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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:** Senior Purple for their focus on responsible behaviour and engagement in learning.

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**Term 1 week 5**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 1**

- **Every Tuesday,**
  - Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00
  - Mondays Yr 3-5
  - Swimming 243/14
  - Tuesdays P-3 free Multi skill sports 253/14
  - Wednesdays Yr 4 – 7 free basketball 2/4/14
  - Fridays Surf Ed Yr 6, 7 4/4/14
- 26/2/14 School Leaders Induction Assembly
- 28/2/14 School’s Clean Up Day 2/3/14
  - Clean Up Australia Day
- 7/3/14 International Women’s Day
- 11/3/14 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

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**Value of the Week:** DOING & BEING OUR BEST

We owe it to ourselves to do the best we can each day to make ourselves and our lives the best that we can. Giving your best to any task that you do and to any relationship you have, has reward in the pleasure that it brings. Effort is the key to success. We learn from our mistakes so we can do better next time. We strive to improve. Each of us is can shine in our own way as we stand out for doing and being our best

**Social & Emotional Learning:** This week students are learning to use “I” statements. “I” statements allow us to express our feelings and assertively tell how we want to be treated without blaming or accusing or getting mad. e.g I (feeling) when you (name cause.) Could you please (course of action.)

**Examples:**
- I feel really sad when you make fun of me. Would you please stop calling me skinny?
- I feel really disappointed when you don't give me a turn. Will you be sure I get a turn next time?

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Year 6 and Year 7 School Captains and Vice Captains attended a Cluster Leadership Day last week with student leaders from other schools. They learnt to work as a team to achieve a goal, to accept each other’s strengths and to encourage and support others.

Miss Cindy’s after school art classes
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

**Great Results Guarantee**: Additional funding to schools has been made from the Great Results Guarantee and we are now working to develop how we can use this money (for CSS $81,000) to better support our students and improve their literacy & numeracy outcomes through our own Great Results Guarantee plan. The early years, P-2 is specially targeted to give every child the best opportunity to be confident and capable in learning reading, writing and number. The aim is for all students to achieve at least at national minimum standard and preferably at a C standard and to move to a B or A level.

The additional funding enables us to build on the great work that our teachers and aides already do to support children in reaching and even exceeding their full potential. Much of the money will go towards additional resources to provide further intervention and extension programs with 1-1 and small group support; assisting teachers plan and target differentiated teaching and learning strategies and extra support in the classroom.

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or as parent have suggestions on what support you would like for your child, you are invited to talk to your child’s teacher or to contact the Principal as it is important that we meet your needs.

Over the next weeks, teachers will likewise contact parents of children who require an individual learning plan, so that together we can target their learning to close the gap from where they are to where they need to be through setting short term goals to achieve.

Great Results don’t just happen. It requires the student to apply themselves and give their best effort; it requires parents to support their child with home learning, high expectations and encouragement; it requires the school to work hard for each student. Great Results however bring much reward.


**Before School Catch Up Learning Club**: Our enrichment room is open from 8:15 each morning. It is staffed by teacher aides who can listen to students read, learn spelling and number facts and help students with their homework. Students may use the computers for Mathletics, Literacy Planet, assignments, homework and on line tasks. It is an opportunity for students to get ahead.

**Reachwise Grant sponsored by Medicare Local**: We are the recipients of a successful grant along with Currumbin State School to employ a community worker to support students and families with early intervention. This is a trail project to June this year to ascertain how services may be improved through school based liaison officers. Some of you may have met Mrs Suzanne Longly at our recent expo who will be at our school each Thursday. She and her network can provide help for families to access key community services and resources. Referral forms are available from the office.

**School Leaders Investiture**: I look forward to celebrating our school leaders tomorrow at assembly and to meeting many proud parents. **Warm Regards & best wishes for a great week,**

Sharyn Mahony

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**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**

DO YOU RUN SHORT OF CASH AT THE END OF THE WEEK? I know it is a constant battle for most people to find enough money for ever increasing expenses. My husband and I have just completed the fantastic CAP MONEY budgeting course. It’s FREE and we are hosting one here at Cooly SS in the resource centre beginning Tuesday 11th of March, 3-5pm over three weeks. The course has been planned so that parents whose students are attending the P-3 sports and Miss Cindy’s art class will be occupied. When their activity is finished they are welcome to come to the resource centre. Families of other students not involved in these after school activities are also welcome. For more info see Chappy Lisa or contact Money Coach Gavin Irvine on 55999813. Brochures available in the school office.

**Library News: Mrs Marshall**

**Writing competitions:**

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.

If your child brings home an entry form please sign it and return it to your child’s class teacher, as most classes are completing the writing task at school.

Website of the week

Check out [http://splash.abc.net.au/primary](http://splash.abc.net.au/primary)

This website has loads of games including ‘super scary nouns’ and many maths games, educational videos like ‘How do cows make milk?’ and ‘How to make a rain gauge?’ and cool information for primary kids. Take your child on a tour and allow them to explore.

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**REMINDER**

SCHOOL PHOTO envelopes **went home last week with your child’s ID number, class & name on it.** Please keep these envelopes **safe at home till the day of photos.** Envelopes have to be handed in **correct money inside, as no CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN** and there is no change kept in the school office.

**Ready Reader Training: TOMORROW Wed 26 Feb, 9:00 – 11:00 in the Enrichment Room.** For all Prep, Year 1 and 2 parents, grandparents, volunteers who help with reading in the classroom and those who may wish to become a teacher aide.

**Cybersafety help button**: Online safety is just a click away with the [Cybersafety help button](http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/cybersafety-button.html) now installed on all school computers throughout the state and available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.
Senior Green: Mrs Ireland

Last week we learnt how to use the Microsoft program OneNote. OneNote is like a virtual notebook, where absolutely anything can be added and each student can create multiple tabs and then also multiple pages within their tabs. Each student engaged in this ICT session with enthusiasm and designed two tabs for their own OneNote. We will be using OneNote many times throughout the year as it allows a space, where we can collaborate, learning and ideas. Ask your child to explain what they learnt in OneNote this week!

Senior Purple: Mr Vogel

Senior Purple have been enjoying our Science Investigations, particularly the melting of chocolate, wax, butter and ice. We are developing the skills for a fair test and honing our record keeping and report writing skills. On Monday the students attended an excellent presentation from Az Hamilton - speaker for the TAG - (Timely Acts of Generosity) project. They were enthralled by his vivid and compassionate stories and have accepted the challenge to be Thankful and Generous. Students are looking to do a selfless act of generosity and pass their TAG card onto others who will also spread the generosity. On another note, Mr Vogel has ensured that all students are aware of the expectations of the weekly Revision Work and consequences for incomplete Revision (Homework).

Middle Gold & Middle Blue: Ms Cronin & Mrs McEwan

Middle Gold and Blue are learning about direct speech using speech mark in their study with the novel “The Twits.” We are also getting ready to enter a writing competition - “Why I Love Where I Live.” Students will have a permission form in their Home Reading/Homework folders for parents to fill out, sign and return to school. We are enjoying our swimming on Mondays. Please remember to keep payments up to date so that your child can continue with the program. Students have completed their first assessment in Geography. They needed to show knowledge of procedural texts. We are using this information to develop our own procedural texts. They are coming along nicely. In maths we have been learning about the part/part/whole model and have also discovered Rainbow Facts. We will be moving into partitioning of two and three digit numbers. In science this week we have answered an Investigating Question and conducted a Strength Test using various materials. Many thanks to those parents that are helping their children each night with homework, number facts and listening to them read. What a difference it makes!!

Junior Orange: Ms. Schmida

Thank you for your patience as I continue interviewing parents who have had to reschedule or could not make the first week time slots. Just a reminder to make an appointment that is mutually convenient, if an issue has arisen that needs discussion. The curriculum is in full swing and the prep/1s are progressing well. The school days are very busy indeed. Also, our parent ready reader program is on tomorrow! I am urging all parents to attend so that when home readers come home, all parents will be prepared in assisting their child to grasp reading for meaning.

Middle Purple: Mr Stringer & Mrs Duffy

Middle Purple has made some exciting progress in their work on ‘Forests of Silence’. As we progress through the book summarising each chapter in our notes, we are closely focusing on the language used to represent the settings and our favourite characters. Miss Cindy is helping transform our reading corner into a dark forest of our very own, using stimulus from the book and our students. We have made a strong start in our drama unit by looking at different archetypes through mask. As the weeks progress we shall begin to create scenes and stories, with an aim to share some of them in an assembly item next term. Continue reading for pleasure at home!

Junior Purple Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon

In science this term, Year 1 students are exploring “Living Things and our Environment”. In our science lesson last week the class learnt that scientists who study plants are called “Botanists”. Honing our botany skills the class took a walk to study our school gardens. We took notice of the structure and elements of different plants, shrubs and trees. On returning to class, Junior Purple students completed scientific drawings of what they had observed; adding scientific labels to their drawings. Some of our efforts are displayed in our classroom. In coming science lessons we will explore how our actions can affect the creation of creating healthy or unhealthy environments.

HPE News: Mr Stringer

Thanks to the parent managers who took their children to District swimming last wk. For a tiny school we were very proud of our 8 swimmers – Dylan C, Nahanee F, Zayd F, Blake I, Cameron J, Beau R, Zyah T, Luke V.

Congrats to Nahanne and Monique for attending/competing at the 11 girls District Netball trials at Mallawa Dr courts last Thurs! You tried your best and did our school proud at that level so well done! This week Rugby League District trials will be held at Broadbeach (Bruce Fox Oval -11’s Tues and 12’s Thurs 3:30-5pm). Congratulations to our 11’s who were selected to represent Coolangatta SS: Beau, Ben.K and Cameron! Further congratulations go to our 12’s yrs. boys who were selected: Rahapa, Zayd and Seth! Also, we have chosen representatives for AFL District trials who will be trialling this Wednesday at Somerset College AFL Oval 4-5pm (Congrats to Dylan, Cam, Austen and Brodie)! All the best at your trials this week.

Clean Up Australia – this Friday at school and this weekend in the community. Keep our environment litter free and clean. It’s up to us. We want our school and local area to be nice for us and our visitors. BIN IT! RECYCLE IT!