19 February 2015

Principal’s Report

Meet the Teacher
Thank you to the many families who came along to the ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoons last week. It was a great opportunity to continue to meet with our families and talk about the learning which is happening in every classroom.

I would expect that parents will hopefully become aware of some aspects of the learning that was happening in the classrooms, including through the much greater use of ‘Show Me Boards’ in the classroom. Teachers are checking for understanding on a fairly constant basis in order to identify gaps in learning on the spot.

Extended specialist learning
Our specialist Japanese LOTE teacher, Mrs Lornie, is now teaching Japanese to our students from Year Two. Japanese learning time increases as children move through the school and gives us an opportunity to develop greater language skills needed for our interconnected world as part of South East Asia.

We are pleased with the large array of specialist subjects that are being taught by specialist teachers across the school. More detail on this was provided in an email news update last Friday to help families become more aware of the specialist learning on offer here at Coomera.

Student Leadership Camp
We are featuring a number of photos from the recent Student Leadership Camp held in earlier this year. Our students were often inspirational in their approach to solving group challenges as a team.

Wet Weather Forecast
A period of wet weather is forecast for the later part of this week. Please be aware that the school will adapt our routines on wet days and we will take steps to care for the students during inclement weather. Our school learning programs will continue as planned during wet days. We encourage the use of rain coats or ponchos for children rather than umbrellas for safety reasons.

Telephone best option for any urgent messages
We encourage families to phone any urgent messages into the school as the best way to ensure that the messages are delivered on time to students or teachers. We do endeavour to clear emails on a daily basis but cannot monitor email at all times throughout the day. We advise the use of the phone for messages that you want delivered that day as the best option.

Growth Mindset
I have been pleased that many students have been adapting to more of what we call a ‘growth mindset’ at school. The Week 2 newsletter featured some information for parents about the ‘growth mindset’ as a better way to encourage learning, persistence, resilience and challenge within your young person. I enclose some more information in the form of ‘posters’ and quotes which is designed to increase awareness of how powerful a simple change from a fixed to a growth mindset can be.

Have a great week

Chris McMillan
Principal
Student Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Weeks 1, 2 & 3.

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Office News

Dental Van – Gold Coast Oral Health (Dental) Services

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

Finance Window

The finance window is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.15am to 9.30am. No other cash or EFTPOS payments will be accepted outside of these days/hours.

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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**

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 AGM results**

Following our recent AGM the following positions were nominated and filled;

President: Kerry Edgar  
Vice President: Elizabeth Libke  
Interim Treasurer: Carlie Gibson

*The following positions were not filled and are urgently required to be filled;*

1. Treasurer  
2. Secretary

If you are interested or would like further information regarding these worthwhile voluntary positions please contact the P&C via email pandc36@eq.edu.au or phone the school office to leave a message.

Once these positions are filled we are also seeking a Vice-Treasurer and Minute Secretary.

**P&C Meetings**

Please be aware that P&C meetings are now scheduled for the third and seventh week of each term. They will still be held at 6.30pm in the Bilinba Centre. All welcome to attend.

**School Banking**

**Banker of the week:**

Cohen 5C (5/2/15) and Renee 2B (12/2/15)

**Class of the week:**

1B (5/2/15) and Prep A (12/5/15)

**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 Opening Hours**

The Uniform Shop operating hours for 2015 will be as follows:

- Monday: 8.15am – 9.15am
- Wednesday: 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

Tuckshop

Volunteers wanted – Tuesday and Thursday – 12.30 to 2.30pm

Uniform Shop

No volunteers needed at this stage.

Community News

Queensland Academies – Southport Open Day

Open Day

Saturday 29 February 10am – 1pm

www.qldacademies.com

Stepping Stones

• Friday: 8.15am – 9.15am

Let the magic of this year’s Sand Safari experience take you to an enchanted wonderland as the Surfers Paradise Foreshore & various locations across the Gold Coast bring Disney’s magical friendships to life. This year’s Sand Safari will see the coastline of Surfers Paradise Fill with a dozen 10-25 tonne sand sculptures of your favourite Disney friends.

Come and admire the art of sand sculpting as each sculptor competes in this year’s Australian Sand Sculpting Championships, sculpting Disney characters and scenes in sand. There’ll also be a feature interactive Disney sculpture where you can have your photo taken among the display, along with sand art and bottle workshops.

Running over two weeks, there’s plenty of time to grab the whole family for what is set to be an amazing outing, fun for all ages!

Price: Free

Address: The Foreshore, Surfers Paradise

Phone: (07) 5584 3700

Website: http://www.surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/sand-safari/
Sensory Movie Days

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs
- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring fire exit doors.
- Sensory Movie Day run once a month on a Sunday at 11am.
- Tickets are $8 each (except days which $6 each). Children 2s and under are free.
- Companion (IE. Carers) are accepted.

Sensory Movie Day is running at the following Locations:
- Morningside, Merrimac, Mackay, Capalaba, Browns Plains, Ipswich,
- Townsvile, Lismore, Toowoomba.
- Any questions email sensoryMoviedays@hotmail.com

Gold Coast FAD Cheer and Dance

Nerang BMX Come and Try Day

Sunday February 22 from 12-3pm
Cnr of Mortensen Road & Cayuga Street
Nerang
Bring your bike, helmet, gloves and long pants.
Contact: Debbie 0438 253247 / Rheanon 0401 810 780
This day is free and first 25 to register on the day will receive a free BMX bag of goodies!

Child Safety Australia Presents

Children's Safety Australia Inc. presents
International Women’s Day
Children’s Safety Luncheon

In recognition of the strong connection between women’s and children’s rights, Children’s Safety Australia Inc. is hosting an International Women’s Day luncheon with a focus on practical strategies to promote children’s safety. Speakers include internationally renowned children’s rights campaigner Professor Freda Briggs, accomplished author Tess Rowley and internet safety expert Brett Lee.

Key topics include:
- The emerging trend of children who abuse other children;
- Internet safety tips including how to protect children and young people from various dangers in a rapidly changing online environment; and
- Practical strategies to keep children safe, including how to build their self-esteem and resilience.

OPTION A – PREFERRED OPTION - Three Easy Steps:
1. Register online & pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au
2. Please print your receipt and bring to the first session

OPTION B – NON-PREFERRED OPTION - Three Easy Steps:
1. Register online & pay in person before first session at Coomera Sports Complex
2. Please print your receipt and bring to the first session

TO REGISTER:

1. Register online & pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au
2. Please print your receipt and bring to the first session

AFL Auskick

Coomera JAFC NAB AFL Auskick Centre

Sign on & 1st Session: – 27th February
Time: 4.30- 5.30pm
Venue: Coomera Sports Complex
Address: Beattie Road Coomera
Cost: $70
For more information contact: 55 945 722
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

Participants receive benefits which includes, Hat, Football, Back pack and much more.

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VENUE: Pullman Brisbane King George Square
DATE: Monday, 9 March 2015
TIME: 9.30am (for a 10.00am start) – 2.00pm
COST: $60 (includes light morning tea on arrival and hot buffet lunch)
BOOKINGS: http://www.eventbrite.com.au

As highlighted in United Nations report, Women’s and Children’s Rights: Making the Connection, the lives of women and children are tightly knit, as are their rights. Advocating for women’s rights has been essential to advancing the situation of women worldwide. The same holds true for the promotion of children’s rights and improvements in their ability to survive and thrive. However, it the rights of women and children are considered together, they can reinforce each other and make mutually supportive demands on society.

The event presents a valuable professional development opportunity for police, social workers, educators, youth workers, chaplains, guidance officers, parents, carers, grandparents and anyone with an interest in keeping children safe.
About our speakers...

Keynote Speaker: Professor Freda Briggs AO

Professor Freda Briggs is Australia’s best known expert on child protection. In her roles as educator, writer, scholar and ambassador, Freda has campaigned and passionately worked towards her vision to provide a safer and more caring world for children and continues to make a significant contribution to the welfare of our nation.

Freda is Emeritus Professor of Child Development at the University of South Australia and has conducted pioneering research in dealing with victims and perpetrators of child abuse for decades. She has taken many approaches to further her cause to protect children including research, education and publication.

Since the age of 60, Freda has published more than a book a year and continues to publish extensively in international journals. She received a PhD Doctorate in 2009 from the University of Sheffield (UK) in Child Protection.

Freda became an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) in 2008 and in 2009 she was named Australian of the Year. She was the recipient of the inaugural Australian Humanitarian Award, the ANZAC Fellowship Award, the Joan Bokten Memorial Fellowship and the Creswick Fellowship Award for her work with disadvantaged children. She has assisted police and governments worldwide and for 23 years was child protection researcher and advisor to the New Zealand Police and Education Department.

Freda will speak about the emerging trend of children who abuse other children.

Tess Rowley

Tess Rowley has worked in the arena of family and community support for 30 years. She has written many books for children and adults on issues ranging from parenting and prevention of child sexual abuse to developing self esteem in children. Her books have sold in England, China, Russia and Hong Kong. Book titles include “The I Can Talk”, “When Mum and Dad Talk”, “Touching and Feeling” and the award winning, “Everyone’s Got A Button”.

Tess is an accomplished public speaker and enjoys talking to parents/professionals on issues relating to keeping children safe from sexual exploitation/predation and building resilience in children. She has presented at conferences both in Australia and overseas, teaching responses to child abuse and strategies for strengthening communities so that families can be supported at a local, low key level.

Tess will share practical strategies to keep children safe, including how to build their self esteem and resilience.

Brett Lee

Brett is the creator and owner of HESS, Internet Education and Safety Services, a privately owned Australian business delivering training, speaking and consultancy globally in the field of digital compliance including internet safety and cyberbullying. Brett worked a Queensland Police Officer for 22 years, 16 of those as a detective specialising in the field of Child Exploitation. In his last five years of service, Brett was a specialist in the field of undercover internet child exploitation investigations. Brett has been personally involved in the online investigation, arrest and prosecution of numerous offenders, whose medium for preying on others is the internet.

In his investigative role he spent thousands of hours assuming fictitious online identities to locate and remove criminals from the cyber environment. Brett has been a teenage girl on the internet longer than nearly any real teenage girl.

Brett will share how to protect children and young people from the various online dangers and how to operate in a rapidly changing online environment in a safe, productive and lawful manner.