Welcome to the 2015 school year

Welcome to the first school newsletter for the 2015 school year. Last week, we sent out an email update with brief information about back to school. We intend to continue a short update one week and newsletter the other week, alternating through the year. You may subscribe to both of these important methods of communication through the Subscribe tab on this page.

It has continued to be a wonderful start to the school year. I acknowledge and congratulate families for the great way that students have been prepared for school this year. The standard of school uniform and classroom requirements have been high which is assisting students to commence learning from the very start of the school year.

Each day we have so many happy smiling faces with young people enjoying coming to school and working hard on their learning. Things are going well at school when we have children happy and learning.

Learning Focus for 2015

We believe in the possibility of exceptional learning for every child at Coomera.

As a school, we have started the year establishing a mindset that will enable every child to thrive with their learning. Teachers want their students to know that they can learn more as they build belief in greater learning. I will share some important Coomera beliefs with our families:

- Everyone’s ability can expand based on learning and effort and we do not know what limits there are to human achievement
- It is okay to make mistakes as these are opportunities to learn
- Everyone’s intelligence is able to be expanded through learning and practice

These beliefs are part of what is called a Growth Mindset and we aim to build this mindset within the minds of our students. Teachers worked on this prior to school starting this year and there are ways that parents can support this in the home environment which will really build learning and achievement in your children. There are really simple things that we as adults can do in the way we provide encouragement and praise with our children that can limit or encourage further growth and achievement. Through this newsletter and over the term, I will provide more information to assist parents to build a Growth Mindset within their children.

I am including some really amazing ways to start building a Growth Mindset in our school and with your children. This youtube video is very inspiring.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN34FNbOkXc

I am also including some graphics to give you more of an idea of what a Growth Mindset is.
Welcome to our new Prep students

We extend a big welcome to our 125 brand new Prep students who have settled beautifully into Prep.

Important information for parents

- An invitation to Meet the Teacher session is included in this newsletter. These are scheduled for next week and we look forward to meeting with parents during these sessions.
- A reminder about our Day 8 processes for forming classes. Information on this is available here. Click to download Day 8 Processes
- The school Dental Van will be located at the school next week. Please read Office News for more information regarding the dental van.
- Families are asked to contact the school whenever there are any emergent family situations that might impact your child at school. We may be able to put arrangements or support in place to assist your children.

Have a great week,

Chris McMillan
Principal

Introducing Our New Deputy Principals

Deputies’ Dispatch

- Sheree Salazar P - 1
- Coralie Sotiriou 2 - 3
- Kristin Hill 4 - 6

Mrs Coralie Sotiriou

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Coralie Sotiriou and I am the new Acting Deputy Principal working with Years 2 and 3. I am very excited to be working at Coomera State School. It is an amazing place with wonderful staff who are extremely dedicated to the work they do in educating our students. I have seen many excited faces as I have visited the Year 2 and 3 classes. Our students are very eager to learn and have settled well into their new classes. I look forward to meeting you as the year progresses.

Miss Kristin Hill

Firstly, I would like to thank the staff, students and their families for the warm welcome I have received here at Coomera State School. I have worked across many roles in the Logan area including Regional Office, Head of Special Education and Deputy Roles however even after such a short time here, I already feel very much a part of the Coomera school community.

It has been a pleasure meeting students in the Year 4, 5, 6 sector and am really looking forward to working closely with all students and their families in 2015.

Student of the Week

Each week class teachers will identify a student in their class to be awarded a Student of the Week award. This award is to acknowledge academic effort or achievement in a certain subject area or a social skill that they have displayed.

Students will be presented this award in class by their Class Teacher and published in this newsletter. Each student will also be acknowledged at their Sector assembly in mid term.

Meet the Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week all parents are invited to meet their child’s classroom teacher at our Meet the Teacher Afternoons.

They are at the following dates and times:

- Years 1 and 6 – Monday 9 February
- Year 2 – Tuesday 10 February (including 4A)
- Years 3, 4 and 5 – Wednesday 11 February (except for 4A which is scheduled for Tuesday 10 February)

As there have been a few changes in the Leadership Team in 2015, we would like to extend an opportunity for all parents to meet Mrs Sheree Salazar (Deputy Principal for Prep/Year 1), Mrs Coralie Sotiriou (Deputy Principal for Year 2/3) and Miss Kristin Hill (Deputy of Year 4/5/6) from 3.45-4pm in the undercover area outside the tuckshop on each afternoon.

Then from 4-5pm on each afternoon you will have the opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher in their classroom.

We look forward to meeting both new and returning members of our school community next week.

Any further questions please see your child’s classroom teacher.
Office News

Dental Van – Gold Coast Oral Health (Dental) Services

The Dental Van will be onsite from Tuesday 10 February from 8am.

Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in year 6. This service will be provided on site by the Mobile Dental Clinic. Hours of operation for this clinic are Monday – Friday 8.00am – 4.30 pm. Please be aware that every second week the Dental Van will not be open.

If your year 6 child has younger siblings at Coomera State School you may wish to make an appointment for them at the same time.

To arrange an appointment for your child/ren telephone:

The Oral Health Client Service Centre
1300 300 850
Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm
Excluding Public Holidays

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child’s $1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.

* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp

Payments Due

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Just a reminder that the finance window is closed during the last week of term for administration purposes. However payments can still be made via internet banking.

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.

P&C News

P&C general meeting

The next meeting is Monday 9 February at 6.30pm in the Bilinba Centre. All welcome to attend.

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM is scheduled for Monday 16 February at 6.30pm in the Bilinba Centre. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this important meeting.

School Banking

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 Helen 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 for 2015 will be as follows:

- Monday: 8.15am – 9.15am
- Wednesday: 8.15am – 9.15am
- Friday: 8.15am – 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.

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.

Helping Hands News

Build your own Billy Kart

If you’re looking for some fun then you’ve come to the right place. Build, paint and drive your very own Billy Kart! This fantastic program is available to all the children at Coomera.

On this extraordinary 5 week program, children will have the opportunity to engage in putting the Billy Kart together and building it! They will then paint and decorate their Billy Kart before finally racing it against their friends! The best part is, they take the Billy Kart home to keep racing away!

Our construction expert will guide you through the program and is there to make sure everyone has the most fun possible. No power tools are used.

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

Booking forms will also be available from the Helping Hands Office in the School Hall.

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Basketball

Gold Coast Junior Rugby League

Community News

BLAZING BILLY KARTS!

Gold Coast Junior Rugby League

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Gold Coast Junior Rugby League

THE NEXT GOLD COAST TITAN!

GOLD COAST DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

SIGN ON CARNIVAL

SAT 7 Feb, 2015 9AM - 2PM

Cbus Super Stadium

TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION:

• Junior rugby league clubs and schools can enter
• Available age groups: Under 10 & 12
• Maximum 12 players per team
• $30 registration per team • Prizes for winning teams

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

• NRL coaching clinic
• Dressing shed tour
• Meet Titans players
• Titans Infoshow
• Face Painting
• Pass the ball challenges
• Glazing in and design your own jerry can

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Team Name | Age Group | Under 10 | Under 12 | Contact Name | Phone Number | Email Address
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Gold Coast Thunder | Under 12 | | | | | 
Gold Coast Titans | Under 10 | | | | | 
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