29 October 2014

Principal’s Report

Memorable week for many older students

The week just passed has certainly been a very memorable week for many of our Year 5/6 and 7 students in a number of ways. This newsletter highlights some of the activities from the last week for these students. As our students continue to learn about history, civics, geography and our system of government, they have very real-life experiences to draw upon following a number of special out of school excursions in the past week. The photos tell the story!

Year 5 Eureka Gold Rush Excursion

World Teachers’ Day

I highlight the contribution of teachers this week as we celebrate World Teachers’ Day this Friday. The photos on this newsletter illustrate some of the extra contributions by teachers towards the education and welfare of students. We have so many teachers here at Coomera who go way beyond what is expected to provide in very special ways for their students. Families and students may feel that they want to make special mention to an important teacher in their lives as we celebrate World Teachers’ Day 2014 on Friday 31 October 2014.

Thank you to all of the wonderful teachers here at Coomera. Happy World Teachers’ Day!!

Have a great week

Chris

Chris McMillan
Principal

Deputies’ Dispatch

Term 4 Events

Our first week back for term 4 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. The following events are scheduled for Term 4;

- Monday-Wednesday 10-12 November at 2.10pm – Mid-term Assemblies
- Monday 24 November – Thursday 4 December – Swimming program
- Thursday 4 December at 6pm – Carols Night
- Friday 5 December – Swim Fun Day
- Monday 8 December – Year 6/7 Farewell Ceremony
- Thursday 11 December – Reward Day

Social Skill Focus – Appropriate Noise

This week we are focusing on the social skill of ‘Appropriate Noise’. This social skill encompasses:

- Consideration of others;
- Allowances for optimal learning;
We are reminding children to:

- Providing a pleasant working environment.
- Know the difference between Silent, Whispering and Normal voices.
- Do what you believe is right for your class.
- Respect other students learning areas.

Student Weekly Awards

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

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Office News

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. This involved visits to Parliament House, The Australian Electoral Commission, Australian War Memorial and Old Parliament House.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $60 –per eligible student, under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses occurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school now that our excursion is complete.
We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this programme.
Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour have been mentioned above.
We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

Yours sincerely

Gary Coker – Yr 7 Teacher

Administration refurbishment and relocation of Health Room

We are very pleased to inform you that we will be operating from our newly refurbished administration offices in the Terry Howard Administration Building as of next Monday 3 November. The Finance Window will be open as per normal operating days/hours.

Please be advised that the Health Room will also be located in this building, so if your child/ren requires late or early departure slips please go to the Health Room window.

Confirmation of Enrolment

We currently have a lot of confirmation of enrolment forms that have not been returned. If you still have your form at home, please complete and send it in as soon as possible. We have blank forms in the office, and a link for one below, if by chance you have mislaid yours.

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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.

Student Council News

Indigenous Literacy Day/The Great Book Swap

Our Student School Council is holding a reading activity for the term – this one is for charity: we will be participating in this for the first time, this year, on Indigenous Literacy Day (ILD), Thursday 30th October 2014.

Our Student Council is holding a reading activity for the term, which is to be held on Indigenous Literacy Day (ILD), Thursday 30 October 2014. This charity event is being held for the first time at CSS to help raise funds to assist in raising literacy levels and improving the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions. We need your support to help raise funds to buy books and literacy resources for children in these communities.

The Great Book Swap challenge is a fundraising event where students make a gold coin donation and swap books with one another. Staff, parents and students will be asked to bring a book from home that they have really enjoyed but can bear to part with. Ideally books should be not just an unwanted item but a book that they think someone else would enjoy as much as they did. They may wish to record why they cherish the book on a GBS Book Plate that can be included with the book.

On the swap day the books brought by participants will be displayed on a ‘shop’ table. Participating students will be asked to donate a gold coin in exchange for the right to choose a book. Money raised will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Joanne Sharpe and Rana Jackson - Student Council
School Banking

Banker of the week: Zac P (1/2G)
Class of the week: 3E and 4A

Achievements of 30 consecutive bankings: Zoe M (PC), Tamsyn M (3E) and Nyema M (1B)

Tuckshop

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

We welcome Jackie as our new Uniform Shop Convenor, please pop in to say hello and make her feel welcome.

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 available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. 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.

Christmas Raffle

We are requesting donations (no toys) of Christmas decorations, dry food and non-perishable goods to put towards our Christmas raffle that will be drawn at our end of year Christmas concert. Please hand these donations in at the tuckshop.

Helping Hands News

Helping Hands Mad Scientist

If you’re looking for some fun science experiments for kids then you’ve come to the right place. This program is full of fascinating hands-on experiments that are a great way to enjoy the world of science. This fantastic program is available to all the children at Coomera.

On this extraordinary 5 week science journey, children will have the opportunity to engage in messy, gooey, bouncy, exploding and interactive science fun with the Mad Scientist, including experiments such as elephant toothpaste, slime, egg drop and balloon powered cars! The program will look at chemistry, energy, biology, movement and the world around us.

Over a 5 week program, you will be guided by our scientist to learn some fun and exciting experiments!

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program commencing 6 November 2014 please contact Helping Hands Coomera on 0459 990 651 or email coomera@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Booking forms will also be available from the school office and Helping Hands Coomera service.
Does your child struggle with PE lessons or moving around school?

We can help them:
- Improve their balance and posture
- Build their strength and endurance
- Enhance their coordination in sports

“With help from CPL, Lucy has really improved her standing and posture.”
- Lucy’s mum Sonia

Call 1800 275 753 or visit cpltherapy.org.au today!

CPL provides expert therapy services to kids of all abilities.

Free Playgroup – Save the Children Australia – Mobile Playschool

Free Playgroup for children 0 to 5, their parents and other carers. Come and join in with some of the free play, structured activities, craft, singing, stories, a healthy afternoon snack and lots of fun.

Every Monday morning between 9-11am during the school term at Dreamworld Parkway (near the scout hall).

For further information, please contact Romy (0411 869 131) or Raven (0438 202 058).

NGGC4C – Free Programs for Parents

NORTHERN GOLD COAST COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

QUANTUM COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTRE (QCYC)

29 Lawson Road Windin (formerly 29 Tabourie-Oxenford Rd, Oxenford 4210)

Phone: 55 945 585 590 597

FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS Term Four 2014

PARENTING MADE EASIER

During this four session course learn how to raise children that are responsible, trustworthy, and cooperative. How to discipline without yelling, arguing, or scolding, and much more! Suitable for parents and caregivers of children aged 0 – 12 years.

Monday 30th November – 1st December 8.30 am – 10.30 am Oxenford Community Youth Centre

2, 3, 5 LITERACY & EMOTION COACHING

A three session program for parents, child care workers, and teachers to help parents to develop positive behavior and manage difficult behavior in children 2–5 years old. Strategies are also applicable for working with 5–12 year olds.

Monday 26th October – 2nd November 8.30 am – 10.30 am Oxenford Community Youth Centre

Friday 15th November – 1st December 9.30 am – 11.30 am Oxenford Community Youth Centre

Tuesday 14th October – 20th October 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm Oxenford Community Youth Centre

BREATHEING UP GREAT KIDS

A five week program that teaches practical parenting skills for a rapidly changing society, and how to deal with everyday pressures that impact ourselves and our children.

Thursday 16th October – 6th November 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm Oxenford Community Youth Centre

ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS

During this four session course learn new skills for managing teenage behavioral problems, how to have conversations around issues that can’t be ignored, and how to build and maintain a healthy relationship.

Wednesday 22nd October – 1st November 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm Oxenford Community Youth Centre

RELATIONSHIP RESCUE

This 6 week program offers an opportunity to explore ways to have a healthier and effective way with one another. Includes relationship skills training, child and adult communication styles.

Tuesday 17th October – 22nd November 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm Oxenford Community Youth Centre

ASSERTIVENESS

This 5 week program will empower you to communicate in a healthy and effective way with anyone you meet in life, irrespective of their communication style.

Friday 23rd August – 19th September 9.30 am – 11.00am Oxenford Community Youth Centre

BABYFITNESS TRAINING

For 12 – 17 week old babies. 6 week course is practical and fun approach to babygyming. The course combines stretching, play, songs, massage, and child development, and tips on managing effective behaviors.

Tuesday 14th October – 18th November 10.00 am – 11.00am Oxenford Community Youth Centre

Childminding is available during all programs if required. $4.00 for one child, and $3.00 for every child afterwards. Children 6 years and under required. Please phone freephone 1800 275 753 for more information. Free to be a participant in community programs. Phone numbers (07) 55 945 585 for more information on programs.