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Principal’s Award: Middle Purple: pride in book work and setting out.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 1 week 4**

**Web Site**
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*Every Tuesday,*
Free Breakfast
Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00am

19/2/15
Yr 3.4.&5
Swimming starts 7wks
District Swimming Carnival

20/2/15
Surf Ed Year 6

25/2/15
Leader Induction Assembly

27/2/15
Clean Up Schools Day

1/3/15
Clean Up Australia Day

9/3/15
P&C Meeting 5:30
All Welcome!

10/3/15
School Photos

School Banking
Details
064-410
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students name.

School Banking on Fridays
please leave books at the
tuckshop.

**Value of the Week:** - **RESPECT**
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. With respect we talk to and about people nicely; we keep the rules; we don’t litter and we care for the environment.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning Focus: BE a LEARNER Rule - when the bell goes before school and end of break, immediately stop play and be back to class on time.

Social & Emotional Learning: FEELINGS & EMOTIONS – we need to show empathy for others.

This week we started our Maths & Reading rotations in the Junior and Senior School.
Dear Parents / Carers,

Parent Teacher Information afternoon: Thank you to the many parents who attended. Your child’s teacher greatly appreciates your active involvement in your child’s education and the value you place on the parent / teacher partnership. For those who were unable to attend and haven’t already done so, please find time to make an appointment with your child’s teacher. Teachers will keep parents regularly up to date with classroom learning and assessment so that you can support your child to achieve the learning goals for their units of study. Always ask your child: What did you learn today?: How well did you go? What can you do to even better? and check their book work. By asking them to recall what they did it help them to retrieve and process information from memory.

School and Community Expo: A big thank you to Chappy Lisa for all her hard work in making the Expo such a success. One of our school’s most outstanding outcomes is the support and active involvement of so many community volunteers and agencies; all attributed to Chappy Lisa for making and sustaining connections. I also thank the many groups that supported our expo by giving their valuable time to showcase how they can help families; our Learning Support Staff, for making known the extra that we do at CSS for student learning; all teachers and aides & Mr Chris for BBQing!

Student Welfare Action Team: This committee comprises the School’s Guidance Officer, Special Needs teacher, Learning support teachers, Chappy Lisa and the principal and meets regular to collaboratively work with the class teacher to meet a child’s learning or behaviour support needs. As parent, you and your child’s teacher discuss their progress and when questions or concerns are raised that require further investigation or support, a referral process commences. This may lead to further referral to health professionals e.g occupational therapists or to strategies such as extra teacher aide time. Our school works hard to do what ever it takes in conjunction with the parent to support the child’s learning. We strongly believe in early intervention.

Extended Classroom support: The Great Results Guarantee Funding has enabled us to support the work that teachers do in their classroom across P-6 by having additional teachers and aides for intensive reading and maths groups to target teach specific learning goals for the group’s level of progress.

Payments: Thank you parents for having the School’s Resource Scheme fee paid. This enable us to pay Mathletics and Literacy Planet site fees for your child to access at school and home and to support the provision of class sets of dictionaries, calculators etc. The Prep fee provides for all their school resources.

School Development Team: This team meets at least 3 times a year. It’s membership comprises 2 – 3 P&C parent reps; class teacher, specialist teacher, teacher aide and ancillary staff reps, the business service manager and the principal. The aim of the team is to put forward suggestions for school innovations and improvement and to collaboratively action plan to make our school the best place we can. With this newsletter, is a form seeking your feedback. What you want for your child’s school is important to us. Please return the form over the next week.

District Swimming Carnival this Thursday: Ms Cindy Collison is team manager. We wish our squad a day of personal bests. With warm regards and best wishes for a great week, Sharyn Mahony.

Chaplain’s Chat: Chappy Lisa
THANK YOU to those families which visited the School and Community Services Expo last Wednesday afternoon. This was a great opportunity to see what services are out there to help families. If you missed the opportunity but need a hand with things to support your family in various ways: budgeting, cheap food, cheap loans, health services, financial or housing support, etc. please come and see me or access the wall of brochures (which you may do at any time), just inside the Enrichment Centre (just past the office). Thanks also to the Service Providers and school staff who worked together to make the afternoon a success. The winners of the Cadbury’s Chocolates were: Nicole Day (Nina, Taiti & Tiare A), Jo Grigg (Elissa D), Lina Atkinson (Sofi & Zain A) and Kathryn Williams (Kelli W.).

Guidance Officer: Mrs Janette Over
Hello – I am pleased to begin the year with Coolangatta State School. In addition to my many years in the Guidance Service I am mother to two boys and now a grandmother. I will be school based for one day per week on Tuesdays. Guidance Officers provide professional expertise, leadership and support to school communities. Services are negotiated according to the needs of the school and may include counselling, assessment, mental health, behaviour and advocacy supports for students. The Guidance Officer can be contacted via the school office.

Speech Language Pathologist : Ms Carly Hastie
Speech Language is more than the articulation of the way sounds and words are said. It is also the way children express language – their thoughts and ideas in sentences and they way they receive language - the way oral language is processed and comprehended. Children develop these skills from birth. Some children may have delayed speech development patterns. Sometimes speech language problems are the reason why a child may have difficulty in reading and writing and even behaviour, as oral language is the founding block preceding all other language skills. Class teachers are in the process of assessing students on speech language criteria and referring needy students to be prioritised for speech language services. As parent if you have any concerns, please see your child’s teacher.

Head of Curriculum & Learning Support: Mrs Fiona Brimmer
Head of Curriculum
As Head of Curriculum my role enables me to work across all classrooms and with all teachers. I am lucky enough to see myself the enthusiasm of all our teachers and students. This year teachers and students at Coolangatta will engage in the National Curriculum (ACARA) in English, Mathematics and Science, History and geography. Last year we saw some great results in the reading levels of students in the early years, this year we will continue this work as a staff. We work hard as a whole school team to differentiate learning so that students are working at their individual level.

Learning Support
The learning support team provides support for student learning throughout the school on a daily basis. We work in all classrooms throughout the year and with most students at some stage. The role of STL&N (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy) is about engaging all students in better performance in literacy and numeracy. We support and are part of the teaching teams throughout the school whose focus is about everyone performing at their best. With the support of teacher aides we also provide a before school Learning Club where students and parents can come to get assistance and support with classwork and homework. Please feel free to come and chat with us, no question is too trivial and if we don’t know the answer we will endeavour to find it for you.
Senior Blue: Mr Vogel
Senior Blue had their first beach session for Surf Ed and despite walking to and back in the rain from Kirra they had a great time, learning and practising their survival swimming strokes and wading skills. The students have also finalised their choice of Class T-Shirt and submitted the design to the printers. We now await all payments (Due Thursday) before we can get the shirts printed. In class the students have been conducting fair tests in Science, testing various liquids to see if they become solids when heat is removed. We have also been writing sizzling starts and will be sharing some of these tomorrow on assembly.

Senior Gold: Miss Cronin
This week Senior Gold started their fantasy novel “The Forests of Silence” by Emily Rodda. It is the first book in the Deltora Series. We are focussing on Plot, Characters and Setting and breaking down each chapter. At the end of the unit the students will be creating their own characters and writing the first scene of a fantasy play set in space. This week students also started their STRIVE word books. Each day we will have one STRIVE word. During the week students will write a definition for all words and endeavour to use the words in sentences. This is a great way to improve vocabulary. Week 3’s words were: parched, gem, satellite, factor and cyber. Thank you to all parents/family members who were able to attend the Parent/Teacher Information afternoon. All students should have brought home the information leaflet.

Middle Gold: Mrs Cecil & Miss Buckley
Thank you to those parents who came to our parent information session last week. We have emailed you a copy of the information- if you have any questions please call into the classroom, phone or email us. Online homework started last week. Students were given a copy of their login details for both literacy planet and Mathletics. They have been shown how to access their tasks online and how to do the activities. Please keep an eye on them while they are doing these tasks at home just to make sure they are doing the correct things. If you need to be shown how to use the programs let us know and we will organise a time.

Middle Blue: Ms Scales
What a week! Middle Blue have immersed themselves in lots of learning and started our science unit about Living and Non-Living things. Students have also started their new Art topic this week looking at the Seasons. We have been using silhouettes and warm colours to represent the season of Autumn. Just a reminder, as of Monday homework will be set online with Literacy Planet and Mathletics. Students have their logins glued into their Homework books!

Middle Purple: Mrs Ireland
Middle Purple students are trialling a system of using targeted small group work sessions surrounding literacy and numeracy. During these targeted sessions, there will be several teacher aides in the room, assisting students with ability based activities (which will be linked to C2C where possible). I thank all parents/guardians who came to our class’s information session, I thoroughly anticipate an enjoyable and educationally rewarding learning year!

Junior Blue Ms. Besford
Junior Blue welcomes three new wonderful students to our class, Kyle, Oliver and Shannele. The students are practising the school and classroom rules, such as playing respectfully with each other as well as using the learning equipment appropriately. We are very keen to see your children take responsibility for bringing in their own water bottle, munch and crunch and home learning folder. Such things build their self-esteem. Ask your child about our “You can do it” song. This week the GRG team have begun supporting our reading and maths groups, which has really helped our overall targeted learning.

Junior Gold: Mrs Waldon & Mrs Winder
Last week we enjoyed participating in an art lesson using oil pastels, water colours and acrylic paints to depict a character from the story “The Very Cranky Bear.” We enjoyed a story called the “Library Lion”, which was both funny and sad. Thank you to those parents who attended our parent information afternoon. Home Learning folders will go home this Monday. Please return on Friday. Preps have sight words and short readers made in class, year Ones have sight words, short readers made in class, plus spelling. Also available each morning from 8:15 is Learning Club where your child can catch up on any home learning or reading. Reading, games and activities are also available for fun learning time in the outdoor P/1 area. Our senior students love being Prep / 1 buddies!

Musical News: Mr Vogel
Congratulations to Sofiya -who will be playing the part of Anna, and to Matilde-playing Elsa and to Cam-playing Kristoff. Auditions continue this week for the other lead and minor speaking parts. A reminder to parents that students wishing to be in the core cast (speaking lines and multiple scenes) they need to be available on Tuesday afternoons till 4:30pm in Term 2, 3 and 4 (till our November production).

DATE CLAIMER
SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be on 10 March. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform, school shirt with blue collar and logo, blue shorts / skorts, white socks and black shoes. Envelopes will be sent home next week. Payments to be paid direct to the photographer on the day. Please note that no change will be made in the envelope and sealed. Please note the school office does not hold any change in the office.

“Soccer X Pty Ltd Open Day”
Soccer X Pty Ltd are inviting boys & girls aged 3 – 12 years old to come and enjoy a FREE trial session with our coaches. Throughout the morning we will be running taster sessions for the various age groups and providing information on our upcoming Soccer programmes.

Date: Saturday’s 28th February
Where: Alabaster Soccer Fields (Opposite Metricon Stadium)

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To register your child for the Open Day please visit www.soccer-x.com and fill out the online registration form.

Lost Property – please name your belongings.