Term 2 week 1

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 1
Every Tuesday,
Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00am

23/4/14
ANZAC Day Assembly
9:00 – 9:45

25/4/13
ANZAC DAY Coolangatta
Tweed Parade – meet
Chalk St by 10:00am

29/04/2014
P-3 After school Athletics
starts

30/04/2014
Yr 4 -7 Afterschool
Baseball starts

6/5/14
World Asthma Day

8/5/14
Mother’s Day Stall
Kirrahaven

13th, 14th & 15th May
NAPLAN Testing
Yr 3, 5, 7

22/5/14
Australia’s Biggest
Morning tea

Value of the Week - RESPONSIBILITY
Each and every one 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. We make the right choices. When things go wrong and we make a mistake we learn from our mistakes. We make amends instead of making excuses. When we take responsibility for our own actions, others can trust and depend on us.

CROSS COUNTRY ~ OVERALL RESULTS

1st PLACE – COOK 219 POINTS
2nd PLACE – OXLEY 181 POINTS
3rd PLACE – FLINDERS 180 POINTS

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Dear Parents / Caregivers;

Welcome back to term 2 which will culminate in Semester 1 written report of student progress and student led reporting to parents. The growth in the learning and achievement of each student over each week and each term brings much to celebrate.

Term 2 Curriculum & Assessment: Over the next week class teachers will provide an overview of the terms learning, the major assessment tasks and timelines so that you can support your child in their learning.

Parent Teacher meetings: Thank you to the many parents who availed themselves of the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher last term to discuss their strengths in learning and behaviour and where they may need extra support to close the gap in what they need to know or to extend themselves into higher bands of learning. You are always invited to keep in contact with the teacher; simply arrange a convenient time.

Before School Catch Up Learning & Homework Club: The enrichment room is a hive of activity before school from 8:15 to the bell. Lots of students are reading to teacher aides and learning support teachers, learning sight words and number facts; getting help with homework and assignments, using online Mathletics and Literacy Planet and class edstudio to complete tasks to catch up and get ahead. Parents are also invited to come and help tutor and support students in their learning. It is a great place to be!

Calendar of Events: Please find with this newsletter our Term 2 calendar as it now stands. Keep a look out for additional events and changes through forthcoming newsletters.

School Cross Country: What a great day it was! The last day of term; glorious weather; tremendous house spirit and participation, lots of personal bests, a large contingent of family supporters, the parents and teachers race, along with the very successful fund raising of Year 5, 6, 7 to add to the fun of the day. Thank you to Mr Stringer for organising this event and to the staff helpers for making the day such a success.

NAIDOC Day will be celebrated at the end of this term. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Families are invited to participate and help plan the day. Please contact me to indicate your interest and availability.

Staff News: We welcome Miss O’Callaghan back, this time replacing Miss Cronin, Middle Gold who is on long service leave until Wk 9. Mr Lang is also back to take Health lessons. This term it is all about healthy eating with planting the vege gardens, harvesting and even cooking on the agenda! A number of Preservice Teachers also undertake their practicums under the mentorship and guidance of our very dedicated and professional teachers.

- Senior Green Ms Hayley Young
- Senior Purple Mr Joshua Rayne
- Middle Purple Ms Samantha Stanford
- Middle Blue Ms Joanna Roulstone
- Junior Blue Ms Karen Hodges
- Junior Orange Ms Jodie McDonald
- Junior Purple name to be advised.

Mrs Angela Hutchings will undertake teacher aide training and several year 11 girls from PBC who will do work experience in our early years classes.

ANZAC Events this week: Today’s assembly was well attended by parents; residents of Kirra Haven and other community members. I thank guest speaker Sergeant Darren Flanagan from the Australia Defence Force and Piper Doug Kelly for being with us. Special thanks must also go to school captains and vice captains, students and teachers from Middle Blue, Middle Purple & Senior Green and the choir for their presentations and to all students for being a respectful audience. Coolangatta Tweed March & Service: Students are invited to join the ANZAC parade which assembles by 10:00 in Chalk St to march through the streets of Coolangatta & Tweed for the Cenotaph and service at the Len Evans Boat Harbour by the RSL club. Students must be in full school uniform (blue collared shirt), wear their wide brimmed hat, wear sun screen and have a drink bottle with them. Marchers need to march orderly with respect for the occasion. On conclusion, our local RSL will provide students with a snack and a drink. Parents are to pick students up from the assembly area on conclusion of the service. Please write a note or phone the office if your child(ren) will be attending.

Badges and memorabilia for Sale: School Captains will sell items ranging in price from $1 to $5 outside the hall Wed & Thurs morning from 8:15. Funds raised go to war veterans.

Tree Works: Not all work was able to be done over the vacation with work to progress over a forthcoming weekend. Please take care outside the Prep area as the ground has yet to be compacted. A shade tree will be planted in this area.

ICT –Increased bandwidth has recently been installed and each block is in the process of having wireless capability. This will greatly support our introduction of ipads into teaching and learning of individual and group activities over this term, an initiative we are all very much excited about.

NAPLAN: Yr 3, 5 and 7 students undertake the annual national assessment of literacy and numeracy along with all other year 3, 5, 7, and 9 students across each state and territory on May 13, 14 and 15 with makeup day on Friday 16th.

Free After School Sport starting next week:
P-3 Tuesday afternoons, athletics program similar to Little Athletics, 3:15 – 4:15. Teacher aide Mrs Noema supervising.
Yr 4 – 7 Wednesday afternoon, baseball program 3:15 – 4:15. Teacher aide Mrs Elliott supervising. Afternoon provided each afternoon. Forms available from the school office.

School Nurse: This is the last call for parents to indicate that they would like their child assessed for hearing or developmental / behavioural delays and concerns. Please advise your class teacher of the office and return form by Thursday.

Attendance: We ended term 1 with a school average attendance of 93.2% short of our 95% target. Well done. Some deserving class will receive a Pizza Party from the draw of 100% class attendance and on time raffle ticket awards over the last half of term 1. Any class that reaches our target of 95% attendance rate also receives a thank you pizza party. A reminder that all absences, late arrivals and early departures must be accompanied by a valid reason of explanation either in person by the parent / carer to the office or to the class teacher or by note, phone or email. Every day counts for learning.

I look forward to a great term ahead of personal bests. Warm regards and best wishes for the week ahead.

Sharyn Mahony
P&C NEWS: Sue Elliott, P&C President,
We are pleased to announce that Mrs Amy Fahey will be the school tuckshop convenor, a position paid at award rates by the P&C and for this year only supported by a Government subsidy. As such we are trialling tuckshop opening four days a week; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and will commence operation from Week 2, next week from 8:30 – 12:00. A menu will be sent home

We however need your support to keep the tuckshop open as one person cannot do the job required.

Three additional volunteers are required each day of opening. If you are one of the wonderful people who indicated that you would volunteer to support the tuckshop, please phone me on 0418565829. Please advise of the day(s) you wish to work and the frequency over each month, e.g each Thursday or once a month. Please also indicate if you wish to work as a team with a friend so that a roster can be drawn up. The roster will be published each week in the school newsletter as a reminder.

A short induction morning get together will be held next Wednesday, 30April in the enrichment room starting at 8:30.

Thank you very much for your support in making the opening of the tuckshop possible. Additional benefits are found as children love to see you at tuckshop and in the fun and friendships that are forged.

The next P&C is Monday, May 12, 9:00 – 10:30 in the Enrichment Room. We look forward to your ideas for fund raising and for school improvements.

NAPLAN: Don’t swot and don’t stress
With about a month until the 2014 NAPLAN tests, the most important message we can give you is: There is no need to swot for NAPLAN and no reason to stress.

NAPLAN tests are not the pass/fail variety like some other tests. They provide a snapshot in time of each student’s progress in relation to their peers, and measure and track learning progress over time. They are designed to reflect the everyday curriculum being taught in the classroom. Therefore, no specific study is required in the lead-up to these tests and students do not need to feel anxious about participating in them. A well-informed student should have a healthy interest in the tests without feeling unreasonably concerned about them.

All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 at Coolangatta State School will sit the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests on 13, 14 and 15 May 2014.

One way that parents can help reduce any pre-test nerves by maintaining a calm, low-key approach at home. Although there have been some reports of students feeling anxious about the tests, it appears that the nerves tend to decrease after Year 3 – once students know what to expect.

1. Take your cues from your child: If your child doesn’t worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn’t exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.
2. Focus on doing their best & trying hard: Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results.

The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.

3. Listen to any concerns they have: If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a ‘get over it’ response. “Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them.” Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.
4. Give them some relaxation ideas: Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.
5. Help them retain their perspective: One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what’s the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it’s going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.

Fiona Brimmer, Head of Curriculum

From your Guidance Officer Edith Saedt:
1-2-3 Magic Parent Course - TERM 2
Guidance Officer Edith Saedt and Chaplain Lisa Wood are trained 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Practitioners who are running this popular course at our school. Sign up for the course and learn how to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking, and how to handle challenging and testing behaviours. The course runs on 2 Tuesday mornings May 6 & 13 from 9.00 to 11.30 am at our school. The cost is only $6 to cover the workbooks. Contact Lisa or Edith at school to sign up for the course. Look forward to seeing you there!

K’s 4 Kids: Saturday 24 May. Support the School Chaplaincy Program. All funds raised for Coolangatta SS comes back to CSS to support Chappy Lisa who is part funded through Federal and State Government allocations with her 3rd working day a week funded through the funds that are raised at a local level.

Chaplain’s Chat – Chappy Lisa
Ks4Kids is a fundraising walk on Saturday 24th May to support chaplaincy at Coolangatta SS and Gold Coast state schools. Early Bird registration is now open at a discounted price - $10 for students and $20 for everyone else if you register by April 30th after which the price goes up $15 for students and $25 for adults. For this you will get a free Ks4Kids t-shirt. See Chappy Lisa for rego forms or pick them up at the school office. There are great prizes on the day – including yearly gym memberships, Titan’s tickets & merchandise, theme park vouchers, sports equipment and more.

Reminders: Payment Days are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 – 9:15 at the office window. Thank you for making payment for the School Resource Scheme and for Yr 5, 6 7 camp.

There is no play before & after school: Please use the supervised crossings especially in Staplyton St, We want our students to be safe. Adults need to be good role models and set the right example.