Learning at Coomera

Learning is the important business for each day for our 960 students here at Coomera. From time to time, I want to share some of the things happening with regards to learning happening quietly in and around the classrooms here at Coomera. These are little things that start to add up towards our emerging vision of amazing and exceptional learning.

A year 1 student could clearly recall what was discussed at the Three Way Learning Conference weeks ago and could accurately describe this learning goal and her focus upon it;

Students throughout the school engaged in various forms of co-operative learning, where students are given a minute to discuss something or recall something to a partner. This ensures that everyone is involved and thinking and the teacher can check for understanding;

Students throughout the school giving their teacher indicators of their level of understanding of a particular concept through many ways including ‘show-me’ boards, coloured disks, or thumbs up. The teacher can then know whether to offer more explanation to the group or to individual students;

Students, including very young students who can accurately recall the learning objective and what they have to do to do well in this learning;

Teachers using explicit instruction or direct teaching with ‘rapid recall routines’ for core learning content to develop automaticity of recall;

Teachers using random student selectors to call upon students to answer questions to ensure maximum engagement and an even spread of student involvement in the learning.

These are examples of the learning methods that are occurring at Coomera. We are commencing the illustration of the learning through photo collages in the newsletter to showcase the learning that is occurring here at Coomera. This is indeed important business and we know that it is our core business to look after the learning and welfare of the students in our care every day at school.
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NAPLAN Testing Program

NAPLAN testing for Year 3, 5 and 7 students is currently underway across the country and for 350 students here at Coomera. Our school targets are about improving learning for all students. The results produced through NAPLAN provide an accurate and useful set of good information to help us know how we are going towards our school targets. Students generally take NAPLAN in their stride and increasingly enjoy the opportunity to prove how much they know and have learnt at school. Given the right approach, students can confidently take on important assessments such as NAPLAN as they become resilient young people. Thank you to the parents of Year 3, 5 and 7 students for assisting their children to be well prepared and ready for NAPLAN this week. Regardless of the outcome, there is plenty of time to improve into the future.

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Deputies’ Dispatch

During the last two weeks we have introduced a ‘Breakfast Club’ to support students at Coomera State School. It is no secret that a healthy breakfast provides children with a great start to the day and ensures they commence their learning in a settled and focussed manner. We are very privileged to have
the ‘Breakfast Club’ operating every Monday (Prep-year 3) and
Tuesday (Year 4-5) mornings. We extend a big thank you to
our school Chaplain, Amy Skelton, for organising this initiative.

We have been very pleased with the citizenship of all students
around the Breakfast Club. Over the past two weeks students
have displayed:

- fantastic routines to ensure lines have not blocked
  pathways
- outstanding manners
- great responsibility to return dishes for cleaning
- pride in our school by putting all rubbish in the bin

Awesome job Coomera!

Rewards Day

During the last week of this term we will have our annual
rewards day at Dreamworld for students in years prep-5. The
year 6 and 7 students will attend White Water World in fourth
term and have a Movie Day this term. The Rewards Days
promote positive behaviours for all students. Each teacher will
select students from their class who have earned reward and
they will attend with others from their year level. This is an
exciting event for your children and we encourage you to
reinforce the school rules at home:

- Safety
- Learning
- Communication
- Respect
- Responsibility

The Coomera Way – Building-up and
Encouraging

Each week we focus on teaching and practising a different
social skill. This week children are learning about “Build-ups
and encouragement”. This social skill involves giving genuine
praise and encouraging effort. We hope that you hear your
child/children using sentences starters such as:

- “I like the way that you…”
- “Thank you for…”

During our time in the playground and classrooms this week,
we have been very pleased to hear children already praising
and encouraging each other.

This fortnight’s apps focus around both
numeracy (YodelOmath) and vocabulary
work (Letris 3).

Letris 3 is an app that works very much like the
famous game Tetris, except inside the blocks
falling are letters. This is a great app for helping
students to build up their vocabulary. Children
need to identify and combine 3 or more letters to create a word.
Blocks fall faster as the app progresses. Letris caters for single
player or two player modes. Letris 3 is free, however you can
in-app purchase.

YodelOMath is a great app for students to work on
their maths operations. It allows you to focus on
one type of operation or you can mix it up for the
students to test multiple operations. The aim of the
app is to answer as many questions as possible before the
YodelO man falls off the edge of the hill. Answering questions
incorrect only speeds up the process. This is a great app for our
classrooms Rapid, Recall, Response!

Enjoy these apps and will have more educational apps for you
next time.

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**Student Weekly Awards**

Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Weeks 2 & 3.

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**Office News**

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Student Resource Scheme: Due Now

Prep
Year 1 & 2
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Year 7

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.

Kokoda Disco

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 officers0020from 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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### Sports News

#### Term 2 – District Sports Calendar

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**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.

**AFL Queensland and the Coomera Magpies**

**JAFC**

We would like to invite any player aged between 8yrs- 17yrs to come down to Coomera Magpies to play in this year’s Gold Coast AFL Season.

Coomera Magpies is on Beattie Road Coomera with trainings held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 4pm.

For more information about joining Coomera Magpies please contact Danney McDowell on 0419446085

**Helensvale Cross Country Track & Field Club**
This is an exciting NEW Winter Sport option for your kids as well as yourselves. Helensvale Little Athletics are offering a 10 week program to help teach, nurture and improve your children’s Cross Country as well as their coming, respective School Athletics Carnival disciplines.

Each week there will be age appropriate Cross Country distances, combined with 4 Athletic disciplines.

Our Centre is located at the Helensvale High School Oval, Discovery Drive Helensvale.

Start Date: 8.30am - 3rd May 2014
End Date: 26th July 2014
Registration 2014 Price: 6 - Seniors : All Athletes -$ 50

If you have any further queries please call Neil on Mobile: 0458 616611

P&C News

Mother’s Day Stall

The P & C would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that participated in this years stall. It was a great success. We hope that all Mum’s, Grandmother’s or just that special women got something special and enjoyed there day.

Thank you to all the volunteers that came to help, it made the stall run very smoothly.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books were sent home last week. We would love to sell as many as possible as $11 from every book sold comes back to the school. There are some great bargains to be had in this years book. If you are not wanting to purchase a book please return the book to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. If you are wishing to purchase your book please do so by Friday 16 May 2014.

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

The Uniform Shop operating hours will be as follows:

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

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

Pimpama State Secondary College Information Night

- Enrolments for Years 7 to 10 are now being taken for the 2015 school year.
- An Explanation of interest can be downloaded from the college website at www.pimpama.ss.qld.edu.au
- Signature programs in Performance Arts (Dance & Drama), Design and Academic Excellence will be available for students entering Year 7 and 8 in 2015.
- Information Night will be held at the College on 30 June at 6.30pm in the Lecture Theatre.
- The College Principal John Hornbuckle will be available in local Primary Schools throughout the term to discuss your child’s current schools to find out what options there are to speak with parents and answer any questions.
Coomera Residents Morning Tea

Residents’ Morning Tea
Thursday 29 May, 9.30am – 11.30am
Red Edge Community Centre, Coomera
Corner of Canaillia Way and Freyberg Way

Come along and enjoy light refreshments with other local residents in a relaxed atmosphere.

Meet other residents in the Coomera area.
Meet your Division 3 Councillor, Cameron Callwell.
Find out about local groups, facilities, services and how you can be part of the thriving community.

Dresses for your diary:
Free Big Q in the park: Wednesday 18 June, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Viney Park Stake Pretend, Coomera
Residents’ morning tea: Thursday 19 June, 9.30am – 11.30am
Red Edge Community Centre, Coomera

For information contact the City of Gold Coast, Community Development Officer: mrcummer@goldcoast.qld.gov.au or 0414 181 093

Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralis@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Coomera Residents Morning Tea

Morning with the Stars

Hosted by 3 x GOLD Entertainer of the year, Deena Peler.
15th July: “Emily Stewart” Music Hall Favourite
12th June: Craig Martin direct from the UK, Cromer
19th July: David Barry, the Human Entertainment Machine with the big voice
14th August: Eric Benaoum, TV’s Mr Magoo
11th December: Ian Dury, Rock and Roll legend
9th October: Noel Paddick, Country Music Entertainer
13th November: Steve Hill, Comedy Songwriter
3rd December: Abba in Cabaret, with your Morning with the Stars' favours, face painting and Santa

INCIUSORS:
Lunch at 11am brought to you by Magrills Lodge & Homestead.
Lucky door prizes and give-away.

For Catering purposes, please reserve tickets online at www.ticketsbooth.com.au or call us on 07 5652 9327, and then pay $5 per person at the door.

To find out more about our upcoming Community days contact the Upper Coomera Centre on 07 5652 9327 or visit http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/community for details and updates.

Morning with the Stars
Monthly entertainment 11am – 1pm
Upper Coomera Centre, 95 Reserve Road Upper Coomera

Sensory Movie Day

Sunday 25th May at Coolangatta Birch Carroll & Coyle

“Sensory Movie Day” was created for Families with Special Needs.
Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim.
Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists.
This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience.
Siblings and extended family welcomed.

"Mr Peabody & Sherman"
Tickets are $8.00 each.
Companion I.D. Card Accepted.
Children 2 years and under are free.

Tickets on Sale NOW!!! Come along and support our event... Membership Movie Day cards are required to purchase tickets. These can be collected from Birch Carroll & Coyle Coolangatta cinema before our screening. For more information or to be added to the mailing list email us on sensorymovieday.goldcoast@hotmail.com

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Enrolment Packs for Years 7 and 8 are now available. Parents and guardians are welcome to drop into our school office to collect an enrolment pack or phone our Enrolment Officer on 55523869 for further information.

All relevant enrolment documents can be downloaded from the Enrolments page on our website.

We are also happy to mail enrolment packs upon request.

**Family Activity Evening**

Come along and celebrate the Week of the Family. Bring the whole family along to enjoy.

**Ormeau Centre** - 3 Cushion Road, Ormeau
Monday 19th May 5pm – 7pm
Table Tennis, Mini Golf, Face Painter, Photo Booth, Reading Corner, Craft Corner and many more games and activities

**Upper Coomera Centre** - 10 Reserve Road, Upper Coomera
Wednesday 21st May 5pm – 7pm
Table Tennis, Mini Golf, Face Painter, Photo Booth, Reading Corner, Craft Corner and many more games and activities

Unforgettable obstacle course and CPR demonstration in the Aquatic Centre, so bring your swimmers. Library open until 6pm and Star Cafe open until 7pm

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