CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Tuesday,
Free Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00am
Families welcome

31/1/17
Swimming Carnival Banora Point Pool. For children turning 9ys old and upwards.

1/2/17
School Assembly 2:30pm

2/2/17
Cyber Safety Yr 4-6

3/2/17
Surf Ed Yr 5/6

8/2/17
Class Parent Information / School Services Expo
Sausage Sizzle
3pm-5pm

10/2/17
Surf Ed Yr 5/6

13/2/17
P&C Meeting 9:00am

15/2/17
Induction School Leaders Assembly 9:00 am

16/2/17
District Swimming Carnival

Value of the Week – RESPONSIBILITY. Each of us has a responsibility to do the best we can to make our homes, school and community the safe, respectful and happy places that we want them to be. We act responsibly when we keep the rules and do what we are expected to do and keep our agreements. When we take responsibility for our own actions, others can trust and depend on us.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) Focus: Keep the School Uniform expectations. Be Safe — wear the wide brimmed hat, the polo shirt and school / sports shoe, no jewellery; Be respectful - be clean, neat and tidy; Be a Learner: Stand out as a proud Coolangatta student.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) focus: Making our school and each classroom a place where we all belong; support and encourage each other; and believe that we can learn and achieve.
Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. We specially welcome new students and their families to our school—a small school with a big heart; where everyone is known, cared for and given positive acknowledgement and support to be the best they can be, to develop their strengths and capabilities and to grow in their learning and responsible citizenship.

Welcome to new staff: Guidance Officer—Ms Cathy Lawson (Tuesdays); Speech Language Pathologist—Angela Brown (Fridays); Ema Geoghegan returning to CSS—music teacher (Tuesdays).

Our focus for school improvement 2017: We continue to target improving student outcomes and the teaching of READING; developing a whole school curriculum program in English for CSS context based on the Australian Curriculum; improving maths outcomes; continuing positive student behaviour learning and improved student attendance.

Off to a great start: Happy students, happy parents and dedicated, highly professional staff! What a privilege and pleasure to be Principal of CSS.

Thank you parents / carers for having your child ready for school:
- Growth Mind set: Motivated to learn, keen and eager and positive.
- Healthy body & brain: Plenty of sleep (10 hrs); healthy breakfast, brain food munch and crunch, healthy lunches—reduced sugars, salts & fats; plenty of exercise; limited screen time.
- Safety conscious: Knowing and keeping the road rules as pedestrian, cyclist, skateboard or scooter rider is essential. Always use a supervised or marked crossing. Bus rules and safety also a must. Adults need to be good role models. Use the main school gate to enter and exit the school grounds. Please do not jump the fence.
- In full school uniform: We are proud of our school and our students who stand out as Coolangatta students in their blue and gold uniform. All students need to have and wear the school shirt with the blue collar and school logo. School shoes need to be either black school shoes or black sports shoe and worn with short white socks. The school hat needs to be a royal blue wide brimmed hat. Hair that is below shoulder length, boys and girls, needs to be tied back. Hair accessories need to be in blue and gold. The only jewellery permitted is a watch, simple single ear studs for pierced ears, medical alerts, and on approval from the principal religious / cultural necklets. Finger nail polish, make up, tattoos are not permitted. Fingernails need to be kept short and students clean and well groomed.

We encourage students to wear full school uniform every day but always on assembly day, Wednesdays, and on special occasions eg Annual school photos which are scheduled for 20 March. Students not in full uniform will be unable to represent the school in school photos, events and attend excursions. Please see Chappy Lisa or the school office if you are experiencing difficulty in providing school uniform.
- At school every day and on time: Every day counts. For a child to have the best opportunities to get ahead and build relationships and belonging they need to be at school every day unless genuinely sick or emergent reason.
  - Same day notification of absence: Please advise the office if your child is absent by 9:00am.
- Fully resourced: Payment of the school resource scheme has provided your child with the resources they need.
- Home learning: Your daily encouragement and active involvement makes a huge difference. Learning is everywhere. Reading each night is a must do—you read to them or they read to you!

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION SESSION / SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO & SAUSAGE SIZZLE:
- You will receive an invitation to attend school next Wednesday, to meet with your child’s teacher and be informed about the learning expectations for their year level; classroom procedures including behaviour management, teacher / parent communication, homework and more; and have your questions answered.
- Prior to the meeting at 2pm will be a Principal parent forum to seek your input on a number of important issues—school / home communication; organisational matters; behaviour management and school priorities.
- Running concurrently is an expo in the hall of services and support that the school and the community can offer students and families. Come along and check out what is available. Prizes on offer.
- Free sausage sizzle. Students will be supervised in the playground over the afternoon.

Calendar of Events: You will note a number of changes this year. First that the swimming carnival has been placed at the start of the year —tomorrow. This has been done to maximise student participation and align more with the district carnival. Also note that ASSEMBLY TIME now 2:30 WEDNESDAYS.

Swimming for MG, MB, Year 4 SB & SP will take place over 5 consecutive days at the end of term 1 at Palm Beach aquatic centre. Research indicates that intensive consecutive days show greatest improvement. As camp programs for yr 3/4 and 5/6 are scheduled for summer term 4, this change has also been designed to assists with family budgeting.

Surf education Yr 5, 6 starts this Friday. Students will learn beach safety skills and CPR over 8 weeks.

Warm regards and best wishes for a great week.

Sharyn
PE News: Mrs Irvine

Swimming Carnival Tomorrow

Tuesday 31st January is our Swimming Carnival for those in the 9-12 years age groups. It starts at 10am at the Oasis Pools Banora Point. The age group for competitions is the age the child turns this calendar year. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with timekeeping. Please see Katrina Irvine or go to the recording table when you arrive if you are able to help for a while. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

FREE before school sport

NetSetGo: A fun sporting program for both boys and girls to develop in ball skills and team play. NetSetGo is Netball Australia’s only junior entry netball program and incorporates skill activities, minor games, music and modified matches in a fun and safe environment.

‘Net’ Tier (Prep-Grade 2) - students will learn netball related fundamental motor skills with fun games, music and activities.

Dates: Tuesdays weeks 3-6 starts 7th February. Time: 8am

‘Set’ Tier (Grades 3-6) - students will take part in modified games and activities with a focus on fun and teamwork.

Dates: Tuesdays weeks 7-10 starts 7th March. Time: 8am

Notes available at the office. Places are limited.

P&C News:

Your P&C needs you! The school can’t do without you! *A P&C meeting will be held on Monday 13 February at 9:00am. This meeting will be a welcome to 2017 and a meet and greet of new members; an overview of the role of P&C its executives and members; and a discussion of school improvement and ideas for 2017.

This year we would like each class to have at least one class rep on the P&C. *If the time doesn’t suit us know.*

The AGM to elect new office bearers 2017 is March 13.

The Snack Shack: The tuckshop will open Wed, Thurs and Fridays starting this week with Ms Sindy volunteering to provide this service. Additional volunteer support however is required to assist getting lunch orders ready. If you can help please sign up at the tuckshop or leave your name at the office.

Orders are to be written on a brown paper bag, with the child’s name, class and money enclosed. These can be placed in the class lunch box in the room before school or placed across the counter when the tuckshop opens at 8:30. A menu will be provided.

Wanted: School banking coordinator to process student school banking accounts each week. Support and Training is offered for all volunteers.

Specialist Lessons 2017:

Tuesdays: PE Mrs Irvine; Music Mrs Geoghegan

Wednesdays: LOTE Japanese Yr 5, 6 Mrs Shimomura

Thursdays: Instrumental Music, participating students Yr 4—6, Ms Deb Body

Library & Computer lab time as advised by class teacher.

Other school programs:

Tuesdays: Choir

Thursdays, 2:00—3:00: Senior Community Service at Kirra Haven and the Lions Mentor Program - the shed woodwork program and Lady Lions sewing and crafts

Fridays 9:00—9:30: Religious Instruction for attending students in Catholic Instruction Classes and Interdenominational General Christian Instruction classes. Enrolment for these classes is as advised on the school enrolment form. To join or to remove from Religious Instruction time please advise the Principal in writing. Lesson material of content covered is available for perusal from the office.

Do you have jig saw puzzles, lego, board games etc at your house that you no longer use? If they are in a useable condition, please consider donating them to the school. Items can be left at the enrichment room. With thanks Mrs Aleman and Chappy Lisa.

Community news:

KINGSCLIFF HOCKEY CLUB SIGN-ON DETAILS

WHEN:  Sat 4th Feb & Sun 12th Feb

WHERE:  Merv Edwards Oval, Sand St, KINGSCLIFF (across the road from the Cudgen Leagues Club)

TIME:  Sat 11am — 2:00pm (DST)

Sun 11am — 2 pm (DST)

Inquiries:  Donna Fay 0448 186 591, Tim Prichard 0418 490 586, Ross Salmon 0421 489 921

Players for all Grades are required ie beginners, 5 to 9 yrs. along with Juniors to open. Season begins late March, 2017
Important information about school bus travel for 2017

School transport is not free. However, you may be eligible for transport assistance under the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS). APPLY NOW if you intend to use a Surfside Buslines bus to get to or from school.

There are a number of general criteria that apply to STAS. Where a student is eligible for STAS, there are two types of bus assistance available, distance based and Safety-Net travel. Visit www.translink.com.au/schooltransport for eligibility details and to print the relevant application form.

Where do I send the form to?
Applications for 2017 can be submitted to
Surfside Buslines
PO Box 3036
Robina QLD 4230
Email: gcschools@tagroup.net.au

Existing bus pass holders
If your details will not be changing from 2016 to 2017 you do not have to reapply.
Students who hold a 2016 bus pass will be able to travel with that pass until 24 February 2017. This allows some time for the 2017 passes to be made.