Dear Parents,

Welcome back a new school term. This term will be very busy with many end of year activities, including the intensive swim school, presentation day, end of year reports, swimming carnival/fun day, Remembrance Day, Big River Film Festival and year six farewell activities. Our preschool to kindergarten transition program will be continuing throughout the majority of the term as well.

Holiday Changes

During the holidays there were several changes around the school. Thank you to Mr Simpson for coordinating the move and updating the school sign so people will be better able to see our school messages (once the digital element is finalised). We also had the remainder of the school PBL pencils erected and a double slippery dip installed to replace the old slippery dip, which had been damaged.

Jacaranda Half Day Holiday

Jacaranda Thursday is a half-day holiday on the 5th November. A separate note on the back explains details about school organisation and family options regarding this half-day holiday. It also gives the opportunity to explain attending Jacaranda for the full day.
Your Opinions
Thank you to everyone who has returned the survey sent home last term. If you still have a survey, tomorrow is the final day for its return.

100 Night’s Reading
Congratulations to Megan for 100 nights reading! She has selected her free book to continue her wonderful reading habits. Well done Megan!

Talk Like a Pirate Day
On the last day of term three our students and staff enjoyed Talk Like a Pirate Day, which helped to raise funds for Childhood Cancer Support. Thanks to the support of our canteen with the themed food and special orders available on the day. Altogether $251 was raised for Childhood Cancer Support from our school. Thanks everyone!

Assembly
Well done to all our award winners from the final Friday of last term assembly. Congratulations to our merit card winners Liela, Molly, Sophie, Violet, Emily-Rose, Liam and Jayde. Great work!

In our presentation of School Level Awards, congratulations to Jasmine, Jayda, Riley N, Ava, Emily-Rose, Justyn, Monique F, Macklin, Tamsyn, Chelsea and Holleebree for their Teacher Awards; Dylan and Joshua for their Bronze Awards and Savannah, James, Robbie, Lachlan and Jess for their Silver Awards.

Congratulations also to Emily-Rose for completing Multi-Lit and to Robbie and Jasmine for their Silver Dollarmites Achievement Certificates. Great effort!

Our next school assembly will be held at the regular time of 12:30pm in our hall next Friday with an item from 2/3 and Writers of the Fortnight from K/1. All family members are welcome to come along!
Congratulations to our special award winners last term!

With thanks,

Matt Hankinson

Cake Raffle
Next Friday, 16th October the cake will be supplied by the McConnell family. We thank the parents for their support with this P&C fundraiser. Please note, any family who does not wish to be included on this roster please phone the office.

P&C Meeting
Our next scheduled P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd October at 9:30am in the school staffroom. Parents and community members are welcome to come along.

Pinocchio DVD
Our DVDs are back in stock again. They are on sale at the office for $20 each if you wish to purchase a copy.
Dear Parent/ Carer,

Due to changes in the way in which local holidays and events are gazetted by the State Government, and after public consultation conducted through Clarence Valley Council, it has been decided that “Jacaranda Thursday” would be a half- day public holiday this year.

This means that Coutts Crossing Public School will be open until 1:00pm on the Thursday of Jacaranda Week (Thursday 5th November 2015). However, we acknowledge that many students and their families will still want to participate in the full day’s events. As such whilst the school will remain open for the morning, it is unlikely that normal lessons and routine will operate. Any student who attends school in the morning will be required to stay at school until 1:00pm, unless parents sign them out of school as per normal school procedure. Buses will run to their normal school timetables in the morning but no buses will be available to transport students home when school closes at 1:00pm.

To assist with our planning and organisation we are asking parents/ carers to complete, detach and return the note below if their child will NOT be attending school on Jacaranda Thursday (Thursday 5th November 2015). This note will be sufficient to explain any student absence for the day.

We look forward to a safe and enjoyable Jacaranda Festival and thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Matt Hankinson
Principal

Explanation of Student Absence – Thursday 5th November 2015.

My child(ren) .................................................. will not be attending school on Thursday 5th November 2015 as they will be participating in the Jacaranda Festival. I understand that I am responsible for the care and supervision of my child(ren) on this day.

Parent/ Carer Name:.......................... Signature........................................