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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

This week is the end of week 5 which means we are halfway through term 2. As you would be aware your child's class is involved in a number of different assessment items at the moment which are leading towards their achievement level for the Semester 1 report cards. This certainly doesn't mean that we are taking our foot off the pedal, as once the students finish the assessment for a particular key learning area they are commencing the next unit of work.

NAPLAN

Thank you very much to all our parents who supported your students for the NAPLAN tests last week. While there is plenty of negative publicity about these tests we always use the data from them to assist in looking at what we are doing in the school and also to develop specific programs to assist with intervention strategies. These intervention strategies are not just aimed at students who may struggle with different concepts but also for our high achievers in determining ways we can better cater for them.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Each year we participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. In your child's bag this week is an information letter about the challenge. It is an easy fun way for your child and you to engage in reading at home that is followed by a certificate of recognition from the Premier.

Forms will need to be returned by Friday 25th August to be eligible for a certificate.

Books read at school are not included in the count. This means the onus is on you as parents to do the reading with your

children at home, complete the form recording those books and return it to school.

READING MEETINGS FOR PARENTS

This term we will be hosting 2 Reading Information Sessions.

1st Session – Week 7 – Wednesday 31st May 5.30-6.30pm. This will provide parents with information about how you can support your child with reading at home. It will provide some practical strategies for you to use to encourage a positive approach to reading.

2nd Session – Week 8 – Wednesday 7th June 5.30-6.30pm. This session is targeted at parents of students in years 2 and 4 who are currently our stronger, more able and confident readers. It will provide you with strategies to extend their skills and deepen their thinking about reading and how to get the most from a text. Invitations will go out for this in coming weeks.

NEXT P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 29th May at 6pm in the parent centre. Any interested parents are welcome to attend.

COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM THE OFFICE

We currently have students come into the office if they arrive late in the morning so we can sign them in. This is recorded as a late attendance and our rolls reflect this activity.

We are going to extend this practice for students who have to leave early. Please be aware of the following-

If you need to collect your child early you need to see the ladies in the office. They will complete late details and will arrange for the child to be sent up from their classroom to the office to be collected. Parents will be asked to wait in the office until the child arrives from class. This is a process that will lessen the disruption to classes during the day.

CHAPPY WEEK

This week around Queensland is recognized as Chaplaincy Week. We are very fortunate to have a fantastic hard working chaplain – Fiona, who is a valuable extra support person in our school for our students. She helps with a number of school programs with students, supports teachers and also parents when the need arises. She is also instrumental in running our Playgroup and organizing our breakfast club. She works closely with our Guidance Officer as well as teachers and our Behaviour teacher.

Thank you Fiona for the great job you do each week in our school for our students.

PARKING – BUNDARA STREET

I would just like to remind parents about the parking in Bundara Street at the back of the school. You are not permitted to park across neighbours' driveways, the school gates or in the disabled zone (unless you qualify with a sticker in your car).

Please support us in doing the RIGHT thing in the afternoons and make it a safe place for everyone

PHYSICALLY TOUCHING STUDENTS

We have been made aware of a couple of instances where parents step in to intervene between students who may be having a disagreement. Please be aware that this is not appropriate and any concerns should be mentioned immediately for a teacher to intervene. While you might think it is the correct thing to do it can often be misconstrued by others and can then result in unfavourable consequences.

FIDGET SPINNERS

These toys are banned at school. If students get caught with them they will be collected by the teacher and then given back to the student at the end of the day.

Please keep them at home and let your children play with them at the dinner table.

UNIFORMS

According to the weather forecasts we are supposed to be in for some cooler weather in the next couple of weeks as we lead into winter. Please ensure that your child/children have the correct uniforms especially jumpers. If students wear jumpers with inappropriate images nor text they will be asked to turn them inside out. Our jumper is just a bottle green tracksuit top available at most of the local stores.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS PROVIDED BY MICHAEL GROSE FROM PARENT IDEAS

Parenting the in-between years

By Michael Grose

The in-between 'tween' years can be challenging for parents. Here's 5 ways for parents to negotiate these years.

Toddlers and teenagers have traditionally been the stages that are most problematic for parents. Toddlers have a bad reputation as their body outgrows their brain, which is testing for a parent's patience and their ability to manage behaviour.

The teen period with its massive physical and emotional changes requires parents to make significant changes to their parenting and communication methods. Personally, this was a stage that tested my communication skills to the limit. It seemed that every conversation with one of my teenage children was like going for a job interview. I had to concentrate on every word I said to make sure there was no misinterpretation or argument.

There's a third stage that causes stress and anxiety for parents - the tween stage. This is the age from 8 - 12-year-olds that bridges childhood and adolescence and it often goes under the radar when we talk about stressful developmental stages.

Tween issues are complex

The issues that parents face when raising toddlers such as sleep, obstinance, eating and separation worries seem simple compared to the complexities that parents face with tweens including social media, bullying, friendships and puberty.

This is an age when kids are maturing at different speeds, which can impact dramatically on how they see themselves. It seems also that the relationship between girls and their mothers can be strained during this stage, although dads and daughters aren't immune from testy times either. Boys also have difficulty negotiating this age but they have an innate naivety, which saves them from much of the angst that many girls face.

This is a stage when children need their parents but the shift to puberty and the accompanying social pressures means you may have to shift your parenting gears well before you are ready. Here are five ideas to help you stay connected to your tween:

1. Spend real & close time together

Most kids are great when you get them one-on-one, but getting the chance to spend some time away from a digital device or screen with a young person today is seriously hard. But close personal time is how you can talk to your child and provide the support they need during these times of transition. Make the opportunity to spend some idle, chatting time with your tween.

2. Allow them to have two faces

Many children in the in-between years wear two faces. They have a face for the outside world of their peers and one for home and their family. The outside face maybe a little older, and have more attitude than you'd like, so try to gently manipulate that face into something softer. Recognise that the tough or older exterior maybe his or her way of coping or gaining acceptance. On the other hand, you may find your tween acts and plays like a young child while at home. Make room for this to happen.

3. Create the path for greater independence

Many children at this age want more freedom and independence, but they frequently don't know how to ask for it. Recognise that healthy development at this stage involves expanding their horizons into different areas of endeavour (hobbies, interests, subjects at school) and around their neighbourhood. Set limits, and expect them to stick to them. Give them more responsibility, not less as they move into the tween years.

4. Explain the changes that are going on

Puberty begins as young as eight for some girls, a little later for boys. It begins before we see any changes to body shape or form. Many children battle their physiology (and their feelings) at this stage, while we parents focus on their psychology ("What's he trying out now?") so calmly explain the changes that are going on while teaching them how to manage their emotions.

5. Remember, it's not personal

I haven't met a parent who doesn't take the cutting/sarcastic/hurtful remarks that a tween can make personally. That's why parenting tweens can be hard emotional labour. It can also be a sad time as your child is moving from one stage to the next. In a sense, you give birth twice - to a child first and then again to a teen. The second gestation is longer and in some ways more painful. But life does get better and more bearable with time.

Most parents are raising tweens when they have a lot going on in their own lives. Partners, work, friends and broader family are competing for your attention at the very time when your tween maybe challenging you. If you can simplify your life even just a little during this stage you may find that some of the stresses of raising a tween start to disappear or at least seem less complex and hard to bear.

Murray Gleadhill
Principal

NEWS FROM THE P&C

MID YEAR DISCO TIME!!

When: Friday 2nd June, 2017
Where: Coombabah State School Hall
Time: Junior 4.30pm – 6.00pm (Prep-Year 2)
Senior 6.30pm – 8.30pm (Year 3-Year 6)
Cost: \$10.00

Price includes entry to disco, sausage, drink & a pair of flashing shoelaces

Camp Australia will be providing entertainment for the disco. Footsteps musical company will be demonstrating dance routines and organising games.

TICKETS

Will be for sale from Monday 24th May to Friday 2nd June, 8.15am to 9.00am Area A, outside the tuckshop - Wristband & laces will be issued upon payment. Wristband must be worn on the night to allow quick entry to disco. Yes tickets will be available on the night although pre purchase is preferred.

ONLINE TICKETS

Will also be available online from Wednesday 24th May to Wednesday 31st May. Log onto Flexischools and follow the prompts. Wristband will be delivered to your child/ren's classroom.

To assist with catering numbers we ask that tickets be purchased prior to the disco.

FLASHING LED LIGHTS, SAUSAGES, SNACKS and DRINKS will be for sale on the night also.

If you would like to help on the nightlet us know we would love to have you!

Note to adults: Parent/Teacher supervision will be provided and parents are welcome to stay for the disco. All children **MUST** be collected from the hall at the completion of the disco for safety reasons.

FUN RUN

What a fun day it was on the oval and it was really good to see so many parents involved and watching the kids, the new shortened format worked really well and a great day was had by everyone!

We are finalising the numbers and will have a total tally for you soon and the gifts should be arriving by the end of term.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

We hope all the Mums had a very happy Mothers Day and enjoyed the gifts the kids chose from the Mother's Day Stall.

The Committee and our volunteers Sam, Debby, Karen, LJ, Grace, Shelley and Cindy worked very hard to wrap a huge range of gifts.

The stall raised over \$2000 and will go towards many projects in the school and we thank you all for your support.

SCHOOL PROJECTS

We are very pleased to announce we will be providing funding for the following School projects over the coming months. All the fundraising events we hold over the year go towards much needed areas in the grounds and we appreciate everyone contributing to our events because without your involvement none of this would be possible:

- New junior playground
- New flooring in 2 undercover areas
- New furniture for multiple classrooms
- New class set of Ipads
- Tuckshop renovation

Bek Welsh
P&C President

BSM NEWS

FINANCE

Student Resource Scheme - Term 2 Payments are due

A parent is directly responsible for providing the student with textbooks and other resources for a student's use while attending school.

As a service to assist parents with the cost of these educational resources, Coombabah State School choose to operate a student resource scheme (the scheme).

The purpose of the scheme is to provide the parent with a :

Cost effective alternative to purchasing textbooks, resources, consumables and/or materials from elsewhere, through

reduced prices gained from the school's bulk purchasing processes.

Ensure that an adequate bank of resources is available to guarantee a good quality education for all students.

This is a service offered by this school and is something that neither the school nor the Executive Principal is required to do. There are many schools that do not offer such a service and parents/guardians are forced to carry the full cost of purchasing all learning materials.

The Student Resource Scheme is organised by the school, but overseen by the School Finance Committee and has the support of the P & C Association. The Finance Committee is chaired by the Principal and has parent and teacher representatives.

Payment options:

- **Bpoint is our preferred method of payment via:** www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete. Bpoint is a secure online payment system. A Customer Reference Number and Invoice number are required for Bpoint. This information is located on the school invoice and statement.
- Cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card are accepted at the Student Administration Office Tuesdays & Thursdays strictly from 08.15am – 10.00am.
- Direct payment of fees, via the Internet may also be established.
- Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service available to parents/guardians who receive Centrelink payments, such as Family, Newstart and Abstudy. Centrepay can make direct payments to Coombabah State School to pay for school fees. Should you wish to take advantage of this service, please contact Student Administration on 5501 3888.

Financial difficulties:

Anyone experiencing financial difficulties may take advantage of paying the School/ Camp fees by instalments. Payment plans, such as Centrepay can be arranged by either contacting 5501 3888 or emailing: accounts@coombabahss.eq.edu.au to request an application.

An appointment can be made to see the Business Services Manager to discuss any further alternative arrangements if necessary by phoning 5501 3888.

ACTIVITY	YEAR	DATE	AMOUNT	LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT
SRS	All Year Levels	DUE NOW	\$65.00	NOW
CAMP	Year 6	05 – 09 June 17	\$340	THURS, 25/05/2017

ACTIVITY	YEAR	DATE	AMOUNT	LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT
LIVING EGGS	Year 2	June 2017	\$5.50	THURS, 08/06/2017
FOOTSTEPS	All Year Levels	July 2017	\$20.50	THURS, 15/06/2017

ADMINISTRATION

We have received an increase of Parent calls regarding changes to the students pick up location.

Whilst we endeavour to pass on these messages to their classroom, we cannot guarantee if it will get to your student in time if they are outside their classroom and before the bell rings.

We would like you to be mindful, when calling these requests through – that the Office is interrupting valuable learning time.

ABSENTEE LINE 24/7

We have made it easier for you to call all Student Absences through our Absentee Line. This is a 24/7 service available. **Please ring 5501 3860.**

Nadine Harnack-Parks
Business Services Manager

MUSIC AND MEDIA ARTS NOTES

BAND AND STRINGS REHEARSALS

As our Band and Strings teachers are both here on Mondays of this term we will need to ask students in both Senior Band and Senior Strings to alternate their attendance at morning ensemble rehearsals for the remainder of this term. Students in both senior ensembles will attend Senior Strings morning rehearsals on even weeks (6, 8 and 10) and Senior Band rehearsals on odd weeks (7 and 9).

Next term we anticipate band lessons and rehearsals to take place on a different day so there shouldn't be any clashes. Instrumental teachers often work at up to 6 QLD state schools every week and staffing decisions about which days instrumental teachers attend the various schools is negotiated by the instrumental teachers and the regional instrumental coordinator. Preferred days can not always be offered for each school and we thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

PERFORMANCE CHOIR

Due to sports rotations on Friday afternoons this term, Performance Choir (yrs 2-6) will now rehearse at 1st break on Fridays for the remainder of the term. Students are currently learning new repertoire for the upcoming musical in term 3. Students will be invited to a semester breakup party in week 10 as a thank you for giving up 2 lunch breaks a week for their involvement in this extra-curricular activity. A note will be sent home with details about the party as we get closer to the event.

MUSICAL REHEARSALS

Students who have major or minor roles in the school musical need to attend regular rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday of this term. They will have their names marked off the roll and will only be required to stay for the rehearsal if their part is required for the script scene being rehearsed. If your child has a role in the school musical you can assist by reminding them to attend regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

WHAT'S ON

MONDAYS: STRINGS AND BAND REHEARSALS AND LESSONS

MONDAYS 2ND BREAK: PERFORMANCE CHOIR YRS 2-6

TUESDAYS 1ST BREAK: MUSICAL REHEARSALS

TUESDAYS 2ND BREAK: JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL YR 1

WEDNESDAYS 2ND BREAK: PERFORMANCE CLUB

THURSDAYS 1ST BREAK: MUSICAL REHEARSALS

THURSDAYS 2ND BREAK: GUITAR CLUB

FRIDAYS 1ST BREAK: PERFORMANCE CHOIR YRS 2-6

Mrs Kidd

MUSIC/MEDIA ARTS TEACHER

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

It has been a very busy start to Term 2. Very happy to see all our students back into the wonderful world of borrowing so quickly.

We are currently having a display in the foyer of our Library showing the work our students are doing.

Featuring this week is Prep E who have read *The Very Cranky Bear*, *Big Rain Coming*, *The Rainbow Fish* and *Daisy All Sorts*.

They have created some beautiful art work.

Well Done Prep E. Perhaps some artists in the making.

Mothers Day Morning Tea

Another very special event that took place in our Library over the last two weeks has been our Playgroup Mothers Day Morning Tea.

Our Grade 6 girls did a fantastic job of looking after the smallest of our school community while their mums watched a presentation that Mrs Wattego had put together. They then enjoyed home made scones made by our own Mr Gleadhill and other delicious treats. These assorted goodies were served on fine bone china. Just a nice indulgence.

It was nice for our playgroup mums to be able to have some quiet time. Our Deputy Principal Mrs Jill Warr also came down to wish all our mums a happy mothers day.

Mrs Hindmarsh
Library

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Dear Parents

This Semester has been very busy. Our Wellbeing Team have been supporting various children and parents in our school community by providing support, programs and activities.

Some of these have been Anxiety Prevention Groups, Funky Feelings (anger management), Random Discos, Play Group, 123 Magic Parenting Group, individual counselling and support, Breakfast Club, Mindfulness Colouring in at Morning Tea, Year 6 Lunch Program –Boys in Action and Girls Chick Chat, Structured play activities and even Yoga (Year 3-6).

We appreciate the motivation and enthusiasm from the teachers and students. It is our priority at school to optimise wellbeing and support for all our students.

Please see attached Program information for our Seasons for Growth (Grief and Loss Program) the School Chaplain – Fiona will be running next term. If you are interested please email jkane7@eq.edu.au to request support.

Jessica Kane
Guidance Officer

IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES IN MATHEMATICS

Improving student learning in mathematics continues to be a focus area for our school. From the beginning of this year, students in Years 3 and 5 have participated in weekly targeted lessons. Students were organised into small groups for needs-based lessons. At the conclusion of this successful program, teachers and students alike have seen improvements in outcomes.

We are happy now to be able to provide a similarly structured program to students in Years 1 and 4 beginning this week. Students will be in small groups and may be working with another teacher in their year level or one of our intervention teachers. The focus areas for each group of students will be different and will relate to their needs in mathematics. Lessons for Year 1 are on Mondays and are on Thursdays for Year 4. We encourage you to discuss these lessons with your child and the learning that they may have covered on that day.

This program is part of our strategy to achieve numeracy targets for our school. Invest 4 Success funding has allowed Coombabah SS to provide this support for our students.

Tina Flesser
Head of Curriculum

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

SMITH FAMILY STUDENT2STUDENT READING PROGRAM

The Smith Family currently has limited places available in our student2student reading program (digital phase) for students in **Years 3 to 6**. This is a fun way to improve learning and literacy and can lead to an increase in reading age in some cases by over 2 years. If your child is eligible they will be matched with a buddy who is a student at least two years older than them. The buddy has been trained to help others improve their reading skills and is from another school. The student2student program runs over an 18 week period. Some criteria for participating in the program include:

- Appropriate reading score on a pre-test to ensure student can benefit from assistance with reading
- Be available 2 to 3 times a week for 20 mins between 4pm and 7pm
- Students need to have access to a laptop/ computer/ android tablet (NOT iPad) at home - The program utilises the Chatty Kids website- anyone can login as a guest and take a look around!
- Students need to have access to a reliable internet source (NOT mobile data due to cost)

If you are interested in your child participating or would like any further information please contact Elizabeth Kragh on 0407 234 698 or elizabeth.kragh@thesmithfamily.com.au

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

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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 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

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 22 May: Years 4 to 6 assembly at 2.30pm in hall

Monday 29 May: Prep to Year 3 assembly at 2.30pm in hall

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday 22 May	Year 4 to 6 assembly – 2.30pm in school hall
Tuesday 23 May	ICAS Digital Technologies Test

DATE	ACTIVITY
Tuesday 23 May & Wednesday 24 May	School Photos
Friday 26 May	National Sorry Day
Monday 29 May to Wednesday 31 May	Year 5 camp
Monday 29 May	Prep to Year 3 assembly – 2.30pm in school hall P&C meeting – 6pm in Parent Centre
Tuesday 30 May	ICAS Science Test
Wednesday 31 May	Reading information session for parents – 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 2 June	Crazy sock Day Disco – Prep to year 2 – 4.30 – 6pm Years 3 to 6 – 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 5 June to Friday 9 June	Year 6 camp
Monday 5 June	Years 4 to 6 assembly – 2.30pm in hall
Wednesday 7 June	Reading Information Parent Session – years 2 and 4 – 5.3pm – 6.30pm
Friday 9 June	Under 8's Day