30 October 2012

Principal’s Report

Recognition of long service
As part of World Teachers’ Day, we had the opportunity to recognise some service milestones for teachers last Friday. It is remarkable to have in our presence, people who have great experience and wisdom. I congratulate all of our teachers for the important work that they do each and every day.

5 Years’ Milestone
Susie Cannon
Megan Harris
Catey Sommerlad
Amy Woodgate

10 Years’ Milestone
Naomi Bunker
Jo-Anne Ellinor
Fiona Mount

25 Years’ Service (or greater)
Kaylene Schmidt (29 years)
Gary Coker (31 years)
Michelle Felton (27 years)
Colleen Kenyon (28 years)
Ken Mathews (38 years)
Mary McCallum (37 years)
Chris McMillan (32 years)
John O’Sullivan (33 years)
Wendy Proud (25 years)
Arthur Squelch (31 years)
Kerri Underwood (27 years)

Year 7 Excursion/camp
The beauty of this format of the newsletter is that we can have some photographs to illustrate what has been happening at school. This week, I highlight the visits of our Year 7s to Canberra, Sydney and another group who travelled to Parliament House in Brisbane. We received great reports on the behaviour and responsibility of our students on these excursions.

School Chaplain
In this newsletter, we introduce our new Chaplain, Irvine Tiomai, to our school community. Mr Tiomai is also making himself known to students in the playground and on assemblies.

ASPIRE day of ASPIRations
We held a wonderful day with students invited to participate in our ASPIRE group last Friday. There was a strong focus for the sessions and working to establish a virtual classroom for our ASPIRE students. The virtual classroom, when ready, will provide an avenue for students to find out about events and opportunities and discuss and share their learning including extending their learning. The virtual classroom will provide the day to day contact for these students into the future.

School Facebook Page
Many of our families are connecting with school news through the school’s official Facebook Page. This page provides a different type of news, alerts, announcements and activities for school families and students. We presently have 352 ‘likes’ which is fantastic and had over 2500 visits during the Sydney/Canberra trip. As more and more families connect with the school via this means, we will be able to better utilise this as one of a number of communications methods with our community.

Have a great week,

Chris McMillan
Principal

Student Weekly Awards
Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Week 2 and 3.

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CSS News

Booklists for 2013

Coomera SS Booklists for 2013 have been sent home with students. These will also be on our website for reference and linking to our supplier which is OfficeMax. Ordering and payment options are outlined on the paperwork sent home. Do not return forms to school, they are to go directly to the supplier. It is a requirement that students have these items ready for the first day of school in 2013.

Confirmation of Enrolment for 2013

To assist with 2013 planning, it is important that we know the 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 via the “Confirmation of Enrolment” documentation. This form is due back to the classroom teacher by 2 November so the students name can be marked off as having returned the paperwork.

Prep Enrolment Interviews for 2013

We have started to conduct enrolment interviews for Prep for 2013. This process is well and truly underway. We urge all families of Prep aged children to book an interview soon to ensure sufficient time in the lead up to next year.

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 and enrolment interviews booked. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Students with Medication at School – End of year process

If your child has medication at school including asthma puffers, epi pens, diabetic equipment, medicines and tablets, etc these MUST be collected by a parent from the First Aid room on the child’s last day of school in 2012. If the parent is unable to collect it themselves then a letter in writing is to accompany another nominated adult to collect any items stored in the first aid room. Students will NOT be allowed to collect medications of any sort.

Any medications of any sort still in the first aid room after the last day of school in 2012 will be disposed of and not held on the premises over the Christmas break due to security reasons.

Please ensure that if your child needs to continue or start having medication at school in 2013 that a 2013 medication form is completed upon return next year. Also ensure that the medication being sent to school is not about to expire and has a pharmacy label and action plan attached to it.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop operating hours:

- **Last week of school:** ONLY open on Monday 10 December 2012 and Wednesday 12 December 2012 from 8.30 am to 9.15 am and CLOSED on Friday for stocktake.

- **Week before school returns in 2013:**
  - Monday 21 January 2013 - 9.00 am to 3.00 pm
  - Tuesday 22 January 2013 - 9.00 am to 11.00 am
  - Friday 25 January 2013 – 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm

- **First week of school in 2013:**
  - Tuesday 29 January 2013 9.00am to 10.00am
  - Wednesday 30 January 2013 8.30am to 9.15am

(resuming normal trading from this date).

Coomera SS School Chaplain

Greetings to parents and families of the Coomera State School community

My name is Irvine Tiomai. I am the new Chaplain at Coomera State School. It really is a privilege to be part of the school community of Coomera State School. I’ve been made to feel very welcome both by your wonderful children and the great staff of the school. I really wanted to share a bit with you about, who I am, where I come from and more importantly the function I have as Chaplain of school and how this affects your child. I am a father of three, very soon to be four, beautiful children. My wife and I are from New Zealand and have been living in the Coomera area for the last five years. I have a great passion to see children not only succeed and reach their potential but that they are safe and protected. I have worked with young people in various roles in New Zealand and Australia for almost thirteen years. My experience has not only been as Chaplain but also as youth drug and alcohol counsellor, youth worker working with at risk youth as well as a Youth Pastor. 

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As a Chaplain I look forward to providing support to the School not only for the students but also the teachers and parents of our Students. My role as a Chaplain is to serve the community as best I can.

A Chaplain is a safe person for young people to connect with at school, providing a listening ear, caring presence, and message of hope. They care for students struggling with a wide range of issues, including: family problems, confusing relationships, friendship issues, peer pressure, self-esteem issues, bullying and stress and anxiety.

School Chaplains run positive, fun activities for young people - both in and out of school - and foster a supportive, caring school community. This includes support for at-risk students, support for staff and families from the wider school community, and spiritual support and direction for the school community.

The partnership between the school and the Chaplain, supported by local churches, businesses and community organisations, provides a network of local support and assistance. These positive relationships help young people to face issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning, and purpose.


I am available at the school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me via the school office during school hours.

**Surfside Bus number changes**

From Monday 5th November, some Qld School Buses numbers will be changing.

The attached document lists current bus numbers and the corresponding new number for AM and PM services. If the student’s bus number is not listed, then there is no change.

These are bus number changes only, Bus routes and times will remain the same.

School bus drivers will be handing out notices and the information will also be available on our website [www.surfside.com.au](http://www.surfside.com.au) from close of business Monday 29th October.

**Number change is effective from Monday 5th November 2012.**

**Lost Property**

The telephone number for Lost Property enquiries is Surfside’s Reception No: on 55 716 555 8:15 - 4:15 Monday - Friday (Monday mornings are our busiest, we appreciate your patience if you are calling at this time). Lost property is held for a maximum period of 4 weeks.

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**Community News**

**PAULS COLLECT-A-CAP is ending 31 December 2012**

Pauls would like to thank you for participating in the Pauls Collect-A-Cap Program. We are delighted to have been able to assist your school or organisation in raising funds, and hope these have made a positive difference for your club, group or school.

Collect-A-Cap has been a great success. Over the past 14 months, we have donated more than $430,000 to almost 3000 local schools and community groups who have taken part in the program — a fantastic result!

**3 MONTHS TO GO!**

The last day of the Pauls Collect-A-Cap Program will be 31st December 2012. There is just over THREE months left to keep collecting and raise funds for your organisation, so please keep collecting and get your caps sent in!

Once again, thank you for your continued support of the Pauls brand and for your participation in Collect-A-Cap.

Happy collecting,

The Collect-A-Cap Team!

PS. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Collect-A-Cap Customer Service team on 03 8696 7960.

**South Coast Aquathlon Trials**

**Trial details**

**FOR AQUATHLON 11 & 12 YR OLDS (as at 31 December 2013)**

Details in relation to the South Coast Aquathlon trial event will be as follows:

- **Regional Trial Date:** Saturday 17 November 2012
- **Regional Trial Venue:** Evandale Community Park
  135 Bundall Rd, Bundall (Behind Gold Coast City Council Chambers)
- **Time:** 7.30am – 10.00 am Competitors will need to be there ½ hour before start
- **DISTANCES:** 1.0 km Run 200m Swim 1.0 km Run

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

2008 saw the introduction of an invitational Primary Schools Aquathlon Event to run in conjunction with the Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships. This has now become a Queensland School Sport Championship.

- This event is open to 11 & 12 year olds ONLY - Students born 2002 /2001. ie. NO 10yr olds
- To be selected for this event, students will need to complete the South Coast School Sport Aquathlon trial to be held at the Evandale Community Park on Saturday 19 November 2011.
- A team of 10 males and 10 females per combined age group may be selected in the South Coast Regional Aquathlon Team to represent the region at the 2013 QSS State Championships
- Performances in the trial race listed below will be used to select the team.
- The age determination date for the 2013 QSS Championships is the 31 December 2013.
NOMINATION

South Coast Aquathlon Team NOMINATION FORM must be completed and sent to the South Coast School Sport Office no later than: Monday 12 November 2012.

CONTACT DETAILS

Should you have any queries with respect to South Coast Aquathlon please contact: JULIE GRANT at Miami SS on 55954888 or 0402 862 663 or SOUTH COAST SPORT on 5583 6319.

South Coast Triathlon Trials (for 2013 State Triathlon Championships)

Details in relation to the trial race for 2013 South Coast Triathlon team will be:
For 13 – 19 YR olds as at 31 December 2013.

Regional Trial: Gatorade Queensland Tri Series race at Robina Parkway, Robina
Regional Trial date: Sunday 13 January 2013.

State Championship Regional Trials
Junior (13 /14yrs) 400m swim / 12k cycle / 3k run
Intermediate (15 / 16yrs) 600m swim / 16k cycle / 4k run
Senior (17 /18 /19yrs) 750m swim / 20k cycle / 5k run

Enticer 300m swim / 10k cycle / 2.5k run
QTS Triathlon 750m swim / 20k cycle / 5k run
QTS Triathlon Series 750m swim / 20k cycle / 5k run

Distances Selection Process: The USM Gatorade Qld Tri Series Race 4 – Robina – Sunday 13 January 2013 (second last week of state school holidays) is the nominated event for the selection of the South Coast Triathlon Team to contest the Queensland School Sport Triathlon State Championships that will be held 14 – 16 February 2013.

NB: Competitors will need to provide a contact address where they can be reached during the summer vacation.

All students trialing for the South Coast 2013 Triathlon team will compete on the same day (ie. Race 4- Sunday 13 January). This event is considered the most appropriate as a valid trial particularly for the Junior Age Group.

SELECTION CRITERIA

For triathlon 13 – 19 Year olds (as at 31 December 2013)

Age Divisions
Junior 13/14yrs Born 2000 / 1999
Intermediate 15/16yrs Born 1998 /1997
Senior 17/18/19yrs Born 1996 / 1995 / 1994

A team of 10 males and 10 females per division may be selected in the South Coast Regional Triathlon Team to represent the region at the 2013 QSS State Championships.

Performances in the trial race listed above will be used to select the team.

The age determination date for the 2013 Queensland School Sport (QSS) and The Australian Schools’ Triathlon Championships is the 31 December 2013.
**Palm Beach Fun Run**

**Date:** 3rd November 2012  
**Venue:** 7th Avenue Palm Beach  
**Time:** 6:30am  
Register on the day 4am - 5:30am

**MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!**  
3rd November 2012

**Open to:** Students, sporting clubs & general community for all ages

**Fun Run**  
$20.00 per Individual  
$10.00 for Students  
$50.00 Nippers Team Event

**Fun Walk**  
$10.00 - All ages - 5km  6:30am start

**Age Groups:**  
16 & under - 2km  7am start  
12 & under - 5km  6:30am start  
16 & under - 5km  6:30am start  
Open - 5km  6:30am start

- Pre-register anytime at Palm Beach Surf Club Reception from 12pm - 8pm daily  
- Registration Night – Thursday 1 November 4pm – 6pm at the Surf Club  
- Or register on the day

**SPECIAL EVENT**  
**SURF CLUB NIPPERS ONLY!**  
10 x 500 Metre Relay  
(Mixed under 10-14)  
7:30am start

5 MALE & 5 FEMALE  
1ST - $300.00  
2ND - $150.00

1st to 3rd = Medals & Vouchers!  
Random prizes for participants!  
Presentation and prize give-aways approx 8am

**For more details, please visit:** www.palmbeachsurfclub.com.au  
www.zone44.net.au or contact Tony Rapallo 0416 046 459  
Ron Martinenko 0466 079 877

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**Coomera River Fair**

**When:** 6am – 12 noon  
**Saturday, 17th November**

**Where:** Coomera Uniting Church on the Esplanade Coomera.

**Home made Cakes & Jams**

**Craft items**

**Children's toys and books**

**Plants**

**Good quality second hand furniture**

**Office Furniture**

**Coffee shop**

**Sausage sizzle**

**Cold drinks**

**Bric-a-brac**

**Op shop stall**

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**P&C and Tuckshop News**

**Please note:** On Wednesday 31st October for 1st break only the Tuckshop will be operating on a limited basis. The items available for this break are only & limited to **Sausage Rolls, Pies, Hotdogs & Sushi items.** Flexischool will also not be available for online ordering for 1st break only. 2nd break will operate as normal with all items available for order over the counter & on Flexischools, we are sorry for any inconvenience.

Next Meeting: Monday 5th November, 6.30pm in the Library

Uniform shop – still seeking a volunteer for Friday mornings.  
In addition to the usual opening times, the shop is open on Tuesdays from 3.15pm-6pm in Term 4 to support Prep and new enrolments.

The house sports t-shirts are now available to buy. Second hand uniforms can be purchased from the shop. We are seeking good quality near new uniforms that your children have grown out of.

School Banking – don’t forget to bring in your bank book each Thursday!

Cookie Dough Orders - Reminder to return Cookie Dough orders and monies to the P&C box in the office by 2 November. Delivery date TBC (approx mid Nov).