



# Coomera Link

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## From The Principal's Desk

### Facilities Update

Tenders are currently being organised for our federally funded National School Pride Projects which include refurbishment of eight of our classrooms and front entrance upgrade incorporating a new pedestrian path and covered area to replace the existing aged structure. At this stage, most of this work is 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.

This week we will commence setting up our new Special Needs Building and we are very much looking forward to using these new facilities to support our programs for our students with disabilities.

At the end of last week, an initial planning meeting was held for our major building project funded by the federal government as part of its Building the Educational Revolution (BER) initiative. Our school will receive funding of \$3 000 000.00 for construction of a new library which will include a science and technology innovation centre and a hall. The meeting was attended by project managers, architects, Education Queensland facilities staff, Project Services staff and school representatives. Draft plans will be drawn up for further discussion. A range of testing and approvals will be obtained before construction commences. The proposed timelines for the project is for construction to commence in February next year with a planned completion date in September 2010. Will provide further information as it becomes available.

### 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 were selected through a departmentally provided random selection process to participate in the survey and our thanks go to our parents who took the time to complete the survey for us. Up to 120 students in Years 5 and 7 were 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.

### 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 have advised details of interview arrangements this week. 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.

### Congratulations to our Opti Minds Teams

Congratulations to our students who represented our school in the local Opti Minds Competition last weekend. Our students put in a fantastic effort in the various activities and our sincere thanks go to our families for their support for the competition and to Ms Kenyon for the time and effort she put in preparing our students for their successful participation in this event. Well done everyone!

### "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 gone into the organisation of this year's event which will be held at the Dreamworld Studios this 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.

### Visiting Music Students

A huge Thank You to the members of our school community who have very kindly offered to billet students from the visiting Marist Regional College Music Group from Burnie, Tasmanian for a few nights this week. As accommodation arrangements for the group changed unexpectedly at the last minute, your assistance, at short notice is very much appreciated.

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## 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.

## Prep Enrolments for 2010

We have a very good Prep Program here at Coomera and we are currently accepting enrolments for Prep for 2010. If you are interested in enrolling your child at our school to commence Prep next year, it would be appreciated if you could contact the school office (PH: 5519 6333) to make an appointment for an enrolment interview with a member of our Administration Team.

### Prep Enrolments 2010 – Birth dates 1/07/04 – 30/06/05

As stated in the Education Act 2006, the school requires evidence of your child's date of birth. Parents need to provide a certified copy of their child's birth certificate or bring the child's birth certificate to be sighted and copied by Administration on the day of interview.

## Class Allocations for 2010

While we are only heading towards the end of third term, we need to commence gathering additional information which will be of assistance in organising class groupings for our students in 2010. Therefore, I extend to parents / caregivers the opportunity to submit in writing any information about their child which Administration and staff may need to consider when organising 2010 class placements. Details should be labelled "In Confidence" and forwarded to the Principal by Friday 9 October. This information might focus, for example, on medical conditions, specific learning needs and even friendship groupings. As initial staffing arrangements for the 2010 school year will not be finalised until later in the year, it is inappropriate to suggest / request which teacher should or should not be allocated to your child. All available information will be considered to enable the best possible educational placements for all our students for the coming year.

## Upcoming Dates for Term 3:

### September

31 Aug - 3	Wipe out Waste Van visit
3	Annual Athletics Carnival – SWD
6	(Sun): "Dream A Better World" Film Festival
8	Year 4 Tallebudgera Excursion
9	Yr 6 Tallebudgera Excursion Yr 5 Camp, Mebbin Springs, NSW Chess Competition
10	Yr 5 Camp, Mebbin Springs, NSW
10	Prep KP Brisbane Airport Excursion
11	Yr 5 Camp, Mebbin Springs, NSW 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 Last Day of Term 3
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## Upcoming Dates for Term 4:

### October

5	(Mon): First day of Term 4
19	Student Free Day
24	Year 1 Farm Excursion
30	World Teachers' Day

### November

20	Year 2 Seaworld Excursion
23	Swimming Program Commences

### December

4	Swimming Carnival (Senior) Fun Day (Junior)
7	Year 7 Graduation at Upper Coomera State College

## Student Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Week 6 and 7.

Class Awards – Week 6	Junior
Class of the week	3NG
Tidy Class	1KC
Tuckshop	3KV

Class Awards – Week 7	Junior	Senior
Class of the week	Prep ST	5NW
Tidy Class	2/3SC	6JM
Peer Mediator of the Week		Kaitlyn W

Junior	Week 6
PMS	Verne S
PKU	Emily A
PKP	Nathan C
PCK	Emma F
PGD	Jenny J
PST	Anabella A
1DB	Gareth D
1KC	Zyah M
1CB	Blake J
1KD	Taylor N
1JE	Jett F
2KF	Lily E
2JL	Jessica W
2/3SC	Tayah P
3KW	Jaydan C
3MB	Breeznah T
3KV	Natalia J
3NG	Michael C

Junior	Week 7
PMS	Georgia R
PKU	Taylah M
PKP	Bailee G
PCK	Phoenix B

PGD	Taylan B
PST	Ben P
1DB	Phoebe Q
1KC	Brodyn G
1CB	Oli S
1KD	Brianna M
2ML	Jordan T
2KF	Gus O
2JL	Tori B
3NH	Serene K
3KW	Zikra I
3MB	Jon Pierre M
3KV	Ashleigh W
3NG	Gianella C

Senior	Week 7
4CS	Andres S
4HK	Thea R
4/5AS	Shanaya W & Jett A
5DC	Tahlia G
5NW	Lulu J & Liam T
7BF	Taya A & Jordan G

## Lexile and Mathletics Awards

### Lexile Awards Week 7

#### 10 Points

Ben D. 2/3SC  
Chevelle M. 5DC  
Hayden P. 4RH  
James M. 4RH  
Jordan M. 4RH

#### 25 Points

Jacob M. 3NG  
Karla D. 5DC  
Aaron T. 6JM

#### 50 Points

Reece C. 7SL

#### 100 Points

Harry H. 4CS

#### 500 Points

Lachlan M. 4AS

### Mathletics (Silver) Week 7

#### Junior

Sophia M.1CB  
Kira V. 1KD  
Alistair M. 1KD  
Deegan E. 2SC  
Faith L. 2SC  
Caleb M. 2SC  
Mitchell K. 2SC  
Jack S. 2SC  
Shay W. 2KF  
Kristylee W. 3KV 3  
Caty D. 3KW  
Corey P. 3KW GOLD  
Gianella C. 3NG  
Deen A. 3NH GOLD  
Jonas B.3NH  
Lachlan W. 3NH  
Rowan R. 3NH  
Luke A. PKU  
Annabel H. PCK  
Bella I. PKP

#### Senior

Clayton S. 4AS

Alana C. 4AS  
Kimberly W. 4AS  
Kaleb G. 4RH  
Emily G. 5DC  
Bradley W. 5DC  
Lucy C. 5DC  
Dylan L. 5RJ  
Joshua M. 6AW  
Cody H. 6JM  
Destiny W. 6JM  
Arav Y. 6JM  
Zachary L. 7SL

## Gold Coast North Track and Field Carnival

We would like to highlight the special efforts of the students who competed in the North District Athletic Carnival held over two days at the Griffith University Athletics Track at Parklands 17 and 18 August.

There were 33 schools which participated in the carnival, and these schools were split into A, B and C Divisions with Coomera State School in B Division this year.

The students competed within their Division and then had to qualify for the combined A, B, C division Championship Finals.

Our school team of 23 students were challenged by the best in the North Gold Coast District and they certainly enjoyed it! Many students extended their personal best times and improved their measured distances achieving personal goals as well as gaining lots of experience in their specific events.

Results are as follows:

### 13 Yrs Olds:

**Jaime R 7GC** - 3rd in 200m and 3rd in High Jump (1.31m)  
3rd in Relay event

**Jordan R 7GC** - 3rd in Relay event

### 12 Year Olds:

**Ethan F 7GC** - 1st in Shot Put 10.98m, 1st in Long Jump, 2nd in 100m, 3rd in Relay event

**Blake J 7SL** - 4th in 800m, 3rd in Relay event

**Matoa B 7SL** - 5th in High Jump

**Hannah D 7BF** - 4th in 200m, 3rd in 100m

### 11 Year Olds:

**Atiya LC 6JM** - 3rd in Shot Put 7.46m

**Aaron T 6JM** - 9th in 800m

**Jedd G 6JS** - 4th in 200m, 4th in 800m, 11th in 800m

**Shannon G 6JM** - 3rd in 100m, 4th in 100m Final

**Jessie O' 6JS** - 2nd in High Jump 1.21m, 5th in Shot Put

### 10 Year Olds:

**Lachlan Atkinson 5NW** - 1st in Shot Put 7.53m

**Vai L 5MH** - 3rd in High Jump, 4th in Relay event

**Zoe W 5DC** - 6th in 800m, 4th in 200m, 4th in 100m, 4th in Relay event.

**Bradley W 5DC** - 2nd in 800m, 2nd in 800m Championship

Great efforts from Kai E 5MH in High Jump, Dominic D 5RJ in 200m,100m and Relay, Samantha D 6JM in 800m, 100m and 4th in Relay, Lucy T 7SL in 200m, 800m, 100m, Relay and Brodie C 7GC in High Jump. Well done to the entire Team.

Congratulations to the following successful students who have been selected to represent the Gold Coast North District at the South Coast Regional Athletics Championships, Tuesday 1st September.

**Ethan F 7GC** - 12 Yrs Shot Put and Long Jump

**Jessie O 6JS** - 11 Yrs High Jump

**Vai L 5MH** - 10 Yrs High Jump

**Bradley W 5DC** -10 Yrs 800m

Many thanks to all the parents who assisted and supported these students and to our team Manager, Mr Matt Healy who kept the team happy and on time for all their events. Also a special thankyou to Mr Ken Matthews who volunteered his support and encouragement to the team over the two days of competition. We all appreciated your assistance.

## School Sport Australia and Australian Cross Country Championships

Willandra Cross Country Course in Nowra, NSW

Congratulations again to Bradley W 5DC who will be competing in the 2km loop at these Championships on Saturday 29 August. Well Done in qualifying for this event Bradley.

## Instrumental Music News

Congratulations to Atiya L (6KM), Brodhie J (6KM), Jarrod W (6KM) and Ethan C (5DC), some students involved in the Instrumental Music program, who have been invited to perform at the opening ceremony of the Australian Primary Principal Association National Conference at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. The opening ceremony on Tuesday 15th September 2009 will feature over 200 students from a large number of primary schools in choir, percussion, band, dance and drama. Each section has been taught and practised at school and then workshopped together before the performance.

Our Best Wishes go to these students and their Instrumental Music Teacher, Mrs Donna Futo.

## Tuckshop News

Meal Deal Days have been temporarily stopped. Please order from the main menu until further notice.

There is a NEW MENU being finalised, this should be ready very soon and will be available from the website, newsletter or tuckshop.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, Vanessa, Sarah, Kat, Elizabeth, Julie, Terri, Sarah E, Mr Rowher, Audrey and our fundraising ladies. Without these people things just wouldn't run smoothly. Thank you.

## Helensvale State High School Applications

Helensvale State High School is taking a second round of applications for Excellence Programmes which closes on Friday 11 September. Applications are currently available through the school's website [helensvaleshs@eq.edu.au](mailto:helensvaleshs@eq.edu.au)

There will be no late applications taken after this date and students wishing to attend Helensvale SHS may not be able to if they live outside the catchment area.

## P&C News

The P&C ran a Father's Day Raffle which the school community very strongly supported raising approximately \$1500 to go back into the school.

Congratulations to the winners of the Father's Day Raffle.

Ryley D 1KD  
Megan V 3NG  
Bryson T 2JL  
Sivarn O 3KW  
Oliver S 1CB  
Aiden S 3KV  
Ashleigh D 6KM  
Olivia H 3NH  
David R 3KV  
Renea B 3KV  
Connor M 1KC  
Emma F PCK

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**White Water World at Coomera**  
**Movie Stunt Experience at Nerang**  
**Adventure Parc at Mt Tamborine**  
**Paradise Jet Boating at Main Beach**  
**Funtime Slingshot at Surfers Paradise**  
**Skywalk at Mt Tamborine**  
**Ecopark Fishing World at Luscombe**  
**Dick Johnson Racing at Stapylton**  
**Zorb at Pimpama**  
**Helensvale Golf Club**  
**The Coffee Club at Helensvale Homeworld**  
**Brims Builder Hardware at Coomera**  
**Big Dad's Pies Homeworld Helensvale**

## Good Behaviour Certificate and Reward Activity

At the end of each term Good Behaviour Certificates are presented to students who have strived throughout the term to follow school behaviours, expectations and have consistently worked to the best of their ability, both in the classroom and playground environments. It is therefore expected that students who receive a Good Behaviour Certificate have not received any Orange and Red slips or have demonstrated consistent or remarkable improvement in their behaviour and attitude. Parents of students who have been issued with a Red or Orange Slip will have already been informed, after having sighted and signed the slips, however a follow up 'at risk' letter will be sent home with students who are 'at risk'. Parents are asked to sign this letter to acknowledge receipt. The purpose of this letter is to encourage students to take responsibility for their behaviour so together: parent, student and school we can assist the student make better choices and work towards achieving a Good Behaviour Certificate.

Good Behaviour Certificates for Term 3 will be handed out on Reward Day in the last week. Students who receive a Good Behaviour Certificate will be invited to participate in an exciting Picnic and Comedy in the Park. Students will be entertained with comedy acts whilst they enjoy a sausage sizzle with their friends. Get ready for loads of giggles and surprises!!!!

## 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.

## Last Minute Messages to Students

We understand that there are times when emergencies occur or circumstances change at the last minute for student pick up arrangements. Please be aware that it can be difficult for the office staff to get messages to students after 2.30pm, at such short notice. This can be due to classes not being in their classrooms etc. While every effort is made to ensure messages are received by students it cannot be guaranteed after 2.30pm. Please keep this in mind when arranging your child's schedule. Your understanding is appreciated.

## 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**

If you prefer not to use this method of payment you can still utilize the current methods available (credit/debit card, cash, cheque or money order). Credit card payments can be made over the phone; however, this can take several minutes as details are obtained. Alternatively, you will be able to complete a credit card payment advice that will be attached to the activity notification.

If you have any queries regarding the internet transfer process, please contact Ann Arthur (Business Services Manager) or Alissa Murphy (Administrative Officer) at the office for assistance.