Principal’s Report

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.

Three Way Learning Conferences

Parents will have received their invitation to join a Three Way Learning Conference between the classroom teacher(s), the parent(s) and the student. This is an important opportunity for the student to report on what has been learnt so far this year and to focus upon the next learning steps along the way. Please take up this opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher for a Three Way Learning Conference.

There are many potential benefits for participating in a Three Way Learning Conference. At Coomera, we are still in the early stages of adopting these conferences and we are working towards students being able to set goals or targets for their learning for the next learning period. This video is from an overseas international primary school who are further down the track with Three Way Learning Conferences. This will give parents a good idea of where we are heading with Three Way Learning Conferences. Please remember that your student may be at a different stage or developmental level to the students shown.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQIHaLOQe6M

Q Schools App

Parents now are able to keep up to date with the events and news at the school through the Q Schools App available for most smart phones and tablets. Once you have this free App, you can search for and lock in our school in the settings. This is one of the many ways that parents and other family members can keep up to date with things happening in the school.


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 6 and 7.

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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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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.

Student Resource Scheme and Voluntary Contributions
Please continue to send in completed forms.

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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.

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We ask you to seek donations on a $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Please remember if you are going to collect sponsors by door knocking in your neighbourhood, you MUST take an adult with you at all times. Students who receive only $10 or more in donations will be entitled to a prize of their choice.

**WIN A FAMILY HOLIDAY TO THE GOLD COAST OR HAMILTON ISLAND OR FIJI** – each student/family has the chance to win a family holiday simply by raising $10 or more. Some conditions apply. This is just for our school so one of our students will win this prize! You have to be in it to win it! For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view page three of the Sponsorship Form or go to www.myschoolathon.com.au

Also on offer is a 2GB MP3 player for the highest fundraising student and a free surprise party for the highest fundraising class. Each student will also receive a Berri Quelch frozen juice stick on the day of the event.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the sponsorship form and return along with your monies to the P and C box in the office on or before the 4 April 2014. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

All times for events are only approximate, please arrive at least 30mins earlier than timetabled to watch a specific age group race.

Sports News

**Fun Run**

On 28 March 2014, the P&C will be conducting a Fun Run as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. Students have received a sponsorship form with a selection of over 70 prizes to choose from. If you have misplaced your sponsorship form, please see the staff at the office.
Gold Coast North Primary Schools Sports Trial

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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.

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

Easter News

Our annual Hot Cross Bun drive is underway and order forms have already gone home. This year we have two flavours available; traditional and chocolate, both selling for $6 for 6 buns. Please make sure all orders forms and monies are returned to the P&C box by Thursday 27 March 2014.

Easter Raffle

In following with Coomera State School tradition, we ask parents with children in years Prep, 1, 2 & 3 to donate an Easter themed item to help us build hampers to raffle, all monies raised then go back into improving our fantastic school.

**Please support our Annual Easter Raffle**

All donations can be left with Nicki in the Tuckshop
Tickets will be sent home with students to sell to family and friends they will be $1 each or 6 for $5

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.

Community News

UCSC INFORMATION SESSION

You are invited to attend the Upper Coomera State College Parent Information and Open Evening. The evening will be held in the UCSC Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 25th March from 5:00pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

The evening aims to provide parents and students with:

- Valuable information on UCSC subjects and learning opportunities
- An opportunity to speak with UCSC staff, students and families
- Student displays from various subjects
- A look into UCSC Signature Programs and Scholarships
- A tour of the college facilities and learning environments on the secondary school campus
- An opportunity to see our uniform display and pick up enrolment information

All parents and students interested in attending UCSC are welcome.

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

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR

Do you love to Sing?

Then come and join us in 2014!

- Educationally sound, sequentially developed programmes, professionally trained staff.
- Exciting opportunities and events to build confidence and independence.
- Fantastic performance opportunities.
- Make new friends while you develop your skills.
- Enrolments open to boys and girls in primary and secondary schools from 7 years of age.

Our staff are available to discuss any aspect of the Choral Programme including tuition fees and rehearsal times.

national institute of youth performing arts Queensland
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

We would love to see any interested players come down to try out and see if they are interested in playing the season. 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.