14 August 2013

Principal's Report

Scholarship Successes

We received great news for some of our Year 7 students who have been awarded scholarships into Helensvale SHS. Five of the six scholarships awarded for Helensvale SHS have been awarded to students from Coomera SS. It is a great achievement for our students who increasingly are showing many successes as they move to secondary schooling.

Wakakirri Finals

We now know that we have progressed through to the next stage in the Brisbane Finals which is an incredible and much deserved achievement. Well done to the Wakakirri Team! The finals will be held on Friday 13 September at the Logan Entertainment Centre commencing at 7:15pm.

Assemblies this Week

We are holding sector assemblies early this week to celebrate and recognise the achievement of our students at the school during the first half of Term 3. Celebration of student achievement occurs at a number of levels throughout the school. Student recognition occurs in the classroom, through the newsletter and via assemblies. We are implementing a new format for assemblies and as part of that change we want to ensure that students continue to be recognised for their achievements at school. I congratulate the many students who will be recognised this week.

Dates to Note

We have some upcoming dates for the remainder of this month.

- 18 August – Japanese Speech Contest
- 24 August – Somerset Festival of Young Performers
- 27 – 29 August – P&C Fathers’ Day Stall
- 30 August – Gold Coast Show Public Holiday

Show Time

I remind our families that school continues as usual each day this week throughout the Brisbane Ekka.

Student Weekly Awards

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

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### Office News and Reminders

#### Payments Due

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<td>Mana – Spirit of Polynesia Performance – Year 3</td>
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#### School notes

Parents should have received a named envelope containing some important information:

- Student cards
- State School Consent Form
- Debtor statements for any relevant outstanding payments and also any relevant credit notes
- School photo envelopes (to be brought in the day of photos).

We ask that you carefully read all the information and return all necessary paperwork and payments by the dates listed. If you are missing any paperwork as listed above please contact administration.

#### School Photo Envelopes

Please do not send photo money envelopes to administration as they are to be handed in on the day of photos to the photography company. Any photo envelopes that are sent to the office will be returned home with the student.
School Opinion Survey

The annual School Opinion Survey has been occurring in our school. The Parent/Caregiver Survey has been sent home to randomly selected families, and can be completed online or using the paper form sent home.

A big thank you those of you that have already completed the survey, and this is a reminder to other survey participants to please complete their surveys to ensure your opinion is included in our schools’ reports, which we will receive later this year.

Lost Property

We ask that parents please check your children’s jumpers to actually ensure that it belongs to your child. If by chance you do have a jumper that does not belong to your child, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

Student Council News

Coomera’s Got Talent

Thank you to all students who participated in this year’s Coomera’s Got Talent class and year level auditions. It was lovely to see the children showing off their hidden talents to their peers and teachers!

For parents wanting to come and watch the finals the schedule is as follows:

Week 7:
- Monday 19th Jnr. Final P- year 3
- Tuesday 20th Snr. Final Year 4- year 7
- Wednesday 21st Coomera’s Got Talent Grand Final

All finals will be held in the School Hall with all finals commencing at 1:40pm.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing many of you there,

Hayley King and Kerry Underwood

P&C and Tuckshop News

All Entertainment books should have either been returned or purchased, if you haven’t done so please do so immediately.

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.

The Tuckshop refurbishment is still underway. Taking a little longer than anticipated, hopefully it will be finalised by the end of the month.

Temporary Tuckshop Menu

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<td>Jam or Vegemite Sandwich</td>
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<td>Cheese Sandwich</td>
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No Frozen Items (Fruity ice, TNT etc.), No Muffins, No Cookies will be available

Community News

DRIVING NEAR SCHOOLS/SCHOOL ZONES

As parents and carers, you can set a good example for your children on how to be safe as a passenger, pedestrian, cyclist and driver by pointing out traffic signs and signals and explain what they mean. You can also talk about safer places to cross the road – such as at pedestrian (zebra) crossings.
Another way to set a good example for your children is by being calm when travelling, not yelling or showing aggressive driving behaviours such as tailgating or dangerous overtaking manoeuvres.

Remember children can be unpredictable so always slow down around schools and display courtesy to other drivers to keep our children safe.

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STUDIO VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Bringing Up Great Kids Parent Course

A reflective parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation
A four session program for parents and carers.

At Studio Village Community Centre
87 Village Way Studio Village/Oxenford
Tuesdays 9:30am to 12:30pm
Starting 27 AUGUST 2013

• Learn more about the origins of your parenting style and how it can be more effective
• Identify the important messages you want to convey to your children and how to achieve this
• Understand the messages that children communicate to their parents and how…. And much more….

For more information contact Nikki
phone: 5529 8253 email: family@studiovillage.com.au

Village Family Support Program is funded by the Department of Communities

UPPER COOMERA STATE COLLEGE SIGNATURE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN

This includes:

• Year 7-10 Honours;
• Year 7-9 High Performance Sport;
• Year 8 Creative Arts.

To apply for any of these programs you need to complete the full application package which can be found on the school website under Our Students or Enrolments - "Signature Programs".

All applications close on FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST (end of Week 6). Applications will not be considered after this date.

All application packages need to be addressed to KATRINA RYAN and can be sent to or dropped off at the main administration building.
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CITY OF GOLD COAST UPPER COOMERA BRANCH LIBRARY?

Children's Book Week 2013

Get your words out! Gold Coast kids can write a story or poem and be in the running to win an iPad, in the 'Words out' creative writing competition.

Children who are Gold Coast residents can enter in one of two categories: 11 years old and under; and 12 to 17 years old. The winner of each age category will receive a new iPad!

Prizes have been generously donated by the Friends of the Library.

To enter, children should write an original story or poem of up to 1000 words inspired by the 2013 Children's Book Week theme: 'Across the universe'.

Include your name, age and contact details with your typed entry and drop it off at a Gold Coast branch library, or email it to lcs@goldcoast.qld.gov.au by 5pm, Friday 11 October.

Homework Help

Learn about online and print resources available at the Library to make homework easier. Homework Help is held every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 4 – 5 pm.

Wink, Blink, Think

After school games and activities for 6 – 12 year olds. Wink, Blink, Think is on every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 3.30 – 4.30 pm.

Coming soon….. these activities will be starting in September

Book bites reading club

Join a book club especially for kids! Hear what others are reading and share some of your favourite books. This book club is for 6 – 12 year olds.

Hype

For the teens, this session will be hands-on with trending technology, books, movies and tunes!

Creative writing club for teens

Fun games and exercises to help with the creative writing process

GOLD COAST SENIORS WEEK

As part of the Gold Coast Seniors Week we are inviting senior members of the community to come and have a hit at Woongoolba Tennis Club. We have players of all abilities. Enjoy the social atmosphere and meet some new friends.

- 25 August 2013
- 10am til 2pm

Complimentary Sausage Sizzle on the day.

In you are interested in playing or just having a go please contact Michael on 0421 795 608, or email us at Woongoolba.tennis@gmail.com

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