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**Principal’s Award:** Junior Blue – for promptly stopping play when the bell rings & lining up outside the classroom.

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### Term 1 week 4

**Web Site**

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https://coolangattass.eq.edu.au

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**Calendar of Events**

**Term 1**

**Every Tuesday,**

- Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00
  10/4/14
- Yr 3-5 Swimming for 7 wks
  7/2/14
- Surf Ed for 8 wks
  11/2/14
- Start P-3 After School Sport for 7 weeks
  19/2/14
- Year 4 - 7
- After school Sport 7 wks
  26/2/14
- School Leaders Induction Assembly
  28/2/14
- School’s Clean Up Day

**School Photo envelope going home today. Photos are on 11/3/14. Family envelopes are available at school office.**

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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.

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**Year 3, 4, 5 swimming lessons off to a great start.**

It was great to see lots of people turning out for the Services Expo last week in the hall.
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Parent Teacher Afternoon: Thank you to the many parents & carers who attended last week’s information sessions. Class teachers highly value meeting with parents and building a strong partnership as we work together for the most important person there is: your child – our student. If you were unable to make the session, please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher. School Services Expo: Thank you Chappy Lisa for organising community members and agencies from a wide range of endeavours to showcase the service they can provide to support our students and families. Please see Chappy Lisa & our Guidance Officer Edith Saedt any time you need support or further information.

TAG You’re it: Just Motivation & Az from Juice 107.3 will be at school Monday, to inspire Year 6 & 7 to “pay it forward” through Timely Acts of Generosity. When each of us does something good for someone else, it brings much pleasure and happiness to the recipient and also the giver. It sets up a chain of doing things for others and a positive groundswell of being caring and considerate and making the world a happier and better place. Get ready to be tagged! Then be on the look out to tag someone else! A gold coin donation is requested.

School Leader Induction: Next Wed 26th at assembly, 9:00am.

Ready Reader Training: Next Wed 26 Feb, 9:00 – 11:00 Admin Block. Help your child be a successful reader. We all know how vital it is to be a good reader. If you are a parent of a child in kindy, Prep, Yr 1 and 2 learning to read or a parent of a child who is finding learning to read difficult, this session is for you. It will give you the strategies to support your child each night as you read to them and as they read to you with their home reading. Grandparents and anyone interested in being a classroom volunteer or prospective teacher aide are also invited to this training session on early reading strategies that support developing readers to work out words that they don’t know, to read for meaning and to become a more confident, independent and capable reader.

Make every day count in 2014: Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland. At Coolangatta SS our goal for the whole school over 2014 is a 95% attendance rate. We can do it! Classes with the most points for all students being at school each day will receive a special treat. Extra reward points are given if all the class is at school on time. Being on time means that you are ready for the day and receive all instructions. Early departure is discouraged unless there are exceptional circumstances. The end of the day is valuable reflection time on the day’s learning and where many reminders are given. Attendance data is recorded and tracked electronically, with students who arrive or leave outside acceptable times being recorded as a half day absence.

District Swimming Carnival: We wish our age champions a day of personal bests as they represent our school today.
Warm Regards & best wishes for a great week,
Sharyn Mahony

P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held on 10 March, at a trial time of 6pm -7:30pm in the Resource Centre. All welcome including children. Your P&C needs your support please come along!

Chaplain’s Chat – Chappy Lisa

THANK YOU to all those families which visited the School and Community Services Expo last Wednesday afternoon. You may not realise this, but we one of the only schools on the Gold Coast which runs an event such as this. Thanks also to the Service Providers and Staff which worked together to make the afternoon a success. The winners of the Cadbury’s Chocolates were: the Elissa Wilmshurst, Kylie Carruth, Erykka Glasow and Nina Atkinson. We thank Senior Instead Home Care for donating two additional prizes and the winners were: Beauty Case - Yin Zhou and Car Wash Kit – Kaziah Harvey.

Library News: Mrs Marshall

Writing competitions

The 2014 Write4Fun Schools Writing Competition is now open and closes on 30 March 2014. There is no theme and students can write on any topic and in any style. All grades are welcome to enter from Kindergarten to Year 12. Write4Fun runs has regular writing competitions, which students can research and enter directly online at: www.write4fun.net.

The Tugun Bendigo bank invites students to submit entries to the ‘Why I love Where I live’ story competition.

Prep/year1 Drawing competition
Years 2-4 Short story (Max 500 words)
Years 5-7 Story (Max 1000 words)

Entries open on 22nd April and close on 27 June.

Start getting those creative brains working and begin drafting your stories. We would love for the children at Coolangatta to receive some of the great prizes on offer Website of the week

Get your children thinking, visit this website. http://seriouslyamazing.si.edu/ the website publishes a host of intriguing questions, with links to the answers and additional information. Topics include science, history, art and popular culture.

PBC EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS INFORMATION

EVENING FOR YEAR 7/8 2015
Wednesday 26 February 2014 @ 6.30pm
PBC Hall, Thrower Drive Palm Beach

Academic Excellence, Sports Excellence, Creative Arts Excellence

PBC Excellence Programs are setting the pace for high achievement and providing exciting pathways for students to realise their dreams. Our mission is to mentor extraordinary young students to become the next generation of innovative and successful performers in the fields of Academia, Sport and Creative Arts.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL 3 PROGRAMS

Road Safety message from the Crossing Supervisors
Parents please use the crossings. Stapylton St is a danger zone where random crossing of the road is making this area a hazard for drivers and a safety risk for students. Please walk to the crossing and cross the road correctly. Thank you to all those who do the right thing.
Senior Green : Mrs Ireland
Year 6 and 7 students started their Surf Ed lessons down at Kirra last Friday and each class performed really well in this session! Senior shirts have officially been ordered. Students are currently investigating “Short Stories” and will also compete in the Bendigo Bank writing competition (Speak with your child about the topic!). Students completed their first session of O.S Work with flying colours, there were only a handful who forgot but overall it was a successful start!

Senior Purple : Mr Vogel
Senior Purple enjoyed their first week of Surf Ed lessons at Kirra Beach with all students putting their swimming skills to test with, and across the inshore current. Well done to the 60% of the class who had their revision book completed on Friday and were keen to share their work. Those that didn’t spent Monday lunchtime finishing off work. In Maths we are working on adding and subtracting fractions using common denominators and have found some very keen students who are extending themselves in Year 7 work. The Year 6 Senior Shirts were ordered last Friday and hopefully we’ll be wearing them proudly within a couple of weeks.

Middle Gold & Middle Blue : Ms. Cronin & Mrs McEwan
Middle Gold & Blue are very involved in discovering “Where is Australia”? In our History unit we are studying European World Exploration and looking at ancient maps, discovering that people thought the world was flat and studying the first European explorers who proved the world was round. We have been learning about Christopher Columbus and his first voyage to the Americas in 1492. Last week all students commenced a PowerPoint that will track their new knowledge as they learn about these early world explorers. All students have enjoyed their first lessons of Swimming at the Oasis Pool. Thank you to all Parents that were able to attend our Parent Teacher Information Afternoon. Those parents who were unable to attend are invited to make an appointment to discuss the outline for Semester 1.

Junior Blue: Mrs Calder
Thank you to those parents who attended the Junior Blue Information Session. All other parents should have been given a pamphlet outlining what we are studying in Term 1. If you haven’t received one, please look in your child’s homework pouch. A reminder – Tuesday is the day for the class changing of library books, but students are able to change their books at First Break on most days. This week we are concentrating on the 10x table. Many students have not been doing their 2x regularly. Basic Facts are a daily homework activity and need to be done each night. Parental support in this matter is essential – you would be amazed at how proud students are to say their parents work with them.

Junior Green: Mrs Collis
This week in Junior Green we are reading a new book called ‘Collecting Colours’. We are using the text to further develop our knowledge of procedures. We are also using it to form some of our own Noun Groups. In Maths we are continuing to look at time, focusing on half past and quarter past the hour and making sure we keep up with our number facts and counting patterns.

Junior Orange: Ms. Schmida
Thank you to all those parents who attended the Parent Information session last week. I will provide a class newsletter and handouts to those who were unable to attend. Attendance at the Parent Ready Reader workshop on Wednesday the 26th February at 9am will be invaluable and I highly encourage you to participate in this course. Parents who complete the training will be also receive a certificate too! Yay! Please come and see me if you did not receive this note. Thanks again for all your support.

Middle Purple : Mr Stringer & Mrs Duffy
It has been wonderful to meet so many parents and family members over the last few weeks and a big thank you to those of you who came to our parent information session last Wednesday. Hopefully, you will have all received our class newsletter by now. This outlines our focus for each area of study this term along with lots of useful information for you and your child. If you haven’t yet received one, please drop by our classroom and we will ensure to pass one on. In maths we are focusing on number facts and now fractions. Make maths fun at home and around the house by asking your child to estimate the next quick grocery shop or using the next pizza takeaway night to explore fractions!

Junior Purple Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon
Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our parent meeting last Wednesday afternoon. If you have any further questions we are more than happy to chat with you after school. Important ways to help support your child’s learning: Work through your child’s homework with them every week. Remember to return homework every week. Spend 10 minutes reading every night. Revise spelling and sight words frequently. Vary the spelling and sight word activities so that learning is always interesting and engaging. Play counting games – counting forwards and backwards - varying the starting number. This term Year 1 students will be preparing a short oral presentation about a favourite book character. We look forward to hearing some entertaining talks.

HPE News: Mr Stringer
We have our new basketball and netball courts up and running now and have been making good use of them for the last few weeks. Thanks to Mrs Mahony for organising the grant and also to Mr Chris for taking the tennis court nets, etc down before each use. We are now trialling for under 11’s and 12’s Rugby League during Tues and Thurs 2nd break times. We can select up to 4 exceptional players from each of these age categories. We will announce our reps in the next few newsletter editions so keep reading this space…

Minasan Konnichiwa: Vanessa Shimomura
(Sensei)
Welcome back to a new year of language learning for 2014. I am sure that we are all feeling refreshed after such a long break and ready to get back into Japanese! Once again this year, J-Club will be running each week on a Thursday at first break. All are welcome to come along and join in the fun and activities. Later in the year there will be the Annual Language Speech Contest held at Griffith University. I will be looking for students who might be interested in representing Coolie State School and selecting by the end of Term 1, so that we are all ready to go with practise at the beginning of Term 2.

Thank you for keeping ahead of swimming & surf ed payments. All Resources Scheme must be paid in full or part payment by the end of February.