15 December 2014

Principal’s Report

End of Year

We are rapidly approaching the end of a significant and historic 2014 school year. Following years of preparation, we are now at the point of saying farewell to both Year 6 and Year 7 students this week. From 2015, we will move from a P-7 school to a P-6 school as all Year 7 students will then complete their Year 7 year at a secondary school or college.

From a practical point of view, this has meant two separate farewell evenings and then saying farewell to 155 students moving on together. Our upper primary students have been made aware of how special each group is.

Our 2014 Year 7s are special as the final Year 7s to complete Year 7 at primary school. They have been presented with a special commemorative Queensland Government letter signifying how they have become part of history.

Our 2014 Year 6s are special as the first complete Year 7 cohort to complete Year 7 at secondary school. These students will be presented with a special commemorative Queensland Government letter next year in secondary school signifying their part of history.

Our 2014 Year 5s are special as the first Year 6 cohort to become our seniors and school leaders in their Year 6 year next year.

We appreciate the support of families throughout this transition process in a positive way to enable each of these groups of students to feel unique and special through this transition process and as part of history.

Staff Announcements for 2015

The end of the school year brings some changes in some key positions at the school.

Congratulations go to two of our Acting Deputy Principals who have been successful in being appointed as permanent Deputy Principals elsewhere in 2015.

Andrew Collis – appointed Deputy Principal at Upper Coomera State College
Shannon O’Donoghue – appointed Deputy Principal at Woodlinks State School

I can also announce the appointment of their replacements for 2015

Corolie Sotiriou who comes to us from the Head of Curriculum position at West End State School
Kristin Hill who comes to us from the Head of Special Education position at Berrinba East State School

I announce the appointment of Sandra Purser who will commence as Master Teacher (Head of Professional Learning) at Coomera State School in 2015.

We also farewell Danya Benson as a permanent teacher on transfer to Barkly Highway State School in Mount Isa.

End of Year Events

Our photo gallery this week focuses on a number of our end of year special events that have occurred. It has indeed been a special and significant time for our school community.

Christmas wishes

As this is the final newsletter for the 2014 school year, I wish to close with some updates as we approach the Christmas vacation.

- Our school will close after school this Friday, 12 December 2014.
- Reception will open from 8am on Monday, 19 January 2015 and we will take enrolment enquiries for 2015 at that time.
- School will commence on Tuesday, 27 January 2015.

I take this opportunity to offer our best wishes to all students and families who are moving on at the end of this week. We
wish all of our families a restful holiday, special family time and a very happy Christmas period.

Happy Christmas

Chris McMillan
Principal

This week we have celebrated the fantastic learning that has taken place during term 2. Students, families and special guests have attended sector assemblies to reflect on the learning journey and acknowledge outstanding achievements.

Our Prep-Year 1 sector gathered on Monday morning, followed by Year 2-4 on Tuesday morning and Year 5-7 on Wednesday morning. At each assembly three students were recognised from each class. Firstly, an Academic Excellence Award is presented to a student who has achieved the highest marks in the class in all Key Learning Area’s.

Next an Academic Award was then presented to a student who has made great gains in their learning. Lastly the Citizenship Award was presented to a student who has consistently conducted themselves in an exemplary manner.

Congratulations to our award winners:

CLASS AWARDS

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### Award Name | Recipient
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Library Award | Jacob I, Alistair M, Gloria L
Japanese Award | Kiana W, Lily G
ICT - Year 7 | Nyah K
Music - Year 7 Excellence | Gloria L
Music –Year 6 Excellence | Tayla P
Leadership Awards | Jetho H, Bailey S, Flynn G, Nyah K
Michael Crandon Award | Quade D, Jeremiah M, Kye E, Lily G
Principal’s Award | Alistair M, Jasmyn S, Jacob I, Deegan E
GCCC Award | Khalia E, Amelia R, Cooper W, Campbell K
Stuart Robert Award | Ellie Rose D, Gloria L
Mary McCallum Spirit of Australia Award | Bailey N, Ashlee Y
SEP Junior Encouragement Award | Blayd H, Daniel M
SEP Senior Encouragement Award | James P, Lachlan K
SEP Citizenship | Jack L

| Age | Champion |
---|---|
9 years Boys Age | Jacob H|
9 years Girls Age | Rebecca M|
10 years Boys Age | Asher W|
10 years Girls Age | Lilly C|
11 years Boys Age | Finn B|
11 years Girls Age | Mya C|
12/13 years Boys Age | Jethro H|
12/13 years Girls Age | Isis M|

Sportsperson of the Year | Bailey S

Those present also enjoyed some exciting performances from the students. Our year ones performed a song at the Prep-3 assembly, while the choir were enthusiastic contributors to both upper school proceedings.

It has been a great term at Coomera and we thank students, families and our wonderful staff for their hard work.

### Social Skill Focus – Sharing

This week we are focusing on the social skill of sharing. This social skill encompasses:

- the ability to make decisions about what and when to share and who to share with.
- treating your own and others’ property with respect.
- using manners.

We are reminding children to:

- always say “Thank you” when someone shares with them.
- Return items as soon as you finish with them.
- Take care of other people’s property.
- When sharing, you may want to give special instructions about how your property is to be used.

### Sports Awards

| Award | Age | Champion |
---|---|---|
Swimming Awards | 8 years Boys Age | Declan M|
| 8 years Girls Age | Katie M|
Office News

2015 Book Lists
Please see below booklists for downloading.

Health Room
All medication is to be collected from the Health Room by today 3pm. Unless collected all medication will be disposed of, including out of date medication.

P&C News

Tuckshop
The P&C would like to say goodbye to our Tuckshop convenor Nicki John and thank her for doing an awesome job over the last 4 years. The P&C and the school will miss her deeply but wish Nicki all the best for the future.

Uniform Shop
Please note that the Uniform shop will be CLOSED on Friday 12 December for stocktake.
Uniform Shop operating hours for 2015 back to school purchases are as follows:
- Monday 19 January 2015 – 9am to 3pm.
- Tuesday 20 January 2015 – 9am to 11am.
- Friday 23 January 2015 – 1pm to 3pm.
- 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.

Any enquiries please email the P&C at pand36@eq.edu.au

School banking

27/11/2014
Class of the week – Prep D
Banker of the week – Kialla-Skye 4E

4/12/14
Class of the week – 1D
Banker of the week – Jayden S 1B

Christmas Concert
The P&C would like to thank all the lovely ladies and gentleman that helped out with the Christmas Concert, it was a very long day, and everyone did an awesome job so THANK YOU!!!. Without the help of volunteers it would not have been successful.

We would also like to thank Mrs Underwood and Mr Collis for all their hard work and time that they put into the Christmas Concert to help make it an successful night THANK YOU!!!.

The P&C made $3,300.00 which is amazing!! So thank you to everyone for your help.

On behalf of the P&C I would like to wish everyone a very Merry and Safe Christmas and New Year.

Kerry Edgar
President
Coomera State School Parents and Citizens Association

Community News

HELENSVALE NETBALL CLUB

2015 SIGN ON DAY

Early Sign on Day Bonus
- Saturday 29 November 2014
- 9am-11pm
- Fees $200 (includes team photos)
- Fees to be paid in full for Early Bird

Sign on Day
- Saturday 31 January 2015
- 10am – 2pm
- Fees $220 (includes team photos)
- Netball Courts, Viney Park, Yaun St, Coomera
- $100 non-refundable deposit required
- Seasons runs from March till September

Training is held on Friday or Wednesday afternoons & commences prior to season start

NOVA Competition for girls turning 6 years up to 10 years
Saturday Competition for girls up to 18 years
Open Competition for ladies over 16 years

NEW MEMBERS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT ON 0432 804 277

Carols on the Beach

Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy an evening of song with the whole family at the 2014 Surfers Paradise Carols on the Beach. It’s the Gold Coast’s biggest Christmas Carols event, held right on Surfers Paradise Beach.

Sunday 21 December
6.30 – 8.00PM

This year we are proud to announce renowned children’s entertainer Jay Laga’aia will host the event and will be supported by a star-studded line-up of Australian artists including:
- Rachael Beck
- Candice Skjonnemand
- Paradise Kids Choir
- Maske
- Figaro
If you’re lucky, you might even get a sneak peek of Santa himself!

Make sure you stick around for a magical end to the night as Surfers Paradise lights up with fireworks, spreading the Christmas cheer to all.

For further information or to download a copy of our program of events, including this year’s carols songbook, please visit our website http://www.surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/carols-on-the-beach

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