



Newsletter 4 Term 4 2018

COOINDA CUPPA

Kristine invites all parents of Cooina 2019 for a cuppa together, this coming Tuesday, 11th December, 2:30pm.

NAROOMA welcomed kindly families 2019. Thankyou for supporting this with your presence to supervise children while their parents joined the circle of Q & A. Thankyou for contributing your thinking and knowing to make this a richly informative gathering. Thankyou for the fabulous afternoon tea enjoyed by all.

NAROOMA and COOINDA enjoyed, as part of their transition program, the excursion to the theatre to see *The Gruffalo's Child* so creatively and superbly performed.

91 Storey Treehouse EXCURSION will be enjoyed by Cooinans, Bakoolbans and Bunganans Wednesday, 12th December. And, yes,

Some other local performances have also been impressive – BAKOOLBANS and BUNGANANS have, in the amphitheatre, performed their original group performances created to demonstrate their understanding of what they have been exploring with Karen in their Australian History lessons. In the brief witnessing of one I was impressed by the use of simple props in a variety of creative ways to great effect and the enthusiasm of the actors held the audience attention.

COLOUR FUN RUN

Thanks P & C – you all! Thanks for the super FUN in the run. Thanks Eddie for initiating this. Thanks Harmony Group parent reps for advertising and encouraging the donation of funds that will support our STEAM Room being progressed and resourced. Thanks Lorraine for working with Harmony Group leaders to create the colour stations. Thanks HG leaders for your thinking, planning and organising these associated activities. Thanks everyone for getting behind it and supporting it to be successful. Thanks pizza makers for your excellent outcome in this mammoth task!

BAKOOLBANS under the stars

It sounded like a delightful evening for Bakoolba families gazing up into starry skies through our telescopes. Thanks for those who came out and those of you who shared your knowledge and passion for this.

ART

There is a splendid display of artwork in the Art Shed at the moment of the children's drawings of artpieces

SASsy GRADUANDS

Please come and join us on the evening of 12th December to celebrate our graduating students:



They will each speak to us and share some memories and thoughts on their experience at SAS, their high school aspirations, their dreams.

They have been your children's friends, their Harmony Group leaders, their someone to look up to and possibly their inspiration.

Come for a BYO everything picnic from 6:00 outdoors then be packed away and ready for formalities 7:30pm.

They – and their families – will be missed! Let's 'see them off' in super SASsy style.

CIRCUS PERFORMANCE

Please come and join us this Friday afternoon to enjoy the kids demonstrating their circus skills. Under Joe's tutelage they have all engaged energetically and joyfully and practiced diligently to develop these. Come and see this Friday 11:30 am.

around the school. These are gorgeous. Get in there and take a look before it comes down.

You may have noticed the artwork that has begun on the path leading up to Kadijini. This is the creation of our graduating students – their designs incorporating Zentangling, quotations and personal 'signature'. Thankyou to Lindy and Sarah who have supported the kids to scale these to transfer to a permanent place that leaves their distinguishing mark on SAS. These will be included in the above when it is pursued at another opportunity.

You may have also noticed Miles Carpenter – and his lovely Kyro – in the school past few days. Miles is completing the mural that is the artwork of graduate students 2017.

REPORTING to PARENTS

Reports will be available to be collected from the office from Tuesday afternoon, December 11th.

FABULOUS FOOD on our TABLE

Thankyou for your generosity; we know you are equally busy and committed in life's daily demands and challenges; in baking the most scrumptious of treats adding delicious joy and sweet energy to these last days of the school year. We feel nourished and nurtured, loved and appreciated in this gesture. ThankYOU.

2019

Kids return to school on Monday, 4th February 2019. We look forward to seeing you all here unless you have 'graduated' or if you have moved home and school.

Along with our graduating students we farewell Ari and his family who are returning to NZ to live. We are also farewelling Tully-Jean and Stella-Rose and their family as they are, managing a new baby in the household, going to attend school closer to home.

The rest of us return to an exciting new school year – that includes swimming lessons for Bunganans in the first two weeks of the year, our annual whole of school community camp – Camp Kinetic – in term one and all the preparation for a sensational Autumn Fair – see Justin's post following – early term two.

Contributions and Charges for 2019 have been endorsed by the School Board and you are advised to consider your budgeting to meet payments when due, please, knowing that a fair amount of money will be due on day one, term one, 2019 and soon after for payment of whole school community camp.



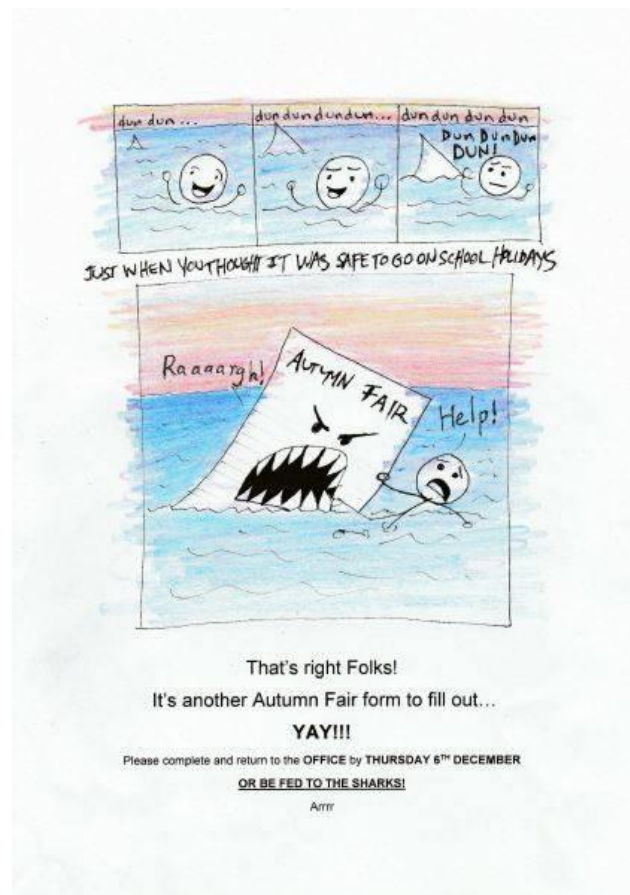
Jo returns ready to resume her position on staff next year and we are very happy to be having her back with us.

Ali has been covering Jo's time this year and so we are sadly having to say farewell to her. Ali has played various roles in the past three years and we will miss her in community and wish her very very well for what she steps into!

Except for the role of teacher of Bungana; that I might be able to next week; I can confirm that all our teachers, education assistants and support staff who make up our fabulous SASsy staff team will be back again to lead the learning in 2019.

EDUCATED by NATURE will, as they have this term, utilise our gorgeous grounds to offer their exciting programs each term of 2019. Details for this will be available shortly.

AUTUMN 2019 - entertainment



Be motivated by the Captain's Facebook post <https://www.facebook.com/justin.castley/videos/1991895770892922/>

JHAMSE GHATSALE

We have heard from Bruce, the Australian contact for JG and he and Feonagh are organising the easiest way for us to create connection and maintain communication with the kids of the school.

SURVEY

Thanks to those of you who made the time to complete the questionnaire so that we can use the information in our school self-assessment.

The following **poems** were created and read by their poets of Bungana at this week's Whole School Meeting. They are each what is called an Everything poem:

The sky is blue
dirt is brown
Water is for swimming
I hope we don't drown
Movies are for watching
Music is for listening
Jokes are for laughing
The laughter is glistening
There are natural disasters
Like volcanic eruption
There are aliens out there
With powerful abductions
Good fortune are for the very fortunate
Read a book to gain information
Go online and you will find a
Powerful incantation
Chickens don't fly
While birds go by
Snails are slow
and cheetahs do go
Food is for eating
Flowers are for smelling
Sculptures are for looking
And stories are for telling

Isla Huxtable

everything to know about everything

Banks are for robbing

Apples are for Bobbing

Bums are for smacking

Computers are for hacking

Glass is for Smashing

Girlfriends are for pashing

Plants are what grows

Why God knows

Pitchforks are for riots

Vegetables are for Diets

Boats are for Boating

and also for floating

photos are for posing

Doors are for closing

guns are for shooting

treasure is for looting

R rated movies are for Babies

all my dogs have rabies

legs are for walking

Stranger Things is set in Hawkings

Frogs are for croaking

Cigars are for smoking

sadness is for crying and

ages are for lying

about.

Banjo Castley

The sun and moon give us light
It makes our spirits shine so bright
The perfume of the morning air
The happiness is everywhere

The pinch of hot from stormy weather
Not everything can live forever
The crunching from the tasty lunch
The smell of apple pie-ing munch

As the wind flies while dancing
If you listen closely you will hear it prancing
Cake's in the oven - it's ready - ding!
That's my big poem called everything.

Jovana Matthyser

Have a gorgeous Christmas, fabulous start to the New Year and happy happy holidays.

See you soon.



It is hard to believe it is so near the end of another school year. I've not quite taken this in... and certainly have not had/made the space to reflect at any length upon the year that it has been. I look forward to having and making the space to do so. I know, without hesitation, that I am grateful for Spearwood Alternative School – for SASsy staff, kids, you their parents and families who contribute to making this place such a vibrant, dynamic, conscious learning community. I feel, as ever, blessed and privileged to participate in all it is that we create, care about and aspire to

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Thankyou for your contribution with your talents, your time, your energy and your enthusiasm, your ideas, your inspiration, your questions and your suggestions, your inquiring, your curiosity, your connection and commitment. Thankyou for supporting not only your own child's growth and learning but also that of the collective. Thankyou for working in partnership in pursuit of so many possibilities and for daring to try to make a difference.