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*Principal's Award: Senior Gold Solar System Passports awesome facts.*

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 1 week 3**

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_Every Tuesday._

_Free Breakfast_
Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00am

11/2/15
Parent Teacher Information Session & School Services Expo
Starting at 2:15pm

13 / 2 /15
Surf Ed Year 6 for 7 weeks

19/2/15
Yr 3.4.&5
Swimming starts 7wks
District Swimming Carnival

25/2/15
Leader Induction Assembly

27/2/15
Clean Up Schools Day

9/3/15
P&C Meeting 5:30
All Welcome!

10/3/15
School Photos

School Banking
Details
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**PREP / YEAR 1 ARE OFF TO A GREAT START IN LEARNING.**

Today is Safer Internet Day. Senior Gold did a one channel Cyber Safe Workshop.

Students enjoying our free breakfast club every Tuesday.

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**Value of the Week:** - RESPECT We need to respect ourselves, others, property and the environment. Respect is an attitude of caring about people and things and treating them how we would like to be treated ourselves or how we would like things to be for us. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy and by thinking of other’s feelings. Respect helps people feel valued. Parents, teachers and our elders deserve special respect as do police officers and others who help keep us safe. With respect we talk to and about people nicely; we keep the rules; we don’t litter and we care for the environment.

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning Focus:** BE SAFE Rule; when moving around the school WALK orderly.

**Social & Emotional Learning:** FEELINGS & EMOTIONS – being able to recognise in self and others the various emotions and feelings that can be experienced and give a name to these feelings and emotions.
Dear Parents / Carers,

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS & SCHOOL SERVICES EXPO: By now you would have received your invitation from your child for this event tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday 11 Feb. We look forward to meeting as many parents as possible as we build a strong school, parent and community partnership.

Principal’s Forum: 2:15 – 3:00 in the library. An outline and discussion of school priorities and Responsible Student Behaviour through Positive Behaviour Learning will be discussed and will cover our school’s response for appropriate behaviour acknowledgement and consequences for misbehaviour, including afterschool detention.

School Community Services Expo: in the hall from 3:00 – 4:45. Lots of information to support students and families. Be in the draw for lucky prizes drawn at 4:45.

Free Sausage Sizzle / tea & coffee available.

Student supervision in the playground for school age children.

Class Teacher sessions:
• 3:00-3:45 Junior Blue, Junior Gold, Middle Purple Senior Blue.
• 3:45 – 4:30 Middle Blue, Middle Gold, Senior Blue.

Update of Student Information Details: It is essential that we have an accurate record of parent phone numbers, email address, emergency contacts, home address etc. Please return the form sent out in week 1 if you have not already done so - even if you have no changes to make at this time to your child’s record. Please provide the office with an update any time your details may change. Thank you.

Home Learning: School is but 5 hours of learning time a day. As such, student interactions in the home and community provide many other, real life learning opportunities. Do not underestimate the learning that new experiences bring; of reading the information on cereal packets, menus etc; of wisely budgeting pocket money, telling the time, measuring out; learning about the world, places, people and events; and the amazing world of science. Learning is Everywhere.

Home Reading: Of all the homelearning and homework to be done, reading or being read to each day, even just 10 minutes, makes a big difference to student learning outcomes. As with anything that we learn, we need to practice to be confident and capable. Please build reading time into your child’s and family’s daily routine, to listen to younger children read aloud and to ask older children about the book they are reading. Discuss words, viewpoints, relate to personal experience and excite children about reading and learning more.

Head lice: Head lice infestation is common in most societies. Please make it a daily routine to check for head lice. If eggs or nits are found, treat immediately and advise the school so class notifications can be issued for extra vigilance. Once treated students are not to miss any school. Please see link for more information and best treatment method using hair conditioner. http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.asp

Changes to regulations – smoking in the vicinity of a school: From 1 January 2015 it is illegal to smoke on hospital or school grounds (public or private/independent) and within 5m beyond their campus boundaries. A summary of amended Queensland tobacco laws can be viewed at http://www.health.qld.gov.au/publichealth/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp

With warm regards and best wishes for a great week,

Sharyn Mahony

P&C News: Sue Elliot P&C President.

Election BBQ & Cake stall: A total of $340 dollars raised with thanks to Essi Kasarate, Jade Livingstone, Chris Tobin, Lina Atkinson and Sharyn Mahony for baking goods and giving time to man the stall.

Next P&C Meeting is the Annual General Meeting, 9 March, school library, 5:30pm. Please make this a date claimer so that we can work as a school community to benefit our students.

Class Parent Representatives: We would like to instigate another level of parent help and support but at the class level. At tomorrow’s Parent Teacher Session the class will ask one or more volunteers to assist them in communication between the class teacher and other class parents and with the school. It is envisaged that each class rep will meet at least once a term as a group with the Principal to put forward class / parent perspectives. Please give your consideration to volunteering for this position.

Chaplain’s Chat: Chappy Lisa

As we have now settled into school for a couple of weeks, I would like to introduce myself to anyone new to our school community. The kids know me as “Chappy Lisa” and I am now in my 8th year at Coolie as school chaplain. My role is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to the school community, however I don’t teach religious education. I assist in caring for students struggling with a range of issues with within themselves or their family networks, which may include: family problems, confusing relationships, peer pressure, friendship issues, low self-esteem, bullying and other issues. I also provide support to families and staff too! Sometimes it is just having a cuppa and a chat – I know that often helps when we feel overwhelmed. Another element of my role is in building connections with community organisations and churches, facilitating programs that run within the school. Some of these include: Friends For Life (prevention and early intervention program of anxiety and depression), the Boost Mentoring Program, the breakfast program, woodwork and craft programs, aged care facility visits, programs for adults such as 1,2,3 Magic (parenting program) etc. I mentioned I don’t teach RE, however, I am able to chat with anyone about spirituality if they request this – I am of the Christian faith, however this service is available to everyone – if you are of a different faith and you are looking to connect with your faith group, please come and see me and I am happy to help you make that connection. I share an office in the Enrichment Room with our Guidance Officer Mrs Over and can be found in the school each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - just ask for me at the office or drop a note into ”Lisa’s Letterbox” in the school foyer and I will get back to you. Students are also welcome to “post” notes and drawings in the box and I will do my best to write back! I put something in the newsletter each week – often with opportunities for students or adults – so keep an eye out!

Lost Property

Parents and students please make sure you check the lost property basket outside school office weekly for any misplaced items. Please have all hats named.

The Queensland Academies - Health Sciences Campus (Southport) will be holding a Community Open Day on Saturday 28th February from 10am until 1pm. There will be fun and interactive activities, a parent seminar, student led campus tours and 2016 enrolment information from the Campus Principal. All are welcome to attend. You can RSVP online at http://www.qa.eq.edu.au/rsvp
Senior Blue: Mr Vogel
Senior Blue is working well on using the seven steps to plan and write short stories. In Maths we are investigating fractions and have been extending ourselves in multiplication algorithms. This week sees the class going to Surf Ed at Kirra Beach on Friday afternoon. A reminder that the money for Surf Ed is due Thursday and that Seniors Shirt’s money and size orders are due next week.

Senior Gold: Miss Cronin
Senior Gold has continued with their journey through the Solar System and has now visited all 8 planets. Students have learnt the order of the planets, their size, planet group, distance from the Sun, rotations and orbits, as well as size, temperatures, surface and gravity. It has been wonderful to view the amazement as we learn facts about each planet, with many students involved in additional research. With a Space theme, we have started creating Artworks related to space. We have also begun breaking down the first English genre -“Narrative” – and discussing how to improve our vocabulary in our writing. Students are increasing their vocabulary with our Strive words.

Middle Gold : Mrs Cecil & Miss Buckley
We hope you have settled in to the new school year and your children are enjoying being in Middle Gold. Students have been taking home readers each day. Thanks to parents who are returning these regularly and listening to their child read- it is so important!! We will talk to you about reading strategies when we see you on Wednesday afternoon for our parent information session.

Middle Blue: Ms Scales
Middle Blue has had a great start to the school year. All students have started their English units and students have started responding to, analysing and creating persuasive texts. We will be starting both math rotations and spelling groups this week as well as homework (due Friday). Over the next two weeks we will have a class display in the office foyer. Please feel free to come in and have a look and see our work.

Middle Purple: Mrs Ireland
Middle Purple will be on assembly tomorrow showing off our Coolangatta School uniforms with pride! We hope to see you there! Literacy Planet and Mathletics will be up and running soon and will be used within our class rotations and also as a separate lab session so that students can engage in content relevant to our units of work and also to stream students based on their ability level. Our class’s information session for Wednesday is 3pm, I will be going through MP’s timetable, homework, behaviour expectations and our curriculum. I look forward to seeing you there, thank you. Please note our classes Dojo is up and running and messages can only be sent directly to parents who have signed up.

Junior Blue Ms. Besford
Junior Blue are well on the way with learning. We have begun reading groups, the children responding enthusiastically. Homework reading books and logs are up and running. We hope your child is enjoying reading to you. Please ensure you sign and date the log as a way of showing your child that their daily reading to you is important. We hope the goals and prompts help you to help them. The children are showing good responsibility for their learning within the reading groups. They are also experiencing teamwork and resolving conflicts. I’m so looking forward to meeting with as many of you as possible on Wednesday afternoon. It gives us a focussed chance to speak with each other.

Junior Gold: Mrs Waldon & Mrs Winder
All parents are welcome to attend the parent information afternoon this Wednesday at 3:10 pm. This week we will continue with our English Unit that explores emotions in picture books. In maths we will be exploring shapes, patterns and counting.

Library News: Mrs Marshall
The 10th February, is ‘Safer Internet Day’. This day advocates for and promotes safe and responsible use of online technology and mobile phones amongst children and young adults. Visit the ‘Insafe’ site http://www.saferinternet.org/web/guest/safer-internet-day for further information and for resources and videos to share with your children.

School Musical 2015: Mr Vogel
Thanks to all parents who attended our first musical meeting last week. The musical will be preformed in November (term 4) and will involve the whole school. This week we are auditioning for the lead roles. Next week we will start auditioning for the minor speaking parts. Musical Rehearsal will be at lunch times for the (core cast) and after school on Tuesday in Term 2, 3 &4. All classes will be practising their special Musical songs and scenes in class later in term 3.

PAYMENTS FOR RESOURCE SCHEME & UP COMING EVENTS
Year 6 Surf Ed starting this Friday 6 February until 27 March. Cost for course is $40.00 to be PAID by Thursday 12 February.

Year 3, 4, & 5 swimming lessons at Banora Point, 7 weeks starting February 19 until and including 2 April. Cost of course $70.

First instalment of $70 for Prep Resource Scheme is now due. Full payment $120.

First instalment of $30 for Year 1 to Year 6 Resource Scheme is now due. Full payment $60.

Percussion students money now due $30.

Thank you to all those whose payments are already in. To assist with payment, we can organise a Centrelink payment scheme. Please see the office or make arrangement with the Principal for special consideration.

Payment days are TUESDAY & THURSDAY at the office at the cash / cheque window, online using the school banking details, EFTPOS 064-410 00090043 then the student’s name.