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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Term 3

A warm welcome to everyone as we commence the third term of the school year. A special welcome to our new students and their families who have joined our school community. We look forward to getting to know you and encourage you to be actively involved in the wide variety of educational opportunities available here at Coomera. A wide variety of school activities have already been organised for this term. The Year 7 and Year 5 students will attend camp, our annual Athletics Carnival and Junior Sports Day will be held and our participation in JRock and our "Dream a Better World" Film Festivals will no doubt be highlights of this term. Our regular Student of the Term Assemblies and Student Behaviour Reward Activities will take place towards the end of the term.

Enrolments

Total student enrolment is stable with 918 students enrolled. 882 students are enrolled in Prep to Year 7 and another 36 students in our Early Childhood Developmental Program. All classes are within recommended class sizes of 25 for Prep to Year 3 and 28 for Years 4-7.

Staffing Update

One of our Deputy Principals, Miss Shiree Todd, unexpectedly had to take leave for the first two weeks of this term. Mrs Melinda Scott, one of our Prep Teachers, has very capably stepped into the Acting Deputy Principal position for the fortnight. We welcome Mrs Wendy Williamson back to our school to be Prep MS's class teacher during this time.

Mr Ken Mathews, class teacher of 6KM, has taken 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, has taken leave for the first four weeks of Term 3 and Ms Renee Walter in undertaking this important role during Mrs Dyer's absence.

Ms Jodie Warrie, who has been on leave from her AO2 position in the office here at Coomera, has accepted a 2 year secondment to Education Queensland International as of Monday 20 July. Mrs Kim MacKander has been temporarily replacing Ms Warrie while she has been on leave and will continue in her current position in our office for the period of Ms Warrie's secondment. Our Best Wishes go to Ms Warrie as she takes up her new position and we look forward to having Mrs MacKander continuing with us.

Facilities Update

Over the recent holidays, the covered area in our Senior Precinct has been completed. While there is still some work to be undertaken in adjacent gardens and some seating to be provided, the area is a welcome addition to our school facilities.

A huge thank you to Mr Rohwer, our Schools Officer who also did a great deal of work in our school grounds over the holidays. His efforts have certainly contributed to the ongoing improvement in our school grounds.

We have recently been advised of additional projects which will further enhance our school facilities.

1. An electrical upgrade will be completed as soon as possible. Project Services staff have already been on site to prepare for this project. The last electrical upgrade was completed a number of years ago and since that time, at least 7 new buildings have been added to our site, air conditioning installed across the school and in the 18 months ahead, our new Library/Hall will be constructed. Therefore, this necessitates the electrical upgrade at this time. It is anticipated that most work will be carried out on weekends and in the September school holidays if required.

2. Our school has been included in Round 2 of the Solar Schools Program and is scheduled to receive three components: 2 kws capacity solar array, an estimated 924 fluorescent tubes and an IT solution. The new fluoro tubes were installed early this week and we are awaiting further information about the remaining two components.

3. As part of the State Schools of Tomorrow (SsoT) External Finishes Special Maintenance Program for 2009 – 2010 further external painting will be undertaken on a number of buildings here at the school. At this stage the following buildings will be painted: The large Amenities Block, Buildings 11 & 12 (3NH, 2/3SC, 2JL and 2KF's rooms) and Building 36 (Prep KU and Prep MS's Building). We are currently awaiting timelines for this work to be completed.

The Project Manager for our National School Pride Projects (Classroom refurbishments, front entrance upgrade and possible special needs playground) visited again last Thursday. Following further discussions, firm quotes will now be obtained for project components. Most of this work is now planned for completion during the September school holidays to minimise disruption to the school.

At this stage, we are still awaiting clearance to occupy our new Special Needs building and very much looking forward to using these new facilities to support our programs for our students with disabilities.

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Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu)

Australia has moved to the 'protect' phase to manage Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (also known as Human Swine Influenza). Under the new 'protect' phase, Queensland has the flexibility to close single schools or classrooms to students in special circumstances as advised by Queensland Health.

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.

The symptoms of swine flu are similar to those of seasonal influenza, including: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or blocked nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

Preventative measures include:

washing hands frequently with soap and water or using an alcohol based hand gel
washing hands prior to touching eyes, nose or mouth
when coughing or sneezing, cover the mouth and nose with tissues which should be disposed

Further information is available on the Department's website, Queensland Health website or the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing website: <http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf> or by contacting 13 HEALTH.

Proposed Teacher Strike: Wednesday 29 July

Earlier this week a letter was sent to parents in relation to the proposed teacher strike which will impact on our school on Wednesday 29 July. Important information is as follows:

- The Queensland Government has determined to seek the assistance of the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) to attempt to stop the planned industrial action. This will allow the continuation of discussions with the QTU to work towards reaching agreement for a new *State School Teachers' Certified Agreement 2009*. It is the intention of the Government to place before the QTU and the QIRC a revised offer to attempt to settle the current pay dispute. There will be further advice as to whether the strike action is to continue or not.

- In the event that the strike action continues, the safety of students remains our highest priority during strike action.

- All state schools in Queensland will remain open; however there will be no formal instruction for students at school on the day.

- Parents who can keep their children at home should do so. However, adult supervision will be provided at school for children whose families cannot provide alternative care.

- We recognise the disruption that the strike action may cause and we are working to minimise its impact on you and your family.

2009 Athletics Carnival

Our Senior School Athletics Carnival will be held next week with Field and 800m Events held on Monday 27 July and Track Events on Tuesday 28 July. The program for both days commences at approximately 9:00 am and concludes at approximately 2:30 pm. All members of our school community are invited to come along and view the various activities.

The Junior School Sports Carnival will be held the following week on Friday 7 August and once again, our school community is invited to join us on this day. Further information will be provided shortly.

J Rock Performance

In just over a week, on Thursday 30 July, almost 90 of our students will be participating in *J Rock* at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre. Mrs De Goldi is doing a terrific job coordinating the

performance with the assistance of a number of our staff. Participation in events such as this is a wonderful opportunity for our students and we are looking forward to seeing the final result of all the hard work of recent months.

"Dream a Better World" Film Festival

Our school hosts "Dream A Better World", the Australian Primary Schools' Film Festival in celebration of Universal Children's Day. A tremendous amount of work goes into the organisation of the event which will be held at the Dreamworld Studios on Sunday 6 September this year. You are invited to come along and enjoy the film festival, and then have fun at Dreamworld by night. Selected Dreamworld rides and attractions, including Nick Central and a selection of major thrill rides will be in operation from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase.

Parking: Please Park Correctly

As previously advised, parking can be a challenge at our school locations, particularly at peak drop off and collection times. Discussions are continuing with Council and Transport Department representatives to address the current parking issues at the front of the school. Parents who drive their children to or from school should park outside the school grounds (at the front of the school, on Beattie Road or near Viney Park) and park correctly when dropping and collecting students from school.

Collection of students in the afternoons is probably our most challenging time. While the school day concludes at 3:00 pm., school staff provide supervision of students at our pedestrian gates at the front of the school and at Beattie Road until 3:20 pm. each afternoon. Please consider delaying your pick up time by a few minutes in the afternoon. This would greatly assist with the current parking congestion and lack of parking spaces experienced right at 3:00 pm. Any students who have not been collected by 3:20 pm go back to the school office with staff.

Safety is always our first priority and parking within the school grounds is limited to staff, selected visitors, disabled persons and others authorised by the Principal. In special circumstances, parents can apply in writing to the Principal for a School Parking Permit for limited parking in the school grounds. During Term 3, arrangements for parking within the school grounds will be reviewed and regular Parking Permit Checks conducted.

Key Dates for Term 3:

July

20 - 24: Year 7 Camp at Tallebudgera
27: Senior Sports Day – Field Events and 800m
28: Senior Sports Day – Track Events
29: Proposed QTU Strike
30: J Rock Performance
31: Schools Tree Day

August

7: Junior School Sports Carnival
12: Student Free Day (Brisbane Exhibition)
15: LOTE Speech Competition, Griffith Uni:
26: School Photographs
27: School Photographs
28: Gold Coast Show Holiday /Tournament of Minds

September

3: Annual Athletics Carnival – SWD
6 (Sun): "Dream A Better World" Film Festival
9: Yr 6 Tallebudgera Excursion
Yr 5 Camp, Mebbin Springs, NSW
Chess Competition
10: Yr 5 Camp, Mebbin Springs, NSW
11: Yr 5 Camp, Mebbin Springs, NSW
15: Lower "Student of Term" Assembly
16: Upper "Student of Term" Assembly
18: Reward Sessions
Last Day of Term 3

October

5 (Mon): First day of Term 4
19: Student Free Day

Student Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Term 2 Week 9

Class of the week for week 9 – Junior: 2JL Senior:
Tidy Class – Junior: 1KC Senior:
Tuckshop – Junior: 2KF Senior:
Peer mediator of the week:

Week 9

Junior

PMS – Kegan M
PKU – Shontayne J
PKP – Alex S
PCK – Zaina I
PGD – Daniel C
PST – Dani P
1DB – Detroit H
1KC – Connor M
1CB – Sophia M
1KD – Nicholas A
1JE – Cian T
2ML – Keely B
2KF – Paige H
2JL – Blake C

Week 9

Senior

4CS – Josh B
4HK – Ashlee S
4NM – Isaac G
4/5AS – gey S, Ben M, Alana C & Jack M
5MH – James D
5DC – Cailie C & haylee A
5NW – Daniel T & Lauren B
5RJ – Trent M
6JS – Henry T, Carling D & Sonia S
7GC – Ebony M & Jaime R
7SL – Elle P
7BF – Jaquilin K & Jacob R

Coomera Markets & Car Boot Sale

Date: **Saturday 25th July**

Time: 7.00am - 12 noon

Venue: **Asissi Catholic College Car Park 185 Billinghamurst Crescent Upper Coomera**

It will be on - come rain hail or shine!!

Lots of new stalls - Cup Cakes / Fresh Fruit & Veggies / Fresh Flowers / plants / Books / Toys / Crafts / Candles / Kids Clothing Tea & Coffee & loads more.

We also have a great car boot section where you can find some fantastic bargains.

For further details please contact Karen Lamberton, Coomera Markets Committee at kazzlamb@gmail.com or Mobile: 0402 852 607

Mathletics and Lexile Awards

Lexile Awards Week 9 Term 2

10 Points

Hope P. 3KV
Aiden T. 3KV
Jack R. 4RH

25 Points

Livvie P. 6AW

50 Points

Samuel N. 4AS

100 Points

Tia Lee G. 6JM

150 Points

Jamie R. 6JM
Carlyle B. 6JS

200 Points

Kaitlin T. 6KM

Mathletics (Silver) Awards Week 9 Term 2

Junior

Kiana W. 1CB
Sarah Y. 1CB
Jacob I. 1CB
Lily E. 2KF
Madison N. 3NH

Senior

Alana C. 4AS
Nicholas W. 4HK **GOLD**
Kai W. 4CS
Sammae Y. 4CS
Ellie B. 4NM
Ben W. 4NM
Meaghan S. 6AW
Sean R. 6JM
Amelia F. 6JM
Brodhie J. 6KM
Michael N. 7GC
Phoenix B. PrepCK
Tyla S. PrepKP
Riley C. PrepKU
Jake T. PrepKU

Lexile Awards Week 1 Term 3 (includes holidays)

10 Points

Jak R. 4RH
Hope P. 3KV
Aiden T. 3KV
Taylah H. 5NW
Zac P. 5NW
Jacob I. 1CB
Dylan O. 4RH
Lucy C. 5DC
Jarrod N. 5DC

25 Points

Livvie P. 6AW
Emily G. 5DC
Tommy H. 5NW

50 Points

Sam N. 4AS
Jenaya K. 6AW
Zikra I. 3KW
Lachlan R. 5NW

100 Points

Tia Lee G. 6JM
Ayden R. 6JM

150 Points

Jaimi R. 6JM
Carlyle B. 6JS
Clayton S. 4AS
Jack M. 4AS

200 Points

Dawson W. 4AS

Kyle T. 4AS
Clayton S. 4AS
Kaitlin T. 6KM

400 Points

Lachlan M. 4AS

Mathletics Awards Week 1 Term 3

Silver

Junior

Alexandra S. 1CB
Jordan W. 1CB
Alistair M. 1KD
Nicholas A. 1KD
Tori B. 2JL
Amy W. 2JL
Brooke D. 2KF **Gold**
Jordan N. 2KF
Ethan F. 2ML
Caley W. 2ML
Alexander K. 2ML **Gold**
Deegan E. 2SC
Harley D. 3KV
Jack J. 3MB
Rebeca S. 3MB
Rachael N. 3MB
Taiya H. 3NG
D'Andre W. 3NG
Nathan A. 3NG
Jacob M. 3NG **Gold**
Olivia H. 3NH
Jonas B. 3NH
Robert G. 3NH
Samuel W. 3NH
Deen A. 3NH
Amy M. 3NH
Chloe M. 3NH
Siobhan H. 3NH
Ashleigh M. 3NH
Rowan R. 3NH
Zanda W. 3NH
Eboney C. 3NH
Charles F. 3NH
Lochie C. 3NH
Kalu B. 3NH
Hannah C. 3NH
Kayne G. 3NH
Kayla D. 3NH
Jemma M. 3NH
Laughlan D. 3SC
Zara W. 3SC
Mitchell K. 3SC
Annabel H. PCK
Zaina I. PCK
Finn B. PGD
James C. PGD
Bella I. PKP
Jake W. PKP
Taya C. PKU
Rian F. PKU
Marcus P. PKU
Luke A. PKU
Thomas G. PKU
Joshua W. PMS
Jake L. PST

Senior

Olivia C. 4CS
William M. 4CS **Gold**
Dyllan A. 4HK
Ashleigh H. 4HK
Mark M. 4HK
Courtney M. 4NM
Payton K. 4RH
Jarrod R. 4RH
Dylan O. 4RH **Gold**

Clayton S. 4AS
Kimberly W. 4AS
Lucy C. 5DC **Gold**
Harry M. 5MH
Derya O. 5NM
Kaitlyn W. 6AW
Irene H. 6JM
Atiya L. 6JM
Cynthia B. 6JM
Yossra Y. 6JS
Matt M. 6KM

Tuckshop News

Meal Deals

Friday 24th July – Chicken Tenders(2), Sauce, Choc Cake, Jumpy's, Juice Cup \$5.50

Friday 31st July - Home Made Burger, Red Rock Chips, Fruit, Juice cup \$5.50

The Sports carnival is fast approaching, sample Menu as follows, served from the B.B.Q hut.

Burgers \$3.50 each - Sandwich Sandwiches \$2.70 each - Snacks from \$0.60 to \$1.20 - Drinks from \$0.80

*Volunteers are needed for this event, either in the tuckshop or on the oval. Please drop by the tuckshop and let us know if you are able to help.

Notice of price increases from the 3rd August 2009. (Due to suppliers costs increasing)

Slushy's - \$2.00 each

Ice monys (triangle ones) - \$0.80 each

Water large - \$1.40 Water small - \$1.00

Food Special Boards at the Tuckshop counter have temporarily been withdrawn. Please check your full Menu for correct cost of foods.

Many thanks must go out to Kat, Elizabeth, Kerryn & Sarah for their, much appreciated volunteer hours to date.

Film Festival is on again

The Coomera State School Dream A Better World Film Festival 2009 details are attached. Don't miss this wonderful annual event on our calendar.