PRINCIPAL’S PRATTLE

Yet again we are rushing through another term, packed with events and especially exciting for our year 6 students who will be moving off to high school next year.

At this time of the year many students are preparing to put their best effort into a variety of assessment pieces which will reflect on their final grades on their 2016 report card.

PARENT MEETINGS

In the last newsletter I mentioned some meetings I wanted to facilitate with any interested parents from each year level.

I have identified the following days in the coming weeks for these meetings. Each meeting will commence at 9am.

- Thursday 27 - Prep parents
- Friday 28 Oct - year 1
- Monday 31 Oct - year 2
- Tuesday 1 Nov - year 3
- Wednesday 2 Nov - year 4
- Thursday 3 Nov - year 5
- Friday 4 Nov - year 6

I am going to limit the meeting to 5 parents. If you are interested in being a part of these meetings please contact Lisa in the office and let her know. The meetings will start at 9am and should go for approximately 1 hour.

I will be seeking your input into some of the areas from our school opinion survey as well as listening to your views of your child’s year at school and what you want to see for their education for the future.

FETE

What a great job our FETE committee has done in preparation for the FETE on the 29th October. They have organised a large range of stalls as well as all our class stalls as well as a huge range of prizes for the cent auction. It looks like being another fantastic day for our school community to participate in.

There is also a BBQ at Bunnings this coming weekend on Sunday. All proceeds from the BBQ will go to our school. Please encourage everyone you know to head down to Bunnings on Brisbane Road and even if they don’t go inside, drop in and grab a sausage.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On Monday this week our staff participated in a professional development day focussed on teachers being able to coach their peers. Peer coaching is a very powerful practice where a teacher identifies an aspect of their teaching that they would like to explore more deeply. It is then up to their coach to help them determine a course of action which they can follow and use for their professional improvement. The day was facilitated by Jason Pascoe from Growth Coaching International.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Next Friday 28th October is recognised as World Teacher Day. We will be celebrating our teachers with a breakfast BBQ.

Teaching is a powerful career. No teacher I have contact with takes the job lightly and we all genuinely put the best effort in each day. It is a partnership with parents and students and when this happens effectively is when we often see the greatest results for our students.

Thank you very much to all our teachers for their commitment and for the extra effort that you go to in order to make learning happen for each individual child. Your commitment to each other and your teams is outstanding and I thank you for striving
to make the working and learning environment in your classrooms meaningful for each individual child.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Drever who has just been made a permanent teacher with Education Queensland. We look forward to having her continue at Coombabah as one of our dedicated team members.

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:

- download an application form from the link below.
- 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:

http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/inclusive/

Jill Warr
Deputy Principal

CHAPPY CORNER

If any families have school shoes which your children have grown out of, they can be passed on to our Chappy, Miss Fiona to use in the chaplaincy service in the school.

We would be grateful for any donations of shoes or uniforms no longer needed as we can pass them on to other families in the school that may be in need.

Thank you so much

Fiona Watego
Chaplain
Coombabah State School

WALK FOR DANIEL DAY 28 OCTOBER 2016

This month, all around the country, people will ‘Wear Red, Educate and Donate’ to promote child safety initiatives and support Daniel’s legacy.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation assists educators and parents, in the education of children about their personal safety. It funds the development of child safety educational resources, assists young victims of crime and empowers Australians, to make their local communities safer places for children. Free resources for families, are available at the Daniel Morcombe Foundation website.

Please join the

Friday Fitness Frenzy Walking Crew
8am Friday 28thOctober
Paradise Point Baseball oval.

All students are invited to wear a red t-shirt for the day and asked to donate a gold coin.

Thank you for helping our school, in promoting this very worthy cause.

J.Hill. S.Haydock
AST Teachers

MUSIC NOTES

JUNIOR CHOIR ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to our Junior Choir members who recently performed on assembly. Each performance our students participate in is a further opportunity for them to develop their confidence and musicality. Thank you to Ms. Hill for volunteering her time on a weekly basis to assist with the Junior Choir. Thank you parents and carers for your continued support.

INTRUMENTAL MUSIC INFORMATION EVENING

On Wednesday 26th October (week 4) 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. 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 between 1:30 and 3:00pm at the performance marquee set up near the hall. 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

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK 2016

Huge congratulations to all the families who participated in Literacy and Numeracy week this year.

The competition was a huge success with over 200 entrants in both Literacy and Numeracy across the school. Students showed some great understanding of problem solving and the written responses to ‘sixty word stories’ was remarkable.

Congratulations to these recipients for being lucky enough to be drawn from the huge box of entrants.

- **Years 4 – 6**: Numeracy: Bettina Doel 4C
- **Years 4 – 6**: Literacy: Erryn Dallaway Turner 4A
- **Prep – Year 3**: Numeracy: Ollie Hill 1D
- **Prep – Year 3**: Literacy: Erryn O’Day Prep C

These students will each receive a Coles/Myer $20 gift voucher.

Once again congratulations to all students and families for your continued participation and support in this worthwhile activity.

Some of these entrants will be displayed in the library in the upcoming weeks.

Karen Gore
Curriculum Coach

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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The Mathletics classes this fortnight are 4C and 4A.

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 24 October 2016: Years 4 to 6 at 2.30pm in the school hall

COOMBABAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL - CONSTRUCTION

As part of the building construction program, Year 12 students have had the opportunity to build dog kennels in small groups. This project has introduced them to basic framing skills and given students the opportunity to refine their portable power tool skills, measuring and hand skills.

The by-product of this learning activity is a very modern looking dog kennel that would suit even the most discerning dog. This year we have 3 kennels available for purchase for $150.00ea. These are not sold for profit, just to help cover the cost of materials in their construction.

Year 11 students have also been busy working in teams to produce kids sized picnic tables! We have some ready to go, with more being completed in the coming weeks. These are for sale at a very great price of $65.00! Very cute, made from solid timber and quality outdoor paint!

If you would like to purchase either a picnic table or dog kennel – please contact Mika Heinemann: ph.: 55523836 or email: mhein2@eq.edu.au

Regards,
Mika Heinemann
Head of Industrial Technology & Design Department
Coombabah State High School

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COMMUNITY NEWS

VINNIES YOUTH CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Christmas can be an extremely stressful time for families with the added financial burden associated with the Festive season. Term 4 marks the launch of the St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland Christmas Appeal. By giving to Vinnies this Christmas you can help us make a real difference to the lives of the people we assist.

Every year the Society with your support, helps families across Queensland celebrate Christmas. Our theme this year is celebrating the heroism of the women that find courage to flee from abusive households, men who find the strength to overcome disadvantage and parents who make incredible sacrifices to keep their children safe.

If you would like further information contact morgan.savy@svdpqld.org.au.