DATES TO REMEMBER

March
Thurs 21st  Interschool Cross Country
Thurs 28th  Soccer Carnival – Yrs 4 to 7 only

DEAR PARENTS
Thank you for your help during the recent flooding. Monday was a most chaotic day at school, as we dealt with computer failure, child custody issues and flooding. Please be aware that where possible, we aim to keep the school open. The main factor in that is ensuring that teachers can get to school. If teachers are available, we will open the school, however, it may not be a normal school day, if we have to reform classes and/or there are large numbers away. This was the case on Tuesday this week. If you are unsure if the school is open, please check the official school website (www.coominyass.eq.edu.au) or contact the school.

SCHOOL LEADERS
Congratulations to our newly elected school leaders and house captains.
School leaders:  Michael O'Donohue
              Dean McKillop.
House Captains-Atkinson  Adam Greaves
              Ben Aitken
Bellevue  Reilly Black
              Carmen Robinson
Badges will be presented on parade next Thursday afternoon.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
We apologise for any confusion over the Religious Instruction (RI) information. Due to a (very old) clerical error, our ability to identify children’s religion was hampered. To recap – Children (Yrs 1 – 7) who have a nominated religion are expected to attend RI (This is around 30 children). If you do not want your child/ren to attend, you need to inform the school in writing. Children who do not have a nominated religion can still do RI. If you want your child to do RI – you should send the form you received back to school. We only have the cooperative arrangement so that is all that needs to go on the part of the form that asks ‘Religious Instruction Program’.

TUCKSHOP
To help with the processing of Tuckshop orders, the school office has a collection of paper bags for you to write your child’s order on. Please make use of this service throughout the week.

To provide the best possible service to our students, please make use of the red box in the school office foyer for ALL orders. Write your child’s name, class and food order on a paper bag and ‘post’ it in the box. Orders are collected at 9am.

BOOK CLUB
Brochures will be sent home next week.
Orders for this issue must be at the school office no later than Friday March 18th.

CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to these students who received their YCDI certificate on assembly this week.

• Mayliki
• Jim
• Alexandra
• Harley
• Tyler
• Rylan
• Rachael
• Klia
• Prue
• Zeth
• Adam
• Tiffany
• Riley D
• Shanoa
• Cheyanne
• Blake
• Damon
• Eligh
• Reilly
• Ben
• Dean

These students have reached ‘You Did It’ this week

• Belinda
• Tomas
• Michael
• Dean
• Kylah
• Cody
• Prue

These students received certificates for Good Work!

• Shanoa-Working quietly on tasks
• Riley D-Working well in Maths
• Dorian-Efforts to present work neatly
• Rylan-Pleasing homework
• Jemma-Great work in Music
• Nibianna-Great work in Music
• Cameron-Great work in Music
• Brandon-Great work in Music
• Rylan-Great work in Music
• Natasha-100% Spelling
• Mitchell-100% Spelling
• Brandon-Great start with Reading
• Presten-Great start with Reading
• Tyler-100% in A R (5 consecutive times)

“In keeping with the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which Coominya SS stands.”
LOCKYER DISTRICT NETBALL TRIALS -2013
Friday the 1st March
Lowood SS Courts, Peace St,
4pm -4.45 for 11years
4.45pm–5.30 for 12 years
Players will trial for selection in the Lockyer District Netball teams to play at the Met West Selection trials on the 16 and 17 April.
If you are interested in these trials, please speak to either Mr Ellwell or Mr Amos.

We are currently gathering donations for our Easter Raffle.
If you can help with a donation please send it along to the school office.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefited from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

LOWOODS NEW SKATE PARK
Saturday, 9th March
Free sausage sizzle, drinks, prizes for skate park Competition.
10.00am onwards.
Everyone welcome.

ASTHMA INHALER RECALL
Asthma Australia have advised that GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Alphapharm are undertaking a voluntary recall of several batches of Ventolin and Asmol inhalers due to a fault in the delivery mechanism of a small number of inhalers within each batch. This can lead to less than the full dose being delivered for each puff.

The only batches affected are as follows:
Ventolin Batch numbers KN7170, KN7173, KN7178, and KN7179
Asmol Batch Numbers KL6790, KL6795, KL6796, KL6797, KL6798, and KL6799

If you have an asthma inhaler (puffer) which matches any of the above batches, take the inhaler to your pharmacy and exchange it for a new one.

For more information contact your local Asthma Foundation on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)