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Principal's Report



Fun Run and Disco

The rain event, which came across last week, meant the decision to postpone the school Fun Run and Disco resulting in a disappointing end to the week. An early decision had to be made on the Disco prior to picking up the various items that were to

be hired for the night and the perishable food items. We have rescheduled both events now. The school Fun Run is scheduled for this Thursday, 3 April 2014. The new date for the Kokoda Disco is Friday 2 May, 2014. Information on these events is included in this newsletter.

Great Results Guarantee

I am pleased to announce that the Director General of Education has signed off on our Great Results Guarantee agreement to dedicate some additional funds towards improving the learning outcomes for students. All staff at Coomera want nothing more than all students achieving at the greatest possible level. This is what keeps us going. The additional funds are dedicated to improving our capacity to further improve student learning. The Great Results Guarantee is based upon research based evidence about what makes the greatest difference in schools and the focus is on the people resources that we have. Our commitment is to our school community in line with the guidelines provided. The guarantee is available on our school website here .

NAPLAN National Testing Program

Early next term, all schools in Australia will be involved in the NAPLAN national testing program. This program is targeted at students at Year 3, 5 and 7 year levels and is a high quality measure to help schools improve. As a school, we have used the results to focus our work towards ensuring that our students achieve at the highest possible level. The testing is something that most children will take in their stride. In fact, students can look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learnt.

In some instances, we can make special consideration to enable individual students to take the test on a more equal way.

One example of this, is a vision impaired student receiving a test in braille. These considerations are in line with the types of support that are routinely provided to the student but can't give the student an advantage on the aspects being assessed. If your child at times requires extra support or has a temporary injury that we need to consider as part of the NAPLAN testing program, you may discuss this with your child's teacher or case manager. This discussion should take place by the 5 May, 2014.

A parent information brochure on NAPLAN is available for download [here](#) .

NAPLAN testing program for students in years 3, 5 and 7 are scheduled for 13-15 May, 2014.

Congratulations to...

We have had many students who have already this year achieve at high levels in sport. Congratulations to the students who recently travelled to Cairns for the state Little Athletics with many students achieving places.

Student Leader Assembly

Our recent Student Leader Assembly is highlighted in this newsletter. This assembly is an important time when the captains from 2013 returned to hand over to the captains and student leaders of 2014. The students from Year 4 to 7 stand witness to this handover and can see how they can learn from these role model students. The other highlight for families was when parents come up to pin on the badges of office. Our Federal Member of Parliament, Mr Stuart Robert spoke on the strong leadership required for these young people to be able to negotiate through the exciting 21st Century ahead.

I take this opportunity to wish all of our families, our community, students, staff members and their families a safe and happy Autumn school vacation. School will close on Friday 4 April and will recommence on Tuesday 22 April, 2014. Have a wonderful family time during this period and Happy Easter.

Have a great week,

Chris McMillan
Principal
Coomera State School

Student of the Term Awards

Prep to Year 1 Assembly

Class	Citizenship Award	Academic Endeavour Award
PA	Jimmy G	Hayley P
PB	Mikaere S	Boe H
PC	Kate P	Tyson E
PD	Sophie E	Devlyn A
PE	Eziaha K	Anaya H
PF	Logan G	Koben S
1A	Cohen T	Claire S
1B	Jayden S	Nyema M
1D	Baxter H	Riley H
1E	Shakira H	Eve B
1F	Jenna M	Kaylee B



Year 2 to Year 4 Assembly

Class	Citizenship Award	Academic Endeavour Award
1/2G	Paige C	Talah H
2A	Jya A	Erin C
2C	Amber W	Isabella R
2D	Teila N	Nash W
2E	Breeanna K	Sheridan T
2F	Lauren M	Zachary B
3A	Nikita G	Annika B
3B	Syrain S	Sienna H
3C	Brianna T	Nathan H
3D	Elijah A	Bill B
3E	Maddi O	Sam W
3F	Tate B	Immogen W
4A	Ella H	Olivia I
4B	Eden T	Kaia P

Class	Citizenship Award	Academic Endeavour Award
4C	Harper D	Tait R
4D	Chad P	Grace M
4E	Jay B	Aneisha S

Class	Specialist Award	Student
4A	Lexile Award	Lachlan K
3D	Lexile Award	Chloe P

Year 5 to Year 7 Assembly

Class	Citizenship Award	Academic Endeavour Award
5A	Braiydan T	Paige M
5B	Annabelle G	Sara M
5C	Ethan L	Joziyah M
5D	Bryan M	Thomas F
5E	Tayah S	Ellie R
6A	Amelia R	Jada S
6B	Zyah M	Rima F
6C	Janita H	Rory E
6D	Monique M	Jackson M
7A	Taylah W	Thomas H
7B	Shaye W	Gloria L

Class	Specialist Award	Student
5B	Lexile Award	Zaina I
6B	Lexile Award	Sara-Kate J
5E	Lexile Champion	Bailey F
5B	Mathletics Award	Emma G
5A	Mathletics Award	Annabel H
6A	LOTE Award	Caylen B
6B	LOTE Award	Alistair M
6C	LOTE Award	Dylon C
6D	LOTE Award	Nakitah B
7A	LOTE Award	Campbell K
7B	LOTE Award	Madeline B
6B	Peer Mediator	Rima F
6B	Peer Mediator	Zyah M

Class	Week 8 & Week 9
3C	Connor B & Jake R
3D	Chloe P
3E	Ewan L & Ryland L
3F	
4A	Mia H & Kailey M
4B	
4C	Tara F, Jasper H & Maia I
4D	
4E	Aneisha S
5A	
5B	
5C	
5D	Kalem F & Tiare I
5E	
6A	Benjamin P
6B	Sara-Kate J
6C	
6D	
7A	Jessica P
7B	

Student Weekly Awards

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

Class	Week 8 & Week 9
PA	Seth P & Riki Jo T
PB	Tiana V
PC	Lilly F & Zoe M
PD	Tylah B
PE	Chilli-Anne B & Kyan G
PF	Logan G
1A	Lucy B & Raymond M
1B	Lukas T
1D	Jamie V
1E	
1F	
1/2G	
2A	Mia D & Elexis S
2C	Felicity C & Dean
2D	Sean S
2E	Jack H
2F	
3A	Kate H & Rilet S
3B	Sienna H & Syraih S

Office news

Finance Window

Please note that the finance window will not be open for the last week of Term.

Payments Due

Please be aware that payment deadlines will be strictly adhered to. If you are requiring an extension, please contact the office **prior** to payment deadline.

Any payments received after the deadline, and do not have an approved extension granted by the office, will not be processed and will be returned home with your child. If payment has been made by EFT, a parent will be contacted to organise either a credit on your child's account or a parent refund. Please be aware that parent refunds can take several weeks to process.

Hot Cross Bun Drive

Parents are reminded that Hot Cross Bun orders will be delivered to your child's classroom on the selected day. Due to the large logistics involved, please ensure that your child or you are able to collect these orders from the classroom.

DISCO

COOMERA STATE SCHOOL

DISCO RELAUNCH!!!!

MAY 2ND PREP: 2:15PM-3:00PM, YEAR 1-3: 3:30PM-4:30PM,
YEAR 4-7: 5:00PM - 6:30PM

COOMERA STATE SCHOOL HALL

Come along on Friday afternoon for loads of fun in the School Hall. Tickets are only \$5.00! There will be a live DJ and loads of prizes!



Student Absence Notification

In the event of your child being absent from school, please notify us by;

- Phoning the student absence line on 5519 6360
- Emailing: StudentAbsences@coomerass.eq.edu.au
- Phoning the school office on 5519 6333
- Sending a note in with your child on the day he/she returns to school
- Seeing the class teacher or office staff member in person

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.

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

Fun Run

The new date for the Fun Run is 3 April 2014. All times for events are only approximate, please arrive at least 30mins earlier than timetabled to watch a specific age group race.

Time	Group
9.15am-9.20am	Prep Boys
9.30am	Prep Girls
9.45am	Year 1 Boys
10.00am	Year 1 Girls
10.15am	Year 2 Boys
10.30am	Year 2 Girls
10.50am – First Break	
11.35 am	8 year old Boys (born 2006)
11.45 am	8 year old Girls (born 2006)
12.00 pm	9 year old Boys (born 2005)
12.10 pm	9 year old Girls (born 2005)
12.20 pm	10 year old Boys (born 2004)
12.40 pm	10 year old Girls (born 2004)
12.50 pm	11 year old Boys (born 2003)
1.00 pm	11 year old Girls (born 2003)
1.10 pm	12-13 year old Boys (born 2002-2001)
1.20 pm	12-13 year old Girls (born 2002-2001)
1.35pm – Lunch	

Term 2 – District Sports Calendar

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APRIL	1	21 EASTER MONDAY	22 South Coast Aust Football	23 South Coast Rugby League	24 South Coast Rugby League	25 ANZAC DAY
	2	28 District Touch	29 South Coast Basketball South Coast Hockey	30	1	2
MAY	3	5 District Touch South Coast Golf	6 South Coast Soccer	7	8	9
	4	12	13	14	15	16
	5	19 Cluster Sport Starts	20	21	22 District Softball	23 District Cross Country
	6	26	27	28 District Rugby Union	29	30 State Tennis 29 May – 1 June
JUNE	7	2	3 South Coast Touch	4 District Rugby Union	5 State Aust Football 5 – 9 June	6
	8	9 QUEENS BIRTHDAY	10 South Coast Cross Country	11	12 State Basketball 12 – 15 June	13
	9	16	17 South Coast Softball	18	19 State Hockey 19 – 22 June	20 State Netball 21 - 24 June
	10	23	24	25	26 State Rugby League 26 June – 2 July	27

NB: State Under 11 Netball: TBA; State Under 11 Rugby League: 7 – 11 July

ALL STUDENTS going to District trials must have a completed South Coast Sport Booklet to take with them to the trials. Please see Mrs Felton the week before the trials date.

Coomera State School NAB AFL Auskick Centre



Sign on & 1st
Session:

Tuesday 6th May

Time:

3:10pm-4:10pm

Venue:

Coomera SS School oval

Address:

Dreamworld Parkway

Cost:

\$65

Participants
receive:

Hat, Football, Back pack and much
more!

To Register:

OPTION A – PREFERRED OPTION - Three Easy Steps:

1. Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au
2. Print submitted registration form
3. Hand form with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session

OPTION B-

Complete a handwritten registration form and give along with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session

For more information contact: Adam Dunning on 5594 5722
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

P&C and Tuckshop News

Sausage Sizzle

The P & C are having their end of term sausage sizzle on Friday 4 April. Sausages are \$2 each and are available during first break.

Easter News

Our Easter raffle is coming to a close, all tickets and money needs to be in to the P & C by Thursday 3 April 2014. Raffle will be drawn on Friday 4 April and winners will be notified by phone.

School Banking

Just a reminder that school banking is happening every Thursday.

Tuckshop news

If you order through Flexi schools, can you please make sure that your children are aware they are having tuckshop ordered, and which break it is for. There are many children that are confused whether they are having tuckshop and which break it is for.

We are also still in urgent need for volunteers in the tuckshop, whether you can give a whole day or an hour, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nicki in the Tuckshop on 5519 6317 if you are able to help.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Community News

HELENSVALE HORNETS JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB



Dalley park
Monterey Keys

Are looking for players either 12years now or turning 12 years in 2014 to join their under 12 rugby league teams

If interested please contact –
registrar@helensvalehornets.com.au or phone 0412 299 211

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Visit our website www.niypaa.com.au

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SIBA SOCCER

SIBA Soccer is returning to Coomera State School for an after School Soccer Program in Term 2



SIBA SOCCER

Following the success of our after school programs in Terms 2 and 4 last year, again, in partnership with

Coomera State School we will be running the following After School Soccer Program for both boys and girls:

Start date: Wednesday 30th April 2014
Time: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Duration: 8 week program (every Wednesday)
Ages: 5 – 12 years old
Cost: \$90.00
Venue: Main School Field, Coomera State School

This program is a fun, safe and structured one hour after school program held at various schools and Colleges designed for school students to learn the fundamental skills of football in the comfort of their own school. It consists of fun warm up games, ball skills, passing/shoot on goal activities 1v1 & 2v2 games as well as other small sided team games

You can simply register and pay online for this program on our website www.sibasoccer.com.au (click on Calendar, then click on 30/4/14 (start date) & then click Coomera State School term 2 and then please fill in the relevant booking form on that page)

If paying online, can you please remember to enter your child's name as a reference

For more information please email simon@sibasoccer.com.au
OR call Simon on 0434 897664