Principal's Report

Congratulations to Katie Nash who delivered a healthy baby boy on Sunday. His name is Carter James and he visited school yesterday. He is very cute! Uncle Ben is very excited about Carter’s arrival. Congratulations to Michelle and Matthew on becoming very proud grandparents.

Please remember that if your child is having a music lesson they must bring their money before the lesson. Otherwise they will not be able to attend the lesson. The teachers ask to be paid when they are here. Until recently, staff members were paying for lessons but are unable to continue.

The teachers are beginning to conduct their assessments for the year. Reports will be written following all assessments. Reports will be sent home in week 11.

Intensive swimming begins on Monday 26th November. Please return notes as soon as possible. All children whether swimming or not must have a permission note signed by a parent or caregiver. Every student will be attending the pool as there will be only be Transition Class supervision at school.

On Fridays our daily breaks will change as follows. Fruit break/recess 10.15-10.30 and an early lunch at 11.45. There will be no recess canteen at school however, students will have an afternoon canteen at 1.45 on their return from the pool.

Students are not permitted to use the pool canteen during Intensive Swimming. Make sure your child/children have a hat, towel, rashie, sunscreen and a bottle of water.

Our Fun/Billycart race Day is to be held on Wednesday 18th December. Billycarts must be true billycarts. No three wheeled carts will be allowed. There will be a number of events on this day with yummy party food etc.

Sally Macfarlane - Principal (Rel)

Thumbs Up

- Logan Bailey showing great sportsmanship encouraging his team mates on Saturday. One spectator noted that you had something positive and praising for every person during their innings. Well done!
- 5/6 for being so settled and working well.
- Our Busy Beehive Canteen Helpers who get very busy every Friday (with extra students) but still always manage a smile and friendly word with everyone. You all help make school a friendly and caring place to be.

School Drop Off and Pick Up Area

Our parking bay is located in Charles Street, opposite the front gate area. Please ensure that you leave your car and come into the school to collect your child. School area speed zones do apply. Wellington Street is predominantly used for parking by the staff and should be kept as clear as possible around the gate area as this is also our designated Bus Zone. There is NO SUPERVISION at school before 8.30am. A teacher is on rostered duty from 8.30am every morning.

Head Lice

Please note that we have been advised of head lice at school. Tips for tackling kids head lice

- Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.
- Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.
- Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.
- The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.
- Reduce transmission by tying hair back and braiding. We now it’s hard for young girls to consider this cool, but try it!
- Regularly check your children’s hair.

For more information go to the “Nitbusters” website
Library Borrowing Changes
Next week will be our last library borrowing sessions in preparation for the end of the year. Please note that all outstanding library books are due to be returned.

Homework Club
At this stage Homework Club will operate Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3–5pm. Short stay (1 hour) $5 per child. Long stay - $10 per child. Supervision is able to be provided in case of any last minute need on other afternoons.

Music Lessons
Music sessions for this term are as follows:
- Singing - Tuesday lunchtime
- Violin - Wednesday morning
- Guitar - Friday morning
- Drums - Friday lunchtime

Students need to bring their tuition fees on the day. Students that do not pay will not be able to attend lessons.

P & C News
Horse Sale
We ran another successful fundraiser last weekend. Thank you to Jen Hernando, Kathleen Harris, Marion Robinson, Penny Foster and Justine George for your help on the day - it was very much appreciated. Thank you also to Andrew & Kate Barber for kindly donating the eggs for our delicious egg & bacon rolls.

Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held tonight Wednesday, 21 November 2012, at 6.00pm in the Staff Room. All welcome 😊. If you would like anything discussed at this meeting please contact Adele on 6760 5751.

Remember, all the money we raise goes back to improving our kids’ education and resources.

Adele Forsyth  James Goodfellow
P&C Secretary  President

Busy Beehive Canteen
Once again we had a wonderful day on Canteen last Friday and we must thank all students and staff for their continued support. Everyone please note that some products are now becoming unavailable as the school year winds down. We have limited stock of Junior Pies & Chicken Goujons. We also have limited items in the ice-cream freezer.

Please note that there is no canteen for recess. We will happily sell students drinks, etc on their return from swimming.

This week’s volunteers: Jen and Kim
Thank you Canteen Committee- Kim, Adele, Penny & Jen

Clothing Pool
Please note the change of available times for clothing pool are as follows: Monday mornings by appointment only, Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon by appointment only. I have no second hand summer tunics so if you have one you don’t need send it to the school. I have most sizes of second hand summer uniform in stock. Prices vary on quality and condition. To make an appointment contact the school or me on 67 605218.

Penny Foster - Clothing Pool supervisor

MOONBI/KOOTINGAL JUNIOR CRICKET
Please remember a drink bottle of Water, sunscreen and hat for training and game. If you are unable to play on any Saturday - it would be appreciated if you could advise your team coach in advance.

TRAINING - Wednesday afternoon -After school on the back oval, Mrs C arrives at 3.30pm.

U9 Report
Moonbi/Kootingal 6/157 played Peel Valley 1/253
The U9 team had to keep making runs to the end as they were chasing a very good total made by Peel Valley and competing with a strong wind. Ben Webster batted very well scoring 23. Partnerships this week were Blake & Byron 34, Ryan & Zane 33, Laura & Clare 24, Holly R & Hannah 24, Holly G & Rhanee 19.

Saturday 24th November Playing St Nichs on St Nichs School Oval - Game starts at 8.30am. Please be at the grounds at 8am. Travel along Carthage Street, over zebra crossing than turn and park in the lane on the LHS (before you reach Hill St). Or park on the road and walk down the laneway - the oval is out the back of the school.
Cricket Presentation Day - Please mark on your calendar there will be the Moonbi/Kootingal Cricket Club Presentation AFTER the last game (1/12/2012). Further details will be available next week.

Justine George

Under 11 Cricket Saturday 17th November 2012
Played against Tamworth Public School (TPS) at their home ground.
Saturday’s match was a top of the table meeting with both teams looking to confirm a spot in the final to be played on Saturday 1st December.

Ben Nash was elected Captain for this round and displayed some good decision making in difficult conditions on the field.
TPS won the toss and elected to bat on a beautiful spring day. The pitch was very hard and flat with the outfield very similar. All shots were rewarded with maximum runs.
Moonbi – Kootingal were represented with 8 players which presented a challenge to the bowlers to ensure deliveries were straight and full.

TPS batted very well scoring 181 runs with one batsman scoring 69. The Moonbi – Kootingal bowlers worked hard and fielded well as they were required to complete the full 25 overs of bowling. Conrad George 2/19, Logan Bailey 2/21 and Luke Kelly 1/29 were the most successful bowlers for Moonbi – Kootingal.

Moonbi – Kootingal began their batting innings cautiously as they knew they must bat the 25 overs to catch the huge TPS total of 181. TPS opened with some very capable bowlers but the opening pair of Connor Semple and Kye Simpson scored good runs early to give the batting order a stable start. At the drinks break after 12 overs it was difficult to predict if Moonbi – Kootingal would reach the score set for them. At the resumption of play our boys came out with the resolve to run down the TPS total with Luke Kelly 42, Logan Bailey 22, Bailey Pinnock 20 making fast runs with Conrad George scoring 18 and an exciting innings from Curtis Millgate at the end enabling our boys to overhaul the TPS total with a score of 190 with 3 overs remaining. Yes, there were a lot of smiles!

All the boys should be congratulated for their efforts as they have discovered the value of bowling straight and protecting their wicket when batting. Well done

Moonbi – Kootingal play St Edwards at Moonbi this Saturday. This will be the last match before the final. David George

Moonbi/Kootingal Cricket Committee
Kim Kelly, Anne Coleman, Justine George

What’s On? Upcoming events

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Northern New South Wales, 
Digital Switchover: 7 days to go!

Only 1 week to go for Northern New South Wales to be digital ready.

There are only 7 days left until analog signals will be permanently switched off in areas across Northern New South Wales.

If you’re not digital ready by 27 November you will no longer have access to free-to-air TV.

Nerida O’Loughlin, Executive Director of the Digital Switchover Taskforce said, “It’s so important for residents in areas of Northern New South Wales to be digital ready before the switchover date.

“Residents who haven’t made the switch to digital TV are urged to get digital ready right now so they can continue to watch all their favourite TV shows.”

Northern New South Wales will be the sixth region to switch and will join more than 1.6 million households already enjoying digital-only free-to-air TV.

Assistance is still available for people who need help getting ready for digital TV. There are two assistance programs available for households and both schemes provide for installation of new equipment in the home.

People who need help and advice to get ready for the switch to digital-only TV should visit the Digital Ready website at www.digitalready.gov.au or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.

Across Australia, the switch to digital-only TV means for the very first time, viewers in regional and remote areas will have access to a similar number of channels and choice as viewers in metropolitan areas. Digital TV provides 16 free-to-air channels, better quality pictures and CD quality sound whereas analog has only provided 4-5 television channels.

Tips to be digital ready by 27 November:

- **Prepare early** - Find out what you need to do to switch to digital TV.
- **Check your eligibility** - Find out about the Government assistance schemes available to help eligible people switch to digital TV.
- **Use the help available** – There are a number of tools and resources available to help you switch to digital TV. Visit www.digitalready.gov.au or call 1800 20 10 13.
- **Check if family and friends have switched** – Help out a friend, family member or neighbour who you think might need some assistance getting digital ready.