffering from distress after the cyclone our Guidance Officer – Cherie Hughes - is equipped to assist children through this very difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact her or come in for a chat.

Physically the school was very lucky. The last thing we needed was for students to lose learning time or their routine disrupted. By following the carefully planned systems and procedures, the Department of Education has in place, we were able to coordinate a rapid response and get the clean-up and repairs to our school fast tracked. In fact on receipt of the photos sent through to Brisbane and Cairns on the morning of Saturday 11th April the response was immediate and the Business Assets Service team were on the ground strategically assessing, planning and managing the works at school by Sunday 13th April at 10am. As you can see the result has been phenomenal.

I would like to sincerely thank all parents and caregivers, who despite the disaster at home, have supported their child or children in attending school – being on time, in uniform and ready to learn.

We are ready to have a fantastic Term 2 and remainder of 2014!

Leanne Rayner

Mother's Day Stall and P & C

P & C held their annual Mothers Day Stall on Thursday. Students were keen to find that perfect gift for their Mum, Gran or Carer. Prices ranged from two to seven dollars, with lots to choose from.

Thanks to Ally Ward, Nikki Darvel, Chun Beaufils and Alex De Carteret for giving up their time to work the stall.

The P&C do a great job at raising funds for our school and everyone is always encouraged to help out where they can.

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be Tuesday 27th May at 4.30pm at the PCYC. Everyone is welcome!
The Cooktown State School Cross Country Carnival was held on Friday 28th March. It was a great day with a fantastic show of support from parents and high participation numbers from students. From 9-10am the Prep to Year 3 students took part in a mini cross country run around the oval. 10-11am the 9 and 10 years ran the 2km track in and around the school. After lunch 16 years and Opens took off in their 6km journey followed by the 14 and 15 years who had to run 4km. Last to leave were the 11, 12 and 13 years who had one lap of 3km to complete.

The Cook v Kennedy rivalry was at an all-time high with the points coming down to the final open boys race with School Captain Nick Hook winning to clinch the victory for Kennedy – 305 points to Cook’s 304.

13 years and over runners who finished in the top 2 places competed at the District trials in Herberton last Wednesday. The track was extremely difficult. The runners compared it to a more difficult version of Grassy Hill, that also included lots of rocky, gravelly tracks. Despite the difficult track, 6 of our competing students have made it into the Peninsula trials in Cairns on the 23rd May. A special congratulations to Steven Johnson who won the age champion for under 15 boys on the day.

9, 10, 11 & 12 years 1st, 2nd and 3rd place runners now qualify for Districts at Rossville this Friday.
Chris Harvey, Chris Whitson, Steven Johnson, Nick Harvey, Zane Stallan, Carly Johnson, Dylan Gilmore and Peta Buhman represented CSC at the district secondary carnival in Herberton.
Absent from photo Stacey Sarago-Ah Kee.

Nick Harvey, Stacey Sarago-Ah Kee, Steven Johnson and Chris Whitson, show off their ribbons from Herberton.
During first term the year 9’s revised their sewing skills. They chose colourful cotton fabrics and made themselves a pair of boxer shorts.

This term they will be studying The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating and preparing foods from each of the five food groups.

Mrs Carol Worland

Drum Beat

Grade 9 have been making a racket in the Events Centre with the African Djembe Drums. Chappy has been running the Drumbeat program all year working on communication skills, discussing peer pressure and healthy relationships through music. With 11 drums going off in time, it becomes quite a powerful experience for everyone. The group has a couple of pieces almost perfected. “Drumming in a group is heaps of fun and helps build more confidence and closer friendships” says Joe Hook.

Chappy and his crazy grade 9 Drum Beat group!

SOCCER IS ON AGAIN!!

Soccer starts from Friday 3rd May (Friday week 2) at the PCYC Events Centre. 5-7 year olds play from 3.15 - 3.45, 7-12 year olds from 4 - 5pm PCYC fees apply + one-off $10 equipment fee to help cover purchase of balls and equipment.
During Term One this year Dane Eaton from AFL Cape York (AFLCY) had been visiting the school to run clinics for our primary school students. The lower primary students learnt some AFL skills and were able to play small games to develop these while the upper primary began with learning basic skills and then moved into competition games against other students in their grades. These clinics culminated in a Cluster AFL Carnival that was held at John Street Oval on Wednesday 2nd April. Students, teachers, parents and community members watched the talent that the Region has to offer. The day was used as a scouting day to find potential candidates to take part in an U12 development camp in Weipa. Three students, Kai Gibson-McLean, Jake Lee and Gauai Wallace were selected from Cooktown State School. If successful in Weipa, they will have the opportunity to be selected in the U12 Crusader team. This team will compete in the QLD State Primary Schools AFL Championships later this term where all country and metropolitan regions will be represented, following the likes of another student of Cooktown SS, Zane Stallan who has made it to this level previously.

Dane is excited about this trip and also to the future candidates as he feels there is a lot of potential here in the Cluster for promising AFL stars. Miss Shauna Churchill.

Farwell Mr Mayberry

Mr Shane Mayberry has been one of our most loved High School teachers. Here he is with his last class. Mr Mayberry has moved back to SA to be with his family. He will be greatly missed by staff and students. Good luck Mr Mayberry!!

JUMP START TUTORING

Some schoolwork a challenge?

Get a helpful ‘jump start’.

Holidays and after school
Ph. 0419 842 652 or 4069 5689
Email: crackasmile3@bigpond.com

LOOKING FOR A SPORTING CLUB TO JOIN?

Little Athletics Monday afternoons
   top Oval of CSS
Ta Kwon Do Mon & Wed 4.30 and 5.30
   Cook Shire Hall
Junior Rugby League Wednesday afternoon
   John St Oval
Soccer Friday afternoons from 3.15pm
   Events Centre

If your child/ren are absent for school, remember you can ring anytime, even after hours on our Absentee Phone Line 40820266
The 24th April brought several of the Cooktown State School Students, Teachers and Parents out to march in the paraded and attend the ANZAC service. It is a special day and it was great to see so many young people in attendance. During the 1920s Anzac Day became established as a national day of commemoration for the 60,000 Australians who had died during the war. With the coming of the Second World War, Anzac Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in that war. In subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The school also held a parade on the Thursday afternoon which was attended by the Air Force pilots who did the fly overs on early Friday morning.

Lucas Giese and Jack Scott proudly wearing their great grandfathers medals.
Good News Page!

These students received their awards for 100% attendance for term 1

Year 8 win the Attendance trophy for the High School

Year 6 wins the Attendance Award for the Primary School

SUCCESS FROM ENDEAVOUR AWARDS
At Cooktown SS most classrooms are fitted with soundfield amplification systems. You will have seen teachers wearing microphone around their necks. This system is also used in school parades and special events.

What is SAS?
A SAS consists of a transmitter, a receiver – amplifier and loudspeakers. Teachers wear small microphones that transmit sound via FM radio or infra red signals to a receiver attached to the loudspeakers around the classroom. The system provides amplified signal within an area determined by the placement of the loudspeakers, called the soundfield. The teacher’s voice is distributed evenly throughout the soundfield without making speech too loud for normal hearing children.

What does SAS do?
Soundfield amplification enhances the ability to hear teacher instruction for all children by: increasing the overall level of the teacher’s speech, substantially improving the Signal / Noise ration and producing a uniform speech level throughout the classroom.

What are the benefits of using SAS?
Originally designed as an assistive device to meet the needs of students with fluctuating middle ear related hearing loss, there is a lot of research evidence that indicate this technology benefits ALL students eg. Students with learning problems, auditory processing difficulties, articulation disorders etc. Studies have shown students:
- are able to hear the teacher more clearly
- are able to follow oral instructions more easily
- are less distracted by noise
- participate more in classroom activities
- are more attentive and stay on task longer
- are more confident
- have improved speech perception, comprehension, reading / spelling ability
- have increased achievement

These systems can be connected to equipment such as TV, CD players, DVD through laptop, to increase their audibility.

It is also beneficial for teachers:
- reduced vocal strain and vocal fatigue
- increased ease of teaching
- increased versatility of instructional techniques
- increased teacher mobility.

Currently the school are using the brand called Front Row systems.

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**Beach Clean Up**

**Sunday 25th May**

Together we can get our beaches clean!

Registration and information at the Fishing lease. Sign on from 7am

- **North Shore** – Samantha Hobbs
  0429 669 252

- **Archer Point** - at first beach Mick Hale
  0408 577 193

- **Walker Bay** - at beach Andrew Hartwig
  0418 216 300

**Coordinator** - Karma Miller
**PH** - (07) 40696740
**Email** - kamamiller@hotmail.com

Please bring sun protection and water