5 March 2014

Principal’s Report

Remember the Jetsons

Some of us might remember the Jetsons, an animated sitcom about a family living in a fictional future world in the year 2062. The Jetsons first aired in 1962 and the animators had fun predicting the way of the future. The Jetsons has a robot maid and many robotic assistants. It is interesting that the father figure, George Jetson, went to work each in a space car to work spending his days turning the Referential Universal Digital Indexer (RUDI) on and off on a machine that made sprockets. Back in the 60s, this was how we predicted the future to be!

If you have yet to experience the Jetsons, here is a short video. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8SC6bny1SA

Fifty years on, and some of these predictions have come true. It is a little ironic that they thought that people would be employed making sprockets completing a very simple repetitive process all day long. By 2020, no Australian will be employed making production vehicles and jobs in manufacturing appear to be on the continued decline. The reality is that we cannot responsibly prepare our children solely for a manufacturing job. These jobs have tended to move away from Australia.

In the past 50 years, there are jobs that have not just moved off-shore but have completely vanished everywhere. These are not manufacturing jobs but clerical jobs such as Bank Tellers, Proof Readers, Copy Writers and Typing Pool. The largest sections of jobs to disappear are middle management and clerical or jobs which require lower levels of cognitive skills.

For the current students in our care, low- cognitive demand jobs will continue to disappear faster than manufacturing or services. The reality is that it is much easier and cheaper to program a computer to process things than to create a robot to assemble a car.

The impact on teaching to prepare students for this future world is that they will need greater levels of literacy, problem solving, creativity, good judgement and collaborative team work that computers are not good at. Humans will be needed for the highly skilled trades, the more complex thinking or the ‘soft’ people skills needed for the service industry. We look forward really positively towards the exceptional learning required for our current and future students.

Our current Preppies will be working beyond the year 2062 when the Jetsons was set. Our exciting challenge is to commence their life-long education process to best set them up to be the very real future Jetson family. Our focus is to commence young people on the way towards 21st Century learning which includes higher levels of literacy and basic skills. Your young people are here now and we are ready to prepare them for an exciting and highly productive future life.

More information on the general capabilities required for the 21st Century is available here.

P&C Committee

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association was held on the 24 February. The meeting was well attended and all executive positions were filled, setting up the committee for a successful year ahead.

Congratulations to the following executive members:

- President: Kerry Edgar
- Secretary: Sheree Sharples
- Treasurer: Carlie Gibson
- Vice-President: Emma Krmic

Congratulations to the following officers of the association:

- Assistant Treasurer: Te Ana Werahiko
- Minute Secretary: Jo Tamis

Student Leadership

Our student leaders attended a student leadership conference in Brisbane on Monday. Before the students had arrived back on the train, a lovely commuter had taken time out from the train to email the school and how impressed the passengers were with the behaviour of our students in Coomera uniform. I take pleasure in sharing this message:

Good afternoon,

I caught the 3pm train home today from Brisbane City to Coomera. I think it was either the South Brisbane or
Southbank station that a class of Coomera State School kids hopped on the train. I was seriously impressed at how respectful all the kids were, some even gave their seats up for other passengers (these men were tradesmen and were very impressed as well, I heard their comments and they were smiling and laughing as they were shocked that these kids would do this for them). Also they listened to their teacher and sat on the floor when she asked, she did not have to say it twice, they all did as they were told straight away.

I just thought you’d like to know, as I think the whole carriage were impressed with their behaviour. Well done and please pass this onto the teacher as she is doing an amazing job.

Amy

Kokoda Kids

People Power Can Make a Positive Difference

The following notice is the result of a combined Coomera schools and colleges community initiative with regards to the Exit 54 Interchange. This impacts upon the many families who live or work on the western side of the M1.

M1 Interchange, Exit 54 Upper Coomera, Days / Abraham Road and Foxwell Road Petition

The petition for Mark Boothman MP Member for Albert to present to Parliament to upgrade the interchange on Exit 54 closes on Saturday 6 April.

If you have not already signed this petition your support would be greatly appreciated.

This partition will request the House to prioritise joint (Federal 80% & State 20%) funding to upgrade the M1 Motorway interchange at Exit 54 Upper Coomera to ease the burden of traffic congestion, help with traffic flow and improve safety.

There are two ways to sign this petition.

1. You can do this by clicking and signing the electronic version Electronic Petition Click Here
2. Mark Boothman reported recently that from the 29,000 residents in the area under 2,000 had actually signed it.

This Exit affects our school and the safety to our community. So let’s all help by showing your support. People power can make a positive difference.

International Womens’ Day

This week, we acknowledge the progress, the achievements and the contributions of women and girls leading up to International Women’s Day on Friday. At our school, 87% of our staff are women and contribute enormously to our culture and ethos of the school. This week, we recognise the journey and achievements of women in our world and thank the important ladies in our lives. Happy International Women’s Day.

Have a great week,

Chris McMillan
Principal
Coomera State School

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**

**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.

**Payments Due**

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**Student Resource Scheme and Voluntary Contributions**

Please continue to send in completed forms.

**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

**GO PURPLE!!**

To support Purple Day for Epilepsy, the Student Council will be running a Free Dress Day next Friday, 14th March (Week 7). Students are invited to wear purple shorts, shirt, skirt, dress, shoes for Purple Day. Please remember that clothes must be sun safe. Bring a gold coin donation to support Epilepsy Queensland. Thank you for your support on the day. GO PURPLE!!

**DISCO**

**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

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.

Gold Coast North Primary Schools Sports Swimming Trials

The swimming trials were held Tuesday, February 18 at the Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre Pool. The weather was hot and the competition was tough! We congratulate Jethro H 6A and Isis M 7B on their achievements as well as their stamina and sportsmanship on the day. Jethro posted his personal best times in five events, slicing 4 seconds off his 100m freestyle: time-1:15.18. Isis swam a fast time of 1:36.32 in the 100m Breaststroke which has qualified her to compete at the Regional time trials at the Miami Pool on March 5.

Well Done Isis and Jethro.

Gold Coast North District Netball Trials

The netball trials were held over two days Thursday 20th February and Thursday 27th February at AB Paterson College. There were three students whom participated in the selection process, Nakitah B 6D, Khalia E 6D and Bailey M 7A. Well done to all the girls.

Congratulations to Khalia and Bailey who were selected to play in the North Gold Coast District team early in March.

12yrs & Under Tennis Trials

Kaelub C 6C, played very well on Wednesday 25th February in the tennis trials which were held at the Gold Coast & Albert Tennis Centre, Miami. He played many winning games but unfortunately he was beaten in the quarter finals.

A top effort on the day Kaelub!

P&C and Tuckshop News

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.

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.

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**Community News**

**CITY OF GOLD COAST COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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**Movies in the park**

**FREE family movie night!**

Saturday 22 March
7pm start.
Vincent Park
Youth Street, Coomera

The movie is rated G - Teenage.

Snacks, coffee, drinks and

snacks available for purchase.

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**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

RUNAWAY BAY NETBALL CLUB

Interested in playing netball?

Runaway Bay Netball Club is looking for U/8 players (born 2006) for our 2014 team. If you are interested in playing netball please contact us for further information.

Email: runawaybaynetball@gmail.com
Ph: 0424 509100

BLEACH*FESTIVAL – FREE EVENT

COOMERA HOCKEY CLUB

Hockey season is fast approaching and at Coomera Hockey we are always ready to welcome more players to our club. As a school in our local catchment area we hope that Coomera Hockey Club can assist you in promoting exercise and a healthy lifestyle amongst your students. Encourage them to come along to meet us and make lots of new friends…

When:  
U10’s and U12’s – Starting Thursday 27th of February from 5.30pm to 6.15pm
U14’s and U16’s – Starting Thursday 27th of February from 6.15pm to 7pm.

Where:  
Gold Coast Hockey, Cnr Musgrave Ave and Hockey Lane, Labrador

Please ensure to email us to let us know they are coming so we can ensure we have enough equipment to go around. Any questions, please email info@coomerahockey.com

We look forward to meeting lots of new people.