4 September 2014

**Principal’s Report**

**Office Renovation**

The office renovation is progressing according to schedule. The transition to working in the health room for admin staff and the Bilinba Centre for myself and the deputy principals is working well.

**Fathers’ Day**

Thanks to all of the parents who volunteered their time to sell gifts to the students for fathers’ day on Sunday. I had some year three students enthusiastically showing me the glass skulls they bought their dads. I hope all of the fathers enjoy their day on Sunday.

**Wakakkirri**

Our students are looking fabulous in rehearsal for their finals performance next Tuesday.

**Photos**

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform for our photos.

Have a great week,

*Michael Roberts*

*Principal*

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**Student Weekly Awards**

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

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**Office News**

**Position Vacant**

**CLEANER – Coomera State School**

Permanent Part Time – 14.5 hours + ADO

Position Description and Work Profile are available from Coomera State School office or by contacting the Business Services Manager on aarth7@eq.edu.au
All applications must address the “How You will be Assessed” section of the Application Package.

Closing date: 10 September 2014

The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a “working with children check” as part of the employment screening process. Confirmation of employment is conditional upon the preferred applicant being issued with a “Suitability Card”. The Department of Education, Training and the Arts actively supports and encourages workforce diversity and equity.

Internet Payments

Unknown Bank of Queensland Customer – if you have made EFT payments recently and are yet to receive any receipts from school, can you please contact the office. Your payments have not been allocated to your child’s account as we are unable to identify who has made the payment.

It is very important that when you are making internet payments for school excursions please ALWAYS ensure you type in your child’s name and class, then if room permits the excursion code, in the reference section. Otherwise we will be unable to allocate payment against your child’s name and therefore your child may inadvertently miss out on attending an excursion.

Payments Due

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Payment Deadlines

Please be aware that payment deadlines will be strictly adhered to. This also applies if your child is sick or absent on the final day of payment. If you are unable to utilise the finance window on the last day of payment, you can still pay by the deadline via the following options;

- Provision of the printed acknowledgement page / remittance advice, with the date and time of the transfer, from your internet banking;
- Phoning the office and paying over the phone with credit card details.

If you are requiring an extension, please contact the office prior to payment deadline. Any payments received after the deadline, and do not have an approved extension granted by the office, will not be processed and will be returned home with your child. If payment has been made by EFT, a parent will be contacted to organise either a credit on your child’s account or a parent refund. Please be aware that parent refunds can take several weeks to process.

Student Absence Notification

In the event of your child being absent from school, please notify us by;

- Phoning the student absence line at any time on 5519 6360
- Emailing: StudentAbsences@coomerass.eq.edu.au
- Sending a note in with your child on the day he/she returns to school
- Seeing the class teacher or office staff member in person

Loading Zone for Drop-off and Pick-up of Children

We have at the immediate front of the school (Dreamworld Parkway) a designated Loading Zone for the purpose of dropping off and collecting children. This has been provided to assist families with a quick and easy option to deliver and collect children from the school. This area is the zone which runs parallel to the school fence and is clearly marked with special parking restrictions. The way that this operates is that people drive up to the front of the zone where they can drop off or collect children without stopping or getting out of your vehicle. This area is assisted by school staff in the afternoon who will call out your family name to bring your children to your car. Please note that you should not park or leave your vehicle in this area. It will be patrolled by officers from the QPS.

Families who wish to use this area can assist by having their family surname marked on a card placed in a conspicuous
place in front of the driver so that our staff can read and announce the name.

Parking Around the School

We have received a complaint from Surfside Buslines that parents are parking in the bus zone. We have been politely reminded to please keep this zone free from vehicles at all times.

Please note that there are parking restrictions denoted around the school through signage and also road markings. Families are advised to be very aware of these restrictions as this area is also regularly patrolled by the QPS in order to maintain road safety around the school. Our advice for good parking is to look for quieter parking spots further away from the school as there is easy access into the school along Dreamworld Parkway, Yaun Street, Beattie Road and Lorenzo Drive via an easement. The other option is to use the Loading Zone, as mentioned.

Please note that the QPS provides school patrols in the interest of the safety of children. You will find that ignorance of the signs or the fact that other drivers park in a certain place are not going to get you off a possible infringement notice. This is an unfortunate lesson learnt from others in the past. The other possible painful lesson to be aware of is that the fines around a school zone can be quite steep. The school seeks to have no families fined through making you aware of the existence of parking restrictions and patrols. The rest is up to you as a driver. Thank you for your assistance with this important safety consideration.

P&C News

School Banking

The winners for Week 6 were;
Banker of the Week: Nakita B 6D
Class of the Week: 1/2G

The winners for Week 7 were;
Banker of the Week: Sebastian S 4D
Class of the Week: Prep D

Well done to our winners and good luck to everyone next week.

Please remember that to keep school banking going we are in need of parent volunteers. If you are able to help out at all please come along on a Thursday morning. Children welcome.

Read-a-Thon

I hope that students have all enjoyed the read-a-thon, but it is now time to put down your books and collect all monies raised. Whether you have raised money or not please place all booklets (and monies) in the P & C Box in Admin, which is now located in the first aid room. We will be collecting booklets up until the 19th September (which is the last day of term) and winners will be announced at the whole school assembly in week 2 of term 3. Good luck.

Tuckshop News

If you order through Flexi schools, can you please make sure that your children are aware they are having tuckshop ordered, and which break it is for. There are many children that are confused whether they are having tuckshop and which break it is for.

We are also still in urgent need for volunteers in the tuckshop, whether you can give a whole day or an hour, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nicki in the Tuckshop on 5519 6317 if you are able to help.

Menus are available from the tuckshop, front office and also on our school website.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop operating hours will be as follows:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8.30am – 9.15am

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is operated by volunteers and therefore is subject to differing operating hours due to the availability of our volunteers.

The uniform shop has been made available to purchase from on FlexiSchools.

Go to: www.flexischools.com.au

You can select to have your items sent home via your child’s class or you can pick up from the shop during opening hours.

P & C Meeting

The next meeting is Monday 15th September at 6:30pm in the Bilinba centre. All welcome to attend.

Community News

Helping Hands Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for before school care starting at 6:30am, and after school care finishing at 6:15pm. Some of the fun activities we do on a weekly basis are cooking, sports, arts, dance and much, much more. Please contact Christine on 0459990651 or email coomera@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

Pimpama State Secondary College

Enrol Now for 2015!

Pimpama State Secondary College is offering the opportunity for students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 to enrol in 2015 to enrol at our College. All P&Cs are invited to:
- Start their enrolments at school or school enrolment schools from 1. A & 9.30am.
- Be part of our Early Learning program, whole day provision and additional support.
- Be taught by teachers committed to developing the unique abilities of your child.
- Have the opportunity to choose a path of excellence in Academic, Performing Arts and Design & Technology.

For more information visit our website www.pimpama.qld.edu.au or join us on Facebook "Pimpama State Secondary College".

Enrol now for 2015 to ensure your child is fully prepared for their high school journey.

"Pimpama State Secondary College offers a diverse range of programs and opportunities for academic, sports, performing arts, dance, visual arts, technology, entrepreneurship, and personal and social development. Contact our Admissions Team today!"
Spring School Holiday Camps

In the upcoming school holidays from September 20th-24th, 2014 Paradise Diving Club will be running two Holiday Dive Clinics which is open to all members of the community. There will be a 2 day weekend clinic being held on 20 & 21 September and a 3 day mid week clinic on 22, 23 & 24 September. This will create an outstanding opportunity to introduce the sport of diving to the Gold Coast. This presents a wonderful opportunity to come and learn a fantastic sport in a safe environment. It’s exciting, challenging and best of all fun!

In 2014, the new dive school term will commence on the 7th October. Come and try sessions are available if you wish to check out this sport of springboard and platform diving. A trampoline class will also be offered on Saturday mornings.

All lessons will be conducted at the brand new, world class Commonwealth games facility at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre in Southport. Springboard and Platform Diving is a growing sport of interest to many people and I encourage you to urge your children to pursue this sport over the coming summer months.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me. I have electronic flyers available with all the school holiday program information. Please request a copy if you are interested.

Please contact Kevin at kevvyhall1@gmail.com or on 0415787207.
Kansai Karate Academy

NEW KANSAI CUBS CLASSES
FOR AGES 3 - 5
Wednesday 5:15 - 5:45pm
Pimpama School of Arts
15 Clarks Way, Pimpama

SEPARATE CLASSES FOR
JUNIORS (6yrs+) & ADULTS

Saturday - Helensvale Scout Hall: Lot B Stepperton Rd, Helensvale
Juniors 8:30 - 9:15am
Adults 9:30 - 10:15am

Monday & Wednesday - Pimpama School of Arts:
15 Clarks Way, Pimpama
Juniors 6:00 - 6:45pm
Adults 7:00 - 7:45pm

2 FREE LESSONS!

ph: 0455 833 306
www.kansaikarategoldcoast.com.au

Hinterland Tennis Club

Hinterland Tennis Club is a non-profit club offering junior group session coaching. These sessions are $10 per 1hr lesson and include a Hot Shots sign-on and free racket. Each Friday afternoon is a Children's Competition from 4.00-5.30pm, with an entry fee of $5. For further information please contact the Hinterland Tennis Club on (07) 5596 0308.