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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:** Students with 100% attendance in term 1.

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**Term 2 week 3**

**Web Site**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 1**

- Every Tuesday,
  Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00

- 6/5/14
  P-3 After school Athletics

- 6/5/14
  World Asthma Day

- 7/5/14
  $-7 Afterschool Baseball

- 8/5/14
  Mother’s Day Stall
  Kirrarahen

- 13th, 14th & 15th May
  NAPLAN Testing
  Yr 3, 5, 7

- 22/5/14
  Australia’s Biggest
  Morning Tea

- 23/5/14
  Celebrate Education
  Week; Under 8’s Week;
  Grandparents Day.

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After school Art classes are proving to be a real hit with Ms Cindy.

It is great to see so many children coming to Learning Club every morning from 8:15am to 8:45am where children have the opportunity to catch up on or extend their learning whether it be their homework, assignments, Mathletics, Literacy Planet or get extra help with reading, maths and any other school work from support teachers and teacher aides. Well done to all.

**This week’s SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING:**

- **Value of the Week:** RESPECT.

**SCHOOL WIDE RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING:** Walk not run on concrete areas.
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

NAPLAN testing: All Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, next Tuesday 13 (spelling, grammar and punctuation, writing), Wednesday 14 (reading) and Thursday 15 May (literacy).

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. NAPLAN cannot be studied for as it is just a part of their year level curriculum. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

Doing the best you can at learning is impacted by having a healthy diet, daily physical activity, plenty of sleep (8 – 10 hrs), a positive and happy disposition, a can do attitude and a respect for learning as a key to future success. It is also especially important on NAPLAN days that students are not stressed by being late to school. Students are expected to be at school by the 8:50 bell. All tests start immediately at 9:00 and will be finished by first break each day.

Later in the year an individual student NAPLAN report will be issued that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing. Information on your child’s progress is also comprehensively provided through parent teacher interviews that you attend and the semester report issued end of this term. More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/). If you have any concerns, please contact your child’s teacher or myself.

Student Attendance: Over Term 1 student average attendance was 93.2%. Our goal is to reach 95% attendance which equates to having only 2 – 3 days absent each term. This goal has been set by Education Queensland as it is through regular attendance that students have the most opportunity in their learning. It is acknowledged however that at times, some students may have conditions that cause them to be absent more frequently. We encourage students to always catch up on their learning as every day counts. Data from term 1 indicates that over 53 % of our students are achieving 95 – 100% attendance. Unfortunately the data also shows that 19% of students are at 85% or less! A term 1 attendance report for your child will go home this week. Please look out for it. Junior Blue are the lucky recipients of the class 100% at school and all on time pizza party award.

Mother’s Day: Parents have the most influence on their child’s upbringing as children attend school only 13% of their time and are at home the remaining 87%. Mothers do, and give so much, for their children and family which includes having students ready for school each school day with uniforms, lunches, homework. Some of our wonderful Mums also volunteer in the P&C, tuckshop and classrooms. We wish all our mothers and carers a specially happy family day this Sunday and thank you for all that you do.

Warm regards and best wishes for a great week,
Sharyn Mahony

P&C NEWS: Sue Elliot, P&C President.
The next P&C meeting is next Monday 12 May at 9:00 in the Enrichment Room. Please do your best to attend so that we can plan and make decisions for 2014.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:
Cooly’s Got Talent: Auditions will get under way in week 5. This year there is a junior section and a senior section. We look forward to the heats which will take place Wednesday lunch times with the final being on the last day of term 2. Now is sign up time!

Chaplain’s Chat – Chappy Lisa
Happy Kids, Happy Communities Event – I have been working with Suzanne Longly from Reachwise to coordinate this free event which will be running in the school on Friday 23rd May. We have called it Happy Kids, Happy Communities, however we are combining a few events on this day – Under 8’s Day, Grandparents Day and the Make the Call campaign for Domestic and Family Violence Month (for which we received a grant of $3000) to run the event. There will be a Make the Call workshop in the hall from 9:00 to 1:00 for any adult who would like to attend. For the first 20 participants who attend the workshop there will be a “show bag” of goodies as a thank you (more info to come on what’s included). Grandparents and families will be welcome to visit classrooms from 10:00 to 10:30 and then there will be a free sausage sizzle lunch for our students being served by our wonderful Lions Club volunteers with families being invited to bring a picnic lunch to share from 10:30. Complimentary tea, coffee and cake will be available as well for our adult visitors. From 11:10 there will be activities for everyone to join in including Zumba, craft and art, indigenous activities, jumping castle, etc. It promises to be a wonderful day of celebrating the Happy Kids and Happy Community of Coolangatta State School. Please join us.

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 behaviors. The course runs on 2 Tuesday mornings May 13 & 20 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.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
We are now taking names for prep next year now! If your child was born between 1st July 2009 & 30th June 2010 they are eligible to enrol for prep 2015. Please leave your details at the school office to be put on the enrolment list.

Mother’s Day Classic - whether you walk, run, cheer or volunteer you’re helping to fund essential breast cancer research - make Mother’s Day a memorable and meaningful day by registering as a participant or volunteer. Held on Sunday 11 May 2014. The Gold Coast event is at Pratten Park, Broadbeach.
REMINDERS
Payments are now DUE for school camp so numbers can be confirmed. Prep and year 1 – 7 school resource scheme now DUE. Please pay at office Tuesday & Thursday.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Senior Green : Mrs Ireland
In the next few weeks Senior Green will be exploring and writing biographies of courageous Australians, with specific focus on how to structure a biography. We have also been exploring basic algebra and how to write algebraic expressions from word problems. Senior Green are working hard towards preparing for NAPLAN, which is next week.

Senior Purple : Mr Vogel
This week Senior Purple has been doing work on electrical currents and circuits; we attempted to light a light bulb. Last week senior purple had a guest speaker from AGRIFOODS, we learnt about technology, sustainability, agriculture and how it impacts on our everyday life. We also studied the history of technology on a farm from the plough to the drones. The lesson finished with us making a model of a sustainable farm.

Middle Gold & Middle Blue : Ms. O’Callaghan & Mrs McEwan
Middle Blue and Gold have been busy learning all about the needs of living things in Science, including life cycles of different plants and animals. We will continue this study and begin to look at what interrupts life cycles and causes animals to become threatened or endangered. We will especially be researching animals from Australia and even more locally, Queensland. We also have tasks set on Literacy Planet and Mathletics every week now for homework so please access these online. If you are unable to access the internet at home we have the Catch Up Club open every morning at school from 8:15 am in the computer half lab. Students are also able to access computers/internet every 1st break each day.

Junior Blue: Mrs Calder
The cooler weather is upon us but drink bottles are still required. A reminder – Tuesday is our borrowing day at the school library and we would like to have 100% of students borrowing. A special library bag is not necessary – a supermarket bag is suitable. Keep up the good attendance Junior Blue – the benefits are obvious.

Middle Purple : Mr Stringer & Mrs Duffy
Any students wishing to go on camp must please bring in a deposit to school as soon as possible. Thank you to all our families that have helped fundraise for this trip. If you have not received a permission letter for camp, please stop by and we will pass one on. With NAPLAN looming, please ensure your child has the best possible chance with encouraging they have plenty of sleep, healthy brain foods and of course support and encouragement from you at home! Students have worked hard towards the tests. We wish them the very best of luck.

Junior Green: Mrs Collis
This is our second week of Reading Groups in Junior Green. The students seem to be enjoying these groups and the texts that they are studying. These groups are very important as this is when students will be learning to effectively use a range of reading strategies.

In English this week we are further developing our knowledge and understanding of stereotypical and non-stereotypical characters. In Maths we are learning a range of strategies to help with addition. We are still collecting 600ml bottles, string, milk bottle tops and skewers for our science investigation where the students will be required to construct a toy that moves with the force of either pushing or pulling.

Junior Orange: Ms. Schmida
Thank you so much for remembering our prep timetable and routines, especially: Homework Folders to come back Friday, PE Tuesday and Assembly/Library Wednesday. Also, those that need to reschedule an interview please come and see me to make a convenient time. Lastly, please remember to pack a school hat and a warm blue jumper and ensure all belongings are clearly labelled in permanent marker.

Junior Purple Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon
We have got an exciting week coming up for Junior Purple. In English we are reading the entertaining book “Giraffes Can’t Dance”. We are focusing on the actions and qualities of the characters and also where, when and how events happen. We will also be studying the digraph ‘ay’, (day, play) and look at different words containing these letters and putting them into sentences. In maths we are continuing to have fun examining position and direction. Students are learning these vital skills through active movement and the use of interactive whiteboard games. In Geography this week, we are drawing maps of a familiar place and discussing the different activities and distinctive features of that place.

HPE News: Mr Stringer
This week will be the second lesson out of three in total from our friends at NRL (National Rugby League school sport development). We have scheduled a 3 wk program for the entire school to participate. The program is for both boys and girls and aims to improve skills and safe participation in the code at primary school level. Last week’s lesson was fantastic and we look forward to today’s next lesson! District cross country runners continue to train every Tues and Thurs meeting at the oval. Please ensure you wear your running shoes on these days all the way through to District Cross Country carnival at Pizzey Park Miami during wk 5. Gala Day will be at Firth Park towards the end of term (Wk 9 Monday) and we have confirmation of the four sports as (AFL, Netball, Soccer and League). Training will take place every Friday at sport time.

Library / ITC News

Bookclub
If you would like to purchase a book through Bookclub, please return payment slip to the library by Monday 12th May.

Competitions
The Tugun Bendigo Bank invites students to submit entries to the ‘Why I love Where I live’ story competition.

Prep/year1 Drawing competition

Years 2-4 Short story (Max 500 words)

Years 5-7 Story (Max 1000 words)

Entry is now open on 22nd April and close on 27 June. Please see your teacher or Mrs Marshall for entry details.

Website of the week
http://www.khanacademy.org/

Khan Academy is not-for-profit organisation with the goal of changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education for anyone anywhere. Khan Academy’s materials and resources are available to you completely free of charge. Go to the LEARN tab and search absolutely everywhere.

The department’s most popular app, ‘Out and About’ is now available for Android devices as well as Apple. Aimed at students in Prep to Year 2 and written in Q Beginners font, this free app helps students master the first 100 sight words to which they are typically introduced.


Cartooning Club – TUESDAY 2nd Break in the library
If there are any parents who are skilled in cartoon drawing and would love to share their skills and techniques, please contact Mrs Marshall either in the library or email smars41@eq.edu.au

DENTAL VAN IS COMING AT THE END OF TERM 2
Parents please ring 1300-300-850 to put your child’s name on list for an appointment. If you can’t get through on that number please ring Tammy- 55763822 or Sandra Roberts 0457-517066