6 October 2016

PRINCIPAL’S PRATTLE

Firstly I would like to welcome our new students and families to Coombabah State School. I know that you will find our school friendly and welcoming and I would encourage you to get involved in the life at the school.

Thank you also to Mr Hartley for his efforts during term 3. He totally enjoyed his experience at the school and the professionalism of our teachers and their efforts each day with your students was something that stood out for him.

DROP AND GO ZONE

It is great to finally see our Drop and Go Zone in action. This has been a work in process for quite a while and I am confident that if everyone follows the simple rules associated with this initiative it will be of great benefit to the students and the school and will allow for a much safer and streamlined way to collect your students after school. I cannot reinforce enough that patience, tolerance and following the directions will ensure its smooth operation.

FACEBOOK

Don’t forget that we are now on FACEBOOK. We will be using it for the following purposes

- For Coombabah State School to positively engage with our school community
- Remind our community about upcoming events
- Share Coombabah State School’s good news stories with the community.

Don’t forget to return the consent form if you allow your child’s image to be used on our FACEBOOK page.

PARENT DISCUSSION SESSIONS

I will be posting some proposed meetings that I would like to hold with parents over the coming weeks that are an informal chat about aspects of our school. I will have some prepared questions that ask you to reflect on some of our practices and processes. There will also be time for you to ask any questions that you may have about the school and how we go about our day to day business. I will be asking for 5 parents from each year level. The first five parents in each year level to reply will be invited to come and meet with me. The feedback from the discussion will then be shared in future newsletters. If you think you would be interested watch out on our FACEBOOK page for dates and times.

NAPLAN

I know Mr Hartley reflected on our NAPLAN results in an earlier newsletter and I would like to reinforce that it is something to be celebrated for our students, teachers and the school as a whole. The ongoing focus will be to build on this growth and continue to implement effective practices that encourage student academic growth especially in the key areas of literacy and numeracy. I am very much encouraged with some of the other programs we have implemented in the early years that will translate into our students starting from a stronger position when they first sit NAPLAN in year 3.

FETE

Earlier in the year we mentioned how if every family did just one thing during the year to help with our fundraising initiatives, what a huge impact this would have in the school. Now is that time. Please get on board with the efforts of the small but dedicated group of P&C members who are working on the FETE. This was a real success for our school last year, not just in raising money for the school but also building a positive school community.
Any contributions or donations for the FETE will be warmly received as will help on the day with stalls, cooking, supervision etc.

Please continue to help support this initiative.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Just a reminder that October 17th is a Pupil Free Day. Our teachers are participating in a professional development activity that is focused on peer coaching within the school. We have engaged Growth Coaching International to lead this day with our teachers. This activity is based on the idea that teachers learning from other teachers and giving them authentic feedback about their classroom practices is a highly worthwhile professional activity.

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.

Murray Gleadhill
Principal

ENROL FOR PREP 2017

We are now accepting enrolments for Prep 2017. Enrolment packages are available at the office.

Please note – all students enrolling in Prep MUST have a birth certificate. No student will be able to start school without providing a birth certificate.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN STARTING PREP YEAR

Parents of children born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 who are starting Prep in 2017 will need a birth certificate to enrol them in the Prep Year.

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush.

To apply for a standard or commemorative birth certificate you can:


- visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse (Southport)

Don’t leave it to the last minute – apply for a birth certificate now.

Further information for parents and carers wanting to enrol their Prep-aged children in a state school in Queensland is available on the Department of Education and Training website at:


Jill Warr
Deputy Principal

YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

A REMINDER TO PARENTS/CARERS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

Coombabah State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

HAVE YOU MOVED LATELY?

Have you moved house or changed jobs recently?
Do you have a new phone number?
Have your family circumstances changed lately?

If you answered yes to any of these questions we need to know. Either phone the office on 5501 3888 or drop us a note with all of the current information.

It is essential that we have up-to-date information in the case of emergency situations, if your child/children are ill or if a member of the staff needs to contact you.

ABSENCE LINE

We have a Student Absence phone line – 55013860 - which parents can use 24 hours a day to advise the school of any absences.

Simply call this number and leave the student’s name, class, reason for absence and the dates and duration of the absence.

If any student is to be absent for any longer than 10 school days then you must contact the office to fill out the appropriate paperwork.

Your assistance in notifying the school of any absences is greatly appreciated

FETE – SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

Wow it’s just 4 weeks until the fete! And it’s looking like the best one yet.
We would like to welcome our major sponsor on board, MP Stuart Robert who has generously donated $2000 towards the fete!

A fete newsletter went home in the last week of term 3 so check your student’s bags for your copy…. Look out for a new newsletter and details on how you can help the cake stall next week.

WRIST BANDS
Wristbands are now on sale via Flexischools and will be available for purchase every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am to 9am starting on Monday 10 October.

Wristbands are $28 presale and $35 on the day, so get in early to save. Wrist bands give you unlimited rides from 10am to 3pm on fete day!

FREE DRESS CHOCOLATE DRIVE
We are holding a free dress day on Friday 14 October.

Please bring along a chocolate bar/block/share bag/box instead of a gold coin donation. Please ensure that students wear their school shoes and that all clothing is sun safe.

BUNNINGS BBQ
We need volunteers to assist for an hour or so at the Bunnings in Arundel on Sunday 23 October. If you would like to help please message Bek on 0416 229 946.

BAKE OFF
Entry forms for the bake off will be available from the tuckshop from week 2. If you would like to be involved please get your registration form all for any of the rules. Last year the students had a great time making and showing off their creations.

DONATIONS
We urgently need cellophane rolls for our hampers. We will be wrapping them on Friday 7 October and Tuesday 11 October in the parent room if you would like to help.

VOLUNTEERS
Our volunteer list is looking a little light. It doesn’t matter if you can spare an hour or two or the whole day – we would love you to be involved.

All stalls – BBQ, Cent Auction, Cake, Bric a Brac and show bag stalls all need volunteers to run.

And calling all Dads! We need manpower on Saturday morning to set up marquees and tables ready for the fete – it will be an early 6am start, to get everything set up by 9am. If you can help please contact Bek 0416 229 946.

THANKS
Thanks to everyone who has donated, volunteered and/or helped in any way. The P&C Association is working very hard to raise enough money to finish our covered walkway and we value every effort no matter how small.

Bek Welsh and Cindy Cooper
Fete Co-ordinators 2016

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER – JESSICA KANE

https://www.qldmentalhealthweek.org.au/

Did you know that 20% of Australians live with some form of mental health issue? Each year, Mental Health Week provides an important opportunity for our community to acknowledge and reflect upon mental health, take action to highlight the importance of mental wellbeing, reduce stigma, and celebrate the service of mental health workers.

‘Mental health can affect anyone – and everyone around them’

Next week (wk2) at Coombabah Primary School we aim to -

:provide activities (drumming, colouring, singing, relaxation, games, vegetable face designs) and events to encourage school parents/carers, students and staff to get involved and enjoy themselves);

:encourage you to talk about mental health and wellbeing and share your knowledge and support with one another;

:reduce the stigma attached to Mental Illness.

PARENTS AND CARERS: You are invited to attend presentations

(by Jessica: GO, Kim: Behaviour Teacher, Fiona: Chaplain)

Wednesday 12th October from 9-12:30

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<td>Understanding Anxiety – Exploring anxiety and the impacts on play and learning</td>
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<td>Positive Behaviour for Learning – how our school supports wellbeing</td>
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<td>Emotion Coaching – What is it? How does it benefit carer/child relationship? Discussion about opportunities to emotion coach</td>
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<td>Positive mental health, asking for help and agencies available</td>
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<td>Introducing Fiona – Coombabah Primary School Chaplain</td>
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Thursday 13th October

2:00 Launch of the Mental Health Art Sculpture – created by 4B: location – outside administration. Come celebrate with Year 4 with afternoon tea.
Online resources for all:
https://www.qldmentalhealthweek.org.au/resources/
https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/
https://www.beyondblue.org.au

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

Junior Sports Day was an outstanding success. Thanks to the huge number of parents and grandparents who attended and supported the very colourful and enjoyable day. Congratulations to Ms Dorron, Mrs Cummins, all teachers and aides for their organisation. Congratulations to our School Sports Captains. Special thanks to our P&C and volunteers for catering on the day.

The winning house on the day was: Banksia
The winner of the March Past was: Acacia.

Ms Dorron
HPE Specialist
Coombabah Primary School

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE

Welcome back to school. We hope all families had a safe and relaxing Spring break.

This week sees Friday Fitness Frenzy resume. The 'CSS Walking Crew', meets at Paradise Point baseball oval, 8am. It is always a social, easy and healthy way to start a Friday. We hope more students can join the group, in these warmer months ahead.

Later in the term, Friday 28th October (Wk5) the school will support the 'Walk for Daniel Morcombe' day. This raises awareness and funds for ongoing and vital, child protection, education programs.

We will hold a 'Bling Your Bike' event, Friday November 18th (Wk7). Look out for more details about this with prizes, free breakfast and a visit from Zero the Hero, due.

Happy Term 4. Thank you, as always, to Gold Coast City Council for funding the AST program in our school.

J.Hill, S.Haydock
AST Teachers

MUSIC NOTES

This term we have many things on the horizon and students have more performances to present at events including the school fete, graduation ceremony, talent quest and Christmas concert. Please read on to be informed.

INTRUMENTAL MUSIC INFORMATION EVENING

In week 4 of this term we will be hosting an information evening for parents and carers of students who are interested in learning a musical instrument in 2017. The information session covers all necessary topics including the recruitment process and selection criteria used, associated costs and many other Instrumental Music Program details. It is a very important information session to attend if your child has not previously participated in our Instrumental Strings or Band Program and they are interested in joining for 2017. The session will take place in the music room at 6pm on October 26th. We look forward to seeing you there.

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

Many students have already participated in auditions for a chance to be in our final Talent Show to take place at the school hall at the end of this term. Opportunities to audition will cease at the end of week 5 of this term and finalists will have their names posted outside the music room at the beginning of week 6. The students have put in a great amount of effort to bring their performances to life and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Good luck students!

SCHOOL FETE PERFORMANCES

Students who have received a score of 7 or higher on their Talent Show audition are invited to perform at this year’s school fete. An area will be set up near the school hall for all daily performances to take place. Students who scored a 7 or higher and are interested in presenting a performance at the school fete will be advised when they will perform on the day. Full performance costumes are encouraged and all backing music is the responsibility of students. Please note that a score of 7 or higher does not guarantee a place in the final show.

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 REHEARSAL
THURSDAY 2ND BREAK: PERFORMANCE CLUB
FRIDAY 2ND BREAK: SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL

Melinda Kidd
Music/Media Arts Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to term 4. It has been a busy year so far for our library. We will be having book club this month and it will be the last one of the year. Any parent wishing to purchase books with a view to Christmas please just let me know and we will keep your secret for you.
Many thanks to all those who have offered their time and support in the library. It is very much appreciated.

I will be doing the book stall at the fete so please any books no longer required at home I will make sure they find a new home.

Charon Hindmarsh
Library

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:

GOLD CERTIFICATES

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Nina Fitch
Support Teacher: Literacy & Numeracy

BAKERS DELIGHT PROMOTION

Don’t forget to mention Coombabah State Primary School when purchasing anything from Baker’s Delight Runaway Bay Shopping Village, 5% of the sales are passed onto the school. It’s that easy.

FORTHCOMING ASSEMBLIES

MONDAY 10 October 2016: Prep to Year 3 at 2.30pm in the school hall

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COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE TRIPLE P STEPPING STONES, POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMS (FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AGED 2-12 YEARS)

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services in partnership with Stepping Stones Triple P will be continuing to offer free parenting support for parent of children aged between 2 to 12 who have a disability or suspected disability. We have a number of planned group workshops and
brief Seminars available for parents to attend in October and December 2016.