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Principal’s Award: Junior Orange – The spirit of the Melbourne Cup; their very own race!

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 4 week 5**

**Web Site**
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Every Tuesday,
Free Breakfast

4/11/14
Melbourne Cup Day
Year 6 & 7 Pass Program
After School Sport P-3
Gymnastics / Circus
3:15pm-4:15pm

5/11/14
Prep Orientation Day 9am
After School Sport 4-7
Gymnastics / Circus
3:15pm-4:15pm

7/11/14
P-2 / 3 Swimming
Surfing Elective

10/11/14
P&C Meeting
9:00am Everyone Welcome
Year 1 Be Safe Program

11/11/14
Remembrance Day
School Behaviour Audit

12/11/14
Prep Orientation Day 9am

13/11/14
G20 Brisbane

14/11/14
P-2 / 3 Swimming
Surfing Elective

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**Value of the Week – DOING & BEING OUR BEST.**

When we give things a go and put in our best efforts, we can achieve great things.

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning:** This week’s focus is a BE SAFE expectation: **KEEP YOUR FEET, HANDS, BODY & OBJECTS to YOURSELF.** We should always take care that our actions don’t hurt anybody. We should always use self-control to manage our anger and never use physical violence against anyone as assault is an offence.

**Social & Emotional Learning Topic:** **PERSONAL SAFETY** We all have the right to feel and be safe from abuse. We should report to a trusted adult anytime we don’t feel safe or when we have unwanted touches or when things don’t feel right. We should also take care not to put ourselves in vulnerable situations.

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Middle Blue enjoyed their excursion to Jellural Aboriginal Centre at Burleigh Heads last Friday. They learnt about Aboriginal Cultural Awareness.
Dear Parents & Carers;

Half term: A busy time as end of unit assessment commences and reporting for Semester 2. Each year level has clear expectations of what a student needs to be able to know, understand and do before progressing to the next year level. Students need to be able to attain learning at a C standard in order to be ready to access the higher learning of the next grade. Please ensure that your child reads each day, practices their spelling and knows their number facts quickly and does their homework. We want each child to be the best learner they can be – their future success depends on it.

Every Day Counts: Students must attend school every day unless they are genuinely sick or there is a valid, emergent reason. When a child is not at school; they fall behind. Repeated absence adds up. Repeated arriving late and leaving early adds up. See the table on the website to learn how much time is lost e.g. a child absent 5 days a term = 20 days a year = one month of school days.

Prep 2015: It is a pleasure to meet new students and families as they enrol for next year. If you know of families who have Prep age children, please advise them that enrolment interviews are being conducted now.

Classes 2015: Classes for next year are dependent on school enrolment. If you know that you are leaving Coolangatta SS at the end of the year, please advise the school office.

Sing Out: Last Thursday, we joined thousands of students around Australia who all sang the same song at the same time creating one voice to celebrate school music and highlighting its importance in the school curriculum. Music is everywhere. I thank Mrs Geoghegan, music teacher for its importance in the school curriculum. Music is everywhere. I thank Mrs Geoghegan, music teacher for the great work she does in teaching an appreciation of and the skills of music and for coming in on her non teaching day to promote this event.

Healthy Eating: A reminder to parents and students that CSS is a healthy eating school. No soft drinks are permitted at school nor other high sugar / energy drinks or slushies. All items with high fat / salt / sugar content are to be limited to an occasional treat only and preferably not to be brought to school. A healthy breakfast followed by a healthy mid morning munch & crunch and healthy lunches enables the student to have their brain best ready to learn. Plenty of sleep and exercise is also essential for a child’s wellbeing.

Parent Support – Positive Behaviour Expectations: Thank you parents for taking a stand with us against inappropriate language at school. This week we take a stand against physical aggression and violence with a focus on a HANDS OFF expectation so that we keep the Be Safe rule. Thank you for reinforcing these expectations at home.

School Behaviour Audit: Discipline audits are being conducted in all Qld school’s by independent experienced principals over 2014. Next Tuesday, we welcome Mr Guy Hendriks, to undertake a discipline audit of school strategies and practices in the management of student behaviour and in providing a safe supportive disciplined learning environment. As part of the audit process, the auditor will meet with the P&C president and contact other randomly selected parents. He will speak to students, teachers and the school leadership team and visit classrooms. We look forward to the feedback from the audit which will give commendations and recommendations for improvement.

With warm regards and best wishes for a great week,
Sharyn Mahony

P&C News

Tuckshop News: If you can volunteer for painting please leave your name and contact details at the tuckshop.

Fruit juice slush puppies are now available from tuckshop for $2.00. These slushies are made from 99% pear juice and a natural, no sugar flavouring. The slush puppies sold in our tuckshop are a registered healthy kids product, and contain less sugar than most standard poppers. We also have Yo-panas available for $1.50. Yo-panas is 100% fruit, soft serve made fresh to order.

School banking: on Fridays please leave books at the canteen.

Chalain’s Chat: Chappy Lisa

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH DEBT? Credit Card Debt???? Personal Loans???? Other Personal Debt???? If you are, then free help is available irrespective of race, gender or belief, through the Debt Management and Specialist Advice teams of CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Australia. CAP is Australia’s Premier Debt Counselling Charity. There are debt coaches in our local area – to make an appointment call 1300 227 000. You can also email: help@capaust.org Check them out on the web: www.capaust.org Pick up a flyer in the front office or chat with Chappy Lisa.

SMITH FAMILY: SAVER & SUPPORT SCHEMES

Would you like your savings matched for up to $500 for school needs – books, uniforms, camps, sport costs, musical instruments, tutoring or a new computer? sms your first name and YES to 0417 485 477 or google Saver Plus The Smith Family to find out more. Conditions: 18 yrs+, Centrelink Card, Income from work, child at school or studying yourself. New recruitment only to December 31st so get in before the end of the year.

Surfside Bus service, Passes 2015. To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, ALL NEW PASSENGERS FOR 2015 are to submit your application before the end of November 2014. Students with an existing bus pass need only re-apply for a 2015 bus pass if your child
• is moving from Primary to Secondary School
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Chatter matters – new SPEAK app

The SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge) oral language app has been developed by the department as a joint initiative with Queensland Health and Redland City Council to help develop children’s speaking and listening ability. The SPEAK app is available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Senior Green : Mrs Ireland
In week four Senior Green continued to work on their English assignment, transforming an informative text into a picture book. The storyboard has been completed with student’s now beginning to develop their storyboard onto I-Pads. Most of the work is at a very high standard, we look forward to the students completed work. The countdown has begun, only 5 weeks to go before Senior Greens graduation day. Payment forms went out last week and in week 6 graduation invitations will be sent out. May we take this opportunity to remind parents, carers and students of our school rules: Be respectful, Be a learner and Be safe. These foundation rules support our students to achieve their highest potential.

Senior Purple : Mr Vogel
In Maths Senior Purple have been studying data displays. Last week we conducted our own primary data collection, recording the passenger cars that travelled west along Coolangatta Road over a half hour period. With this data students used their grid books, computers (Excel) and the Ipad app Numbers to create a variety of graphs. These graphs showed us that nearly half the 186 cars were white, that Toyota was by far the most common brand of car, and that there isn’t only one Jeep!

Middle Gold : Ms Cronin
Middle Gold has launched into Science this week studying Materials - Uses and Properties. Students have already undertaken 5 investigations looking at both Natural and Processed Materials. We have started an investigation into biodegradability, containing different materials and soil - we will check our containers in 2 weeks. Students had fun with a mystery object, naming its properties, guessing the object and discussing its uses. They looked at the properties of slime and carefully transferred it into a water bottle. On Friday they were challenged with building a 1m tower using only newspaper, thin cardboard, paddle pop sticks and sticky tape, which would be strong enough to hold a dictionary. This was difficult and students had to work cooperatively in groups and problem solve.

Middle Blue : Ms Scales
Middle Blue had a wonderful excursion last Friday at Jellurgal Aboriginal Education Centre. We watched traditional Aboriginal dancing (some of us even went on stage and joined in). We also went on a guided bushwalk and learnt about how the Aboriginal peoples used to live off the land. Middle Blue were extremely well behaved and respectful! Special thanks to Ms. Cindy and our parent helpers, Cinnamon Bird and Keziah Harvey for coming along!

Middle Purple : Mr Stringer and Mrs Cecil
Last week was Mrs Duffy’s final week in MP and we wish her all the best and thank her for all the work she has done! We welcome back Mrs Cecil who will be taking Mrs Duffy’s place for the rest of the term/year. Last week Middle Purple buddied up with a junior sport buddy and co-taught Badminton in the school hall. All MP Buddies were well behaved and also fantastic teachers. During English, Middle Purple finished reading the novel ‘Red Dog’ and watching the film adaptation. We were all amazed at the differences when comparing the two, and liked both for various reasons. Now, students will be writing a written comparison of the novel and film as part of the unit’s assessment task.

Junior Blue: Mrs Calder
This week in Junior Blue, students are learning about Heat, how to produce it and how to stop it from moving to other objects using insulation. Students have also participated in several science experiments and will soon learn to design their own experiment and write their own Scientific Report based on it. In maths lessons, students are learning to convert digital time to analogue time and vice versa. Some students have been busy learning their timetables at home and recently they scored full marks during a timetable game. It is very important that ALL students continue to practice their timetables at home, those children who do, reap the benefits of their hard work during class time.

Junior Green : Ms O’Callaghan
Students will be engaging in informative texts and imaginative texts this week. We will read Fox and Fine Feathers and write informative texts using information from the text. This week as part of our Science unit students will have the opportunity to share their knowledge about a chosen resource from the earth, listing ways to use it and how it can be conserved.

Junior Purple: Mrs Waldon and Mrs Winder
Remember to bring in the permission notes for the Be Safe with Emmy Program that will be running every Monday afternoon from 2-3pm for the next 4 weeks. The program is an excellent personal safety program that is fun and interactive. It is also free, and each child will receive a free book if they bring back the permission note.

Junior Orange: Ms Schmida
This week, I will begin the Early Start screeners, one-one-one, with the prep students to collect data on their progress and achievements. I will come off class whilst the students continue on planned class curriculum content areas with a relief teacher at varying times over the next couple of weeks. This data will give us a picture of understanding of each child, academically in literacy and numeracy, after completing their first preparatory year of schooling. We will celebrate their successes at the end of the term.

HPE News: Mr Stringer
Last week we were lucky enough to have Badminton Qld was our special guests for PE. We learnt about the different equipment and techniques used in badminton and it was very clear that all grades loved the sport! We thank Karen from Badminton Qld who was nice enough to visit our school and loan her gear to us for a week. In surfing on Friday we had a full house of 35 surfers across the three levels (learner, advanced and body boarder) down at Kirra Beach. It was amazing to see how many students were either standing up for the first time or absolutely ripping in the advanced group further out the back. Behaviour has been extremely good during all surfing sessions for the Friday Sport.

Library News
Last week you received Redgum Bookclub. If you wish to order books, please order before 17th November. Website of the week
How far is it to Mars?

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Check out www.distancetomars.com

This simple, yet effective site uses pixels as a unit of measurement, to show students the vast distance from Earth to Mars. By using a measurement that can be easily viewed by students it reinforces upon them the difficult distances associated in sending a manned flight to mars.

Year 5, 6, 7 Gotcha Challenge: After visiting this site can you tell me how many kilometres away Mars is from Earth? For a gotcha please hand into Mrs Marshall. You must demonstrate how you got your answer by showing your working on a sheet of paper.
APPLICATIONS FOR 2015 BUS PASSES ARE DUE NOW

ALL NEW PASSENGERS FOR 2015

To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, please submit your application before the end of November 2014.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EXISTING BUS PASS HOLDERS

At the end of each school year, please ensure that the current pass is retained to be used in the new school year until the new pass is issued.

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- is moving from Primary to Secondary School
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ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FORMS

Information on the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS), eligibility and application forms is available from TransLink


PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO

Surfside Buslines
PO Box 3036
ROBINA
Q 4230

Email schools@tagroup.net.au or Fax 5571 6556

Applications will be processed over the Christmas school holidays. Once applications are approved, bus passes are sent to school for collection. Please allow 10-15 working days from the start of Term One 2015.

Prior to Government approval of bus travel assistance, all students can travel by bus to school using a TransLink gocard.

REMINDER

A valid bus pass must be produced TO THE DRIVER or the relevant fare paid via cash or gocard. Information on fares, go cards, zones and bus timetables is available from TransLink http://translink.com.au/ or phone 13 12 30.