17 November 2016

PRINCIPAL’S PRATTLE

PICK UP ZONE

It is great to see the pick up zone working as well as it is. Please remember to have your family name on the inside of your sun visor to make it easy for the teachers on duty. A special thank you to Mrs Baltins for the effort she is putting in each afternoon to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Please be careful when exiting onto Bundara Street as there are often children and parents walking along the footpath.

GRADUATION

Don’t forget our graduation ceremony for the year 6 students is on Wednesday 7th December. All students have been asked to bring an item to contribute towards the supper. The P&C will also be providing some hot food on the night.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Next week we are having our annual Christmas concert. We have class performances, Choir, strings and the band. The concert will start promptly at 6pm. Please plan to be seated in the hall prior to the start time.

The P&C will be having a sausage sizzle and hamburgers on sale between 5-6 pm if you would like to have something to eat before you go into the hall.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

As part of our continued support for the community we are also having a Christmas Hamper Drive on the night. If you are able to supply an item of food (non-perishable) we will be making up a number of hampers to give to “The Ministry for the Homeless Gold Coast”. There will be a collection point in the foyer of the hall and in the office foyer from Wednesday next week. All donations will be gratefully accepted and the tuckshop will organise the delivery of the goods.

MAX TREMOLADA – AUTHOR

Yesterday afternoon I had the pleasure of speaking to Max and his mother about a book that Max has had published. It is already available through iTunes and Amazon. Max and his mother have self-published the book which is based around a poem that Max’s grandmother wrote before she passed away. He has used this poem and illustrations as the basis for his book titled – “Timothy, John and the Big Green Dinosaur”. Congratulations Max! A great example of where learning can take you.

SCHOOL FETE

The P&C would like to announce that the profit from the FETE this year was $18271. Congratulations again to the committee and we are looking forward to spending the money raised in some much needed areas in the school.

Now the dust has settled on our fete we would like to thank the following businesses for kindly donating to our cent auction:

- Ashmore Palms
- Studio Star
- Grill’d Hamburger Restaurant
- Paradise Point Seafood & Butchery
- Paradise Point Fruit Market
- My Kindy Runaway Bay
- Training Tailor Made
- Southport Yacht Club
- Runaway Bay Leagues
- Timezone
- Goldsteins Bakery
- San Churros
- McDonald’s
- Skypoint Observation Deck
- Runaway Bay Tavern
- Reading Cinemas
- Dublin Docks
- Tickety Boo Trading

SCHOOL FETE
Imago Photography
Sharks Football Club
Sizzler Mermaid Beach
Paradise Point Florist
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
Skydive Australia
Superior Tennis Academy
Paradise Point Foodworks
Bagus Bali Bits
Fruzee Ice Blocks
Gecko Sports
Coombabah State High School
Laser Clinic
The Sewing Hut
Red Door Hair Design
Charis Seafoods
Runaway Bay Centre Management
Pancakes On The Rocks
Boardwalk Tavern
Bunnings
Woolworths Runaway Bay
Guzman Y Gomez
Commonwealth Bank
Harbourtown Centre Management
Putt Putt Mermaid Beach
Pure Colour Lounge
Gold Coast Soy Candles
Custom Crockery
Very Crafty
Elfsrnial of Eliza
Memory Lane Homewares
Abrakidazzle
Zingara’s Kitchen
Coles Runaway Bay

A huge thank-you is also extended to our school community and the families that donated to our cent auction.

TUCKSHOP AWARDS

Once again this year our Tuckshop was entered into a number of categories in the Annual QAST (Queensland Association of School Tuckshop) Awards. Each year over the past 4 years our tuckshop has won awards across a number of categories.

I am very pleased to announce that for a second year (last time was in 2013) our Tuckshop came home with the Major award of ‘Tuckshop of the Year’. This is in recognition of the amazing work our tuckshop does in providing a varied and healthy menu for our students.

They were also successful in being in the top 5 award winners for Smart Choices Menu Awards - Primary and won the Environmental Awareness Award for their continued work with our Stephanie Alexander garden and their work with our Chaplain and the cooking/gardening program.

Congratulations especially to Jennifer and Vicky and the number of volunteers they have assisting each week in the tuckshop.

PAYMENTS AND CUT OFF DATES

For each excursion and event that we have at school that requires families to pay a fee we have to have a set time that we need to finalise payments. You will always be notified of the cut off date on the permission note that is sent home.

THE FINAL PAYMENT DATE is being strictly enforced. If you have not paid or have not spoken to the BSM about a payment plan then any late payments will not be accepted and your child will not be able to participate in the excursion/event.

We have to set a cut off date for payments as most excursions have to have required number of students attending to make it viable. We have to book buses or instructors well in advance of the excursion and this means that if you are late to pay we would have to look at ordering another bus or extra instructors. This can then change the entire fee initially set for the excursion. There are many other variables including duty of care, number of support staff etc that impact on the organisation of an excursion and working out the fee structure.

We are also not allowed to keep cash on the school premises so this is why we have set collection days and at the conclusion of our ‘money’ days we then bank all the money so it is not left at school.

STUDENTS LEAVING OUR SCHOOL

We are beginning the process of planning our class arrangements for 2017. To minimise disruption to classes in 2017 we need to know numbers of students likely to be attending. If your family is planning or likely to move schools next year, please advise us as soon as possible. Please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the school office.

TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ARE NOT RETURNING IN 2017

(Please do not include current Year 6 students)

(name of student/students)

(class/classes)

Will not be returning to Coombabah State School in 2017.

Intended school in 2017 is:

(Parent/caregiver signature)

(Date)

Murray Gleadhill
Principal

MUSIC NOTES

CAROLS EVENING WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

This Wednesday our Carols Evening will take place at 6pm at the school hall. All year levels will perform a Christmas Carol and we will have performances from the Band, Strings, Junior Choir and Performance Club. The P&C are kindly running a sausage
sizzle for the event. We look forward to seeing you there for a sing-a-long.

SENIOR CHOIR YEAR 6 GRADUATION PERFORMANCE

The Senior Choir will perform at our year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday evening 7th December at our school hall. We will advise estimated performance time and attire details in a letter for choir students in the coming week.

TALENT SHOW

The Talent Show will take place at our school hall on Monday 5th December between 9am and 11am. Finalists will battle it out on the stage for a place in front of their teachers and peers. Good luck students!

POLICE PIPES AND DRUMS BAND

Recently we had a guest performance from the QLD Police Pipes and Drums band. All students were treated to traditional bagpipes and a traditional drum line at our school hall. Students and teachers were selected to participate in performances and Bob the Builder was a hit with all. Thank you to the QLD Police Pipes and Drums Band for visiting our school with your wonderful talent.

OUTSTANDING MUSIC HIRE SHIRTS

We still have a number of music hire shirts that have not been returned after previous performances in term 3. Thank you parents and carers who have returned hire shirts as it assists us with providing music uniforms for future events and allows us to maintain a high performance costume standard. If your child still has a hire shirt at home please return it to the office or music room for students to use for future performances.

WHAT’S ON

MONDAY 2ND BREAK: SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL
TUESDAY 2ND BREAK: PERFORMANCE CLUB REHEARSAL
WEDNESDAY 2ND BREAK: JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY 8:00: STRING ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
THURSDAY 1ST BREAK: BEGINNER STRINGS ENSEMBLE
THURSDAY 2ND BREAK: PERFORMANCE CLUB
FRIDAY 2ND BREAK: SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL

Melinda Kidd
Music/Media Arts Teacher

GOLD CERTIFICATES

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Congratulations to 4B who are the Mathletics class of the week for 2 weeks running.

Nina Fitch
Support Teacher: Literacy & Numeracy

SURFSIDE SCHOOL BUS PASS REMINDER FOR 2017

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I get a bus pass?

There are a number of general criteria that apply to STAS. Where a student is eligible for STAS, there are two types of bus assistance available, distance based and Safety-Net travel. Visit the Translink website for eligibility details and to print the relevant application form.


Where do I send the form to?

Applications for 2017 can be submitted now to

Surfside Buslines
PO Box 3036
Robina QLD 4230

Or

Email: gc-schools@tagroup.net.au

MATHLETICS CERTIFICATES

Here at Coombabah State School students have access to the online maths program, Mathletics. Each week students who have achieved a gold or silver level certificate by completing maths exercises are presented with these certificates at their assemblies. Congratulations to the following students who have recently received certificates:
Who needs to apply?

If this is the first time you are applying for assistance to travel or you are moving schools, changed address, repeating a grade or are moving from primary school to secondary school you need to apply now.

Existing bus pass holders

If your details will not be changing from 2016 to 2017 you do not have to reapply.

Students who hold a 2016 bus pass will be able to travel with that pass until 24 February 2017. This allows some time for the 2017 passes to be made.

If you lose your 2016 bus pass you will have to apply to Surfside Buslines for a replacement.

How do I get my bus pass?

Surfside will process applications over the Christmas school holidays so your pass will be sent to your school for you to collect.

What if my pass hasn’t arrived by 24 Feb 2017?

Without written confirmation from TMR stating your application has been approved you will need to pay the full cost of travel. These fares are not refundable.

What if I am not eligible for STAS?

Use the TransLink journey planner to plan your travel to and from school. There are helpful tips on how to plan and how to catch a bus. Alternatively telephone 13 12 30.

Check out the new MyTransLink app. All bus, train, ferry and tram information is in the palm of your hand with customisable features so you will always get the updates that matter to you.

Timetables

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Further information

For more information on the School Transport Assistance Scheme, the Code of Conduct for School Children Travelling on Buses and Timetables visit:


FORTHCOMING ASSEMBLIES

MONDAY 21 November 2016: Prep to Year 3 at 2.30pm in the school hall
MONDAY 28 November 2016: Years 4 to 6 Assembly at 2.30pm in school hall

DATES TO REMEMBER

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COMMUNITY NEWS

RUNAWAY BAY LIONS CLUB CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Free family entertainment presented by the Runaway Bay Lions Club. Featuring much loved Australian Entertainer – “NORMIE ROWE” and Swing King Craig Martin with some of the best young talent on the Gold Coast accompanied by a ‘live band’. Back by request is the children’s favourites – Cookie the Koala and Molly-Roo. We also have local choir’s including Southport Primary, Coomera Anglican College, Runaway Bay Vocal Success Studios Choir and special guest “SANTA” with a Fireworks Spectacular at 8.00 pm.

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Come along with your family and friends and sing along to your favourite Christmas Carols. Food, beverages and glow products will be available for purchase on the night.

Proudly sponsored by Councillor Cameron Caldwell Division 3 and Councillor Kristyn Boulton Division 4.

CIT LIBRARIES EARLY LITERCAY PROGRAMS EVALUATION

COOMBABAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

As part of CSHS Construction program, year 11 students build miniature picnic tables – scaled perfectly for young children (ages 2+). These tables are a sturdy, solid timber, painted piece of outdoor furniture – perfect for kids! A variety of colours available. Priced at $65.00 each (material costs only).

We also have three modern timber dog houses, suitable for most dogs (floor is 100cm x 60cm). Weatherboard exterior, corrugated iron roof and professional exterior paint. These are $165.00 each (which only covers material costs). (See attached photo).

To buy a table or find out more, please contact Mika Heinemann
mhein2@eq.edu.au or Ph:5552 3836