27 November 2014

Principal’s Report

School swimming

Our school swimming program has commenced well with wonderful weather for enjoying swimming. I was pleased to hear good feedback on the lessons at the Helensvale Pool and many students have spoken to me about enjoying the swimming lessons.

Swimming Block is traditionally a period of time which requires a lot of organisation, unpacking wet gear and repacking dry gear each day and extra tired children. This will take a little more organisation and persistence as the week wears on.

We thank our families for your on-going extra efforts with regards to the daily organisation for swimming in order that students can gain the most from their school swimming block.

Also on the topic of swimming, we have had great lessons on life saving held here in the school for the older students as part of our overall aquatic learning program.

Please note that our school swimming program provides a core program of learning and that this will work well with the other family swimming experiences such as supervised practice, private lessons, training programs or even swimming club that will provide all round preparation for young people growing up in such a wonderful area for swimming.

Celebration of reading

Learning to read is a fundamental part of what we do in a P-7 school. We have been very focused upon providing the best possible learning for students to learn to read and improve in comprehension and fluency throughout their primary schooling years. Teachers have recently shared examples of their reading practice throughout the school and there have been so many wonderful examples of Coomera students really flying along with their learning. As time progresses we will be adding video footage and photos of students learning to our large screen running in our Admin front foyer.

Welcome to our 2015 Prep Students

We are very excited to welcome into our school students who will be commencing Prep here at Coomera in 2015. The interviews, school tours, transition programs and Prep Experience programs have given us, our future Prep parents and excited young children the opportunity to learn more about the great things in stall for Prep next year.

We really welcome a large number of families for whom 2015 will be the start of schooling for their first child. It is no doubt an exciting time for them and for all families and we do get excited to see these new faces as part of getting ready for another transition of students into Prep.

We urge any families or newly arrived families to make contact with the school as we have very interview slots left at the moment. Remember that we have some capacity to take enrolments from outside the catchment until these places are taken.

Learning at Coomera

We celebrate learning in a number of Year 1 classrooms and Physical Education.

Have a great week,

Chris McMillan
Principal

Deputies’ Dispatch

- Shiree Salazar P - 1
- Andrew Collins 2 - 4
- Shannon O’Donoghue 5 - 7

SWIMMING CARNIVAL/FUN DAY

The school swimming carnival is being held next Friday 5 December at the Helensvale Aquatic Centre. The event will run...
for students in years 3-7. All students will travel to and from the venue by bus as relayed in previous communications. There is an additional Pool entry cost of $2 for spectators and we encourage you to bring your own chair for comfort.

Please be aware that only Coomera State School students will be able to access the swimming pool in order to ensure safety of all participants. All participants and spectators agree to all safety requirements and directions given to maintain safety in this activity.

What to bring:
Students can wear suitable sun-safe house colours on the day.
All students attending the pool must have a Wet/Rash T-shirt to comply with Government pool policy.
All students attending the pool must have our school/house hat to be worn at all times when not competing in a race.
Carnival students will need to bring along a towel, sunscreen, goggles (optional) swim wear, a snack in a disposable bag with a name on it and a water bottle. School bags along with Lunch will also need to be taken. Please note that a dry uniform or house coloured set of clothing must be available to be worn when back at school.
Students are encouraged to eat a good breakfast and drink plenty of water before they come to school.

NO STREAMERS OR COLOURED HAIR SPRAY!!!!
The senior Carnival is an event-based program with students given the opportunity to race in a variety of strokes over a distance of 25m or 50m. Points awarded for 50m races count towards individual age championships. Students will be competing for House Points and the winning house will be presented with the 2013 trophy.

Start Time: 9:30am
Finish Time: 2:00pm

Students will return to school prior to 3pm after the carnival.

Family and friends are welcome to come along and support the students. Please note, due to the carnival being a school event, all students are under the care of school staff and any supervision procedures implemented on the day, need to be adhered to.

The Coomera Way – Building-up and Encouraging
Each week we focus on teaching and practising a different social skill. This week children are learning about “Build-ups and encouragement”. This social skill involves giving genuine praise and encouraging effort. We hope that you hear your child/children using sentences starters such as:

- “I like the way that you…”
- “Thank you for…”

During our time in the playground and classrooms this week, we have been very pleased to hear children already praising and encouraging each other.

This Week’s Social Skill – Being Positive

Maths Slide is a series of apps that aim to covers mathematical concepts for students such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Maths Slide also caters for place value and number facts. This is a collection of valuable apps that will help strengthen your child’s mathematical knowledge. Some of these apps are free, however additional content and other apps in the series do cost a small fee.

Term 4 Events
Student learning across Term 4 continues to be extremely productive. Students continue to be quickly engaged in their lessons, setting the high standard we expect from Coomera students. Remaining key dates to be aware of are:-

- Swimming Lessons Monday 24 November – Thursday 4 December
- Swim Fun Day – Friday 5 December
- Carols Night – Thursday 4 December at 6pm
- Year 7 Farewell evening – Monday 8 December
- Year 6 Farewell evening – Tuesday 9 December
- Rewards Day – Thursday 11 December

Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Weeks 6 & 7.

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2D | Tayla C and Ella M
2E | Brianna H and Joshua S
3C | Amani H, Jack W and Jayda W
3E | Jailin P
4A | Jordan B and Jordan W
4B | Nungalka D and Amelia T
5B | Emmylee D
6A | Jordan M
6B | Detroit H and Alanah W
6D | Bailey N and Alex R

Office News

2015 Book Lists

Book lists were distributed to students today. Please see below booklists for downloading.

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 Bushlines 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.

P&C News

Welcome to our newly appointed Uniform Shop Convenor Teana Werahiko. Please feel free to drop by and say hello to Teana to make her feel warmly welcomed.

School Banking Competition

School Banking

Class Banker of the week
16/10/2014 - 1D
6/11/2014 - 4B
13/11/2014 - 2F
20/11/2014 - 6D

Banker of the week
16/10/2014 - Cooper P Prep B
6/11/2014 - Imogen H 3E
13/11/2014 - Conrad C 3F
20/11/2014 - Lachlan O 2F

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

The Uniform Shop operating hours for the remainder of the year are as follows:

- Monday: 8.30am – 9.15am
- Wednesday: 8.30am – 9.15am
- Friday: 8.30am – 9.15am

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@coomerass.eq.edu.au

Homework/Library Bags

Please note that these are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.

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.

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 10years
Saturday Competition for girls up to 18years
Open Competition for ladies over 16years
NEW MEMBERS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE
FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT ON
0432 604 277
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/all-events/carols-on-the-beach
Summer Holiday Camps

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS
St Hilda’s School, Southport
15th – 19th December
12th – 16th January

What parents said about Activ8:
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- 100% said the coaches were excellent

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Fees: $10
Times: 10am-3:30pm
Skill Levels: All Skill Levels Welcome
Age: 8-15 Years
Gender: Co-ed


