



# Coomera Link

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## From the Principal's desk

### Staffing Update

Mrs Donaldson, one of our Special Education Program teachers is now teaching four days a week. We welcome Miss Breanne Callahan who will replace Mrs Donaldson on a Thursday until the end of this term.

Our best wishes go to Mrs Shepherd, one of our Teacher Aides who is getting very excited about her upcoming leave from 20 August to 1 September. Ms Bronwyn Muir will be replacing Mrs Shepherd during her absence.

In coming weeks we will also welcome a number of Pre-Service Teachers who will work in classes across the school.

### Staff Literacy Training

As part of a statewide Literacy Professional Development Program, most of our Year 6 and 7 teachers will be undertaking a 5 day Literacy Professional Development workshop off site this week. Participation in this workshop will further enhance their knowledge and skills in the teaching of Literacy. In Week 8, several of our Junior School teachers who have not yet completed this workshop will have an opportunity to do so. While our teachers are attending these workshops, classes will be taught by our regular relief teachers.

### Facilities Update

The Project Manager for our federally funded National School Pride Projects is continuing to organise quotes and arrangements for our classroom refurbishments and front entrance upgrade. Most of this work is now planned for completion during the September school holidays to minimise disruption to the school. These projects will be further welcome improvements to our school facilities.

We are still awaiting clearance to occupy our new Special Needs building and are very much looking forward to using these new facilities to support our programs for our students with disabilities. Air conditioning has now been installed and new furniture has arrived. Plans for an electrical upgrade are also underway due to our increasing school facilities.

In coming weeks, 11 solar panels will be installed as part of the Solar Schools Program. Along with the recent installation of energy efficient light bulbs and a planned new IT solution, this work will enable us to continue our environmental focus and reduce electricity usage.

Further external painting of buildings will be undertaken in the near future as part of the State Government's Schools of Tomorrow External Finishes: Special Maintenance Program.

## School Opinion Survey

Each year, the Department of Education and Training undertakes a survey of staff, parents and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. Forty parents are selected through a specific selection process to participate in the survey. Up to 120 students in Years 5 and 7 are also selected and all staff are required to complete the survey.

Later in the year, the school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help our school evaluate and reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school's annual report. Responses are completely confidential. The confidentiality envelope remains sealed and is forwarded to an external contractor where responses are scanned and the school's data forwarded to the central office of the department for analysis. If you are selected to participate in the survey, your assistance in completing the survey and returning it to the school office by Monday 31 August would be greatly appreciated.

## Summer Schools

Summer Schools is a Queensland Government initiative that recognises literacy and numeracy skills as being the foundations of a good education. The Summer Schools initiative forms part of the government's three-year Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan and targets Years 5, 6 and 7 students who require additional support in these areas. Programs for identified students are provided during school holidays and participation is voluntary.

Eligible students from our school will be invited to attend the September Summer Schools Program which will be offered at Upper Coomera State College from Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October. The Program offers 15 hours of additional support in literacy and numeracy but does not replace existing support children are receiving here at school.

Parents of eligible students will receive an invitation in the mail for their child to attend the upcoming September Summer School. Timelines are short and parents should complete the enclosed Consent Form and return it to the school office by Friday 21 August if they would like their child to participate.

Further information about Summer Schools can be found at: [www.education.qld.gov.au/summerschools](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/summerschools)

## Health Room

At times, students may require First Aid or become ill at school. Staff who are rostered on duty in our Health Room are able to support our students when such situations arise and make the necessary arrangements for the student to be collected by a parent where required. For your information, staff who undertake duties in our Health Room are not nurses but do have First Aid qualifications. If students are ill they should be kept home.

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## Visit by Channel 7 Weather Team

Our Year 3 classes have been studying weather and invited the Channel 7 Weather Team to visit our school as part of their program. Last Friday, there was great excitement as the Channel 7 helicopter landed on the school oval. Presentations and aspects of our school were filmed and these were included in the "School of the Week" segment of the Channel 7 news and weather on Friday evening.

Our special visitors spoke very positively about our school and congratulated our students on their participation. Well done everyone!

## Australian Youth Choir Visit

An Australian Youth Choir representative will visit our school this Wednesday 19 August. During a short visit to classes, a singing activity will be conducted and an information letter provided for the students to take home to parents. This letter will outline details for parents who may be interested in arranging an audition for their child to participate in the choir.

## School Photographs

Our school photographs will take place on Wednesday 26 August and Thursday 27 August and documentation has already been provided in preparation for this school activity. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to have a lifelong memento of their school life here at Coomera. Envelopes with payment are to be sent with students on the day the photos are to be taken, as teachers and office staff do not handle photo money, the company itself will collect directly from students.

## Upcoming Show Holiday

Our school will be closed on Friday 28 August as this is our school's nominated Show Holiday for the Gold Coast Show.

## Parent –Teacher Interviews

In line with Education Queensland's reporting requirements, each year we are to offer two opportunities for parent teacher interviews as well as two written student reports. This semester, we will again offer parent teacher interviews towards the end of Term 3 and early Term 4. Written student reports will again be provided at the end of Semester 2. While parents and teachers may communicate regularly throughout the school year, providing information about student progress via interview or written report is beneficial. Teachers will be advising details of interview arrangements shortly. I encourage all parents to take the opportunity to meet with teachers as this enhances the positive relationship between parents and teachers and helps lay the foundation for ongoing student success.

## "Dream A Better World" Film Festival – 6 September

Our school hosts "Dream A Better World", an Australian Primary Schools' Film Festival. A tremendous amount of work has already gone into the organisation of this year's event which will be held at the Dreamworld Studios on Sunday 6 September commencing at 6:30 pm. This year, our school's recent JRock entry will be presented as part of the evening's entertainment. You are invited to come along and enjoy the film festival, and then have fun at Dreamworld by night. Selected Dreamworld rides and attractions will be in operation from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase.

Tickets, at a cost of \$14, are available from the finance window at the office on regular money collection days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8:15 am and 9:30 am or through internet banking. A small flyer outlining details was recently issued to students. This event is usually sold out and so to ensure you don't miss out, please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. This is a non profit event for our school and profits are donated to a registered children's charity.

## Student Behaviour on Buses

A considerable number of our students travel to and from school on buses and from time to time the behaviour of a few of these students can be of concern despite regular discussion and issuing of breaches of the Bus Code of Conduct. Student behaviour expectations when travelling on buses has recently been revisited with students and information about the Bus Code of Conduct advised. Safety is our priority and school staff will continue to work with the local bus company where required to address behaviour issues. I seek the support of our parents as we address this important safety issue. Further information, including the Bus Code of Conduct can be found in the Assistance and Services section of the Department of Transport website:

<http://www.transport.qld.gov.au>

## Lost Property Reminder

There are a considerable number of items in lost property at the moment, especially school jackets. No doubt the cool mornings and warmer days have contributed to this. While a number of items have been collected recently, please remind students of any items which they may have lost so they can check the lost property container located near the school office. It is very helpful indeed if items are named as this makes it much easier to return items if lost.

## How many students at Coomera in 2010?

With our current school facilities at capacity, we are already looking towards 2010 and planning for the possibility of a further increase in student enrolments. This may require additional classroom facilities. To assist with this future planning, it is important that we know the approximate number of students who will be attending our school next year. If students will not be returning in the new year (other than our current Year 7 students), please advise the school office as soon as possible. If you know of any families who intend enrolling their children at our school from the beginning of next year, please advise them, also, to contact our school office (Ph: 5519 6333) so that contact details can be recorded in preparation for enrolment interviews later in the year. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations and best wishes to Bradley W who has been selected in the Queensland School Sport 10 – 12 Years Cross Country team to compete in the School Sport Australia Cross Country Championships to be held in Nowra, New South Wales from 28 – 31 August.

Congratulations and best wishes also to Jin O who has been invited to be a member of the Queensland School Sport 12 years and under Golf Team to participate in the School Sport Australia 12 years and under Golf Championship to be held in Rosebud, Victoria 8-12 November.

## Upcoming Dates for Term 3:

| August |   |
|--------|---|
| 15     | LOTE Speech Competition, Griffith Uni   |
| 17     | District Athletics  |
| 18     | District Athletics<br>Cupcakes against cruelty to animals (Prep)                              |
| 19     | Australian Youth Choir Info Visit<br>Learn to be safe with Emmy Program (Year 1)              |
| 21     | Prep KU Circus (TBC)  |
| 26     | School Photographs<br>Year 2 Fire Safety House<br>Learn to be safe with Emmy Program (Year 1) |
| 27     | School Photographs  |

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| 28 | Gold Coast Show Holiday /Tournament of Minds |
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| September |  |
|-----------|--|
| 31        | Aug – 4 Sept: Wipe Out Waste Van Visit   |
| 2         | Learn to be safe with Emmy Program (Year 1)  |
| 3         | Annual Athletics Carnival – SWD Prep Community Helpers Day                         |
| 6         | (Sun): "Dream A Better World" Film Festival  |
| 8         | Yr 4 Tallebudgera Excursion  |
| 9         | Yr 6 Tallebudgera Excursion<br>Yr 5 Camp, Mebbin Springs, NSW<br>Chess Competition |
| 10        | Yr 5 Camp, Mebbin Springs, NSW   |
| 11        | Yr 5 Camp, Mebbin Springs, NSW<br>Year 1 Grandparents Day: 9:30 am – 11:00 am      |
| 15        | Lower "Student of Term" Assembly   |
| 16        | Upper "Student of Term" Assembly   |
| 18        | Reward Sessions<br>Last Day of Term 3  |

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

## SEP News

### Information from Autism Gold Coast Inc

Free training for Parents and Carers "Long live the Carer"  
Monday 31 August 2009  
Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm

Venue- Southport Australian Rules Football Club cnr Musgrave and Olsen Ave, Southport. Closing date for registration- 14 August. For further information contact 1800 851 848.

Trivia night – Raising money for Special Olympics for Gold Coast athletes attending the National Games held in Adelaide, April 2010.

Saturday 29 August, 2009 7-10pm @ Caningeraba SS Hall, Whistler Dr, Burleigh Waters. Cost is \$10 per person  
RSVP Cheryl Haack 5533 2449 or Robin Dredge 5530 5919.

The monthly Evening Coffee 'n Chat meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7- 9pm on the 19 August 2009. Guest speaker: Shannon O'Brien, Autism QLD: Sibling Issues information session.

Mothers Weekend Away – 9-11 October. Places are filling fast so please get your payment in to secure your place on this great weekend away. Please see Julie Hall for a registration form.

Support Group for Partners of Apsies – Friday 21 August @7pm. Please phone Tricia on 0413 085 174.

Coming to the Gold Coast Arts Centre on Thursday 20 August, the film "ADAM".

"I thoroughly endorse the film "ADAM" for the accurate portrayal of a young man with Asperger's Syndrome. The storyline is credible, informative and entertaining. I was enchanted by this film". Professor Tony Attwood, Specialist in Autism Spectrum Disorder and Asperger's Syndrome.

## Bedwetting

The Bedwetting institute have designed an effective program that addresses the causes of bedwetting and offers a practical and achievable method of curing the problem.

A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website [www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au](http://www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au) or phone 1300 135 796.

## Vikings Futsal Association (5-a-side Indoor Football) Sign on Days

Sign On's for the 2009/2010 Futsal Season:

### Musgrave Futsal Club

**When:** 16th, 23th & 29th of August 2009

**Where:** Musgrave Football Club

**Address:** Musgrave Ave, Labrador

**Time:** 9am to 1pm

### Tweed Heads Futsal Club

**When:** 15th, 22th of August 2009

**Where:** Salvation Army Stadium

**Address:** Cnr Leisure & Woodlands Drive Banora Point

**Time:** 9am to 12pm

For more information please contact:

Felipe Amorim

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## 2009 District Athletics

Congratulations, to the following students who reached qualifying standards to participate in the 2009 District Athletics. This event is held over two days, 17th and 18th August at the Griffith University Athletics Track, Parklands. Good Luck Competitors!

| 13 yr old        | 12 yr old    | 12 yr old      |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>BOYS</b>      | <b>BOYS</b>  | <b>GIRLS</b>   |
| Jaime R 7GC      | Brodie C 7GC | Crisilla S 7BF |
| Jordan R 7GC     | Ethan F 7GC  | Lucy T 7SL     |
| Jesse Porter 7GC | Blake J 7SL  | Hannah D 7BF   |
| Jayden T A 7SL   | Matoa B 7SL  |                |

| 11 yr old      | 10 yr old     |
|----------------|---------------|
| <b>BOYS</b>    | <b>BOYS</b>   |
| Jedd G 6JS     | Dominic D 5RJ |
| Aaron Toms 6JM | Bradley W 5DC |
| Ethan J 6JS    | Kai E 5MH     |
|                | Lachlan A 5NW |

| 11 yr old      | 11 yr old    |
|----------------|--------------|
| <b>GIRLS</b>   | <b>GIRLS</b> |
| Atiya L C 6JM  | Vai L 5MH    |
| Shannon G 6JM  | Zoe W 5DC    |
| Samantha D 6JM | Kyia B 5MH   |
| Jessie O R 6JS |              |

# Upper Coomera State College Excellence and Specialist Selection Programs

Upper Coomera State College offers exciting, dynamic and innovative Excellence and Specialist Selection Programs that cater for individual student achievement and development. The College currently has 4 specialist programs available from P-12. These are Honours, High Performance Sport, Music and Boys Education.

## Honours

**School Contact: Rebecca Sochanik rsoch1@eq.edu.au**

The Upper Coomera State College Honours Program is a high performance academic program for students who show ability, initiative and a strong commitment to academic success. In return, these students are provided with an innovative extension curriculum, fantastic resources and opportunities and an experienced and committed teaching team.

The aim of the program is to provide these students with a challenging environment with like minded students that will enhance their academic abilities. The Honours Program has classes from Year 6 through to Year 10, and aims each year to develop student performance and support academic achievement.

Students in the program will engage in the same curriculum as mainstream classes, however, Honours Students will participate in a minimum of one Extension Program each semester in English, Maths, Science or Trans-Disciplinary Studies (SOSE, Arts, Technology).

The program will be supported not only by UCSC staff, but also by experts and mentors from industry and the community ensuring Honours Students are exposed to, and supported by a relevant, engaging and meaningful curriculum program.

Honours Students have the opportunity to participate in a range of extra-curricular opportunities including state and national academic competitions, workshops and programs run by the Queensland Academies and Queensland Association of Gifted and Talented Children (QAGTC), as well as exclusive access to a range of UCSC resources.

## High Performance Sport

**School Contact: Nick Alidenes nolid1@eq.edu.au**

Upper Coomera State College has developed this program for a select group of students, whose sporting ability and drive to succeed is matched by a high level sporting curriculum, delivered within the Jakaara Middle School.

The aim of the program is to provide these students with a learning environment, across a number of Key Learning Areas that will enhance their sporting capabilities. Successful students will enter the program at the beginning of Year 8 and remain together until the end of Year 9.

Students in the program will participate in both theory and practical lessons that will enhance performance in their chosen sport as well as setting them up for further sport based study in our Senior School.

The program will utilise both the knowledge and skill of current staff as well as expert coaches and mentors to deliver the highest quality curriculum possible.

## Music Excellence

**School Contact: Pettina Dargusch pdarg3@eq.edu.au**

The Music Excellence Program at Upper Coomera State College is for a select group of students who have the opportunity to commence or continue learning a brass or woodwind instrument as an integrated part of their mainstream curriculum program.

Students in the program are grouped together for Pathways (pastoral program), as well as for SOSE, Arts and Technology. Within their Key Learning Area studies, students undertake instrumental lessons in the latest UCSC performing arts facilities.

Students enter the program in Year 7 and continue on into Year 8 and Year 9 as a cohort. In 2010, the program's second year, our first group will continue into Year 8 (with some spaces still currently available), and our Year 7 group will be selected for the program for the first time.

The aim of this program is to encourage and support students in their instrumental studies, and to provide them with a range of performance opportunities including local eisteddfods, music jamborees, advanced camp, Australian academy of Music Festival and much more.

The future of this program is both exciting and challenging as students develop skills to perform in a musical ensemble, and lay the foundations for a bright and successful future in the world of music.

## Boys Education

**School Contact: Luke Higgins lhigg21@eq.edu.au**

The Boys Education Program at Upper Coomera State College offers our students the opportunity to pursue outcomes which best suit their educational needs. Running across both Junior and Middle schools from Years 5-9, the Upper Coomera State College Boys Education Program utilises national and international research supporting the facilitation of same gender classes in order to obtain elevated educational and social goals for adolescent boys.

Within this program, students can benefit from an inclusive educational environment in, and beyond the classroom, with less distractions and greater opportunities to bond socially and emotionally with their peers. At UCSC, we have found that boys are far more inclined to participate in communicative and expressive behaviours such as the Arts, Dance and writing within the non threatening environments that are cultivated within this program. Participants engage in the same curriculum as mainstream students and are still afforded the opportunity to study within a co-educational environment in a variety of subjects. English and Maths, both core subjects, are delivered in conventional 'mixed' classes, as well as their elective choices in the afternoons.

The boys' classes also participate in a range of extra curricular bonding and fund raising activities such as mountain climbing, beach activities and the Kokoda 48km Challenge. In 2009, the Year 9 Boys Class raised over \$1000 and placed 2nd in this gruelling event.

In Boys Education, we aim to nurture and support our students and where necessary modify the educational and social environment to best suit the individual learning needs of all of the participants in our program.

Applications for placement in 2010 are now available from the relevant school contact, or can be downloaded from our College website [www.uppercoomerasc.eq.edu.au](http://www.uppercoomerasc.eq.edu.au). Applications for all programs will be due on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, and places for 2010 will be offered to successful applicants from October 21, 2009. To find out more about these exciting specialist opportunities, again, please contact the relevant school contact or visit our College website.

## Lexile and Mathletics Awards

### Lexile Awards – Week 4

#### 10 Points

Annette T. 1KD  
Logan G. 5MH

#### 25 Points

Dakota V. 3SC  
Daniel D. 4CS

## Mathletics (Silver) – Week 4

### Junior

Boddie A. 1CB  
 Jacob I. 1CB (GOLD)  
 Alexandra S. 1CB (GOLD)  
 Lexie S. 1KC  
 Jordan T. 2ML  
 Carolyn R. 3MB  
 Bella M. 3NG  
 Madison N. 3NH  
 Dylan N. PrepCK  
 Finn B. PrepGD  
 Samuel G. PrepMS

### Senior

Kinsey M. 4CS  
 Lucy M. 4CS  
 Shannen F. 4HK  
 Tavis R. 4NM  
 Sophie A. 5MH  
 Gabrielle R. 6AW  
 Samantha D. 6JM

## Lexile Awards – Week 3

### 10 Points

Ashleigh W. 3KV  
 Joshua B. 4CS  
 Harry H. 4CS  
 Kai W. 4CS  
 Lucy M. 4CS  
 Paul N. 4CS  
 Sophie A. 5MH

### 25 Points

Jacob I. 1CB  
 Tina H. 3KW  
 Brock T. 3KW  
 Caitlin D. 3KW  
 Siahna C. 3KV  
 Kai W. 4CS  
 Harry H. 4CS  
 Zali T. 4NM  
 James B. 4NM  
 Joshua B. 4CS  
 William M. 4CS

### 50 Points

Liana B. 4NM  
 Harry H. 4CS  
 William M. 4CS

### 100 Points

Kloe H. 6KM

### 150 Points

Irene H. 6JM

### 200 Points

Joshua M. 6AW

## Mathletics (Silver) – Week 3

### Junior

Lily M. PKU  
 Tyla S. PKP  
 Kegan M. PMS  
 Courtney W. 1JE  
 Tori B. 2JL (GOLD)  
 Isis M. 2JL  
 Jeremiah M. 2KF (GOLD)  
 Campbell K. 2ML  
 Cooper W. 2SC  
 Shwetha J. 3KV  
 Taiya H. 3NG  
 Samuel W. 3NH  
 Dylan M. 3NH  
 Christian H. 3SC

### Senior

Nicholas L. 4CS

Ben B. 4HK  
 Sam M. 4HK  
 Ashleigh H. 4HK (GOLD)  
 Tiesha M. 4HK  
 James B. 4NM  
 Michael A. 4NM  
 Jordan M. 4RH

## Student Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Week 4 and 5.

| Class Awards – Week 4            | Junior | Senior            |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| <b>Class of the week</b>         | 3NG    | 7BF               |
| <b>Tidy Class</b>                | 3NH    | 7SL               |
| <b>Tuckshop</b>                  | 3KW    | 7GC               |
| <b>Peer Mediator of the Week</b> |        | Kade K & Joshua M |

| Class Awards – Week 5            | Junior  | Senior |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|
| <b>Class of the week</b>         | 2JL     | 4HK    |
| <b>Tidy Class</b>                | Prep MS | 4CS    |
| <b>Tuckshop</b>                  | 2/3SC   | 4RH    |
| <b>Peer Mediator of the Week</b> |         |        |

| Junior | Week 4      |
|--------|-------------|
| PMS    | Jade S      |
| PKU    | Jadzeah H   |
| PKP    | Bailee G    |
| PCK    | Karlson C   |
| PGD    | Bradley H   |
| PST    | Rickechei D |
| 1DB    | Jordan V    |
| 1KC    | Tyson D     |
| 1CB    | Lilly S     |
| 1KD    | Karla N     |
| 1JE    | Kiahn J     |
| 2ML    | Caley W     |
| 2KF    | Paige H     |
| 2JL    | Bryson T    |
| 2/3SC  | Cooper G    |
| 3NH    |             |
| 3KW    | Corey P     |
| 3MB    | Jazmine K   |
| 3KV    | Jai P       |
| 3NG    | Cameron R   |

| Junior | Week 5     |
|--------|------------|
| PMS    | Joshua W   |
| PKU    | Thomas G   |
| PKP    | Joseph F   |
| PCK    | Jessica S  |
| PGD    | Shania G   |
| 1DB    | Jeremy C   |
| 1KC    | Lexie S    |
| 1CB    | Jacob I    |
| 1KD    | Alistair M |
| 1JE    | Mia C      |
| 2ML    | Brock G    |
| 2KF    | Micah P    |

|       |               |
|-------|---------------|
| 2JL   | Sophia C      |
| 2/3SC | Cooper G      |
| 3KW   | Christopher P |
| 3MB   | Luke S        |
| 3KV   | Kyle D        |
| 3NG   | Rachael N     |

| Junior | Week 4               |
|--------|----------------------|
| 4CS    | Molly G              |
| 4HK    | Ashleigh H           |
| 4NM    | Michael A            |
| 5DC    | Ajay R               |
| 5RJ    | Connor W & Rachael G |
| 6JM    | Molly M & Liam N     |

| Junior | Week 5                     |
|--------|----------------------------|
| 4CS    | Olivia C                   |
| 4HK    | Makeely A                  |
| 4NM    | Liana B                    |
| 4RH    | Carley L                   |
| 5DC    | Cailie G                   |
| 5MH    | Jenna J                    |
| 6KM    | Will U & Chelsea C         |
| 7GC    | Jordyn W, Ben F & Hannah D |
| 7SL    | Bryce & Kayla H            |

## School Swimming Information for Term 4

This year the swimming school will be run in Term 4. The format will be a little different to previous years. Instead of running one day each week for eight weeks it will take place from week 8, 23rd November and students will swim everyday for 9 consecutive days until the 3rd December. On the 4th December the swimming block will culminate with a fun day for junior school and a swimming carnival for seniors. Students will be able to choose lessons plus the culminating day or just to participate in the culminating activities. More information will follow at the beginning of Term 4.

## Office Reminders

### School Resource and Class Contribution Scheme

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their resource scheme and class contribution scheme. **Fees are now due** and we will be sending statements as a reminder to all parents who are still yet to make payment in the near future. Please be aware that parents not wishing to participate in the schemes or are having financial difficulty need to make an appointment with the Principal to discuss further.

### Student Contact Details

It is very important that contact details, medical information and emergency contacts be accurate so that school staff is able to contact you in case of emergency and know how to best support your child.

If you have any details that change throughout the year please contact the office to ensure your child's records are accurate.

### Student Absentee Line

The student absence line is 5519 6360. Please call this number when your child is going to be absent from school. This is recorded and provided to the teacher for roll marking purposes and their records.

## Finance Window

Please be advised that the Finance Window is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8:15am – 9:30am for parents and 8:15am – 8:45am for students. These are the **only** collection times available to accept cash, cheque, money order or debit card. For safety and security reasons the office and teachers will not be collecting or storing money provided outside of the allocated times under any circumstances.

Due to administrative processes, money will also **not be** collected in the last week of each term. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Internet Banking

Coomera State School is now offering an **internet banking option** for parents to pay fees, activities and excursions directly into the school's bank account. It is essential that activity details are included in the transaction identification section when you are processing your payment. These details will be advised at the time of activity notification from the class teacher. (E.g. Student Name: Class: Activity Code)

**Note: It will be essential that you enter the student name and not parent/caregiver name.**

If only a name is supplied with the payment and we can't determine which activity is being paid for, the amount will be applied against the oldest debt. If no information is supplied with the payment or we can't identify the information provided, the amount will be placed in a holding account.

As there is often a delay by a day or so between banking institutions before the payment shows up on our statement, it is important that you don't leave it until the due date to make the payment as it will miss the cut off.

Should you have difficulties with payment of fees, excursions or activities by the due dates, please contact the School Office so alternative arrangement can be negotiated.

The school's banking details are:

**BSB: 064-430 Account Number: 00090286  
Account Name: Coomera State School General Account**

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## Annual Gold Coast Speech Competition

On Saturday 15 August 2009, 17 students from Coomera State School competed in the annual Gold Coast Speech Competition held at Griffith University. Of those 17 students, 9 received a highly commended with Chanel N placed 5th and Kaitlyn W came in 1st place in their group. All students should be very proud of themselves and the way they represented our school.