



# Coomera Link

~ Coomera State School ~

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## Principal's Report



### Planning for Year 7 transition to secondary school

Planning is well advanced to provide for our older students over the 2013-15 period. Here at Coomera, we will be catering for Year 7 students for two more years, after which Year 7s will be taught at secondary schools. During the transition

period, we will have some students who will be leaving at Year 6 to attend Pimpama State Secondary College for Year 7 as part of a pilot arrangement. This will occur during 2013 and 2014. We will continue to teach the Year 7 curriculum here at Coomera State School during the next two years. We have started planning to best provide the extra-curricular, leadership and 'end of primary school' type events to cater for students who continue to Year 7 here or move to Year 7 at Pimpama SSC or other options.

Our planning takes into consideration the following principles:

- Choice of location for Year 7
- Continuity of Year 7 curriculum here for 2013 and 2014
- Providing opportunities and recognition for both groups appropriately
- Recognition that the end of primary school is a significant milestone for young people

Year	Year 6	Year 7	End of the Year	Farewell recognition	Leadership and camps
2012	Year 6 curriculum provided at Coomera SS	Year 7 curriculum provided at Coomera SS	Year 7s leave and some Year 6s to Pilot programs	Recognition for Year 7s with acknowledgement of Year 6s	Focused on Year 7 as end of primary school
2013				Provision for both	Transition arrangements
2014			All Year 7s and all Year 6s leave to Secondary School	Function for both Year 6 and 7	
2015 and beyond	Year 7 curriculum provided at secondary school	Year 7 curriculum provided at secondary school	Year 6s leave for secondary school	Year 6 function	Year 5 into Year 6

Planning is currently being finalised with regards to the final details of the transition arrangements but they will be based upon the above.

### Year 6 leadership camp

Our Year 6s will be attending their Leadership day camp at Tallebudgera Beach School this week. This is a significant milestone for these students as they commence their leadership journey that will take them on to the end of their primary school. Whilst a visit to Tallebudgera Beach sounds like a great recreational and fun activity, all aspects of the program have important team building and leadership learning aspect.

I look forward to visiting the Year 6s at the camp to see how their program is progressing.

### School Disco

The second school disco is scheduled for this Friday evening. After the huge popularity of the first disco this year, we have split the disco sessions into three groups to provide an appropriate level of disco experience for the younger Prep and Year 1 students. The P&C will be sending home a flyer containing information and registration form for the disco. The very best way to ensure a quick entry into the disco will be to pre-purchase entry wristbands before school and during breaks on Friday. Students will only gain entry with the correct wrist band for their age group disco session.

Entry to the disco will be via the Beattie Road pedestrian entrance and exit. The designated disco area will include the Hall plus fenced off outside open area and food/drink area. Professional security officers will again be in attendance to look after the areas outside of the disco area and volunteer parents and staff will assist with supervision inside the disco area.

With three disco sessions and around 800 students expected, it is important that parents are in the school to collect their children in time for the end of each disco session. Parents or other designated adults will be required to come into the disco area and accompany their children to leave the disco at the conclusion of each disco session. Safety and security are a priority for the disco and with the numbers of children catered for, it is important that everyone plays their part in ensuring a smooth and pleasant evening.

### End of term

We have a number of special end of term events scheduled for next week at school. These include three student of the term assemblies and special reward sessions. Many individual classes also have other culminating activities. Please check class newsletters for special events and activities.

The hard copy Coomera Courier will be published next Wednesday.

Have a great week,

**Chris McMillan**  
Principal

## CSS News

### School Watch

Please keep an eye on the school over the Spring Vacation and report any suspicious activities to School Watch on 131788. Helping Hands Vacation Care will be using the site but no other unauthorised access is permitted to the school during this time and the Queensland Police Service will be patrolling the school.

### Responsible behaviour certificate and reward activity

At the end of each term Responsible 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 Responsible Behaviour Certificate have demonstrated consistent responsible behaviour, 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 Red or Orange Slips will have already been informed, after having sighted and signed the slips. All students are encouraged to take responsibility for their behaviour and continue to strive to make responsible, independent choices to work towards achieving a Responsible Behaviour Certificate.

Responsible Behaviour Certificates for Term 3 will be handed out on Wednesday 19th September 2012. Students who receive a Responsible Behaviour Certificate will be invited to participate in an entertaining session full of laughter to celebrate their consistent responsible behaviour choices.

Students have been provided with hints about the 'special guest' over the term at assembly. From their reaction, they are very excited about this upcoming Reward Session.

### School Sport Australia Touch Tournament.

Recently, announced Wilson G - 7C and Marama T - 6C were invited to represent Queensland in the 12yrs & Under Boys Touch Football and Girls Touch Football Teams. They will compete in many games over five days at the **School Sport Australia Touch Tournament**.

The Championships Venue is Whites Hill Sports Reserve, Camp Hill, **Brisbane** between Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November.

We will be pleased to hear how both Queensland boys and girls teams rank at the Nationals. Well done Wilson and Marama, this is a great achievement.

### Athletics: South Coast Regional Championships

Late August, eight students were selected to represent the Gold Coast North District at the South Coast Regional Athletics Championships. Well Done to these students for their amazing efforts on the day.

Alex R	200m 8th overall	30.77s
Lachlan M	800m 9th	2:30.77 mins
Lachlan M	3 rd Overall in Multi (Tetrathlon)	
	1st Shot Put	9.29m
	5th 100m Dash	14.29s
	5th Long Jump	4.26m
	2nd 800m	2:24.86 min

Wilson G	6th Long Jump	4.67m
Jack M	7th 800m	2:29.88 m
Santana R	2nd Discus	34.44m
	8th Shot Put	9.55m
Izaya L	1st Shot Put	11.32m
	1st Discus	29.42m
	2nd High Jump	1.35m
Izaya L	2nd Overall in Multi (Tetrathlon)	
	1st Shot Put	10.81m
	1st Long Jump	4.29m
	4th 100m Dash	14.8s
	5th 800m	3:06.26

Congratulations to Izaya L - 6B and Santana R - 7C who have successfully qualified to compete in their above preferred events at the State Track & Field Championships. This event is to be held in Cairns on Friday, October 19 & Saturday, October 20. What a great effort boys.

### Coomera Can Speak

We had a number of students compete in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod in the Speech and Drama sections, mainly in Poetry.

Competition was at a very high standard with students from both private and public schools performing. The students represented Coomera State School very well and achieved the following results:

Amber Storm V 4C Honours  
Megan V 6C Honours  
Jacob M 6C Highly Commended  
Tavis R 7D Highly Commended  
Hope P 6B Very Highly Commended  
Claire W 5C Second overall

A big thank you to all the parents and friends who dedicated so much time and effort to ensuring the 'performers' were ready with their poems and at the venue on time.

### Student Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Week 8 and 9.

Class Awards - Week 8	PY - 1	2 - 4	5 - 7
Class of the week	PE		7B
Citizenship	PD		7A

Class Awards - Week 9	PY - 1	2 - 4	5 - 7
Class of the week	PB		7C
Citizenship	1C		7D

Class	Week 8	Week 9
PA		Shante D
PB	Kody B & Brodie K	Henri P
PC	Harry	Lucas B
PD		Tyler T
PE		Isaac B
PF	Paige S	Olivia G
1A	Brianna T	Amani C
1B	Chevanna D	Ocean-Lee B

1C	Zane W	Katarina M
1D	James R	Conrad C
1E	Tyler B	Joshua G
1F	Ethan V	Kate H
2A	Jacob T	Breanna K & Jude L
2B	Charlie H	Jack T
2C	Bree S	David C
2D	Kaleb A	Thorne S
2E	Chad P	
2F	Jasper H	Blayde S
3A	Trinity W	
3B	Bailey F	Austin D
3C	Robert V	Brayden H
3D	Charlie G	Thomas F
3E	Lily M	
4A	Nikiah J	Veil W
4B	Dehlia R	Harrison F
4C	Nakitah B	Jeremy C
4D		Courtney H
5A	Faith L, Jordan W & Jessica W	
5B	Lily E & Tairone H	Nyah K & Jacob R
5C	Caitlin P	Caitlin P
6/7F	Jared S & Oscar G	
6B	Lilly G	
6C	Leticia & Laughlin	Lucy K
6D	Chloe A & James T	Kayne G & Flynn M
6E		
7A	Brodin	
7B	Nicola S	
7C		
7D		

- Find out about our fantastic curriculum programs and select 'elective' subjects for 2013.
- Enrolment packages can be collected on the night and completed packages can be handed in.
- Enrolment packages are available now from our main office or can be found at the Administration Office at your Primary School.

#### ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS:

- Monday 22nd October: 9am – 3pm
- Tuesday 23rd October: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- Wednesday 24th October: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- Come along, tell us about your child and how we can work together to create a great high school experience in 2013.
- Learn about Helensvale State High School first hand and meet key teachers and members of our administration.
- Help offered to complete the enrolment package if required.

For further information please call the Administration Office on 5573 8555.

## P&C and Tuckshop News

Next P&C Meeting: Monday 10th September, 6.30pm in the Library

Uniform shop is still seeking a volunteer for Friday mornings. The sports t-shirts have arrived, anyone wanting a sneak preview can pop into the uniform shop and have a look! Also, hairclips and hair ties in school colours are now stocked in the shop.

School Banking has another sign on day scheduled for Thursday 13th September. You don't need ID at this session as the school has student's details. Siblings that aren't at school yet are welcome to bank through the school too, however a birth certificate needs to be provided to open their accounts. We have also started drawing 'A banker of the Week' to not only remind parents to bank but so that the students see someone getting a prize for regular banking.

Our Father's Day Stall was a huge success. Hopefully our dads are happy with their presents. Thanks to all the helpers.

Upcoming Events – Friday 14th September Disco

## Community News

### Gold Coast Titans School Holiday Clinics

Friday 28th September  
Broadbeach State School

or  
Tuesday 2nd October  
Broadbeach State School

10am - 2pm. For boys and girls aged 5 – 12 years.

\$25 per child which includes full Rugby League Coaching Clinic taught by Titans Staff and Australian Rugby League Development Officers. Morning tea and lunch provided, player meet and greet, and a Gold Coast Titans Show bag!!

#### Booking details:

To book, phone or e-mail and provide children's names, ages and a contact mobile for a parent/caregiver and we will reply with a booking confirmation.

M: 0450 106 090 E: [titansbooking@live.com](mailto:titansbooking@live.com)

### Helensvale State High School

IMPORTANT DATES FOR STUDENTS and PARENTS YEAR 8 ENROLMENT PROCESS, 2013

#### INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

- Come and meet our new Principal, Mr Mark Blackshaw.