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20 August 2014

## Principal's Report

### Students

I have been quite impressed by the friendliness and manners of the students as I move throughout the school. Parents and staff should be very proud of how Coomera students conduct themselves.



### NAPLAN

NAPLAN results were released on Monday. Coomera performed at national average in the vast majority of categories and above the Queensland score in 23 out of 45 categories. Individual student reports are being double checked by teachers over the next few weeks prior to their distribution to parents.

### Breakfast Club

This is a wonderful initiative that is being sponsored by the YMCA. I have been amazed at the popularity of vegemite toast! We need volunteers to assist with the preparation and serving if you have even ten minutes to spare on Monday or Tuesday morning it would be greatly appreciated.

### Staffing

Meli Webb will replace Anne Hansford as our Head of Curriculum while she takes leave for the rest of the year. Next week Shiree Salazar will fill in for me as Principal while I am away for four days.

### Senior Students

I have been contacted by both Helensvale SHS and Pimpama SSC to remind parents intending on enrolling students in 2015, to enrol as soon as possible.

Have a great week,

**Michael Roberts**  
**Principal**

## Student Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Weeks 4 & 5.

Class	Weeks 4 & 5
PA	Brock D & Shayne H
PB	Preston H
PC	Miah F
PD	Reuben R & Ruby V
PE	Kayd H
PF	Tyeson L & Sachin W
1A	James C, Maddison F, Chloe S & Iayesha S
1B	Mykaelah J
1E	Shavanna W
1F	Ethan H & Denzel L
1/2G	Julius V, Eve W, Jada K & Shayla H
2A	Jye A & Lili R
2C	Charlie F, Elijah H & Dean S
2D	Blayd H & Matthew M
3A	Kane M & Ayman Y
3B	Jack J & Maia K
3C	Ryan M, Leah R, Ewan S, Brianna T & Charlee W
3D	Madelyn M
3E	Mikayla C & Sam W
3F	Zane B, Alex O & Ephraim W
4A	Amber-Lee T
4B	Jailen M & Xarli W
4D	Lucia A
4E	Keira A, Jake B & Trinity S

Class	Weeks 4 & 5
5D	Kegan M
6A	Jacob I
6B	Fay M & Alanah W
7B	Tre G

## Office News

### Position Vacant

#### CLEANER – Coomera State School

##### Permanent Part Time – 14.5 hours + ADO

Position Description and Work Profile are available from Coomera State School office or by contacting the Business Services Manager on aarth7@eq.edu.au

All applications must address the “How You will be Assessed” section of the Application Package.

**Closing date:** 10 September 2014

The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a “working with children check” as part of the employment screening process. Confirmation of employment is conditional upon the preferred applicant being issued with a “Suitability Card”.

The Department of Education, Training and the Employment actively supports and encourages workforce diversity and equity.

### 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

Activity for Payment	Amount Due	Last Day for Payment
Year 6/7 Sydney Canberra Trip (selected students)	\$820	Wednesday 8 October
Year 2 – Burleigh History	\$16.00	Wednesday 20 August

Activity for Payment	Amount Due	Last Day for Payment
Year 2 –BugsEd Activity	\$8.00	Friday 5 September
Year 5 – Tallebudgera Leadership Camp	\$85.50	Monday 25 August
SEP Annual Athletics Sports Day	\$5.00	Friday 5 September
Year 3 – Japanese Lunch		Wednesday 10 September
	A \$6.50	
	B \$7.00	
	F \$8.00	
	G \$6.00	
<b>Student Resource Scheme:</b>		Due Now
	Prep \$60.00	
	Year 1 & 2 \$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.

## Library News

### Book Fair

A huge thank-you to all families who supported this year's Book Fair. It was very successful, raising about \$2,000. This allows us to purchase a much needed iPad recharging centre for the Resource Centre.

Thank-you once again for your support.

## Sports News

### Gold Coast North District Athletics

The Gold Coast North District trials for athletics were held over two days at the Griffith University Track on August 6 and 7 in perfect weather conditions. Our school had ten students who qualified and participated in their favourite events at this higher level of competition.

Congratulations to the entire team for your personal achievements on the day.

100m	200m	Shot Put	High Jump	Long Jump
Ella H 4A	Ella H 4A	Jadyce V 6D	Deegan E 7A	Flynn G 6B
	Brodyn G 6A	Bailey S 7B	Brayden H 5E	Monique M 6D
		Anika R 6C		
		Madison K 5C		

There were two students who qualified for the Regional 12yrs & U Track & Field Championships, which will be held at the same venue on Tuesday 2September. Well done to both Monique 6D who will compete in 11yrs Long Jump and Ella 4A who will compete in 10yrs 200m and also a reserve in 100m.

Many thanks to Mrs Holmes for her assistance and supervision of our athletes on Wednesday August 6 to keep them on time for their events. I would also like to thank the parents who assisted with transport; your support is greatly appreciated.

## P&C News

### Position Vacant

#### Uniform Shop Convenor / Tuckshop Assistant

#### Coomera State School

An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably qualified and highly motivated Casual Uniform Shop Convenor / Tuckshop Assistant to work at Coomera State School. An application package is available for the above position by emailing [pandcpresident@coomerass.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcpresident@coomerass.eq.edu.au) or contacting Kerry Edgar, President Coomera State School P & C on 0411 190 745.

Applications addressing the full selection criteria must be received by COB **3 September 2014** and should be addressed to:

"Private and Confidential"

Kerry Edgar President Coomera State School P & C,  
Dreamworld Parkway, Coomera QLD 4209.

Wages and conditions will be as per Parents and Citizens and other Associations Retail Award – State 2012. Confirmation of employment is conditional upon the Successful applicant being issued with a "Suitability Card" – Working with Children Check

## School Banking

As from last week we have started weekly School banking prizes. Every student that banks goes into the draw to win student of the week. So make sure your children bank to go into the draw to win. Also, the class that has the most bankers gets Class of the Week.

### The winners for Week 5 were;

**Student of the Week:** Charlotte F 2A

**Class of the Week:** Prep D

Well done to our winners and good luck to everyone next week.

We are still in urgent need of Volunteers for school banking, if we are not able to get enough volunteers then school banking may have to be cancelled.

## Read-a-Thon

We hope that everyone is hard at work getting there reading minutes up. There are some great prizes to be won. But if you are in need for more incentive then we are proud to announce that if the whole school can read for an accumulative 1 million minutes then Mr McMillan will be welcoming a list of dares to be put forward to him, from which he will choose one to complete. A good example of a dare is "have to wear PJs to school for a whole day". Please note that all dares will need to go through your class teacher. In order for Mr McMillan to choose your dare, your class needs to have the most accumulative minutes and win the Class Prize. Good luck everyone and happy reading!

More Read-a-thon news. The P & C have put up posters around the school promoting the Read-a-Thon one of these posters has an spelling mistake in it. The first 10 students to tell Nicki in the tuckshop which poster and what the mistake is wins an ice block.

## 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, Wednesday & 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](http://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.

## Community News

### Helping Hands Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for before school care starting at 6:30am, and after school care finishing at 6:15pm. Some of the fun activities we do on a weekly basis are cooking, sports, arts, dance and much, much more. Please contact Christine on 0459990651 or email [coomera@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au](mailto:coomera@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au)

## AWLQ

### Currumbin Valley Spring Festival

**Sunday 14th September, 9.30am – 2.00pm**

Live Music, Market Stalls, Rock Climbing,  
Farmyard Feeding, Jumping Castle, Games,  
Arts & Craft, Food, Deck Bar & More!

**STALL HOLDERS WANTED – From \$10**

1226 Currumbin Creek Road,  
Currumbin Valley, 4223, Ph: 5533 0312  
[info@currumbinfarmschool.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@currumbinfarmschool.eq.edu.au)

## Coomera Hope Island Cricket Club



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CRICKET CLUB

**Coomera Hope Island  
Cricket Club**

**Lyndall Spies**  
Ph: 0422 378 163  
[lyndall.spies@chicc.net](mailto:lyndall.spies@chicc.net)

Tamborine Oxenford Road,  
Oxenford

**Sign on day  
16 & 24 August  
9am till 12pm**

[www.chicc.net](http://www.chicc.net)



## Southport Carrara Netball Association

SCNA's Club Carnival is fast approaching and Divisions are filling up fast.

We are pleased to inform you that we have nominations for all division including mixed

Be fast and reserve your spot in our club carnival and get your nomination back to us asap

We look forward to seeing you here.

## 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](http://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.**

## Kansai Karate Academy

**KANSAI**  
**Karate**  
**ACADEMY**  
**GOLD COAST DOJOS**



**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 B 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](http://www.kansaikarategoldcoast.com.au)**

## 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.