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**Principal’s Award:** Annie M, Basia S, Jessica B, Rhys C for representing our school at Speechmakers.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 3 week 10**

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Every Tuesday,
Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00
16/9/14
Year 4 Bike Safety
19/9/14
Footsteps lesson and Dance Presentations
19/9/14
Last Day of Term
6/10/14
Labour Day Holiday
7/10/14
Tuesday - School Resumes
Prep – Year 2/3
Swimming 17/10/14 – 28/11/14
9/10/14
Visiting band from Mountain Creek High School 2pm
10/10/14
World Mental Health Day
16/10/14
Nude Food Day
20/10/14
Pupil Free Day

**Value of the Week:** HONESTY & TRUSTWORTHINESS

Being honest is being open, trustworthy and truthful. When people are honest they can be relied on not to cheat, lie, steal. Trustworthiness is being worthy of trust. People can count on you to keep your word, to do the right thing and follow through on your commitments.

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning Focus:** Using our MANNERS. When we use our manners we show courtesy and respect to others. Please, thank you, excuse me, beg your pardons are only small words but they mean a lot! We also show consideration and thoughtfulness when we step back and let someone go in front of us or give them our seat, or offer to help them. Always be polite.

**Social & Emotional Learning:** This week is a revision week.
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

End of term: It is hard to believe that end of term has come! Teachers and students have been busy finalising this term’s assessment which informs how well students have mastered the learning intentions and goals across the subject areas. The C standard is the expectation that all students know, understand and can do the work at a general level where they have the basic foundation to then move on to their next level of learning.

Students who receive B and A’s are the students who have not only mastered the work, but can extend and problem solve using higher order thinking strategies and apply their learning. To obtain scholarships for secondary school and to be at a level for future university entrance, students must step up to be in the upper two bands of achievement.

Students who have not yet reached a C standard need extra support to learn from their learning mistakes. Sometimes it is because they haven’t got earlier concepts and need to go back to this level before they go ahead. Sometimes however it is a lack of application and effort. Putting effort in to achieve is the biggest determinant of success.

How well is your child going – in their weekly spelling tests, number facts, end of unit assessments? Regularly check in with them. Make an appointment to see your child’s teacher. Parents make a powerful difference to student achievement through a strong teacher, student, parent partnership.

Attendance: Every day counts. The last day of the school term is this Friday. Students should not be taking this day as a day off – they have 2 weeks holiday forthcoming. It has been such a bad term of sickness. It is hoped that term 4 will see classes back to 100% attendance most days.

Congratulations Speechmakers: Well done to Rhys C, Yr 2; Jessica B, Yr 4; Basia S, Yr 6 and Annie M, Yr 7 for their achievement in representing us at the cluster finals festival. Basia obtained 3rd place in her division with encouragement awards to Jessica and Annie. We admire them for not only their talent in writing and presenting a speech but also for their courage in public speaking which is first learnt in the classroom amongst peers when discussing opinions, sharing class work and making presentations at assembly.

Staff news: I thank Mr Lang for his time with us over the year first in health and this term in Senior Purple while Mr Vogel has been on long service leave. Our best wishes go with him. I also thank Ms Scales, health and Middle Purple and Ms Kirk, PE for their time with us covering Mr Stringer who also will return from leave next term. We however may be lucky enough to see them back from time to time on teacher relief duties. Mrs Sandi Aleman returns to work after maternity leave next term doing health.

Life Education: The Life Education van arrives Wk 3 next term. The cost of this program, for a lesson and book is $5. Participation forms will go home in Wk 1.

Responsible Behaviour: Each week we explicitly teach and reinforce a value of the week; a school wide positive behaviour focus which is chosen from an aspect of our school rules – safety, respect and learning and teach a social / emotional life skill. The topic of each week is found on the front page of the newsletter. Please take the time as a family, to reinforce and teach your home expectations.

Warm regards and best wishes for a happy and safe holiday. School resumes TUESDAY 7th October.

Sharyn Mahony

P&C NEWS: P&C President Sue Elliot

The P & C is looking for mums, dads, carers or friends to volunteer to help out with a working bee in the tuckshop and around other areas of the school. Wear your old clothes as there will be some paint splashed around! We want to make our tuckshop look clean and inviting for the kids and our volunteers. If you can help out on Saturday 20 September or Sunday, 21 September from 9.00am (that is the weekend that the kids break up for school holidays), please call Sue Elliott on 0418 565829. If anyone can help before that date with washing the ceiling and walls with sugar soap to prep for painting, please also let me know. We need your help!

Chappy Chat – Chappy Lisa

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PREP ENROLMENT 2015

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Parents and carers of prospective students are invited to attend either of the sessions listed below. These sessions will focus on Coolangatta State School in general and the Prep Year in particular.

Wednesday, 23 October
1:30 – 2:45 or 5:30 – 6:45
In the school library

SPECTACULAR LEGO DISPLAY

Showcasing Lego creations and sets from Lego history. All the displays are from club members’ own imaginations and their private collections.

Where: GC Convention & Exhibition Centre on the highway at Broadbeach.

When: Saturday 20th Sept. 9-4:30pm & Sunday 21st Sept. 9-3:30pm (See the flyer with today’s Cooie newsletter). Where will your imagination take you this school holidays?

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SWIMMING

P- 2/3 Swimming: Please return forms for term 4 swimming. Payment required by week 1, Term 4.

PHONE & CONTACT DETAILS

If you have recently changed your phone numbers could you please let the office know in case of an emergency. Also your address, email details and emergency contacts. It is important to keep our data base up to date.

LOST PROPERTY

Please take the time to go through the lost property bin outside the Admin for your child’s lost property. There are a lot of good track tops and bottoms that belong to someone. At the end of term all unclaimed items are washed and donated to charity.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Senior Green: Mrs Ireland
Week nine has been a very busy week for Senior Green. During our English unit, ‘My place’, we have witnessed how a place changes over time, students were challenged to produce a video highlighting the changes we are currently experiencing in our ever evolving digitally rich world. The activity was completed on I-pads, assisted by Mrs Marshall, with many of our student’s producing work of an extremely high standard. Congratulations to Annie who represented Senior Green at the speechmaker’s competition.

Senior Purple: Mr Lang
This last week of term three will be one of the busiest. Students are working hard to complete their written analysis of two Jackie French books, ‘Grandma’s Shipwreck’ and ‘Somewhere around the Corner’. Students are also writing a historical narrative in history in relation to an individual’s migration to Australia from Vietnam. In maths, the class are revisiting adding and subtracting fractions using mixed numbers. A big congratulations to Basia S who placed 3rd at the Speechmakers Festival last week at Elanora State School. There were many other students who also completed so a fantastic effort. Mr Vogel will be back for the start of next term. I have had a great term getting to know students of Senior Purple and helping them along their learning pathway.

Middle Gold: Ms Cronin
Middle Gold has been very involved in Assessment. The majority of students have submitted their Humorous Poems and presented them, considering voice, facial and body expressions, using costumes, props - Very entertaining. Students have also created a Mobile Art Structure in Technology to represent a chosen humorous poem. These are now hanging on display in the classroom. Year 4s visited the Bike Safety Centre at Ashmore on Tuesday, learning bike and road safety rules in a safe, controlled environment. This was a lot of fun. Congratulations Middle Gold – Principals Award last week for the majority of students completing the Premiers Reading Challenge. Keep Reading!

Middle Blue: Ms Levenson
With the last week of term coming to the end, a big congratulations to Middle Blue for their achievements, and successfully completing all set challenges. If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss your child’s progress, or seek information on how you can help prepare your child for next term, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or through the office.

Middle Purple: Ms Scales and Mrs Duffy
What a busy and an exciting term this has been! In English, we begin to assemble our poetry folios where we will have analysed our two chosen poems, ‘Mother Earth’ by Belynda Waugh and ‘Ode to my Computer’ by Pixie Pixel. Some students are struggling to improve their individual stamina throughout our silent reading sessions. A reminder to keep up the reading throughout the holidays! This week in Maths we celebrate our learning by graphing our progress in Geometry from our pre-test to post-test. Students have worked particularly hard throughout this unit of work and I hope many now aspire to become architects, builders or designers! Wishing you all a happy and safe break.

Junior Blue: Mrs Calder
This week is our last for this term. On Friday, students who have been attending Footsteps Dance will show off their skills in a school performance. Our wire sculptures will be completed. Students, already tested, have shown much growth in their comprehension skills in reading. Well done Junior Blue.

Junior Green: Ms O’Callaghan
This week on Friday students will be participating in the end of term Footsteps performance. All readers and library books must be returned this week. Remember to keep reading every day over the holidays though! Maybe an outing to your local library could be a fun day out during the holidays. Enjoy a safe and relaxing break.

Junior Purple: Mrs Waldon and Mrs Winder
Junior Purple’s science dioramas will be on display in our classroom this Thursday morning 18th September from 9.00 until 9.30. We would like to share our creative landscapes with family and friends. Our creativity is not confined to our artistic talents; last week we used creative writing to retell the traditional story “The Three Billy Goats Gruff”. Students were encouraged to use interesting verbs, adjectives and adverbs to make the retell descriptive and entertaining. This week art and graphic design will be used to create images to enhance the story, highlighting specific events. Term 3 commences on Tuesday 7th October, Monday, Labour Day, is a public holiday. Happy Holidays.

Junior Orange: Ms Schmida
Thank you for a wonderful term. I am extremely proud of the progress and achievements of the students across all learning areas. Please have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the final term where we will revise and extend all foundation skills, and get the students ready for a more formal year of schooling.

Library and ICT News
Have you downloaded the Queensland schools app yet? Qschools is a free app that can be accessed via the app store. Simply download, then search for Coolangatta. Qschools provides a simple way for parents to keep up to date with current news, events, alerts and school newsletters.

New Books: We have heaps of new books in our library. These books were funded through the recent book fair. Library books to be returned by Friday: All library books must be returned to the library before the holidays. Overdue notices will also be sent home this week.

Cyber Safety tips:
- Know the sites that your child visits.
- Limit the use of electronic devices after 8:00pm as it takes 2 hrs for your brain to switch off after viewing bright screens.
- Phones, ipads, computers should be used by children in open family spaces and not in the privacy of their bedroom.

COOLANGATTA-TUGUN CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
If you have a child who is ready to join the Reconciliation program for 2014 we invite you to join us. Parents are gathering for a meeting with Fr John in the Monica’s Centre (next to the church) on Thursday evening 18 September at 7pm. If you are unsure of whether your child is ready for the sacrament, we invite you to come and listen with other parents. Children are usually in Year 3 when making this sacrament and then they continue to make their First Communion in Year 4. This is however, only the norm and by no means the rule. If you have any questions please feel free to phone Fr John at the Parish on 55982165. From the Sacramental Team.