Dear Carers and Parents,

I am sure you have heard by now that Mr Couchman had a baby boy last Sunday at 5:35pm. Benjamin Noel Couchman weighed in at 8 pounds 10.5 ounces and Mum and baby are doing really well. We look forward to a visit soon! We are enjoying having Mrs Tansey with us and she is doing a great job with our P-2 class.

Just to let you know there are a few things popping up next week. On Tuesday I will be in Rockhampton attending a writing PD to support our Explicit Improvement Agenda. Liz Norman will take my class until students move to PE and Music. Learning support will happen in the afternoon. On Thursday, Leisa and I will be in a budget meeting and Liz will be on the 3-7 class again. Please note their will be no one in administration on this day.

Just a reminder that we need to be in class at 9am sharp to make the most out of our morning session. If you could ensure your child is dropped off well before this time it would be appreciated.

Students have started training for Cross Country this week ready for the event to take place on Friday 14th March. We will train next Wednesday and Friday as well. In week 4, we will walk students through the actual cross country track. If any parents are able to stay and help with supervision around the track it would be appreciated.

Thank you to our swimming parents Kylie Wormington, Linda Marxsen and Rechelle Rowe for your assistance in swimming last week. It is great that we are able to continue small groupings again this year. A reminder that swimming is cancelled next Friday. This is due to the high school swimming carnival. We will resume swimming again in week 4.

Sincerely,
Jo Northey

ACCOUNTS

Thank you to those families who have been prompt at paying accounts. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

TREAT KITCHEN

For those of you who are unaware, we rely on our fabulous volunteers to provide Treat Kitchen for our students. If you are able to donate your time (even if it is cooking a meal the night before) we would love to hear from you!

ROAD SAFETY

We have had a busy week up at the front gate this week and it is a timely reminder about keeping our kids safe before and after school. Please ensure you park your car to drop off and collect your child and use the pedestrian crossing available. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

HELP PLEASE

Looking for a wonderful person with a chainsaw to come and help trim some of the lower branches hanging down on our trees one afternoon. Please contact the school if you are able to help out in any way.

SUPPORT-A-READER

Following on from last year, we would like to continue the great improvements our students made with their reading and ask if you can spare an hour (2.15-3.13pm) one day a week to come in and help with the support-a-reader program. You do not need to be a super bookworm yourself, just willing to listen and provide encouragement. If you are keen to get involved, or know someone who would or have any questions, please contact the school office.
What a great start to the year we have had with students well underway with their first units of 2014. You may notice some new desks in the classroom. Students had lots of fun reading instructions and working together to put together the desk frame. They did a really good job!

It has been brought to my attention that some families missed out on the classroom timetable last week. Please find this attached again for your convenience.

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Week 2 has seen Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 learn about many different things. In literacy, we started our whole school spelling program so each morning we are off to a flying start as we are very busy with the activities involved. Our focus in writing has been about emotions and thinking of different words we can use to describe our emotions in our writing.

For Maths we have been learning about numbers, from recognising numbers to making people number lines and also looking at place value of numbers. Learning about ourselves and recognising features of our bodies has been our focus in science while in history we talked about families, and started to draw our immediate family on a family tree.

Just a reminder that everyone needs to bring in a baby photo of themselves for next week as we need them for history. Can’t wait to see them all and continue on in week 3.

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**School Attendance Term 4**

![Graph showing School Attendance Term 1 with a target of 95%](image)

TARGET—95%
Happy Birthday

Cameron Muller—Saturday 8th February
Joshua Matheson—Tuesday 11th February

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

JOCK YOULES—EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP
CORBY WORMINGTON—SETTLING INTO PREP WELL
WELL DONE!!

SHOW & TELL—PAIGE & NICK BRING IN THEIR BABY DUCKLINGS

CHARLLEY & EMMA RECEIVE THEIR PEN LICENCE!

SCHOOL BANKING

We are registering for school banking with Commonwealth Bank. If you would like your child/ren to get involved, you will need to go into the Commonwealth Bank branch with your child’s birth certificate and open an account. Younger siblings can also join up. Then the account will get attached to our school banking. It is a good fundraiser for the school as we earn a commission based on the amount our students save, and a very worthwhile habit to start.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming — Every Friday 1:30 – 2:30pm
Cross Country Training (Full Track – Parent helpers needed) - Wed 12th February
NO SWIMMING — Friday 14th February
Mr. Couchman Returns from Leave— Mon 17th February
Bus meeting — Tuesday 18th February
P&C AGM — Tuesday 18th February
Mrs. Jordan’s last day — Friday 7th March
Cross Country — Friday 14th March
Anti-Bullying Day — Friday 21st March

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Book Club
- Uniform invoices