I just want to thank you and the team that put in the amazing effort to make Teacher Appreciation Day sooooooooooooo special. The decorations were beautiful and specially thought out. I want to laminate the poster on my door!!

The gifts were beautiful. Specially thought out for teachers! I really liked the sheets the children filled out about their favourite things about their teacher... very special. I am taking them to NZ to show my mum and dad.

The morning tea was delicious and it was lovely to share it with the children. It was nice to have lots of parents there also.

All in all, a very well thought out day with lots of lovely surprises. Mrs Thompson
We Value Hope

**Principal’s Message**

Yesterday I turned the news on as I drove in to school. Bomb in front of a hotel, Russian plane crashed 254 dead, 4 shot in Palestine – then the local news, two shot in Sydney, search for murderer of baby in suitcase continues – it’s all bad news – is there any hope?

Hope promotes the desire of positive outcomes related to events and circumstances in one’s life or in the world at large. We all have our list of hopes for our children and ourselves. One sure way to brighten our lives is to talk to God and tell Him when we are feeling overwhelmed. In His word Psalm 62:8 is reassurance that our hopes can come true.

Hope looks for the positive outcome. It might be bad now but wait, it will improve. It’s the ‘light at the end of the tunnel’ attitude. In the Bible we read of positive outcomes and God is in control (Hebrews 10:23). We can have a positive up-beat attitude to life if we view it with a perspective of hope.

A quote from Joseph Addison made me reflect ‘Three great essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.’

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull  
Principal

**General News**

**Car Park**

We are kindly asking all parents to refrain from parking along the sides of the school’s driveway. It is very important that the driveway is clear at all times so that all vehicles, including the big public buses, can access the area and traffic can flow smoothly. Thank you!

**Combined Churches Concert**

Our school has been invited to perform an item at the Combined Churches Christmas Concert to be held at Toronto Adventist Church on Thursday 19 November. We think it will be a great opportunity to showcase our school. A letter with further information will be sent home closer to the time.

**Jump Rope**

Our students are participating in the Jump Rope for Heart PE activities and fundraiser this term. Funds raised will go to the Heart Foundation and our school. Jump off day will be held on 12th November 2015 and students will need to wear their sports uniform on this day. Please collect your fundraising money by this date.

**Kindy Orientation**

It is almost time for a new group of Kindy students to start big school. To assist parents with preparation and understanding the transition, we plan to hold a Kindy Orientation event on Tuesday 17 November commencing at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you as a Kindy parent.

**School Fees**

A big thank you to everyone who has paid their fees for the year. If you have not yet finalised this year’s fees we would encourage you to settle your account prior to Speech Night. Please see Tammy during office hours.

**Speech Night**

This year our final program will be on December 8 in the church building at 7pm. The students have started to practise the songs they will perform and in the upper years they are focused on getting tasks done that will show in their assessments.

We do want every child’s school report to reflect their best efforts. Your encouragement is appreciated.

**Swimming**

The last two swimming lessons for this term are planned to take place on 26 November and 4 December. On 26 November students will participate in water safety training. They will be required to bring along a t-shirt and a pair of track suit pants on this day.

**Students of the Week**

Pre-Kindy - Brody  
K-2 - Darius  
3-6 - Cassie

**Kindness Award**

Pre-Kindy - Beau  
K-2 - James  
3-6 - Kanayah

**Values Award**

Pre-Kindy - Liam  
K-2 - Isobel  
3-6 - Benjamin
This week in Pre-Kindy we had lots of fun learning. The exciting thing a lot of us did this week was play with the new kinetic sand. It felt really nice to play with and it sticks together, so it is really good for moulding. It was so much fun. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Cameron both loved playing with it too, and made lots of things after school one day.

Children in Pre-Kindy are given a choice when they are choosing which work to complete. It has been exciting to see the children choosing harder work than even Mrs Thompson thought possible. Well done Pre-Kindy for putting in your best effort and having a go at harder work!!

We learnt about the letters d, r and o this week. Some children were blending 3 letter words and our endings this week were ap, in, and et. In Maths we have been learning about numeracy. We have been identifying numbers, ordering numbers and counting forwards and backwards.

In Science the children have been learning about living things and the parts of a plant with Miss Dias. The children made some lovely flowers. At Gardening time, we harvested some of our potatoes on Wednesday. We are going to have a hot chip day soon where we wash, peel, cut and bake our potatoes.

Parents, if you have forgotten your Edmodo login or password, please see me so I can help you get a new one, as there will be a lot of announcements as the end of the year comes up that you won’t want to miss out on.

Have a great week everyone.

For LOTE this week we decorated a Chinese hat, which, was lots of fun. The class then cut the hat out and glued it together to form their cone shaped hat. As the dragon was on the hat Mrs Cameron had a surprise paper dragon to share with the class.

Our value this week is Hope and the class was able to share things they hoped for in chapel after they were filmed for a short movie. Pr Alex Green was our speaker and he told us about the cubby house that he discovered when he was a young boy. It belonged to someone else but he really wanted it. He shared how Jesus has gone to prepare a house for us in heaven and that we can look forward with hope for Jesus’ return so we can go and live with Him in our new home. Can’t wait!

For Maths we have been learning about halves and quarters. So please challenge your child to either cut the potatoes in quarters for tea or half a biscuit with a sibling. You will see how ‘fair sharing’ will be dished out.

We have had some exciting things happen in our class this week. Well done to Nicholas for presenting a great Science experiment on Monday. He showed us what happens when a marble is placed inside a balloon. It was very interesting!

A big thank you to Mrs Bennett for visiting our class on Tuesday and sharing information about heart disease with us. We are having lots of fun participating in the Jump Rope for Heart activities and it was good to find out how our efforts to raise money for the Heart Foundation can make a difference in people’s lives. Let’s continue to do our best to raise funds to help others living with heart disease. We can also look forward to Jump Off Day.

We have been working hard to learn how to write persuasive text (discussion). We have been considering the pros and cons of travelling into space. A great effort Years 3-6!

On Tuesday we had assembly in our class and Riley was able to use his expertise and assist with the powerpoint by helping to type the lyrics in for our songs and then to control the iPad as we sang our songs. Thank you Riley for doing such a great job.

Miss Parsons taught us an enjoyable music lesson this week using fruit pictures to help us tap out a beat with our drumsticks. It was a great way of learning the right rhythm. We are also learning to hold them together when we listen to the teacher.
We planted lettuces in the garden today and harvested some garlic. Mr Drury will be taking the garlic home to dry it out. He had already harvested some zucchini and cucumbers. Our produce is looking really great, especially our corn. We look forward to eating our corn.

Prayer Requests
We would like to encourage our school community to come together in prayer.

If you have any prayer requests, please feel free to let the staff know, so that we can include your request in our prayers.

Office Hours
Monday Closed
Tuesday 8:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesday 8:30am - 12:30pm
Thursday 8:30pm - 1:30pm
Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm

Uniform Shop Hours
(Cooranbong Campus)
Monday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Calendar - Term 4
Kindy Orientation ...................................................... November 17
Pupil free day .............................................................. November 27
TCN Awards Night .................................................... November 29
Last day of school for 2015.........................................December 8
Speech Night ..............................................................December 8

Hey Mum and Dad
Did you know heart disease affects 2 out of every 3 families? Help your child to have fun and support the Heart Foundation at the same time. Register our child online and simply press send to all your family and friends! It’s easy, safe and secure. www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart
Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship.

School Term Dates 2016
Term 1 Wednesday, January 27 - Friday, April 8
Term 2 Tuesday, April 26 - Friday, July 1
Term 3 Monday, July 25 - Friday, September 23
Term 4 Monday, October 10 - Friday, December 9