



COOMBABAH STATE SCHOOL
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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

How quickly we arrive at the end of yet another term. The end of this term is exciting for all the students as we will be having our annual sports day including field events and track events. This is an exciting and fun way to end a term and we look forward to seeing as many students participating as possible. The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle and canteen facilities during the day.

ATTENDANCE DATA

I have decided to include, for the purpose of celebrating the great work that many students and families are putting in to ensure that students are at school as often as possible, our attendance figures for semester 1. We set a target of 93% attendance for classes this year

3B	91.33%
3C	91.58%
3/4D	94.64%
4A	93.05%
4B	90.05%
4C	91.62%
4E	90.85%
5A	93.49%
5B	92.79%
5C	93.48%
5D	93.3%
6A	87.64%
6B	92.88%
6C	93.23%
6D	91.41%

For these numbers to have the most meaning look at it this way.

We generally have 100 days per semester. So for example if you look at 5C – if your child attended more than 93 days this semester (or they had less than 7 days away) your child is above the class average and their attendance is to be commended – Well Done!

REPORT CARDS

This semester's report cards will be emailed to you in the last week of the term. If you do not have a current email address you will need to ask the office for a hard copy of the report.

Well done to all the students who have consistently given their best effort throughout the semester. I am sure that your hard work will be reflected in your results and the comments about your work.

Prep A	95.66%
Prep B	95.55%
Prep C	92.59%
Prep D	94.07%
Prep E	93.64%
1A	94.16%
1B	95.15%
1C	92.88%
1D	94.49%
1E	92.48%
2A	89.18%
2B	94.15%
2C	94.54%
2D	92.35%
3A	94.26%

BEHAVIOUR

We often need to revisit behaviour issues across the school and on the whole we have a very well behaved group of students. Everyone has small issues every now and then and as a school we work very hard to ensure we get on top of poor behaviours as quickly and effectively as possible.

We also value parental support and the positive relationship we build with parents. Parental support with behaviour is essential to establishing a positive school culture and environment.

I would like to take this opportunity to raise a few points about behaviour that I have mentioned over the past couple of years.

- Behaviour (especially managing challenging behaviour) is a joint responsibility between parents, students and the school.
- Students are expected to behave in a responsible manner at school so that all students can learn, teachers can teach and everyone is safe.
- If support from home is not enacted and followed through when a child is suspended then the process will not have the desired effect.
- It is expected that students will complete work that is sent home if requested when a child is suspended.
- As members of society we know what is the right and wrong way to interact with others. As parents you would not expect members of staff to swear at your child or you. The school will not accept students swearing at teachers or staff in the daily life in a classroom.
- Our teachers do a fantastic job of tailoring the curriculum to suit the needs of the students and managing the day to day behaviours in a typical classroom. They did not become teachers to be abused or treated disrespectfully by students.

What can a student be suspended for?

The School's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students describes the behaviour that is expected and the types of disciplinary consequences that may be used. A Principal of a state school can suspend a student from the school on the following ground/s:

- Disobedience
- Misbehaviour
- Conduct that adversely affects, or is likely to adversely affect other students
- Conduct that adversely affects, or is likely to adversely affect, the good order and management of the school.

Please take the time to discuss your child's behaviour with them during the school year. On the whole our students are very well mannered and visitors to the school comment on how settled the school is and how settled the students are in classrooms when they walk through. This is something that as a school community we can all be proud of.

BEHAVIOUR FLOWCHART

We are currently putting together a more explicit behaviour flowchart to show you the steps that we follow in relation to behaviour support at the school. It is in draft at the moment and I will be sharing it early next term. Don't be surprised when you see the level of support that you as parents need to give to make positive behaviour happen for your child and the school. As parents you play a key role in ensuring that your positive talk, your involvement in the process and your support in following up with recommendations influences the behaviour choices your child makes.

UNDER 8'S DAY

What a huge success our Under 8's day was this year. Thank you very much to Jill and her team for putting all the activities together for the day. A big thank you also to all our parent helpers. Without your support on the day it would not have been possible to have such a free flowing and interest based experience for the students.

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NEW RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT

I would like to thank the P&C for their contribution to a number of projects currently completed or underway to improve the school for your children.

Today we received some fantastic new furniture for a number of classrooms. Our new playground has been ordered as has new painting for the undercover areas. The library is being air conditioned during the holidays.

This has all been achieved through your participation in our various fundraising initiatives over recent times.

DISCO

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the recent disco. It was a very successful night and again it was great to see some new parents getting involved and assisting throughout the night. As we have said before – 'if every family helped with one event throughout the year, it would make things so much easier and we would be building a great culture throughout the school.'

Murray Gleadhill
Principal

BSM NEWS

FINANCE

Please pay for your student/s outstanding fees for Goods or Services received. By not participating or ignoring these invoices you are limiting your student/s learning experiences in class and we cannot go ahead with certain upgrades around the school, as we haven't received payments to cover the costs incurred and have to re-allocate funds from a different areas.

Items outstanding for some families include:

Activity	Cost per student
Student Resource Scheme	\$65
Music Instrument Hire	\$90
Music Levy	\$40
Music Shirt Hire	\$10
Life Education	\$5.50
Footsteps	\$20.50

These funds not received prevent us from funding projects such as new Classroom Furniture, Data Projectors, and Upgrade of Playgrounds etc.

I would like to mention that there are families within our community that experience financial difficulties and have contacted the school to set up payment plans, such as Centrepay! I would like to send a big shout out & say thank you!!

Please support your school and help us to be one of the most desired schools on the Gold Coast!

APPRECIATION....

It is very nice when parents show their appreciation and say thank you for all that the staff from our school have done to support their child's education. It makes it extra special, when we get told that the Australian school experience is different to other countries, such as Finland. Thank you!

JUST TO SAY....

I would like to thank our P&C committee for confirming funding for various projects around the school. Without the commitment and dedication of Fundraising activities we could not roll out these amazing projects to benefit our students! Thank you!

Projects include:

- Furniture for 15 Classrooms (Chairs and/or Tables and/or Cupboards)
- Class Set of Ipads
- Air Conditioning in the Library
- Playground
- Playground Marking

FACILITY - **Watch this Space!**

NEW CLASSROOM FURNITURE

Rain or Sunshine, our staff are committed to make it happen and put our students learning first. Today we received a delivery of:

- 150x (Prep – Yr2) Chairs for 6 Classrooms
- 140x (Yr 3 – Yr4) Chairs for 5 Classrooms
- 80x Tables for 9 Classrooms

- 5x Mobile Trolleys for 5 Classrooms

A special Thank you to all students and teachers that assisted, as well as our very committed Cleaning Staff! Thank you for your co-operation especially in this weather. It was greatly appreciated!!

...just imagine if all fees were paid – we could have fit out more classrooms. It could be your child's classroom next!!!

NEW PLAYGROUND

I am happy to announce that we have awarded a new installation of Playground to go ahead for our Junior Area. This playground will be installed early next term and located opposite to the "Drop and Go' Zone.

The equipment used is durable, robust and long lasting to meet harsh coastal conditions and comes with a 15years warranty and adheres to Australian Standards.

This area will become a safe play space for our students and a focal point for parents and I believe it will attract new enrolments for our school.

NEW PLAYGROUND MARKING

This project is scheduled for Term 3 – August. In this roll-out we are upgrading 3x Undercover areas (Junior/ Senior/ Tuckshop and Library)

These colourful playground markings are made with thermoplastic, a long-life marking product that is best practice in the construction industry and made to last. Using Thermoplastic is flexible, non-toxic, high skid and slip resistant.

It has been used widely in Europe (made in Germany) and will transform our outdoors spaces into additional teaching facilities and will encourage our students to get active around the school.

INTERNATIONAL CLEANERS DAY 2017!

It's a day for us to acknowledge the hard work and important contribution our cleaners make to our school community. Everyone knows school cleaners are an integral part of the school community. They do so much more than making sure students have a safe and hygienic learning environment.

Thank you Sharon, Cliff, Tom, Kim and Jacqui for making a difference!!!

Thursday, 15/06/2017 we ask you to join with us in Celebration!

Nadine Harnack-Parks
Business Services Manager

MUSIC NOTES

CHOIR BREAKUP PARTY

On Monday 19th June the Choir will have their breakup party for this semester. The party is a reward for students giving up several lunch breaks over the semester to be a part of this ensemble. All members are asked to bring in a plate of food or drinks to share to the music room on Monday morning. The party will be held during 2nd break. Only students who have

been attending rehearsals will receive an invitation to attend this party. The party is for all active Choir members from years 1 to 6.

TWILIGHT CONCERT

Students in Senior Band, Senior Strings, Choir (years 1 to 6) and Performance Club will be performing at our upcoming Twilight Concert after the winter break. The concert will take place at the school hall on Monday 24th July at 6pm. Please note that students who are involved in Junior Band and Junior Strings only will not perform at the Twilight Concert and are working towards pieces to perform at our end of year Christmas concert. Students who are performing at the annual Twilight Concert will receive a letter outlining further details. Please keep in mind that all students performing at this event need to be in full music uniform, which includes the music shirt (owned or hired), black skirt or pants, black socks and black dress shoes. Year 1 students will be invoiced shortly for the hire of the music shirt also, which is \$10.

MUSICAL

Students with leading and minor roles in our school musical have been practising for several weeks now, as well as the Choir who have been busily learning all the repertoire. Students who are still participating in Junior Choir (year 1) are now learning these songs with the year 2 to 6 students on Mondays and Fridays during 2nd break. Next term all classes will be involved in learning their dance and songs routines for the musical. We look forward to putting on a show next term and hope to see you there!

The music team would like to wish you all a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you when we return to an action packed term 3 of concerts, eisteddfods and musicals.

Melinda Kidd
Music and Media Arts Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Showcasing in our library over the last couple of weeks we have had the very talented Prep B and 1C.

Prep B produced a wonderful Memory quilt. They have been learning about how they can remember stories from the past.

What better way to do it than by creating their own memory quilt straight from their own special memories.

A beautiful piece done by Prep B

1C has been learning about poetry and words that rhyme and how to paint pictures with words using our minds and our imagination.

They have produced some magnificent felines along with some fantastic words to describe their very sharp teeth and very long claws.

Very creative 1C.

Last but not least I have had the pleasure of hanging the superb talent in the way of pictures done by our Gifted and Talented year 2 children under the experienced hand of Ms Gittlins.

They have produced 3D Pictures made entirely out of clean rubbish collected from their lunch boxes.... One man's trash is another man's treasure . They have been finished off with metallic paint and certainly make a statement in our library.

We have had an amazing first semester with our students borrowing 12,100 books.

Well done to all our students and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 3

Charon Hindmarsh
Library Teacher Aide

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 paper work.

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

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

ARTAST COMPETITION

Gold Coast City Council is holding their annual ARTAST competition. Students are invited to design **A3** posters to promote safe and active travel to school.

Please submit entries to class teachers with your name, class and age by **Week 9 Friday 16th June**. All entries will receive a **prize** from the Active School Travel Team. Council will also select winners.

We look forward to your creative and original designs.

AST Teachers

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL WALKING CREW

Get your walking shoes on and join the Active School Travel Walking Crew every Friday morning! All students and parents/caregivers are welcome.

The Walking Crew meet at the Baseball fields on Falkinder Avenue, Paradise Point each Friday morning at 8.00am and follow Paradise Parade through to Oxley Drive. The Crew will cross at the lights on Oxley Drive and Turana Street and then continue to school.

SCHOOL BANKING

Student Banking is each and every **Tuesday** and new rewards are available to students after ten (10) deposits are made.

- **Term 2 : 3D Chalk Set or Tablet Case**

Win a family adventure holiday at Tokyo Disneyland!

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they'll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

New Youthsaver Accounts can be opened by parents either:

1. online at <http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking> or
2. by visiting your local CBA branch.

Parents will need to provide identification for themselves and their child (Birth Certificate & Drivers Licence)

We need your help! Volunteers are needed to keep our school banking programme going.

No experience is necessary. Can you spare two (2) hours of your time, on Tuesday?

For more information, please call the school office on (07) 5501 3888.

Kind regards

Karen Fisher
School Banking Co-ordinator

SICK BAY

For various reasons students often come to sick bay requiring a change of clothes. We do have a supply of clothing which we can lend to these students, however we are in need of boys' underwear. Any donations of clean boys' underwear would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the school office.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE – CAMP AUSTRALIA

As many of our services are going through assessment and rating we ask that you please book your children online at the link below. By doing this you help us ensure the safety of all of our children as we roster staff on to keep with ratio – walk in children may leave us out of ratio.

<http://www.campaustralia.com.au>

HELP US ENSURE WE HAVE THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF STAFF TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY.

For any enquiries or concerns please call our customer care team on 1300 105 343, or for a more personal approach about our programs call Amy, Krystal or Shiro on 0438 407 891.

Thank you

Camp Australia Staff

BAKERS DELIGHT PROMOTION

Don't forget to mention **Coombah 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 19 June: Years 4 to 6 assembly at 2.30pm in hall

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday 19 June	Years 4 to 6 Assembly – 2.30pm in Hall
Wednesday 21 June	800m – Years 3 to 6
Thursday 22 June and Friday 23 June	Senior Sports Days – Years 3 to 6 – Times to be advised
Friday 23 June	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Monday 10 July	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

COMMUNITY NEWS

WALK ON THE WILDSIDE THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Bound along and discover what the kangaroos, koalas and other wildlife get up to at Coombabah Lakelands Conservation Area on a guided walk.

This short one hour walk through the lakelands is a great way to get kids rediscovering nature. Bring your Nature Play QLD passport along or at the time of your booking request one.

Suitable for ages 4 to 12

Date: 27 June

Time: 8am-9am and 9:30am-10:30am

Location: Coombabah

For more information or to make a booking contact:

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