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### From the Principal

2016 at Camooweal State School has been an exciting and at times challenging year – student attendance has improved, student achievement this semester is high and student reading skills have lifted. I thank my staff for their unrelenting work in having high expectations of the students and focusing also on their wellbeing.

I thank all staff for their support and hard work this year. Jannelle -Cleaner, Colin – Grounds care, Teacher Aides – Thelma A, Thelma R, Cassy, Damien, Sarah, Canteen Assistant- Georgina, Office – Sarah, Minnie – Student Attendance Officer and Chaplain – Jono – YOU ALL DO A FANTASTIC JOB AND we are one great team!

A final thank you goes to our families who have trusted us to educate and care for their children. You support the learning in the classroom and this influences your child/children.

### 2017 School Leaders

Our 2017 school leaders will be announced and introduced to the school community tonight.

### Graduation Night

Graduation night is on tonight at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcomed to celebrate our year 6 students leaving and celebrate the students entering into another year next year. Dinner will be provided after the graduation.

### Year 3-6 Teacher 2017

It is with great pleasure that I announce Ms Anna Garlick has accepted the permanent offer of teaching at Camooweal next year. She is very excited in coming back and beginning her teacher career at Camooweal.

### School resumes 23 January 2017
Well, here we are. I cannot believe we are about to complete another year in the P – 2 class! Looking back, we have had just an amazing year… I have just finished compiling our end-of-year class slideshow movie with all our photos and we just love looking at how much we have grown! I am looking forward to sharing our movie with the community at our Presentation Night!

We have recently completed our final reading tests for 2016 and once again we have seen amazing progress for every child in the P – 2 class. The effectiveness of the new strategies we have put into practice this year were obvious when we looked at how far the Year 1 and 2 students have come since this time last year, and the pleasing progress of the Preppies in their first year of school. So what did we do differently this year?

- Before-school Homework Club was a great time for buddy work and extra practice time for sight words and independent and shared reading.
- Daily Modelled reading sessions were a time to explicitly teach and model strategies for individuals to apply to their reading and comprehension skills.
- Continued daily Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) sessions and our successful completion of the Premier’s Reading Challenge promoted the independent reading of books of personal interest.
- Daily Guided Reading sessions in small groups – thanks to Miss Parker, Miss Sarah, Miss Cassy and Miss Thelma Riley for your support in this important activity!
- The successful introduction and daily use of our Literacy Learning Walls encouraged students to think about how and why they use their literacy skills to complete assessment tasks… it all adds up to amazing outcomes, and we are so proud of the way each student has used these chances to develop their reading skills. We will put our thinking caps on over the holidays and will come up with even more great ways to promote positive growth in this area!

With all our assessment tasks completed for the year, we have had some special sessions devoted to Christmas activities over the past week. A highlight was, of course, our letter writing to Santa and our excursion down to Visi Mrs Green at the Post Office to send them away. In a few weeks’ time, every P – 2 student should receive a special reply in the mail! On our walk, we also reviewed and practiced our road safety skills, including the correct use of the refuge islands at the highway crossing.

Anthony showing his spelling skills!

Working with place value in maths!
Jemma from Mt Isa Mines was on hand to present the Books in Homes to our students.

Paul from Mt Isa City Council presented Miss Parker with the prizes for The Great Northern Clean-up Colouring Competition.

1st Prize—Isaac Solah
2nd Prize—Acha Hammond
3rd Prize—Jordan Williams

Age Appropriate Pedagogies

Last week I was off to Townsville for one day to make Camooweal State School’s final presentation for 2016 for the Age Appropriate Pedagogies Project... what a mouthful! Basically, what it was all about was how to engage Prep children in their learning through child-friendly strategies including well-planned and developed play experiences. Camooweal was the smallest school involved in the project in this region, and our colleagues from a range of schools throughout North Queensland have been fascinated by our approaches for ALL our children and the success we have had— it was a proud moment following my presentation when everyone clapped and said such lovely things about our school... we have a lot to be proud of in Camooweal and when we can go up against the bigger schools and showcase positive results and happy, engaged students we know we are on the right track.

Thank you to everyone for another fantastic year in the P – 2 class! It has been an absolute pleasure to be with your children every day and to see the wonderful ways they are demonstrating their learning!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas holiday break! Can’t wait to see everyone again in 2017!

Merry Christmas from

Miss Taylor & Miss Thelma
What a fantastic year we all had in 2016! The year 3-6 students, myself and Ms Thelma have been reminiscing about all of the events throughout the year. The following is what some of the students wrote about.....

Laylah - I'm happy because tonight is graduation and I'm going to be in Year 7. I really had fun at Border Sports, Science camp and Drovers camp. I love it at school!

Amanda - I loved Border Sports, the whole school was there we had 100% attendance. The boys went first, we were in separate groups from each school. Jacob came 1st in the 11 years old and Damon 2nd in 9 years old. I liked Border Sports because I came 4th. My dad was there to see me which was important to me. At Border Sports we also meet new friends.

Jacob - We are going to miss Laylah and Jayden. They love playing basketball and helping the kids. Now, they are going to go to high school. But I know they are going to have fun.

It is wonderful to see the improvement the students have made this semester with our focus on reading and utilising our Learning Walls.

Thank you to everyone for another fantastic year in the 3-6 class! It has been an absolute pleasure to be with your children every day and to see the wonderful ways they are demonstrating their learning!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas holiday break! Can’t wait to see everyone again in 2017!

Merry Christmas from Ms Parker and Miss Thelma.
TERM 4 WEEK 6 AWARDS— 11/11/16

PRIDE AWARDS
Warren Percy, Amy Dann, Lakeetah Wickham, Benita Wickham

P-2 CLASS AWARDS
STRIVING TO BE KIND
Manoah Wright and Isaac Solah

PRINCIPAL AWARD
Nora Namie, Warren Percy, Jayden Dempsey Billy

3-6 CLASS AWARDS
Donella Holt and Lakeetah Wickham

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to all the following students who completed their reading quota for the Premier's Reading Challenge

5-6 CLASS AWARDS
Donella Holt and Lakeetah Wickham

School resumes
Monday 23 January 2017

Playgroup Xmas Party 30/11/2016
How the NDIS can help your child

If your child is aged 0-6 years and has a disability, or if there are concerns with their development, they may be eligible to receive support from the NDIS.

Your child’s early years are very important as they set up how they’ll learn and develop later in life. Support provided early will give your child the best chance of achieving their potential.

Through participating in everyday situations, your child will be provided with opportunities to grow and learn.

What is early childhood early intervention?

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has worked with a range of leading Australian early childhood intervention practitioners and researchers to design an early childhood early intervention (ECEI) approach.

This approach has been designed to identify the type and level of early intervention support your child needs to achieve their best outcome. A family-centred approach that supports greater inclusion in mainstream settings and builds the capacity of your child and family is proven to have positive effects in early childhood intervention. The NDIA has designed the ECEI approach using this strong research and evidence base.

The ECEI will work with a partner in your local community who will help provide the support your child needs quicker and easier.

These partners are referred to as early childhood partners. Your early childhood partner is experienced in early childhood intervention and will provide assistance, advice and access to early intervention and support for your child.

Early intervention for a child with a developmental delay or disability in their early years is critical to achieving the best outcomes.

For more information about this booklet, please contact:

National Disability Insurance Agency
Telephone 1800 555 110

For people with hearing or speech loss
TTY: 1800 555 677
Speak and Listen: 1300 555 777

For people who need help with English
TEL: 131 430

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School times for Term 1

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Playgroup

Playgroup runs from 9:00am—11:00am.
All are welcome.
Please remember that parents/carers must stay to look after their own child.

Parade

In term 1 parade is held every Friday at 2:45pm. We would like to invite everyone to attend.

At parade we highlight students who have been:
- trying their hardest
- being good role models
- showing respect
- being learners and
- being safe

We would like you to join us in these celebrations.

Birth certificates

Do you need a birth certificate for your child?

If your child is nearing School age and you don’t have a certificate, come and see us at School. We can help you with the paperwork and cost.

It is a legal requirement for all School students to have a birth certificate or other documentation for proof of age.

Clinic visits

Please be aware that the Camooweal clinic welcomes all parents/carers to take their child to have head lice and boils attended to. Head lice spreads very quickly and easily between students.
Minutes

13. Staff Breakup

Thelma Riley asked if there was to be a staff breakfast this year. Vaunessa advised the staff would be attending the Pump Service Station for this. A time and date will be notified to all staff members.

Meeting closed at: 3:55pm

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School starts
23 January 2017
8:30am—2:30pm

Hope you all have a safe holiday,
Merry Christmas and great New Year

Accessing the NDIS

Information you need to know to access the NDIS

Availability in your area

The NDIS is being introduced progressively around Australia. It begins on 1 July 2016. To participate in the NDIS, you will need to meet the relevant criteria. Criteria vary according to your state or territory.

To check your eligibility, visit the NDIS website.

How to apply

To apply for the NDIS, you will need to contact your local NDIS early childhood and developmental disabilities service provider. You can find your local service provider by visiting the NDIS website.

Becoming a participant

To become an NDIS participant, you will need to meet the relevant criteria. The NDIS is available to people with a disability who are living in Australia and are aged 65 years or older.

Preparing to access the NDIS

If you already receive supports from a State or Territory government disability program, you will be contacted by a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) representative when it is time to transition to the NDIS.

For more information, visit the NDIS website or contact your local NDIS service provider.

More information

www.ndis.gov.au
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8am to 5pm (local time) Monday to Friday

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# Camooweal State School Community Meeting

**Date/Time:** 16 November 2016 3:05pm  
**Location:** Camooweal State School  
**Attendees:** Vanessa Parker, Sarah Young, Sandra Taylor, Thelma Anderson, Thelma Riley, Damien Riley, Cassy Solah, Jono Wright, Minnie Kenna, Adrian Solah, Jannelle Simoes, Lora Freckleton, Grace Wright, Dan Baker, Gemma Castaipo, Kerry Bower  
**P&C Queensland**  
**Apologies:** n/a  
**Secretary:** Sarah Young

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<td>1. Kerry Bower – P&amp;C</td>
<td>Welcome all to meeting and introduced Kerry Bower from P&amp;C Old.</td>
<td>Vanessa</td>
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<td>2. Graduation</td>
<td>To be held Thursday 01/12/2016. Adrian Solah will source materials and helping hands to build a stage.</td>
<td>Adrian Solah</td>
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<td>3. Complaints Management Policy</td>
<td>Copy of policy and procedure will be distributed to the community members. This policy and procedure must be followed by complainants of Camooweal State School.</td>
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<td>4. School Opinion Survey</td>
<td>Copy to go home to parents. Results of this survey will inform the direction of the school.</td>
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<td>5. Previous Events</td>
<td>It’s a saying within staff members of events bring us together. All enjoyed the Camoowea’s Got Talent evening and suggestions to make it better next year were: need for a stage, better sound equipment, more food, servers for food. Music Viva – students enjoyed the classical music and workshops. Vanessa will contact Viva and book day for 2017.</td>
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<td>6. Upcoming Events</td>
<td>This is a music program which includes workshops, designing instruments and music which will be presented at the Awards Night. SWRL – have not heard back from them as to date.</td>
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## Minutes

### 7. Weekend Sports
Tennis is going very well with good participation from students however, if students do attend it is a requirement for them to stay the whole hour.

### 8. Cancellation of 2016 Swimming Clinic
Sarah has contacted the Mount Isa City Council who advised this clinic is cancelled as they only have intern managers running the pool at this stage. They will look at having a swimming clinic in Term 1 2017 when they employ permanent managers.

### 9. School Camp 2017
At this stage the 3-6 class will be attending the Science Camp on Magnetic Island which will be funded by the school. The 6-8 years may have the opportunity to travel to Canberra. This will require a contribution from parents to assist with the large costs. Parents will be notified when more details are forthcoming. Gemma suggested Taikeburga. Vanessa will price the cokings. Simon and Natalie from the Salvation Army have advised that they will be holding another camp in Sydney in 2017. More details will follow when they come to hand.

### 10. Teacher for 2017
Vanessa went through want characters as community members wanted to see a new teacher for 2017. Anna who has been at the school for the previous weeks attended an interview on Monday afternoon and passed as a HIGH. Adrian spoke highly of Anna after seeing her in the classroom, interacting with the students, thinks she is level headed, passionate about teaching and heard her speak of Camooweal in a positive light. Vanessa mentioned that what Education Queensland was offering Anna if she stayed 2 years in Camooweal would be to be made a permanent teacher straight away (usually this process can take up to 3 months). Sandy added that it would be positive for the students to see Anna come back as over the last few years they have seen a lot of teachers come, say they will stay, but leave. Vanessa added that Anna showed a lot of interest whilst here and worked well with the team. Anna is aware of the positives and challenges of living remotely.

### 11. Playgroup and Tuckshop position
Camooweal State School will be looking for Playgroup Supervisor from 2017 and someone to prepare lunches for the Nutrition Program. Official job descriptions will be put in the community in the very near future.

### 12. Anglicare
 Sarki from Anglicare will be holding a Fun Night in Camooweal on Friday 02/12/2016 in the park.