4 March 2015

**Principal’s Report**

**Wonderful Leaders’ Assembly**

This newsletter features some of the highlights from our 2015 Student Leaders’ Assembly. This assembly was historic as it was the first time ever without our Year 7 cohort. It was wonderful for our 2014 school captains to return to the school to help present the badges to the 2015 student leaders.

Our leaders have so far demonstrated the most wonderful initiative, cooperation and reliability and are a great credit to their respective families.

Please enjoy some of the photos from the 2015 Student Leaders’ Assembly.

**Kokoda Kids**

The Kokoda spirit has been part of our school over the past four years. Last year, we had teams of students enter the 30 km event in Brisbane. This year, with the younger cohort, we have decided to enter teams in the 15km event and the interest is high. These students will be commencing ‘training’ walks this weekend to develop the important skills and virtues of participants of Kokoda Kids.

Students will be expected to not only walk a ‘long’ distance, they need to support their team mates so the team can finish together. This key aspect of the challenge is in keeping with the Kokoda Spirit value of ‘mateship’.

We are really thrilled to have such a great interest in this wonderful activity.

**Changing blockers to learning**

Students in many classes are learning better ways to think when it comes to difficult learning. This is in keeping with a focus on developing in our children a belief in a ‘growth mindset’ and that it is possible to achieve anything.

Blocker: I can’t do it

New thinking: It is a difficult challenge. With persistence over time, I will be able to achieve it.

Blocker: I am finished

New thinking: I need to have a look at my work to find ways to make it more excellent

There are more suggestions to help rethink learning challenges here:


Have a great week 6,

*Chris McMillan*

*Principal*

**ICT/Media**

This year, Kathryn Lewis will be teaching students in Prep – Year 3 in the specialist areas of ICT, Media, Design and Technology. With the rapid rate at which technologies are developing and becoming more and more embedded into our everyday life, Kathryn is very excited to begin this position and eager to further develop this area within the school. As such, students have now begun to spend one hour every fortnight either working in the computer lab on the laptops or in the Technology room on design projects.

In Prep, students have been exploring how to describe, strengthen and join different materials. As part of this unit of work, students have begun to construct their own photo frames. The students have also been developing problem-solving skills through investigating the properties of...
different materials and the different ways they can be used and manipulated.

In Year One, in conjunction with this term’s History Unit, students have been working in the computer lab to create personal timelines; showing how they have changed over time. Using Microsoft Word, students have been exploring how to manipulate and re-size images, type text, change font size and colour and investigate how to format a document. Although students were working on individual computers, it was great to see how eager they were to assist and work alongside their peers; enthusiastically sharing their knowledge of different skills and processes.

In Year Two, in conjunction with this term’s Science Unit, students have been planning, designing and creating a desk organiser using recycled materials. Students have been exploring how to draw 3D plans, strengthen and joint materials and investigate how to manipulate materials for a set purpose.

In Year Three, students have created personalised t-shirt designs. Students have been working in the computer lab, using a brainstorming tool called ‘Wordle’ to explore different layouts and ways of presenting text. Through this unit of work we have also been investigating different principles of media/design, including colour and size contrast, balance and repetition/patterning.

Student Leadership Camp
It has been a busy couple of weeks with lots of investment in our 2015 school leaders. In Week 2 of Term 1, our newly elected student leaders participated in a week of Leadership Activities at the Get Real Program with Mr Ramsden and Mrs Purser. Get Real Program is based on a 300 acre farm property, called Woodstock at the base of Tamborine Mountain.

The ‘Get Real’ program is an activity based program offering opportunities for our Leaders to develop and enhance their:

- Social skills
- Conflict resolution
- Co-operative learning, listening and communication skills
- Self-confidence, self-esteem and life skills.

All our Leaders participated in team problem solving activities, outdoor and indoor games, cooking and craft. We are very proud of all our Leaders contribution in the weekly program

Student Weekly Awards
Congratulations to the following classes and students who have received awards in Weeks 4 and 5.

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<td>Benson H, Liam H and Ethan M</td>
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<td>Lynkin-Joy K and Sachin W</td>
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<td>Kyan G and Kiara K</td>
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Office News

Dental Van – Gold Coast Oral Health (Dental) Services

Gold Coast Oral Health Services are now offering free dental check-ups to children in year 1 and year 5. 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 1 and year 5 child have 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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Unidentified payment

Payment of strings music resource scheme has been received into our school bank account however no payee details have been provided. Therefore if you have recently paid for the strings music resource for your child and have not received a receipt please contact the office on 5519 6333, so hopefully we can identify who the payment was for.

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

Fun Run

Coomera State School P & C will be conducting an Inter House Fun Run for the students as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. The event will take place on Friday 27 March 2015. All monies raised will provide additional resources such as sporting equipment for the students.

Students have now received a poster size Sponsorship Form with the biggest and best toys brands including Nike, Sony, Apple, Disney Frozen, GoPro, Razor, Nerf and more. This sponsorship form will assist with collecting sponsorship donations on behalf of the school.

Inside the Sponsorship Form you will find helpful tips on how to raise more money for the school as well as other benefits such as the chance to win a Bali Family Holiday.

We ask you to seek donations on a $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Please remember if you are going to collect sponsors by door knocking your neighbourhood you must take an adult with you at all times. Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive a reward prize for their efforts. The more donations you receive the better prize(s) you can choose. You can even boost your prizes with the option to mix and match. More details are included in the attached Sponsorship Form.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the Sponsorship Form and return along with your monies to the P & C box in the office on or before Thursday 2 April 2015. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

We would also welcome parents and family members to attend the event day to help cheer on the students. Happy fundraising!

Thank you in advance of your participation.

Michelle Felton and Coomera State School P & C

P&C Meetings

Please be aware that P&C meetings are now on the third and seventh week of each term.

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

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

1. Treasurer
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.

School Banking

Banker of the week:
19/02/2015: Lily H 2E
26/02/2015: Nyema M 2A

Class of the week:
19/02/2015: 1D
26/02/2015: 4B

Donations for Easter Raffle
Coomera State School P&C is having their Traditional Easter raffle. We are asking for donations of any items, big or small would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver to Tuckshop by Friday 27 March. Thank you.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
The Uniform Shop operating hours for 2015 is as follows:
- Monday: 8.15am – 9.15am*
- Wednesday: 8.15am – 9.15am*
- Friday: 8.15am – 9.15am*

*subject to change

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.

Sports News

Interhouse School Fun Run
Please see below the up and coming Inter house Fun Run scheduled for Friday 27 March providing weather is good to us!

Junior Fun Run
The morning session is for PREPS, Year 1 & Year 2 students.

# All times for events are only approximate, please arrive at least 30mins earlier than timetabled to watch a specific age group race.

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### Upper School Fun Run
The middle session is for students from Years 3 to Year 6.

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### Community News

#### Stepping Stones

As a parent or carer of a child with a disability aged 3 to 12, you are eligible for parenting support free of charge as part of the Stepping Stones Triple P (2019) project. The workshop is run by accredited trainers/psychologists to deliver Stepping Stones Triple P, which may be appropriate for you.

**Is this you?**
Does your child struggle to follow routines, instructions or household rules? Do they throw tantrums? Or do you simply want to learn more about how to create a positive, nurturing home environment for your children?
If this sounds familiar, then Stepping Stones Triple P can help.

**What happens at Stepping Stones Triple P?**
Stepping Stones introduces parents to positive parenting and gives you the skills and strategies to promote child development, teach new skills and behaviours, manage problem behaviour, and plan ahead for real situations.

Currently, the following workshops are on offer:

**Group Workshop – Evening Classes Now Available**
You’ll meet with a group of parents and caregivers for five interactive weekly, 2-hour sessions, three follow-up telephone calls to offer support, feedback, and further help you with your parenting plans and strategies, and a chance to celebrate your success with the program.
The next workshop will be commencing Wednesday evening 21 February 2018 at 6.30-8.30p.m. running from the Rectory Disability Service Centre.
Cost: $50
When: Any parent/carer of a child with a disability age 3-12 years
More: Visit [www.rectory.org.au/stepping_stones](http://www.rectory.org.au/stepping_stones) and click the “Get Help” tab then go to the “Find a Stepping Stones Session” tab to search for the session.

**Primary Care Group Workshop**
Primary Care is now being offered in a small group setting of up to four families. It is a brief format targeting one particular issue that many parents experience. The first Primary Care group will focus on “Discipline Behaviour”

The Primary Care Group will commence Thursday 19 January 2018 at 9.30a.m. for five, two-hour sessions running from the Rectory Disability Service Centre.
Cost: $60
When: Any parent/carer of a child with a disability age 3-12 years
More: Visit [www.rectory.org.au/stepping_stones](http://www.rectory.org.au/stepping_stones) and click the “Get Help” tab then go to the “Find a Stepping Stones Session” tab to search for the session.

If you would like to learn more about Stepping Stones Triple P programs or register your interest in a program, please contact Sarah Garrett or Ravenna Woolley on 3163 5880. Alternatively, you can register online at [https://www.rectory.org.au/stepping_stones](http://www.rectory.org.au/stepping_stones) or contact the Stepping Stones project team on 3163 5889.

Kind regards,

Sarah Garrett (Psychologist)
T: 07 3163 5880
[gs@garrett@comcast.net.au](mailto:gs@garrett@comcast.net.au)

Ravenna Woolley (Psychologist)
T: 07 3163 5883
Ravenna.woolley@qlnshc.qld.gov.au

### Il Shim Come and Try Taekwon-do

![Taekwon-do](https://via.placeholder.com/150)

**Benefits of Taekwon-Do**

- Physical strength and balance
- Improved concentration
- Discipline and respect
- Self-confidence

**Come & Try Taekwon-Do**

**Monday and Wednesday - 6:30pm**

Coomera State Primary School

**First 3 Lessons Free**

With no obligation

Taekwon-Do is a fun and effective martial art for people of all ages. It can’t be described but you have to try it to believe it!

Phone: 0403 200 153

### AFS Intercultural Programs Australia

**Welcome the world to your home**

Why not host an overseas exchange student with AFS Intercultural Programs? We have participants due to arrive in July and they require volunteer host families for their stay in QLD.

Are you ready to get an unforgettable experience, get to know another culture, make a lifetime friendship by adding a new member to your family from different country? If your answer is YES, then log on to our website [www.afs.org.au/host](http://www.afs.org.au/host) and get to know our amazing students arriving in July.

Participants come for 8 weeks to 5 months and attend high schools or volunteer for organisations in the community. They
come from countries including Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany and many more.

For more information please call your local AFS volunteer Kelly Mudford on 0448 065 990 or contact the AFS Hosting team on 1300 131 736 or visit www.afs.org.au/host to make an inquiry!

Living Rivers Op Shop – Volunteers Needed

Living Rivers Op Shop, situated at the Coomera Village Shops, Dreamworld Parkway is looking for volunteers to assist in the shop.

If you are able to assist for few hours, please contact Sue Sandilands, Manager of the shop on 55298366 or drop in to speak to her.

Sensory Movie Days

**Sensory Screening for Families with Special Needs**

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<td>Sun 16 Mar</td>
<td>Penguins Of Madagascar</td>
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<td>Sun 24 May</td>
<td>Home (in Cinemas 13 May)</td>
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<td>Tinkerbell, Legend Of The Neverbeast (in Cinemas 23 Apr)</td>
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<td>Sun 28 Jun</td>
<td>Minions (in Cinemas 19 July)</td>
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Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs

- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring the exit doors.
- Sensory Movie Day run once a month on a Sunday at 11am.
- Tickets are $8 each (except Tweens $6 each). Children 2yrs and under are free.
- Companion of I.D. Cards are accepted.

Sensory Movie Day is running at the following Locations:

- Moruya, Narooma, Merimbula, Marlo, Narooma, Batemans Bay, Bega Valley, Moss Vale, Taree, Grafton, Lismore, Tuggerah and Cronulla

Any questions email sensormovieday@hotmail.com

**BUY TICKETS NOW AT THE BOX OFFICE**

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Event Cinemas