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WOW, WOW, WOW!
What a great start to the year. The best attendance week in the last 3yrs, 93% is the state average and our school target, so well done to all families in helping us hit the target.

Over the next 4 weeks all of our classes Yr 3 -6 will be experiencing overnight excursions to Wambangalang. These excursions aim to build relationships with all teachers and support staff working with the class. Year 6 and 3 are on excursions this week. We have had many enquiries from parents wishing to attend with their students. The main requirement to make this possible is a Working With Children Check. We must have a copy of this document for each and every adult working in our school, going on excursions or assisting with transport. There is no cost in getting a WWCC if you are volunteering your time to the school. Staff at school can assist you with the website and online application.

A reminder that the school has a responsibility to ensure all children and staff are safe whilst on excursions and sports events. A part of this process includes risk assessments around behaviour issues. Consequently the school has a policy that any suspensions or a recurrence of Level 2 behaviours in the week before an out of school event will preclude children from participating. This includes all sporting, social, educational and recreational activities and is in line with Departmental policy.

Congratulations to our swimmers who had a great carnival last Friday. Thanks to the many parents who attended and assisted in the running of events. Mrs Parsons has selected the team for our next carnival against local schools this Thursday. We wish every child a PB or two as they represent our school.

Next week our two school captains, Amber and Starr, will be travelling to Sydney to participate in the Young Leaders Forum at Homebush Bay. Our team will be travelling with our Sister School, Chatswood Public, and spending a day at the school as well.

A reminder to all families that your access to school is controlled by your actions and attitudes whilst on the school grounds. The school can exclude you from the school if your behaviour falls outside of the expected norms of the Department. The use of foul language and abusive language to each other, your children or staff will not be tolerated. Smoking is also prohibited on school grounds. We are working hard to make our school a safe and attractive place for parents and students and seek your understanding and support in the above matters.

The school has created a room for Mums and Grandmas (Aunts, Sisters, Nieces, Granddaughters, Mums in Law etc.). From 2.10pm each day, Racquel will be hosting a drop in centre for women and girls to get together to have a Coffee and Chat. Racquel’s room is upstairs in the main block and is the last room on the left.

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How were our results K-2 in 2015?

We have made some great improvements in reading.

27% more Kinders finished 2015 reading at the expected level.

If your child was in Year 2 last year, only 5% finished well below the expected level but when they were in Kinder 67% did.

We still need to work hard on improving writing, however across year 1 and 2 we had an average growth of 20%.

Our learners generally achieve higher in Maths than in English.

On average around 80% of K-2 students are on track with their number, adding and subtracting learning.

**School Spectacular**

Coonamble Public school are auditioning for this year’s schools spectacular. Mrs Michelle Fletcher and the chosen students have been working extremely hard to learn their dance to Spectrum by Florence in the Machine for their audition CD which is due in only a few short weeks. Students have been rehearsing through their lunch breaks to improve their impressive dance skills. We look forward to seeing your dance at one of our assemblies.

**Overnight Excursions**

We are excited that all primary classes will be going on an overnight excursion with their classroom teacher and other teachers to Wambangalang. This is funded by the school, so teachers can get to know their students and make connections at the start of the year. Some thrilling activities have been organised and I am sure it will be the talk of the school and probably some fantastic writing will be completed about it.

**Shopfront Cultural Sessions**

The shopfront will start holding weekly cultural sessions from Wednesday 2 March – 9.30am to 12.10pm. The first topic discussed will be ‘Oral History’ on Tin Town and camping ground.

**Junior Soccer**

The AGM for Junior Soccer will be held on Monday 7 March at 5.30pm at the Bowling Club. All welcome.

**School photos**

School photos will be taken on Tuesday March 22 2016. Photo order envelopes will be sent home shortly so keep your eye out for them. Reminders will be put on our school face book page leading up to the day. NO late orders will be accepted as per previous years.

**IMPORTANT NEWS**

Coonamble Local AECG

RE-ESTABLISHMENT MEETING

in the AEO ROOM @ COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

10:00AM THURSDAY 3RD MARCH.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG.
Easter Hat Parade & Raffle

There will be a whole school, staff and community Easter Hat Parade on...

Friday 18th March 2016

Please hop along to the whole school assembly at 10.45am, join us for a BBQ lunch straight after the assembly and then join the fun and watch our students show off their creative flair in the Easter Hat Parade.

There will also be an Easter Raffle drawn on this day. To make the raffle a success, we are asking families for donations of Easter eggs. The more eggs we get, the more baskets we can make and, of course, the better chance you have of winning one!

Please give all donations to your child’s classroom teacher.

We very much look forward to you joining our assembly, lunch and Easter Hat Parade.

Times:
Assembly – 10.45am
BBQ lunch – 11.30am
Easter Hat Parade – 12.15pm