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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

2014 P&C Executive: On behalf of the school community I welcome and congratulate our new P&C executive. 
President: Sue Elliott Vice President: Grace Vidler 
Treasurer: Chris Tolland Secretary: TBA

Thank you also to those few others who attended the meeting providing a quorum to make the AGM possible. On behalf of the school community I also thank our outgoing executive for all they have done in their roles which ultimately enhance the school and support the students of Coolangatta SS. 
Debbie Atherton for her outstanding contribution as President over a number of years, also being the tuckshop coordinator, school uniforms and always driving school discos and movie nights for the kids as has Tammy Hamlin, vice president. We thank Jane Gannon for her work as treasurer, a responsible and ongoing job keeping accounts in good order and Caroline Saunders as secretary. In stepping down they take a well-deserved break from leadership positions.

We look forward to more parents becoming actively involved in the school over 2014 as through parent input we all work together as school, home and community to make our school the best place we can for our students.

Harmony Day Celebrations: Last Wednesday we acknowledged our students and families from many cultural backgrounds. Thank you students and parents for making it such a special day. The song “We are One, We are many - from the entire world we come; I am, you are, we are Australian proudly resonated.

Wear Orange Day – tomorrow, the designated colour for Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence with the message of standing together and standing up for a safe and peaceable community; for getting along – in our schools, our workplaces and in our streets.
At Coolangatta SS we have four simple rules: BE SAFE; BE RESPECTFUL, BE a LEARNER; BE RESPONSIBLE. These are our rights as student, staff and parent – to be safe and respected and to have the opportunity to do and be our best, but it is also our responsibility to ensure by our actions and words that each of us, through the power of one, makes our school a safe place where there is no bullying and violence and where everyone is respected. The school has high expectations for students to keep the rules which are explicitly taught school wide along with targeted social skills. Most of our students do the right thing. We positively acknowledge these students.

Removal of some trees in the school grounds: 
Due to safety concerns and that of drainage, roof problems and ground subsidence, some trees around the school buildings have been targeted in a recent arborist report for removal or cutting back of dead wood. This work will be done during the holidays. The work was passed for support at the P&C meeting. Revegetation and regreening will occur in some locations.

Parent Teacher Interviews: 
Our goal is for every parent to meet with their child’s teacher to discuss how well they are going and a targeted area to support higher levels of achievement. If your work commitments are making it difficult to meet face to face, let your teacher know and arrange a phone meeting.

Warm Regards & best wishes for a great week,

Sharyn Mahony

P&C NEWS

I would like to introduce myself as the new President of the P&C. You might know me as the mother of Essi, who was the School Captain last year and Archie who is in year 5. I have been involved with the school since 2006 (not in an official capacity) and I am now working at the school as a teacher aide. If you would like to contact me you can usually find me around the school after 3.00pm and I can be reached on my mobile 0418 565829. I feel honoured to have been elected President and I will do my best to run a successful P & C with the help of Grace Vidler as Vice President and Christine Tolland as Treasurer together with the other members of the P&C. We are still looking for someone to take the role of Secretary so please don’t be shy about putting yourself forward, if you feel that you are able to take on that role. If you have any ideas for fund raising or have any suggestions about how we can improve our school, I would love to speak with you.

Meeting days will be the 2nd Monday of each month, with the next meeting Monday May 12th 9:00am

Sue, President CSS P&C

Position Vacant: Tuckshop Convenor – Coolangatta School

Award wages. Partly paid/ partly voluntary position (approx 6 hours paid per week). Previous experience working in a tuckshop is essential. The successful applicant will be required to complete a food hygiene and safe handling of food course and to lead and direct volunteers in the tuckshop. Please deliver your resume to the school office or email to the following address by Monday 31 March the.pandc@eq.edu.au . Any questions please contact the P & C President, Sue Elliott on 0418 565829.

Chaplain’s Chat – Chappy Lisa

Below is a report regarding a camp which students from our school were fortunate to attend recently. We thank SAPH Vision Quest for providing this opportunity for students from Coolangatta SS.

Five people from our school went to a camp from the 14-16th of March at Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre with students from Caningeraba and Surfers Paradise State School. The kids that went were Rahapa, Alex, Glen, Natasha and Kasey. We had a great time learning about Native Americans, the forming of Mt Warning and leadership. We went for a bush walk at Natural Bridge. We also made a medicine bag and we got smudged with smoke to clear the negative energy. We slept in cabins and the food was great. Our favourite leader was Tanya.

By Natasha Pelka and Kaseymaree Taylor ☺☺☺

Cross Country 2014 Order of Events

9.00am Girls Born 2001/2002
9.15am Boys Born 2001/2002
9.30am Girls Born 2003
9.45am Boys Born 2003
10.00am Girls Born 2004
10.15am Boys Born 2004
10.30am Girls Born 2005
10.45am Boys Born 2005

First Break

11.45am Girls Born 2006
12.00pm Boys Born 2006
12.15pm Girls Born 2007
12.30pm Boys Born 2007
12.45pm Girls Born 2008

1:00pm Boys Born 2008
1.15pm Prep Girls & Boys

(Remember to bring running shoes, water bottle and hat on the day!).
Senior Green : Mrs Ireland
We are almost at the end of Term 1 for 2014 and thus will be having our behaviour reward session on Thursday week 10. Students who have displayed excellent behaviour choices for Term 1 will be invited to attend this reward session for their treat. This is the last week of Surf Education, we thank all students and families who have supported this program and given prompt payment. Camp permission forms are due in; this alerts us if any students will NOT be attending camp. If your child IS attending camp and you haven’t signed the form sent home could you please sign and return promptly. It is essential to constantly challenge and widen your child’s vocabulary; I have been sending home extra words to students who would benefit from added learning. Please support your child by asking them words from the list, testing them on the words but also challenging them with new and unknown words from the world around them…it really does make a difference! Thank you for your support and commitment towards your child’s learning.

Senior Purple : Mr Vogel
This week, Senior Purple has been writing and editing short stories throughout English. We have been learning about fractions and timetables in maths and have just completed an assessment task for the Rodeo Round Up. Senior Purple has been learning about rusting metals and decomposition in Science and are currently conducting ongoing experiments. We This week Senior Purple has been trying real hard on S.E.L Social and Emotional Learning about no bullying and I statements, threats and no rude or embarrassing language. Written by Zyah T-H

Middle Gold & Middle Blue : Ms. Cronin & Mrs McEwan
Middle Blue and Gold have enjoyed their Swimming Sessions at The Oasis Pool Banora and completed their course on Monday. It has been wonderful to watch confidence, breathing and stroke development improve each week. Well done to all students who participated in all 7 sessions. All students continue to work on their History PowerPoint about the Life of A Convict from the First Fleet, completing their final slides with a Historical Narrative. Students should also be collecting items they wish to use in the construction of their Technology task a Mask based on a character from The Twits. This task will take place on Monday in Week 10. Congratulations to Loki in Middle Gold for achieving a mammoth score in Literacy Planet last week – 2851 points.

Junior Blue: Mrs Calder
These final two weeks will see us working towards completing units and doing the corresponding assessments. Many students are tired from early in the day, claiming they go to bed late, and this is affecting outcomes. Parent Teacher interviews regarding your child’s progress are in these two weeks also. If you haven’t seen the interview notice, please check your child’s homework pouch.

Junior Orange: Ms. Schmidida
A huge thank you to all who were able to contribute, with such short notice, to our Harmony Day morning tea! We were able to talk about our histories and celebrate our diversity of culture and try new and interesting food including Kangaroo and taro among many others. It was such a success. This week we will acknowledge anti-bully day and will be wearing orange on Wednesday. The story ‘Willy The Wimp’ will be a focus on this day.

Middle Purple : Mr Stringer & Mrs Duffy
Middle Purple have been working particularly hard in all areas of literacy and numeracy this week as we now start to assess some items of work and continue our Naplan preparation. As well as writing about our characters in the Forests of Silence, students have also been completing some fun activities in class in our ‘7 steps to writing’ focus which has prompted some interesting and amusing ‘sizzling starts’ and ‘dynamic dialogue.’ Tomorrow is an exciting morning for Middle Purple as we present our ‘Bullying! Say No’ assembly. Please join us if you are able. See you there!

Junior Purple Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon
Thanks you to all our families for your support of our “Harmony Day” activities. Every Junior Purple student had some facts to share about their family heritage. Not only were there lots of interesting facts about other countries, but students researched and shared some interesting facts about Australia too. We all sampled a wide variety of food from around the world. This great activity supports this semester’s history unit. Our students are creating time capsules of their own history. As part of the history assessment for this term the students were required to bring in an item or photo that was special to them as a child. Students are now preparing an oral presentation which will be presented to the class next week.

HPE News: Mr Stringer
Good luck to Rahapa who is heading off to GCS Rugby League training this week again at Merrimac. Good luck to the school reps chosen to trial at this week’s District Touch Football trials at Marymount College! We had our last remaining lessons for yr 3/4/5 swimming at Banora Point Pool this week. Thanks to all the parents/caregivers who made correct payments and ensured their child was ready each Monday morning with swimming equipment etc. Special thanks also goes to the class teachers for giving up their breaks and class lesson sequences to accommodate the swimming program. We have started training for Cross Country which will be held on the last day of the term. We are asking any parents who have spare time, to assist with a sausage sizzle bbq on the day. If you are available and can help out for a short period that would be great! Please see Mr Stringer or email astri18@eq.edu.au thanks.

Library / ITC News
For those children hooked on ‘The Last Thirteen’ series. Books 10 and 11 are now in the library.
We also have just added more Phil Kettle books to our library. Come check these great titles out!!!

Website of the week
Scholastic has a range of free online games that are advertising free. Check out the Goosebumps: Flee camp Jelly Jam game, Deltorra adventure or the Andy Griffiths Game. These games are simple, yet fun!!

From your Guidance Officer Edith Saedt:
1-2-3 Magic Parent Course - TERM 2
Guidance Officer Edith Saedt and Chaplain Lisa Wood are trained 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Practitioners who are running this popular course at our school. Sign up for the course and learn how to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking, and how to handle challenging and testing behaviours. The course runs on 2 Tuesday mornings May 6 & 13 from 9.00 to 11.30 am at our school. The cost is only $6 to cover the workbooks. Contact Lisa or Edith at school to sign up for the course. Look forward to seeing you there!