**Principal’s Report**

**Welcome**

My name is Michael Roberts and I am delighted to be the Acting Principal of this wonderful school for the rest of this term. I have been a Principal for eighteen years and have experience in schools of various sizes across Queensland as well as internationally. I am currently the Principal of Broadbeach State School. My career highlights have been the creation of a culture of excellence and exceptional academic results at Broadbeach State School, the establishment of Varsity College as a new school, and the creation of the Talented Sports Program at Miami State School.

I live at Broadbeach and have five daughters. I enjoy sport, particularly Rugby League; reading, photography and playing taxi driver to my kids. My first impressions this week have been very positive and I would like to thank everyone for making me feel welcome. I look forward to learning more about Coomera State School and assisting where I can in the learning and development of students over the coming weeks.

**Staffing**

I would like to thank Meli Webb who has been Acting Deputy Principal for her work in this position. Next week Shiree Salazar returns as the Deputy Principal for Prep and Year 1. Shannon O’Donoghue will be Acting Deputy Principal for Year 5, 6, and 7. A replacement for Chaplain Amy is currently being sought as she has finished work at Coomera.

**Parent Opinion Survey**

Please spend a few minutes completing this survey as the information we gain from parents is very useful in identifying what we are doing well and where we can do better.

Have a great week,

*Michael Roberts*

*Principal*

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**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.

**Social Skill Focus – Communicating Without Words**

This week, classrooms across the school are focusing on developing nonverbal communication skills that are positive and help in making meaning clearer. Nonverbal communication involves the facial expressions we use, hand and gesture signals and body language. All of these add to what we are saying and by being aware of them we can often pick up on another person’s feelings that may not be expressed with their words. Try playing charades at home this week by using nonverbal communication skills. You may be surprised at how well they work.
This is a great app for building a student’s vocabulary. 7 Little words has around 350 words students can work with randomly in a series of challenging puzzles. Cost: $3.79

This is an app for ages 9-11 and aims at building students fraction knowledge with the aim to mastering them. This app is great for those starting out right through to more advanced students or even adults. Cost: $2.49

There are a growing number of interactive stories on the app store for the following age groups:- Ages 5 & under, Ages 6-8, Ages 9-11. They provide a different experience for students and are a very engaging to help foster a love for reading. Cost: Various prices

### Student Weekly Awards

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

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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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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 Results

The Preps, Year 1, 2 and 3 students participated in annual “Inter House Junior Sports Day” held Friday 25th July. All the students were highly motivated throughout the day cheering on their team & chanting their house war cries. There was a wide variety of activities that challenged the children, including sprints, ball games and novelty relays. Smiles and laughs on the day indicated that every student was a winner.

Many thanks to the staff, student leaders and to parents who made this day such a success.

Results of the day: Acacia 1st 229pts, Grevillea 195pts and Banksia 173pts.

Champion House – Junior Carnival 2014

1st Acacia 229
2nd Grevillea 195
3rd Banksia 173
P&C News

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

Coomera Cubs Baseball

August is Dental Health Awareness Month

Dental Health Month aims to raise public awareness as around ¼ of Australians have untreated dental decay and only 39% of Australian adults visit the dentist for a yearly check up. As most dental diseases are completely preventable, we need to focus on early intervention and prevention to keep enjoying good oral health.

Let’s keep our teeth for life, and help our children do the same!

Read more at www.dentalhealthweek.com.au

Gold Coast Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service
In the case of a dental emergency, telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre 1300 300 850
Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm excluding public holidays.
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

Coomera Comets Touch Football

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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.coomeracometstouch.com
Polynesian Performing Arts Classes with Havaiki

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.