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Principal's Report



Three –Way Learning Conferences

There are some subtle, yet important, changes to the parent-teacher meetings scheduled for this time of the year. These are now known as Three-Way Learning

Conferences as they involve the teacher or teachers, parent or parents and the student. We believe it is important to include the student as it is the student who has to do the learning.

Where possible, the student will lead a section of the learning conference explaining where they are up to with regards to their learning. This will enable a discussion about possible action to close the gap between where the student is and the learning goal. This recognises that there is plenty of learning time between now and the end of Semester and there is time to improve the possible outcome.

We have produced some short videos to give parents a feel for how these will work. These are available from Thursday 21 March via the following link <http://education.qld.gov.au/learningplace/> and please follow the instructions below;

- Click on Student space on right hand side
- Click on Early
- Under Access Keys on the right hand side type in the following A97746412

Photos this week are from the First Day of Prep – how far have these students come this term?



P&C News

Our P&C have commenced the year extraordinarily well with a number of big commitments announced at the last meeting. Firstly, they have made strong steps towards completing some upgrades to the Tuckshop. The committee are in the process of selecting an architect to design the upgrade and project manage the renovations. The tuckshop renovations will mean a possible relocation of the tuckshop to the Hall Kitchen at some stage during next term.

The P&C have also scheduled a great fundraising program for this year. As you can imagine, the upgrade to the Tuckshop will be a major undertaking. Please support the fundraising initiatives for the P&C this year. Currently underway is the tradition Easter Hamper raffle.

ICAS Testing

We have recently forwarded home ICAS forms for families to consider. A number of families and students have participated in ICAS testing in the past few years. These students will receive a detailed report as something to provide additional assistance in knowing how they are going.

At Coomera, we also include ICAS involvement as an extra-curricular activity on the student report. This information is also included on the Principal's Letter of Introduction which students can use for selective entry applications to secondary schools. Please return these forms to school before Easter to participate.

U/11 District Netball

Congratulations to Bailey!

Bailey S-M 6C has been selected to represent Gold Coast North District Netball at the upcoming South Coast Netball Trials on Tuesday 19 March.

Well Done!

Have a great week,

Chris McMillan
Principal

Coomera State School Weekly Awards

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

Class Awards – Week 6	PY - 1	2 - 4	5 - 7
Class of the week	PB	2A	5B
Citizenship	1A	3D	6B

Class Awards – Week 7	PY - 1	2 - 4	5 - 7
Class of the week	PD	4D	7A
Citizenship	PC	2C	5A

Class	Week 6	Week 7
PA		
PB	Elisha S	Maddie B
PC	Suvannah S	Zachary M
PD	Seth D	Renee P
PE	Joey A	Zak P
PF	Logan S	Peyton L
1A	Zachary B	Jayla R
1B	Bree M	Corben S
1C	Joshua T	Logan P
1D	Jack H	Felicity C
1E	Monty L	Julius V
1F	Isabella R	Liam S
2A	Elijah M	Liam C
2B	Katarina M	Ephraim W
2C	Maddi ON	Bailey M
2D	Jack W	Julian S
2E	Kayden C	Zac B
2F	Ayman Y & Moirah M	Ethan V
3A	Kirraley McD	Kaylah Y
3B	Keira A	Amber-Lee T
3C	Emily L	Maia I
3D	Charlie H	Grace M
3E	Jada R	Lilly C
3F	Azaria P	Breanna B
4A	Joshua W	Kalem F
4B	Haley A	Verne S & Bailee G
4C	Teegan S	Zoe F
4D	Tal T	Casey W & Tal T
4E	Luke A & Diavionne R	Sebastian H
5A	Jayda A & Steven L	Lili R & Jay H
5B	Cayla W	Deamo S & Jake G
5D	Bailey N & Jordyn D	
5/6E		
6/7F	Blake C & Tori B	Taylah W & Gloria L
6B	Jordan T	Thomas S
6C	Keely B	Claire W
7A	Nathan C & Zikra I	
7B	Jordan M	Zoe J
7C		
7D		

Easter Bonnet Parade

Students in Prep to Year 2 will be celebrating Easter with an Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 28th March, 2012. Parents and family are invited to join for our Easter Bonnet Parade that will be held at 2:00pm in the School Hall.

We ask that parents join in the experience by assisting their child in making a bonnet/hat/mask to wear at the parade. Students will display their creations and entertain us with some Easter songs as part of the festivity. We look forward to seeing you all at this presentation.

Mother's Day Classic

This year Coomera State School will be entering a team for the Mothers' Day Classic in support of raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research.

The Mother's Day Classic includes lots of extra activities for kids and adults. These include warm up aerobics, performers, food stands, free massages, entertainment plus a kids activity area with face painting and jumping castle.

Kids can enter the Mother's Day Classic to walk or run so long as they have permission from their parent or guardian. Kids who run the Mother's Day Classic and win in their age category will be sent a medallion after the event.

If you wish to join the Coomera team please contact team leader Hellen Milner via the office on 5519 6333 or via email hmiln17@eq.edu.au

For more information about this great event please visit the link below.

<http://mothersdayclassic.com.au/event/qld/gold-coast>

Community News

VIVA Soccer is coming to Coomera State School in Term 2, 2013

Viva Soccer are pleased to announce that we will be running an after school soccer program for boys and girls at Coomera State School starting in Term 2, 2013.

Our aim is to provide a fun, structured soccer coaching program following the new national curriculum designed by Football Federation Australia.

Our Ambassador, Craig Moore, Socceroos player, comments "The Viva Soccer Program provides an exciting experience for kids which makes learning this great game so much fun."

Term 2 Clinic

Duration:	8 weeks starting 24th April 2013
Time:	3.15pm – 4.30pm
Day:	Wednesday

Ages:	5 – 12 years old
Cost:	\$130.00 per child
Children receive:	Viva Soccer Shirt and a medal of participation

Prep – Year 1:	Monday 25 March
Year 2 – Year 4:	Tuesday 26 March
Year 5 – Year 7:	Thursday 28 March

Student reward sessions

Prep – Year 6:	Thursday 28 March
Year 7:	Wednesday 27 March

If you would like to register for this soccer program, please visit our website www.vivasoccer.com.au where you can apply and pay online. If you require further information, please call us on 1300 870 970 or email to sales@vivasoccer.com.au

Alternatively, if you would like to speak to our coach, please call Simon on 0434 897 664 or email coach1@vivasoccer.com.au

Places are limited so please book early.

Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Launch

You are invited to attend the historic unveiling of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games emblem during a fun-filled, early morning community event at Surfers Paradise Beach on Thursday, 4 April 2013.

The emblem launch will be held exactly five years out from the Opening Ceremony in 2018, and you're welcome to come along, show your pride and be part of the city's history.

Set against the Gold Coast's stunning, iconic backdrop, the launch will take place on Surfers Paradise Beach from 7.00am, with the 30-minute emblem unveiling ceremony and celebration commencing at 7.15am.

The emblem will symbolise to Australia and the world, the Gold Coast's distinct character and unique attributes, while highlighting the Commonwealth Games as one of the world's great international sports events.

The emblem will inspire athletes throughout Queensland, and across Australia, to win selection for a "home" Games and achieve the ultimate dream of winning a gold medal.

The Commonwealth Games emblem represents another important and exciting step towards the Gold Coast staging a great Games in a great city, leaving great memories and great benefits for all.

Apart from showcasing sport at its best and revealing new heroes, the Commonwealth Games will provide significant economic benefits, business and employment opportunities for the Gold Coast, and leave outstanding and enduring legacies.

Keep an eye and ear on local media for more details about the morning celebrations.

Visit: www.gc2018.com

Office reminders

Student of the Term Assemblies

Please note all parades are at 9am in the school hall.

Kokoda Disco

When:	Friday 22 March
Prep:	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Year 1 – Year 3:	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Year 4 – Year 7:	5.00pm – 6.30pm

Please note that the office is NOT collecting money for the disco. On the Friday students can pay outside the tuckshop before school and during lunch breaks and from 3pm outside the hall.

Spare copies of the disco note are available in the office.

ICAS forms

The last day for collection for ICAS forms is Thursday 28 March, so please return the form to the office as soon as possible.

Newsletter Online

Our school newsletter will be distributed fortnightly in 2013 and can be accessed via email or our school website.

The newsletter is produced through Schoolzine and you can subscribe to receive it via email through www.coomerass@eq.edu.au under newsletter. You can also view the newsletter on the Coomera State School website under the newsletter section

The office prints only a handful of copies that can be obtained from the office foyer. **Finance Window**

Student Resource Scheme

Payment is now due. There are 2 options for entering into the School Resource Scheme

Option 1 – To pay the sum equivalent to your student's year level and all items listed will be provided for your child

Option 2 – To not pay the sum but purchase all the items listed on the form before the end of Term 1. You will need to complete this part of the form and send to the Office and notify us when you have provided the teacher with these items.

Voluntary Financial Contribution

This scheme is voluntary and is a donation to the school to help us provide extra resources for our students.

Music Resource Scheme and Instrumental Hire

This must be paid upon entering into the program by completing the form provided to those students selected into the music program and paying at the Finance window or via internet before classes commence.

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.

REMINDER: FINANCE WINDOW IS NOT OPEN FOR CASH AND EFTPOS PAYMENTS IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM.

Internet Banking

Coomera State School offers 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 well in advance of the payment due date.

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 Jodie Warrie (Administrative Officer) at the office for assistance.

STOP PRESS: PLEASE BE AWARE WHEN MAKING PAYMENTS FOR UNIFORMS OR TUCKSHOP THAT INTERNET BANKING DETAILS ARE DIFFERENT TO THE SCHOOL'S INTERNET BANKING DETAILS.