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Environmental Captains - Junior Red for using correct bins for recycling rubbish

**Principal’s Award:** Jimi Z, yr 4 student, fastest at multiplication number facts even against Yr 7 whizz.

The whole school has been writing sizzling starts to captivate the reader.

- Trembling with fear, a big hairy red eyed spider suddenly appeared looking at me. **By Zain Junior Green**
- As I was cleaning my room, I heard my teddy bear suddenly start to talk. **By Damarish Junior Green.**
- Screaming excitedly, the all-time fans shouted out the words of their favourite song. **By Basia Senior Blue**
- “Puff, puff, puff!” Oh will we ever reach the top of the mountain I whinged “suddenly” I realised that no-one was around to hear my complaints. **By Basia Senior Blue**
- Kites flying everywhere kids running here and there when the wind stopped. **By Kiara Senior Blue**
- Panicking breathlessly, I jumped about trying to find out where I was. **By Osa Senior Blue**
- Booom! The science experiment had just gone wrong. It splattered red paint all over the library it looked like a art class instead of a library! **By Osa Senior Blue**

**Value of the Week:** PATIENCE & TOLERANCE

Patience is accepting things you cannot control, like the way people act and waiting your turn without complaining. Tolerance is also being patient and accepting things you wish were different with good grace. This includes accepting others and the way they think, look, speak or act with understanding, overlooking people’s faults, knowing that all people have feelings and needs and hopes and dreams just like we do.
Dear Parents / Carers,

There is lots of great news to celebrate this week. Our school just keeps on getting better and better as we continually strive to make Coolangatta State School the best place we can for our students.

**Instrumental Music:** We are the recipients of some $4000 dollars from Gold Coast City Council Division 14 Grants to purchase additional musical instruments to boost our fledgling concert band. We sincerely thank Councilor Chris Robins for providing this funding. Instrumental Music teacher, Ms Deb Body is very excited knowing that we can now sustain this program which has such great potential already receiving a high encouragement award from the 2013 Gold Coast eisteddfod in its first year of performance.

**Instrumental Music Concert & Recruitment for 2014 Instrumental Music students:** Thurs, 28 Nov, 9:00 – 10:00am.

**XO Laptop grant:** This enables us to have a 1-1 XO laptop program introduced into our prep classes from 2014. Funds have been provided from the One Education Foundation, a not for profit organization that supports schools in lower socio economic areas with a commitment from the school to pay $100 for each device, teacher training and the associated infrastructure. The XO comes with its own operating system and apps aligned to the Australian Curriculum. We are very excited about the opportunity that this opens for each student to have their own device and the potential for engaged and interactive learning either working individually, or in a group or as a whole class. We thank Mrs Schmida for becoming our lead teacher introducing the XO’s to our Preps.

**Ipad program:** We have been setting ourselves up for this exciting development in teaching and learning. This year our dollars have focused on upgrading to a higher bandwidth at a cost for 2014 of $10000 and to make each teaching block wireless in which to operate these devices, again at approx some $8000 - $10000. We now can purchase sufficient ipads for each block to have access to 8 ipad devices for classroom use either by individuals or in groups to enrich student learning. I don’t know who are more excited – the teachers or the students! It’s the start of a new generation of ICT devices in our school. We thank our P&C who are funding additional ipads, one for the Resource Centre and one for students in the Special Education Program.

**Basketball & Netball** posts are being installed on one of our tennis courts ready for next year thanks to a successful application of over $31500 from Gaming Grants with the P&C funding an extra $2000 in additional costs.

**Classroom furniture:** The P&C is funding $5000 towards the upgrade of classroom furniture, with Junior Orange being the lucky recipient at this time. We love our P&C!

**Free Afterschool Sports program:** A successful application for 2014 will now see this popular program back for P-3 & Yr 4-7. Next year’s sports are likely to be basketball, gymnastics, roller-skating, cricket and circus skills!

**Leaving Coolangatta SS:** Thank you to parents who are providing early advice to the class teacher and the school office if they are shifting away from our school in 2014. This enables us to plan our classes and our staffing and to initiate the transfer process.

**At school every day and on time unless sick:** So wonderful to see some classes achieving 100% attendance some days of the week.

Warm regards and best wishes for a great week,

Sharyn Mahony

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**Enrolment 2014:** Interviews are being conducted now. Please phone the school office for an appointment.

**Prep 2014 Orientation:** This Wednesday, 20 Nov 9:00 – 10:00am. All prep students starting school next year invited to attend.

**Yr 7’s to Elanora State High School 2014,** orientation day Tuesday 26th Nov.

**Payment of School Resource Scheme:** $100 Prep students and $40 Yr 1 – 7 students. Thank you to the families who have made payment in full. It really makes a big difference to the school budget enabling funds to be directed to the classroom for the benefit of students.

**P&C News**

**Tuckshop OPEN** Thursday & Friday.  
**School Banking:** Friday morning please leave bankbooks at the tuckshop. Bankbooks MUST be handed in before 9.00am.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle**

We are asking if each family could donate an item for the Christmas Hamper. Food, toys, books etc.) Please no out of date items please. Tickets will be sent home next week.

**Chappy Chat – Chappy Lisa**

In my newsletter item last week I talked about some strategies to assist getting our kids to bed for a good night’s sleep. This week I thought I would talk about the other end of the day – especially getting our kids to school. When my children were in preschool and early primary school I was a relief teacher – I would never know if and where I had work each day. I had to find ways to make our mornings less stressful so our home didn’t end up a “combat zone” and both the kids and I got to school feeling ready for our day! Here are a few tips. Check out other ideas at: raisingchildren.net.au

**The night before**

- Try to find out the night before (or even earlier) if there is something special going on at school.
- Prepare lunches and have them ready in the fridge.
- Get your child to have a bath the night before.
- Try to read school newsletters and check bags for notes the night before. You could also try to prepare clothes, sign school notes, and get schoolbags ready the night before.

**GOLD COAST PUBLIC TRANSPORT CHANGES ARE COMING**

From 20 January 2014, if you or your child/ren catch an urban bus route or Queensland Rail train to school on the Gold Coast you may be impacted by upcoming changes to public transport network. To find out if your service is changing, visit translink.com.au. Detailed information booklets will be distributed to all Gold Coast households prior to these changes. Handheld timetables will be provided closer to the introduction of the network change in January and will be accessible online from the TransLink website. It is important to note that these changes are for urban bus routes operating on the Gold Coast. Dedicated school services, operated by Surfside Buslines will still service local schools. Information on school service timetables and routes can be accessed online at www.surfside.com.au.
Senior Green & Senior Purple : Mrs Ireland & Mr Failes
Students have been busily working through various assessment items and as we approach the ending of the final schooling term for 2013. I want to share in some success stories we have had. Due to our focus on writing, we have witnessed an incredible improvement with the majority of students overall writing abilities. We are seeing more descriptive language and some excellent SIZZLING STARTS! This allows the audience to be engaged and enthused by what they are reading! We have also produced many spelling successes and have seen many students move up multiple spelling levels from the beginning of the year! Well done to the students of Senior Green/Purple for their dedication to learning! We will be having a class pizza party in week 10 (Final week of school) to celebrate a successful schooling year. Notes will go home for this in week 8!

Middle Blue : Mrs McEwan
Middle Blue completed their persuasive written assessment tasks last week for English. Please help them keep their opinion skills fresh by asking them their point of views about current issues in their lives at home. Get your child to back up their point of view with relevant and believable arguments that build in importance and ability to convince the person listening? This can all be done through discussion-children do not have to write it down, however that would be the next step: plan for success and then write. This week Middle Blue will be working on their Technology item for this semester-planning and designing a bookmark and certificate.

Junior Gold : Ms Cronin
Junior Gold is currently completing their Visual Arts collection of Line Art. They have incorporated Warm and Cool colours into their designs and have created a variety of 2D and 3D pieces using various mediums – texts, crayons, paint, modelling clay. Students have completed their final major English assessment, where they analysed, then created a poem with their choice of setting. All poems have been published as a Word Document and they have created some wonderful imagery and moods, using alliteration, onomatopoeia, adjectives, rhyme and rhythm. Each student will be presenting their poem to the class this week. All presentations are videoed and then placed in their own folder to share with family at student led reporting in a few weeks.

Keep working on Literacy Planet and your Spelling targets.

Junior Blue : Mrs Calder
We have been looking at where we were at the beginning of the year and where we are now. We are surprised at the distance we have travelled in our learning and the huge gains we have made in all areas. Some of us have also commented on our social and other behavioural gains. Well done Junior Blue for the efforts you have put in.

Junior Green : Miss Alycia O’Callaghan
Students will investigate light and sound in a variety of objects and classify the objects into groups according to whether they emit light, sound, both light and sound, or neither light nor sound.

Junior Purple : Mrs Winders & Mrs Waldon
This week our prep and grade 1 students will be using everyday materials to create their own musical instruments. In technology lessons everyone in Junior Purple designed an instrument that can make sound using two different sound elements; such as pace, volume or pitch. Students will be using their scientific knowledge of sound to explain how their musical instrument creates sound - by striking, hitting, plucking, scraping, shaking, or squeezing. Concluding our lesson, it will be a great experiment to see if we can create our own class band. In show and tell next week students will bring in a toy from home that makes use of sound or light or both.

Junior Orange : Ms. Schmida
Just a reminder, if concerned about paint on clothing, to please provide an old t-shirt for painting and craft to put over your child’s uniform. We do provide paint aprons for the children but sometimes the children may get paint or glue onto other parts of their clothing. Paint used in activities is advertised that it will come out in the wash but we will be doubly checking our next purchases. Also, just a reminder to pay any outstanding prep fees for the year and to locates any overdue library books or misplaced home readers.

Middle Purple : Mr Stringer & Mr Lang.
In Middle Purple this week students are finishing many assessments relating to all key learning areas of the curriculum. These assessments are culminating from weeks of work and preparation done in class lessons. In English, students are finalising publishing their written assessment piece. Students were asked to use comparison and contrast words and also understand how language features, images and vocabulary influence interpretations of characters, settings and events. In Maths, students have been using vertical place value methods for multiplication and also using graphs to represent various data. In Science, students have been researching gases and various properties associated with them. We have been working through the exciting investigations, experiments and models that help us represent how we can manipulate gases to perform tasks to illustrate some of these properties. In History, students have been finishing the Saibai tribe assessment including how they lived and cultural changes before and after contact. Students have been enjoying empathising with these people and considering their challenges. Please ensure Homework and is up to date and to the best of your ability!

HPE News : Mr Stringer
Thank you to all the parents and also Gibbo, Danny, Remuna and Dextar (previous Cooly SS students) who attended last week’s surfing program once again down at Kirra Beach. We had very small conditions last week but we still managed to have a lot of fun and develop surfing skills and fitness. This year’s surfing group has had exceptional behaviour and water/surfing safety has been adhered to at a very pleasing level. Keep paying your weekly fees to the office by each Thursday to secure your spot at the beach.

Next Mon 25th Nov is our annual Beach Gala Day at Kirra Beach. Along with Nerang, Gilston and Tallebudgera State schools we will be participating in a variety of fun beach activities and a swim. Please ensure that Code of Conduct and permission forms are returned to your CLASS TEACHER by Friday at the very latest. There is no canteen at the beach so BYO food and drink next Monday!!! Participation depends on good school behaviour and up to date payments and remember NO HAT NO GO!

Senior Blue : Mrs Keil
Term 4 is certainly flying by which means final assessments and report cards are underway. Many of the assessment tasks are being concluded over the next week much to the delight of the students. Attendance each day is vital as students are revising and learning the necessary strategies and skills required for their final year in primary school. In the Arts, we are learning about one and two point perspective drawings. I must admit, I have been very impressed with the skills of the students and can’t wait to see their talents develop. Reminders * the end of year concert; a few minutes to tidy up your area; back packs home after last week’s Art class and report cards home soon.

Minasan Konnichiwa
Christmas is fast approaching and so is the end of another school year. So, in J-Club we will be creating some Christmas craft with a Japanese twist! Come along and join in the fun. We have four Mondays to go and I may run the club on some Fridays also, so keep your eye out. All welcome. Look forward to seeing you soon...

Sensei