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Principal’s Award:
All class and specialist teachers at Coolangatta State School – they are AWESOME. Happy Teachers Day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 4 week 3

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https://coolangattass.eq.edu.au

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Every Tuesday,
Free Breakfast

21 - 25/10/14
Life Education Van Visit
All classes attend

Tuesdays
After School Sport P-3
Gymnastics / Circus
3:15pm-4:15pm
Yr 6, 7 PASS program 3:00 – 4:15 transition to high school

Wednesdays After School
Sport 4-7:15pm – 4:15pm

22/10/14
Middle Gold Excursion
Crossing Supervisors assembly

PREP 2015 Parent Information 1:30 or 5:30 pm

24/10/14
World Teachers Day
Day For Daniel
P-2 / 3 Swimming
Surfing Elective

27/10/2014
Yr 1 Be Safe with Emmy
Program commences

Value of the Week – RESPECT
Respect is treating others as we want to be treated ourselves. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy and consideration. We give special respect to parents, teachers, our elders and other people who help us. We also need to respect our family, school and community rules by honouring them. We respect property and the environment when we care for them.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning: This week’s focus: WALK when moving around the school and keep to the left on paths. When moving as a class, walk orderly and quietly so as not to disturb others. Keep our Rules: Be SAFE; Be RESPECTFUL, Be a LEARNER.

Social & Emotional Learning Topic: Mental Health is essential for wellbeing. Get plenty of sleep; be active both physically and giving your brain some new learning or thinking to do; take time to relax and to socialise; learn to put things into perspective and seek help when you need it.
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Thank You Crossing Supervisors: Congratulations to Rosemary Pye & Pam Murphy, who have been crossing supervisors at Coolangatta State School for 30 years – from the first day that this new service was provided to schools by the Transport Department all those years ago. This is a remarkable achievement and as such, Mrs Jan Stuckey, our local State MP and Minister for Tourism and Commonwealth Games and a representative of the Transport Department will attend assembly tomorrow to publicly acknowledge our long serving crossing supervisors and to celebrate 30 years of Crossing Supervision to school communities across Queensland for safer school zones. We join with them in thanking all our crossing supervisors for the work they do each morning and afternoon in keeping our students safe and having their wellbeing at heart. They have a clear message for us all:

Always obey the road rules and always use either a supervised crossing, a pedestrian crossing or a signalled crossing even if it means you have to walk a little bit further.

World Teachers Day: We all know how important a child’s teacher is in their life’s development. Your child’s teacher therefore is a very special and important person, working with you in partnership. For teachers at CSS, teaching it is not just a job- it is a professional commitment to support each child to be the best they can be – in learning and social skills, so that they grow to be and do all they want to be as an adult. I know the hard work and long hours our teachers give to planning, teaching, and assessing student work; to lunch time activities and extra curricular; and most importantly in caring and believing in and supporting your child. I thank each and everyone of our teachers for all they do. We can certainly be proud of our school’s standards in student learning outcomes and the sporting and arts arenas. These high achievements are not possible without them.

Grandparents Day: Grandparents are other very significant people in a child’s life. This Sunday is Grandparent’s Day – a day specially to thank and acknowledge the important role they play in families and the community.

Life Education Van: It is with great excitement that students returned to school this week to see the van with Healthy Harold the Giraffe, painted on its panels. Classes who already have visited the van report that they have learnt so much and in such an interesting way. All children will attend and receive a work book that they will complete in health classes. This incursion is at a subsidised cost of $5 per student. Please pay by the end of this week.

Day for Daniel: WEAR RED DAY – THIS FRIDAY. This day reminds us of the importance of Personal Safety. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation, led by the parents of Daniel, want every child and family to know how they can best protect themselves and their children so that they can be safe from harm from others. For more information and personal safety tips see www.danielmorcombe.com.au.

Date claimer: School Wide Positive Behaviour, Parent Forum, Student Behaviour, Monday 3rd Nov 9:00 – 10:00.

I look forward to meeting new Prep families at our information sessions tomorrow. Warm regards,

Sharyn Mahony

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**P&C NEWS: P&C President Sue Elliot**

**Tuckshop:** Exciting things happening at the tuckshop. Please see separate flyer going home with newsletter.

**School Banking** is every Friday; please leave your bank book at the tuckshop.

**Chappy Chat – Chappy Lisa**

Calling all Grandparent Carers. Are you a grandparent who cares for your grandchildren on a part-time or full-time basis? Come and celebrate Grandparents Day at an event hosted by Gold Coast City Council. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Kirra Hill Community and Cultural Centre; Get to know other local grandparents who care for their grandchildren; Learn about the heritage significance of the Community and Cultural Centre; Enjoy morning tea over a chat; Find out about other local contacts. Wednesday 29th October, 9.30-11.30am – Kirra Hill Community and Cultural Centre Great Hall. 1 Garrick St, Coolangatta. Please RSVP and advise of mobility or childcare considerations by 27 October on 07 5581 1963.

**Library / ICT News: Mrs Marshall**

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

One of those risks is ‘Cyberbullying’. What Is Cyberbullying? Cyberbullying is the use of technology to bully a person or group. Bullying is repeated behaviour with the intent to harm others.

**Behaviour may include:**

- Abusive texts and emails
- Posting unkind or threatening messages, videos or images on social media websites
- Imitating or excluding others online
- Inappropriate image tagging

**What can parents do?**

- Discuss Cyberbullying with your child. Work out strategies to address any potential issue and reassure your child that you are there to talk to if they need advice or help
- Advise your child not to reply to any messages from a bully.
- Report Cyberbullying to your school if it involves other students.
- Be vigilant. Be aware of the sites your child is accessing, encourage use in an open space and not behind closed doors.
- Set limits- encourage no use of digital devices past 8:30pm.
- Remember that if your child has been involved in cyberbullying and seems distressed or shows changes in behaviour or mood it may be advisable to seek professional support.

For further information about keeping your child safe online visit http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx

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**Parent Information Session**

Students starting Prep 2015
TOMORROW, WED 22 Oct
1:30 – 2:45 or 5:30 – 6:45pm
In the Resource Centre.
**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**Senior Green : Mrs Ireland**
Senior Green has had a very busy start to term 4. This week students were tasked to finalise a storyline as part of their English assessment, during science we have been exploring climate, weather patterns and their impact on the seasons. Congratulations to Zachary for his student of the week award, Zach was awarded for his positive contributions to group discussions and his commitment to learning. Parents and carers, please remember how important it is for your child to attend school on a regular basis. Statistics clearly link student attendance with increased student performance. Please ensure that your child attends school daily to maximise their learning opportunities.

**Senior Purple : Mr Vogel**
Senior Purple have been studying informative and literary texts with a similar message, in an effort to write a thesis to determine which is the best method for delivering a message. So far they’ve studied the plight of Moon Bears in China through a storybook and brochure, and the destruction of Australia’s Wilderness areas through a picture book and a website. In other areas students are involved in studying chance situations in Mathematics and constructing and analysing graphs and data representations. The students have shown good sportsmanship and commitment in Friday sports, be it cricket or surfing, well done! Finally thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help on graduation; we look forward to it.

**Middle Gold : Ms Cronin**
Middle Gold has a very busy week this week. They are visiting the Life Education Van. This is another way of empowering students to make safer and healthier choices and a unique, fun experience. On Wednesday 22 October, Middle Gold has its excursion to Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Burleigh Heads, as part of the current History and Science units. We have continued with our work on First Contact, discussing: Connection to Country, the Dreaming, Land and Aboriginal Language Groups; as we learn about Aboriginal life before the arrival of the Europeans. We hope parents were able to visit our class display in the Office Lobby showcasing Poetry and Geography assessment from last term, as well as some of our first efforts at Aboriginal style art.

**Middle Blue: Ms Scales**
During the past week, Middle Blue has continued their adventure and learning of the quest novel ‘Rowan of Rin’. Students have been using an educational blog to post their thoughts on chapters of the novel as well as respond to their peers ideas and insights! Students have also started their literacy rotations with a big focus on improving their reading and comprehension skills. Middle Blue has started being rewarded for positive behaviours and achieving their learning goals through our classroom system of Dojo points. Make sure you ask your child what they have received points for this week! Great job this week Middle Blue!

**Middle Purple : Mr Stringer and Mrs Duffy**
This week the Life Education Van visits our school and Middle Purple will have the opportunity to visit on Thursday during middle session. A reminder please that if your child is absent from school, to please send in a note explaining the absence which will allow us as teachers to record why they were away. Our class excelled in Mathematics last week when we looked at position and location on a Cartesian plane. Students grasped the concept of using four quadrants to plot points. Well done! In English, we are continuing to read the novel, Red Dog before comparing the text to the movie.

**Junior Blue: Mrs Calder**
Hello, my name is Karen Hodgson and I am a pre-service teacher. I am joining Mrs Calder and Junior Blue for the next four weeks as I complete my teaching internship at Coolangatta State School. This week in Junior Blue, students will be learning more about poetry as they will be writing and presenting their own poem in assembly in Week 4. This is also an assessment piece for English for Term 3. Students in Junior Blue are also continuing to refine their learning of their times tables and using this knowledge to calculate multiplication problems.

**Junior Green: Ms O’Callaghan**
In Mathematics this week students will display data using a list, table and picture graph and will identify information in a data display. In English students are exploring narratives and identifying noun groups.

**Junior Purple: Mrs Waldon and Mrs Winder**
This week students wrote a procedure for making a paper plane. To be able to write the procedure we made paper planes first, and then wrote the steps it took to do it in a procedure format. There was lots of effort and participation and at the end of the lesson we enjoyed flying our paper planes outside. We observed that some planes flew further than others, and concluded this may be due to better aerodynamics, as a result of superior paper folding!

**Junior Orange: Ms Schmida**
Swimming was a highlight of last week! Thank you for all your support in ensuring the students were organised for the day. And especially to the parents who came as ‘extra pairs of eyes on the pool’. Their behaviour, on the bus and at the venue, was exemplary, and Mrs Tommasi and I were very proud! We were responsible students who remembered our rules of Safety, Respect and Learning! WELL DONE ORANGES!

**HPE News: Mr Stringer**
Thanks to the entire surfing group including coaches and volunteer helpers for a safe and fun first week at the school Surfing Program. Please continue making weekly payments to the office by Thursdays to ensure your spot in the surfing line-up! Gala Day is scheduled for wk 9 (Monday with Tuesday as backup). The Beach Gala Day will again be at Kirra so it is a free event for Coolangatta students. Behaviour will be the only reason you may not be invited to this annual event so keep making great choices both in and out of the classrooms.

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:**
This week is International Children’s Week. As children growing up and living in Australia, we are very fortunate to have a good life. Many children in the world live with great hardship in war zones, as displaced refugees, in countries where there is extreme poverty and people have shanties for shelter, little food or clean water and where there is a lot of disease and sickness. Many children don’t even get an education.

**On Friday 24th October, it is International Children’s Day. We are fundraising for UNICEF.**

**SAVE the CHILDREN DAY.**
Bring in a donation, $1 or more this Friday

many children in the world need our help.