21 February 2014

Principal’s Report

Student Leadership Camp

Each year, we have a number of highlights which bring to the front the achievements and capabilities of the young people who attend Coomera. Last Friday was one of those big highlights. Our 2014 student leaders attended Get Real for a week long leadership program and Friday was the ‘graduation’. These students learn to apply very important leadership and communication/ teamwork skills in different and unique ways. This group demonstrated a collective capability that was very impressive. In debrief sessions, the students could articulate times when they became frustrated and how they could work their way out of this reaction towards something more productive for the team. At another point, the team wanted a clear statement of what they were going to do and at this time another student used his talents to focus the group on the group goal and the strategy to get there. The students know well who did what and at what point to move the group along when they became stuck in their group thinking.

Whilst these sound like ‘soft skills’ they are actually the essential life skills for a future world that these people will live and work in. I know that the parents of these young people are immensely proud of what they are capable of at 10 -12 years of age.

Enrolment Management Plan gazetted

Our school now has an Enrolment Management Plan in place for the first time in 141 years. The reason for this is to ensure that we make optimal use of the facilities at the school. An enrolment capacity has been established and we are expected to make the best use of this capacity while allowing space for students arriving during the year. Historically, Coomera State School, has taken enrolments from the foot of Mount Tamborine to the Broadwater and today two thirds of our enrolments live outside our ‘catchment’. We will need to take enrolments ‘out of catchment’ to make optimal use of the facilities provided here and there is an established decision making process for this to occur. The vacancies that we have change from week to week so we encourage prospective families to phone the school to find out more information at that particular time. Please contact the school for more information.

Peanut Anaphylaxis

We have within our school, children with severe peanut allergies which can cause respiratory and other reactions. For the families involved, this can be a very worrying situation and something that we monitor closely at the school. At this time of the year, I raise this for two reasons. Firstly, parents of children with allergies are asked to consider whether the school has an updated assessment of the situation and if necessary an updated management plan in place. This is the time to check to see and bring this to our attention. Secondly to the families of children without allergies, we ask that you avoid peanut products in lunches at school as this is part of how we can reduce the risk of an anaphylactic reaction in the school. This is a serious matter for a number of students and we all need to play our part.

Australia Day Award

On the 14 February, we were pleased to witness the awarding of an Australia Day Award to long time Deputy Principal, Mary McCallum, for her commitment to ensuring the memory of servicemen and women was maintained in our community. Please enjoy some photos from this special presentation as Mary McCallum currently enjoys some time with her family in the US.
P&C AGM Notice

The P&C will be holding their AGM on Monday 24 February 2014 at 6pm in the Bilinba Centre. We welcome all to attend and appreciate your valued time and input for the benefit of the students at Coomera State School.

Have a great week,

Chris McMillan
Principal
Coomera State School

Introducing our Deputies

Andrew Collis

I am very excited to continue in my role as Deputy Principal here at Coomera. This is an amazing community and to have the opportunity to work with parents, staff and students is an honour.

For those new to the school my name is Andrew Collis and I am the Acting Deputy for years 2/3/4 in 2014. I have been an educator for 18 years and have fulfilled many roles in the department such as Classroom Teacher, Specialist, Head of Curriculum and Deputy Principal. I have been very fortunate to become a member of the Apple Distinguished Educator community which has allowed me to work with other educators from across the world.

I am also a professional musician who has been playing the guitar for over 30 years. I have had many exciting opportunities to tour around Australia and overseas. I look forward to working with the Coomera community in 2014.

Ben Manthey

My name is Ben Manthey and I have been appointed to Coomera State School as Acting Deputy Principal, relieving Shiree Salizar while she is on leave for six months. My permanent position is Deputy Principal of Benowa State School, where I have been for the past 4 years.

Previous to that I was the Deputy Principal of Normanton State School, in the Gulf of Carpentaria for two years. I have also been a teaching principal at a small school west of Charleville, in Eromanga. I have taught in Vietnam for a year and I started my career in Education on the Gold Coast teaching in various schools.

My great care in my profession is making primary school the most successful experience it can be for every child I can affect. This is about academics, as well as the social/emotional aspects that go hand in hand with a positive and productive school experience.

I am very happy to be a part of the Coomera school community and look forward to working with the people of Coomera to assist in doing the best for the children that attend here.

Zoe Harlow

I am thrilled to be joining the Coomera State School community this Term. Thank you to all the staff, students, parents and caregivers who have welcomed me so warmly. I am the Acting Deputy for years 5, 6 and 7.

My previous position was as a School Improvement Officer for the South East Region of Education Queensland. I’ve also worked in other schools as Deputy Principal, Head of Curriculum, classroom teacher and specialist teacher. I am passionate about education and helping children, so it is a real pleasure to be returning to work in a school.

Student Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Weeks 1, 2 and 3.
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### Homework/Library Bags

Please note that these are now available for purchase from the Uniform Shop and will not be available from the finance window. The Homework/Library Bags remain at the same purchase price of $10 each.

### Student Resource Scheme and Voluntary Contributions

Please continue to send in completed forms.

### 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

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.

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**Finance Window**

The finance window is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.15am to 9.30am. No other cash or EFTPOS payments will be accepted outside of these days/hours.
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.

**Sports News**

**Gold Coast North Primary Schools Sports Trial**

**Dates**

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All students attending district trials should be of a high standard. Mrs Felton will give these students a South Coast booklet which Mr McMillan will approve and sign. The parents/caregivers will need to further complete the booklet details and then take it with them to the Trials.
P&C AGM

The AGM and first meeting are scheduled for Monday 24 February at 6pm in the Bilinba Centre. We are looking for new members and everybody is welcome. A light supper will be provided. You may bring children, but they remain under your supervision at all times.

School Banking

Just a reminder that school banking is happening every Thursday.

Tuckshop Menus

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

Uniform Shop Opening Hours from Monday 17 February 2014

The Uniform Shop operating hours will be as follows:

- Monday: 8.30am – 9.15am
- Wednesday: 8.30am – 9.15am
- Friday: 8.30am – 9.15am

The Uniform Shop will NO longer be open on Wednesday afternoons.

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.


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.

Volunteers Needed Urgently!

We urgently require volunteers to help in the Uniform Shop and Tuckshop. If you are able to assist please drop by the Tuckshop to pass on your details.
NRL Holiday Camp

The NRL are hosting a Play NRL Holiday Clinic at Coomera Cutters Junior Rugby League Football Club on Tuesday 8th April. Boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years are invited to participate in the Clinic. Our exciting Holiday Clinic allow participants to develop their Rugby League skills in a safe, modified and fun environment. All clinics are delivered by qualified and experienced Rugby League Coaches and cater for all skill levels from beginner to junior league players.

All participants receive an NRL Pack (including Football, Water bottle, Boot bag, kicking Tee and NRL T-Shirt) in addition all participants will be provided with morning tea and lunch. To participate in our Coomera NRL holiday clinic all children must be registered, places are limited at all holiday clinics.

For more information and to register please go to www.seqdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au or call NRL Game Development Officer Matt Palin – 0400 345 547

COOMERA COMETS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Junior Summer Competition Grand Finals February 28th 2014.

All junior teams will play a game on Finals night & all players receive a trophy. A free BBQ will be held on the night for players.

Senior Monday Night Competition

Get Fit, Get Healthy & Most Importantly...

JOIN THE FUN!

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QUEENSLAND RUGBY
HINTERLAND TENNIS CLUB

The Hinterland Tennis Club are hosting a World Tennis Day

When: Sunday 2 March 2014
Time: 8am to 12

FREE Coaching
FREE Court Hire
Cardio Tennis
FREE Day with BBQ and Ball machines
Complete Fun Day!
Call John on 0411 154 353 if you require more details.

PARENTING PROGRAM

1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

A three-session program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old is being held at Studio Village Community Centre on
Friday Morining or Saturday Morning or Wednesday Evening
9:30am to 11:45am Starting On or 9:30am to 11:45am Starting On or 5:30pm to 7:45pm Starting On
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Learn:
- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or reminding
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Registration fee:
The course costs $15.00. Register for this course contacting Nikki Corden at Studio Village Community Centre on 07 5529 8253

GIRLS SOCCER ACADEMY

Soccer X Pty Ltd is pleased to inform you about our Girls Academy which will be starting during March 2014 at Broadbeach State School.

We are inviting girls aged 6-11 years old to join our Academy with the view of creating a positive pathway for young female players to prepare them for competitive Soccer.

The Academy will run for 20 weeks alongside the regular soccer season. The Academy is open to girls of all abilities aged 6-11 years old. For girls who are currently playing Club Soccer it is a great way for them to have some extra training and game time.

- Every Saturday 9 - 10.30am
- Players split into the following age groups: 6 & 7, 8 & 9 and 10 & 11
- Session Structure:
  - 45 minutes technical coaching lead by a professional coach
  - 65 minutes match-play practice the skills/techniques they have been taught.
- They will also be guided through the game by coaches who will help improve their understanding of special awareness and basic tactics.

- Each month games will be organised against local Clubs to provide competition and give players experience in match situations.

FREE OPEN DAY
Come along and get a taste of the programme on 2nd March at Broadbeach State School, 6pm-10.30pm. Bring a friend too!

START DATE: 23rd March
COST: $235 (inc GST)
Registration fee covers all coaching fees and full playing strip

Registration:
To register please visit www.soccerx.com.au prior to 15th March.
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Justin on 0411 155 346 or soccerx.sou@gmail.com

Village Family Support Program is funded by the Department of Communities

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

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- It saved our lives
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