Sport links the world

One of the special highlights of this part of the year are our athletics (Track and Field) carnivals. As this newsletter is being published, we have finished our Senior Sports and looking forward to our Junior Sports Day on Friday. We have our own Interhouse Competition and the houses participate in house colours. Don’t forget that the new school hats are reversible for interhouse competition.

On the world scale, the Glasgow Commonwealth Games commence this week. We pay a special focus on this as student art work from our school and a welcome banner completed by students here at Coomera will be presented to the Sierra Leone team as part of the Handover Ceremony at the conclusion of the games. Of course, beyond Glasgow, the Gold Coast becomes the host city. Our current students will all still be in schooling for the 2018 games but can expect some opportunities to become involved in a variety of ways over the next four years. We also have a Commonwealth Games facility announced to be constructed on Beattie Road adjacent to the school. It will be an exciting time.

This newsletter highlights aspects from our Senior Sports Day.
100 Days of Prep

Our Prep classes have recently commemorated one hundred days of being at school. We have become amazed at these children in their ability to make sense of letters and sounds, early reading and generally make sense of the world in a growing level of sophistication. The Prep students have this week been allowed to move onto Viney Park in supervision lunch time play and have enjoyed the experience as they become well established learners and students at school into their second 100 days of learning.

100 days of Schooling

Prep at Coomera for 2015 - Out of Catchment Places

We have moved to streamline schooling decisions for Prep for 2015 for families who wish to consider Prep here at Coomera. We have an Enrolment Management Plan in force which guarantees places for students within our enrolment catchment. I have considered that we will have capacity for a number of enrolment applications from out of catchment. At the moment, we are confirming enrolment applications as they come in up to take up the allotment of places for out of catchment places in Prep for 2015. These families can feel assured that their choice of school for 2015. These places are allocated strictly in order of receipt at the school administration.

Please note that beyond this allotment of enrolment spaces, further enrolments will go onto a waiting list. Please ensure that your family and friends are aware of this.

Coomera Kids Conquer Kokoda 30K’s

Twelve motivated Year 6 and Year 7 students and three dedicated teachers from Coomera State School recently completed an experience of a lifetime. An experience that had only 2 primary schools in the region participate in, alongside many High Schools. It was the Brisbane Kokoda Challenge, a gruelling 30 kilometre hike, through Brisbane Forest Park and D’Aguilar National Park, honouring the soldiers who walked the real Kokoda track in Papua New Guinea.

Training began in February and consisted of weekly treks through the Gold Coast Hinterland which from the onset proved to be harsh and challenging. But there was no sign of anyone giving up, even back then. Ashlee Young from the group says “It was hard to get up so early in the morning, knowing I had a big walk ahead of me, but I felt really satisfied as I completed each training session”.

Each team was required to fundraise for the Kokoda Youth Foundation and the participating students at Coomera State School banded together and had an amazing disco at the school for all to attend. A lot of preparation and commitment for the fundraising took place and the students felt proud to raise money for the Foundation. Jasmyn Shelton said “I am extremely thankful that so many people in our community got behind us and supported us”.

On the big day in June, with an early 5am start, a group of students, with their teachers, set off on the adventure. Jasmyn said, “Everybody was buzzing with energy and when we reached the quarter way checkpoint we were still going strong. As we got close to half way the fatigue started to kick in”. Ashlee agreed and said “Emotions began to run high as it seemed to take forever to get to the next checkpoint and whenever we saw a group come up and overtake us, it disheartened us a little”. With special letters from their families to read at the half way point and despite the challenges, the team never thought about giving up and those four special words that symbolise the Kokoda Spirit; Courage, Endurance, Sacrifice and Mateship, kept them all going.

At around 3pm, with hands held high and cheering from their families, the 12 Coomera State School students and their supportive teachers walked through the finish line with huge grins and relief! “I still couldn’t believe that we had really finished” said Jasmyn. “It was an amazing milestone in my life” remembered Ashlee.

A special barbeque was held in their honour at the school a few weeks after the event. All the students agreed that it was certainly an experience that has imprinted on them and will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Kokoda Kids Challenge

Have a great week,

Chris McMillan
Principal
Deputies’ Dispatch

Scooters at School

Many of our students bring their scooters to school with them. Often this is because they either ride to and from school or choose to play at the Skate Park. Please remember two important points about scooters at school.

1. Our staff do not supervise the skate park before or after school. In the interest of safety and attendance students are encouraged to come straight to school in the morning and go straight home in the afternoon.
2. We do not have secure storage for scooters. Students are encouraged to lock their property at the bike racks.

If your child brings a scooter to school, please take some time to ensure they are doing so safely and are ensuring their property is secure.

Bus Code of Conduct

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Collaboration by all people involved in Bus Code of Conduct

In implementing the Code, a collaborative approach by all stakeholders involved in the safe travel of school students is critical to encourage and reinforce appropriate behaviour on buses. Therefore, all stakeholders need to recognise the important role they play to ensure safe and responsible bus travel for school students.

Positive and collaborative partnerships between bus operators, schools and parents/carers ensure the Code is effectively and promptly implemented when managing incidents of student misconduct. This cooperation shows students that the bus operator, the school and parent/carer are dealing with behaviour issues in a seamless and consistent way.

Fare evasion

Unfortunately, the incidence of fare evasion by school students has increased in recent times. Some students have exploited the framework for safe travel of school students by not paying the correct fare, thinking that they will not be refused travel. Stakeholders need to work collaboratively to make sure that it is clear that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated. There are clear consequences outlined in these guidelines for students deemed to be in breach of the Code and fare evasion would generally be considered a Category 1 (irresponsible) breach of the Code. In deciding the consequences for a particular breach the bus operator follows the processes outlined in the Code which include referring to the bus driver’s report and consulting with parents/carers and the relevant school. It is important for the integrity of the Code, and public transport services generally, that appropriate consequences apply to students who are not prepared to pay for the service.

Term 3 Events

Our first week back for term 3 was extremely productive. Students arrived fresh from the school holidays and have quickly engaged in their lessons, setting the high standard we expect from Coomera students. We also enjoyed two fantastic days of Athletics where students demonstrated their commitment and effort as well as a great sportsmanship. There will be many more opportunities for students to showcase the array of talent and ability they possess during the term.

- Junior Sports Day
- Special Needs Sports Day
- ICAS English and Maths competitions
- Wakakirri Performance
- District Athletics
- Year 5 Leadership Camp
- Somerset Festival for young performers

Social Skill Focus – Being an Individual

This week we are focusing on the social skill of ‘Being an Individual’. This social skill encompasses:

- Having an awareness of who you really are;
- the ability to stand up for what you believe in;
- the confidence to be yourself in a group and make your own decisions.

We are reminding children to:

- Be proud of who you are.
- Do what you believe is right for you.
- Respect other people’s right to say no or have a personal opinion.

Read up on tips and advice about bullying.

This story is about Allen, a young visitor from another planet, who is new to school and learning how to get on with his Earthling classmates. It is suitable for children from 3 to 8 years of age. The Allen Adventure explores social and emotional skills that children need to make friends, to get on with others and to deal with unpleasant or difficult behaviour from other children.
Student Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Weeks 10 & 1.

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<td>Shamus C, Riley E &amp; Bella P</td>
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<td>3E</td>
<td>Corey D</td>
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<td>4C</td>
<td>Jasper H</td>
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Office News

Internet Payments

Unknown Bank of Queensland Customer – if you have made EFT payments recently and are yet to receive any receipts from school, can you please contact the office. Your payments have not been allocated to your child’s account as we are unable to identify who has made the payment.

It is very important that when you are making internet payments for school excursions please ALWAYS ensure you type in your child’s name and class, then if room permits the excursion code, in the reference section. Otherwise we will be unable to allocate payment against your child’s name and therefore your child may inadvertently miss out on attending an excursion.

Payments Due

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<td>Prep – Wombat Stew</td>
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<td>Year 2 – Burleigh History</td>
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**Activity for Payment** | **Amount Due** | **Last Day for Payment**
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GC North District Athletics Trials (selected students) | $15.00 | Monday 4 August
Student Resource Scheme: Prep | $60.00 | Due Now
 | $65.00 | 
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 | $70.00 | 
Year 7 | $80.00 | 

**Payment Deadlines**

Please be aware that payment deadlines will be strictly adhered to. This also applies if your child is sick or absent on the final day of payment. If you are unable to utilise the finance window on the last day of payment, you can still pay by the deadline via the following options:

- Provision of the printed acknowledgement page / remittance advice, with the date and time of the transfer, from your internet banking; or
- Phoning the office and paying over the phone with credit card details.

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 Absence Notification**

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

- Phoning the student absence line at any time on 5519 6360
- Emailing: StudentAbsences@coomerass.eq.edu.au
- 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**

We have received a complaint from Surfside Buslines that parents are parking in the bus zone. We have been politely reminded to please keep this zone free from vehicles at all times.

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**

**Junior Athletics Carnival Timetable**

**Junior Sports Day Timetable - Week 2 - Friday 25th July**

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<th>Time</th>
<th>Years 1, 2 &amp; 3</th>
<th>Preps</th>
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<tr>
<td>9.00am</td>
<td>All Years 1, 2, 3 assemble in House Areas on the oval</td>
<td>Tabloids &amp; Rotational Activities 6 stations @ 8mins &amp; 3 mins transitions on main oval</td>
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<td>9.10am</td>
<td>SPRINTS – Year 1 boys/girls Year 2 boys/girls Year 3 boys/girls</td>
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<td>10.25am</td>
<td>Spectators while prep race</td>
<td>SPRINTS – 60m Boys/ Girls</td>
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<td>11.00am</td>
<td>RECESS</td>
<td>RECESS Preps are finished for the day and will return to daily class procedure</td>
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Senior Athletics Carnival Results
Track and Field Age Champions 2014

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<td>Alexandra S 6D</td>
<td>Grevillea</td>
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Champion Track and Field House 2014
1st Banksia 389
2nd Acacia 345
3rd Grevillea 261

New Records for 2014
9 year old Girls SHOT PUT
The previous record, which was held by Teneale Brittain in 2005 was 5.27m, was broken by Jemma R (4D) with a measurement of 7.22m.

9 year old Girls HIGH JUMP
The previous record, which was held by Kristy Wessling in 1990 was 1.11m, which was also broken by Jemma R (4D) with a height of 1.12m.

Congratulations Jemma for your outstanding Athletics achievements!

Gold Coast North Athletics
The Gold Coast North Athletics trials will be held at the Griffith University Track on August 6 & 7. Due to the large amount of schools in this district all athletes participating must achieve the qualifying standards regardless to their place in an event at the Inter House Carnival. Cost per student, a $5.00 levy each plus bus transport on Day 1, unfortunately there is no parking for parents or teachers on site. Students who have qualified will be notified and you will receive more updated information.

P&C News
Term 3 Fundraising Activities
The P&C would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported the Entertainment Book and Dreamworld Fundraisers. It is hard to find fundraisers that suit all families in the school. This term we are holding the following fundraising activities;

Junior Sports Day
Don’t forget to come along to Junior Sports Day were the P&C will be holding a BBQ with Bacon & Egg Rolls and sausages, a cake stall, coffee van and other treats. If you have donations for the cake stall please drop them at the uniform shop on Friday morning and if you are able to help please contact Sheree on 0409 113 837, or see her on the morning.

Read-a-Thon
Booklets will be going out soon for students to start getting sponsors for Read-a-Thon. We are asking that all students take part in the fantastic FUN fundraiser.

Father’s Day Stall
The P&C will be holding their annual Father’s Day stall in September and are asking for any volunteers to get in contact with the P&C if you are able to help. Volunteers to assist with the lead up to father’s day or during the stall are greatly appreciated. Please email pandc@coomerass.eq.edu.au with any queries.

School Banking
Just a reminder that school banking is happening every Thursday.

Dreamworld Tickets
The discounted Dreamworld ticket offer has been extended until 25 July 2014. Please return forms to the P&C Mail Box located at the office by Friday 25 July.
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 for 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 SHS Sports Excellence

ROUND 2 YEAR 6 & 7 SPORTS EXCELLENCE TRIALS FOR 2015

The aim of our excellence program is to provide the opportunity, support and environment where our talented and enthusiastic students can aspire to their goal of sporting excellence.

Round 2 trials dates for Year 6 & 7 are as follows:

- Football: Wednesday 6 August, 3.45pm-5.15pm
- Rugby Union: Wednesday 6 August, 3.45pm-5.15pm
- Track & Field: Wednesday 6 August, 3.45pm-5.15pm
- Volleyball: Wednesday 6 August, 3.45pm-5.15pm
- AFL: Thursday 7 August, 3.45pm-5.15pm
- Netball: Thursday 7 August, 3.45pm-5.15pm
- Touch Football: Thursday 7 August, 3.45pm-5.15pm

Sport application forms can be downloaded from our website
https://helensvale.qld.edu.au
Please complete forms and bring with you to trials

HELENSVALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Hinterland Tennis Club

Hinterland Tennis Club is a non-profit club offering junior group session coaching. These sessions are $10 per 1hr lesson and include a Hot Shots sign-on and free racket. Each Friday afternoon is a Children’s Competition from 4.00-5.30pm, with an entry fee of $5. For further information please contact the Hinterland Tennis Club on (07) 5596 0308.

Gold Coast Futsal
Kansai Karate Academy

NEW KANSAI CUBS CLASSES
FOR AGES 3 - 5
Wednesday 5:15 - 5:45pm
Pimpama School of Arts
15 Clarks Way, Pimpama

SEPARATE CLASSES FOR
JUNIORS (6yrs+) & ADULTS
Saturday - Helensvale Scout Hall; Lot 8 Shepparton Rd, Helensvale
Juniors 8:30 - 9:15am
Adults 9:30 - 10:15am

Monday & Wednesday - Pimpama School of Arts;
15 Clarks Way, Pimpama
Juniors 6:00 - 6:45pm
Adults 7:00 - 7:45pm

2 FREE LESSONS!

ph: 0455 833 306
www.kansaikarategoldcoast.com.au

Coomera Comets Touch Football

Coomera Comets
Touch Football

Junior & Senior Touch Sign On
5.30pm - 7pm Friday Night
8th & 15th August 2014

Friday Night
Summer Junior Competition
Boys and Girls Divisions
5 to 18 years old
Start Date: 10th Oct 2014

Monday Night Adult Competition
Mixed, Mens and Ladies Divisions
Start Date: 6th Oct 2014

JOIN THE FUN
All games are played at Coomera Sports Park
Individual and team nominations accepted
www.coomeracomets.net

Another successful Year
Coomera Comets are celebrating 15 years of providing a successful Touch competition to the local community. Our senior men’s comp is the biggest in the country with over 100 teams competing in different divisions, with players from beginners through to Australian Representative, club and school age, making it open to all players.

2013 saw many of our junior teams compete at Junior State Championships with our 15yr boys team winning the State Championships & Boys Men’s team winning the Old Boys Cup.

Our regular competition, for both Juniors and Juniors, involves a completion of family and friends, work, noise, beginners, coaches and experienced players looking for a good run and to have a bit of healthy fun.

12th Annual Touched By Cancer Carnival
Oct 19th 2014

Each year Coomera Comets Touch hosts a one day social touch tournament to raise funds in support of the Gold Coast Prostate Cancer Support and Research Group. The event is designed to not only raise funds but awareness about Prostate Cancer. In Australia 2700 men die from Prostate Cancer each year, that makes it the second highest mortality rate for breast cancer. Last year we were able to raise over $6000 bringing our total contribution over $75,000.

October 19th will be our 12th annual Touched by Cancer Carnival. Last year the carnival hosted 35 teams of all ages and skill levels and all games are contested in good sport. This is a great day to test the waters and see if you enjoy playing or if you are experienced then bring your begins, friends along and introduce them to your sport if you think they are experienced nominate your team in the competitive division.

Nominations forms can be found at the website www.commeracomets.net or submitted by:
Mail: Coomera Comets Touch, PO Box 879 Oxenford QLD
Fax: (07) 5575 2916 Email: coomera.comets touchscreen@yahoo.com.au
Ph: 0477 418 813

T20 Blast Sign-on

Polynesian Performing Arts Classes with HAVA IKI

Come and learn Maori & Cook Island Culture

With over 20 years experience between them our tutors traveled the world as Professional Polynesian Entertainers, as far abroad as Dubai, Europe, Abu Dhabi, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, United Kingdom and the USA. Now focused on sharing their gifts and experiences to inspire and motivate people of all ages through cultural performing arts, they have combined their passion to teach cultural identity and awareness, here on the Gold Coast.
Get in quick as limited spaces available, register your interest now Ph 0458 727 390 or email PacificArtsInc@gmail.com Like our page www.facebook.com/HavaikiClasses

POLYNESIAN PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES WITH HAVAIKI
Come and learn Maori & Cook Island Culture (basics & techniques)

EVERY MONDAY (starting 16th June 2014)
COOMERA COMMUNITY SPACE
133 Ferrigon Way, Coomera (Next to IGA)

3:30pm - 4:30pm 4:30pm - 5:30pm
MAORI COOK ISLAND
CULTURE CULTURE

*Male & female classes *All ages & ethnicity welcome
Cost $5 Child / $10 Adult / $20 Family (5 people)

Get in quick as limited spaces available, contact us today to register your interest.

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PH 0458 727 390

With over 20 years experience between them our fully trained and certified professional Polynesian Entertainers, are at the forefront of entertainment across Australia, New Zealand, Western Pacific, and the USA. They are highly skilled performers that are very experienced with choreography, dance and weaponry and inspire both visionaries and performers. Their dynamic and unique performances are designed to enhance and inspire the Polynesian and Pacific Island traditions and culture. These performances are well-researched and cater to all ages through the comprehension of culture, language and history.