



# Coomera Link

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## From The Principal's Desk

### A successful Term 2

The end of the second term is an opportunity to celebrate the many successful activities which have taken place over the last ten weeks. Our school Fun Run, chess competitions, Instrumental Music performances, school excursions including the Year 3 visit to the Botanical Gardens and the very successful Year 1 Star Gazing Night, provided many valuable learning opportunities for our students. Mid May, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2009 and an increasing number of students began accessing "Mathletics". Students and families represented our school at community events including ANZAC DAY activities and the local "Festival of Light" event.

It was wonderful to see our students, staff and families involved in activities to celebrate Under Eights Week and State Education Week. The wide range of activities including musical performances, science, technology, environmental, cooking, physical education and art activities were very enjoyable and a great celebration of various aspects of our school and our students' learning programs. Our school also submitted two entries into this year's Showcase 09 Awards for Excellence in Schools. "All for One" focused on the Early Childhood Development Program here at our school and its links with the Bonny Babes Children's Centre to deliver an innovative inclusive intervention program for young children with disabilities. Our second submission, based on our school's "Dream a Better World" Film Festival, was awarded the Regional Award for Excellence in Innovation and will now be considered as part of the State Showcase Awards in the near future.

Our "Student of the Term" Assemblies held in the final week of the term enable us to celebrate the achievements of many of our students and are a very important part of our end of term activities. So too, are our Student Reward Sessions which acknowledge the good/improved behaviour of our students. A visit to Dreamworld has been the activity for the majority of year levels this term.

### Staffing Update

Our best wishes go to Mr Ken Mathews who will be taking leave for all of Semester Two. Mrs Rhonda Cummings, who has regularly taught here at Coomera, will be 6KM's class teacher for the remainder of the 2009 school year. Mrs Lesley Dyer, one of our Learning Support Teachers, will be taking leave for the first four weeks of Term 3 and our best wishes go to her also. Arrangements for her replacement are currently being finalised.

## Impact of Human Swine Flu management on Queensland schools.

You may have heard recent media reports that national authorities have moved to a new "protect" response phase to manage the outbreak of H1N1 Influenza 09 (also known as Human Swine Influenza) in Australia.

**Queensland's Deputy Premier and Health Minister Paul Lucas said Queensland would move to the new protect phase from Monday (June 22) but would keep its policy of school exclusions and school closures in place until the end of term, Friday (June 26).**

Queensland's Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young said the extra week of possible school closures followed by school holidays provided a circuit breaker, further lessening the spread and the potential impacts to the Queensland community.

Dr Young has advised that Queensland's efforts to restrict the spread of H1N1 Influenza 09 have been very effective and will continue until the end of Term 2 on 26 June.

**It means that until Friday 26 June our school will:**

**- Continue to be prepared to act quickly to close the school to students if advised to do so by Queensland Health.**

**- Continue the current guidelines for seven-day time-out for any students returning to Queensland from areas of concern, including Victoria.**

Because the seven-day time-out guidelines for students end on 26 June, there will be no restrictions on students entering Queensland from areas of concern including Mexico, the United States of America, Canada, Panama, Japan, Chile and Argentina or students that are returning from Victoria after that date.

In addition study tours and International Student Programs will no longer be affected by H1N1 Influenza 09 after 26 June.

Further information is available by visiting the Education Queensland website at [www.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.education.qld.gov.au) For further information about H1N1 Influenza 09 (Human Swine Influenza) contact 13 HEALTH or visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu)

Education Queensland is working closely with Queensland Health and will continue to be guided by the advice provided by their medical experts in relation to any situations where action by schools would benefit the school and broader community.

## Semester 1 Student Reports

Semester 1 Student Reports for students in Years 1 to 7 will be issued on Thursday 25 June. While formalised parent-teacher interviews were held earlier in the year, regular communication between parents and teachers is beneficial. Teachers may have indicated on the Semester 1 Student Report that they would like to have an interview to discuss student progress. I encourage

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parents to take this opportunity to meet with teachers as this enhances ongoing student success.

Parent Teacher interviews for our students in the Prep Year will continue to take place until the end of Term 2.

## School Resource Scheme

Thank you to all our families who have finalised payments in relation to our school's Resource Scheme and Voluntary Contribution Scheme. These schemes ensure all students have the required resources for their education and the school's bulk purchasing arrangements saves parents time and considerable expense in resource provision. Payment receipts are provided for taxation purposes.

## Education Tax Refund – Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs. Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too.

To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to [www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund](http://www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund) or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

## Lost Property Reminder

There are a considerable number of items in lost property and these will be put on display during the final week of the term. While a number of items have been collected from lost property recently, please remind students of any items which they may have lost so they can check the lost property again before the holidays begin. It is very helpful indeed if items are named as this makes it much easier to return items if lost. The majority of clothing which has not been claimed by the end of the term will be donated to local charities.

## Holidays

This Friday 26 June is the final day of second term. **School will resume for students on Tuesday 14 July** as Monday 13 July is a designated Student Free Day and staff will be participating in professional development activities on that day.

There will be considerable activity here at the school over the holidays, including the installation of the covered area in our senior precinct. I seek the support of our school community in watching over our school facilities during the vacation. Students are advised not to be in the school grounds during the holidays. This is for their own safety and because it avoids suspicion if vandalism or break and enters occur. Even though our electronic security system is fully operational, if you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene but report the information by phoning School Watch on 131 788 or the local police (Coomera: 5573 6111).

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

## Head Lice

From time to time, cases of head lice are detected here at our school and while parents have the prime responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice on their children, our school community is able to provide information to assist parents where required. It is important for children to be checked for head lice on a regular basis and the upcoming holidays is a good opportunity to do this. If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent the spreading of head lice.

Yours truly, assistance is greatly appreciated and further information is available from the Queensland Health Website <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/headlice/>

## Volunteers

Our school is very fortunate to have many talented and committed volunteers who play a vital role in the life of our school community. Whether assisting with classroom programs, changing home readers, attending excursions, transporting students to various activities, assisting with our tuckshop and so on, our volunteers make a real difference and for this we are sincerely grateful. A huge thank you to all our volunteers. We have really appreciated all you have done for our school again this term.

## Thank You

My sincere thanks to all members of our school community for your valuable contributions to our school throughout a very successful second term. I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and restful break and look forward to working with you all again next term.

## Chocolate Drive

Please urgently return money and unsold chocolates to the school by Friday 26th June. It is important that these are returned urgently to ensure prize eligibility. Those students who have not returned outstanding funds or chocolates by this date will be contacted to make arrangements for collection and payment.

## Mathletics and Lexile Awards

### Week 7 Lexile Awards

10 Points  
Callum B. 4RH  
Trent M. 5RJ

25 Points  
Olivia H. 3NH

50 Points  
Nicholas L. 4CS  
James K. 4RH  
Brock A. 5DC  
Logan E. 5NW

100 Points  
Loseli T. 5RJ

300 Points

### Week 7 Mathletics (Silver) Awards

**Junior**  
Taylor N. 1KD  
Harrison C. 2SC  
Jack J. 3MB

Jordan M. 3NG  
Cooper G. 3SC

**Senior**  
Harry H. 4CS  
Lucy C. 5DC  
Cyntia B. 6JM  
Mikayla C. 6JM  
Irene H. 6JM  
Molly M. 6JM  
Matt M. 6KM  
Matthew F. 7SL

Heath L. 6KM

Week 8 Lexile Awards

10 Points

Jared M. 5DC

25 Points

Ashleigh H. 4HK

Jarrold R. 4RH

50 Points

Samantha D. 6JM

Sean R. 6JM

Tali R. 6KM

100 Points

Jack J 3MB

Brodhie J. 6KM

150 Points

Dawson W. 4AS

Ben M. 4AS

Chanel N. 6KM

200Points

Kaitlyn W. 6AW

Amelia F. 6JM

Week 8 Mathletics (Silver) Awards

### **Junior**

Krish K. 1DB

Annabel H. PR/CK

Luke A. PR/KU

Thomas G. PR/KU

Nicholas A. 1KD

Jeremiah M. 2KF

Jesse J. 3KV

Zikra I. 3KW (Gold)

Corey P. 3KW

Nathan A.3NG

Jacob M. 3NG

Lachlan W. 3NH

### **Senior**

Clayton S. 4AS (Gold)

Shanaya W. 4AS

Lucy M. 4CS

Bridyn P. 4CS

Jasmine R. 4HK

Lachlan T. 4HK

James M. 4RH

Kade S. 5AS

Lachlan A. 5NW

Samantha D. 6JM

Thomas E. 6JS

Henare W. 6KM

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Markets are held on the LAST Saturday of each Month.

## **Gold Coast Parks Active & Healthy Program**

Get up, get out and get active these school holidays in your local park!

Gold Coast Parks Active & Healthy Program and Natural Areas Management Programs are providing 36 free interactive and educational activities in parks across the Gold Coast. The program caters for children of all abilities up to the age of 17.

Fun filled activities include:

- juggle jam circus fun
- spotlight adventures
- Obstacle challenge
- Mad sports
- belly dancing
- Kids yoga
- Treasure hunts
- And much more

For further details contact [www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au) under communities.

## **Tuckshop News**

Please note that the tuckshop will be closed on the last day of school in Term 2 26/6/09. Please ensure that if you have received a bill for payment due to your child not having lunch at school that this is paid as soon as possible.

## **Chess Competition Results**

On Tuesday 9th June the chess team from Coomera State School competed in the second round of the Gold Coast North Chess Competition at Arundel State School. Congratulations to the following students who were fantastic in the way they represented their school and the high level of achievement gained at this event. They endured 9 rounds of very tough competition.

Javon A  
Raymond W  
Heath L  
Siobhan L  
Matthew D  
Kai E  
Lachlan M  
Clayton S  
Will S  
Wilson G  
Jackson A  
Ben W  
Thomas H  
Lianna B

A huge congratulations to the following students who received place getter ribbons on the day. Wilson G 13th, with the Year 4 team consisting of Will S, Jackson A, Wilson G and Clayton S receiving an overall 2nd place in the teams event.

Many thanks to Mrs Wheeler-Skinner, Mrs Lambert, and Mrs McCallum for helping with transport to the event because without your assistance we would not be able to compete.

## **Support A Talker - WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Due to unforeseen circumstances we need more volunteers for our Support A Talker program. If you have completed the training over the last few years and have some time to spare it would be appreciated.

It would take a commitment of only 1 hour a week to make a huge difference to our children and our school community.

If you are able to volunteer your time please contact Karina Purser on 5519 6333.

## **Coomera Markets & Car Boot Sale**

Date: Sat 27th June 2009

Time: 7.00am - 12noon

Stall cost: \$10.00 (one car space)

Venue: Assisi College Car Park Billingham Crescent, Upper Coomera

Fresh Fruit & Vegies, Jewellery, Plants, Crafts, Toys, Books, Bric a Brac & Tea coffee & Hot Food