STARS OF THE WEEK

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Mr Chris – the BIG clean up.

The Value of the Week is RESPONSIBILITY.
As school captains we ask that each one of us takes responsibility to do the right thing. We want our school to be a safe and happy place. We know the rules for classroom and playground and we should keep them.

We do not want any bullies at our school and we do not want any fights or people getting hurt. We expect that people are nice to each other and work out their problems. So this year show that you are a responsible person.

School Captains : Amadeus and Essi. Vice Captains: Will & Drew
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to the new school year with a special warm welcome to our new staff, students and families and to our Prep students who have settled in extremely well.

Your Child – Our Student: The most important person in the learning equation is each individual child. Together as parent and school we all have the same goal of supporting and leading each child to realise their full potential in all fields of the school curriculum. We each have The Power of One within us, as does each child, to Make an IMPACT on student learning and behaviour outcomes. Together we make a difference. I look forward to a great year of personal bests for each student.

Thank you parents: Your encouragement and support in your child’s learning motivated them to start the new school year eager and ready to do and be their best in learning and behaviour. Thank you also for your daily efforts in having students well rested, with a healthy breakfast, brain food snacks and lunches, in school uniform, with the correct booklist resources, homework and notes returned, in school uniform and punctual to school. It is not to be underestimated how essential these are to your child’s wellbeing, work ethic and attitude and their success as a learner.

School Uniform: Our students stand out as proud Coolangatta students in their school uniform, with the blue collared polo shirt and school logo and blue shorts or skorts. In spite of the suppliers delay in restocking the school uniform shop, most children were in their full school uniform. We request that all students wear the correct uniform on most occasions, with the standard gold polo shirt only worn as a backup shirt. (The uniform shop has a special deal available - see the back of the P&C notice.)

School Hat: As a sunsmart school students must wear a wide brimmed hat (blue) at daily physical activity, PE and outdoor play. The rule is ‘no hat no play’ with students remaining in the undercover area. Please clearly permanently name student hats so hats can be returned to the owner when misplaced. Students who deliberately have no hat to avoid physical activity, will be initially provided a hat on loan but will follow up with a consequence on further occasions. We are a healthy, active school and unless a written note is provided stating a valid reason for non participation, it is expected that all students are actively involved in class lessons. I also encourage students to wear their hat to and from school – sun safety is paramount.

School Shoes: The school dress code requires sturdy, proper sports shoes preferably black. This is a safety issue as students are continually running, kicking balls, climbing on adventure playgrounds etc Students who wear slip on or soft canvas type shoes, will be unable to participate in physical activity that day.

Jewellery: Again for WHS reasons, the wearing of necklaces, bracelets and rings are not permitted unless a written note is provided with request for permission due to religious or cultural reasons. Make up and nail polish are also not part of the school uniform.

Hair: It is a requirement that all long hair, on / past shoulders, boys and girls, is tied back. Again this meets safety requirements and assists with head lice management.

School Requisites: Most students have their full complement of book list requirements with the correct size exercise books and lines. This enables the student to get on with their work without delay or making do which is essential to learning outcomes. We expect and encourage pride in book work.

Resource Scheme: Thank you to those families who have already paid this requirement as payment in full or part payment as this is required now for the school resource scheme: $100 for Prep students where all their resources are supplied and $40 for each child Yr 1 – 7.

For Year 1 – 7 students, this pays for their access to Mathletics and Literacy Planet, on line Maths and English programs which are our alternative to text books and used for learning tasks in class and homework. As a school we can no longer cover the cost of students using these programs and use will be restricted until the Resource Scheme form is returned with payment details.

Punctuality: Being on time to class is essential. School starts at 8:50 with organisational matters and roll call with on task learning by 9:00. Being late not only puts the child behind before they even start the day but interrupts the learning and teaching of the class. All latecomers must come to the office. All late arrivals are noted on the roll and must have a valid reason.

Early Departure: Early leaving is also noted on the student’s roll record and again must be for a valid reason in exceptional circumstances. It is important that student’s finish the day with a reflection of their learning, with reminders and messages and that the class is not interrupted.

Before & After School: A reminder that there is no play before and after school, including on the play equipment.

- Coming to school early is discouraged as there is no before school supervision.
- Students who arrive early must be seated and wait quietly outside the office by the hall until 8:00.
- Parents and students are to wait on the seating provided in the undercover area or outside the classrooms.
- Students may play handball in the big under cover area until the bell goes.
- The Enrichment Centre (old library) is open and manned by staff most days from 8:15 for catch up learning and support time – homework, assignments, Mathletics, Literacy Planet.
- After school, students are to go directly home. If waiting, wait inside the fence. If not picked up by 3:15 to come to the office.
- All students who wear our school uniform in public must display exemplary behaviour as representatives of CSS.

Parent teacher communication: Before school is a very busy times for teachers as they prepare for the days learning and supervise students. If you wish to see the teacher, please make arrangements for a suitable time.

Road Safety: Our Crossing Supervisors have already expressed their concern for the safety of students. As adults, please model the correct procedure of crossing only at the supervised crossing and park in a parking bay before pick up and drop off rather than double park. Lives are precious. Students coming to school by bike, scooter, skateboard or bus must all follow the safety rules.

Smoking outside the school boundaries: New rules ban smoking within 4 metres of the school gates.

P&C: Your P&C needs you. Without your help, support and active involvement, the services we offer students is diminished – tuckshop, uniform shop, additional resources. Your ideas, initiatives and decision making are also welcome, as the school and parents work to make CSS the best place we can. Please consider taking an active role. Come to meetings when you can as numbers are needed to make the meeting viable, specially the AGM, as without positions being filled, there is no P&C. Meeting times can be changed to suit the majority – so let Debbie Atherton know. There is NO tuckshop this week.
A BIG Thank You Mr Chris school groundsman and facilities officer, & cleaners Glenys, John & Glenda: Back to school readiness is always a big ask at the start of the school year, but this year, thanks to ex tropical cyclone Oswald, the hard work of this dedicated team in clearing leaf litter, branches, chaos from around school paths and playgrounds on the first day of school was enormous with Mr Chris, working over the week to put the school back in order. We really appreciate their efforts in making our school look great.

New to our staff team:
Stefan Vogel- Year 2/3 Junior Red.

Literacy Coach: Mrs Lee White. We are fortunate to have this new position, 2 days per week, funded to our school for 2013. The role of this position is to support teachers in their management and teaching of the wide range of learning ability in each classroom.

LOTE: Ms Jessica Redfern, replacing Mrs Shimomura on maternity leave over term 1.

Special Needs Teacher: Ms Karen Cavaye, on contract until the schools 2013 support entitlement is finalised.

Speech Language Pathologist: Ms Narelle Keen

Classes 2013: This Thursday is Day 8, the finalisation of school staffing on enrolment numbers. As our numbers are close to forming an 11th class, a final call on class arrangements cannot be made until the end of the week at which time changes will be made to already oversized classes. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Parents will be personally advised when any change is required.

Specialist Lessons: PE day with Mr Stinger is now Thursday, Health on Friday. Music with Mrs Geoghegan is also Thursday. LOTE / Asian cultural studies with Ms Jessica Redfern is Monday or Tuesday. Instrumental Music with Ms Deb Body is Tuesday & Thursday afternoon.

Afterschool activities: Soccer, Martial Arts, Hip Hop classes are just some of the activities offered in term 1. Providers will be at the Services Expo to sign up or through forms sent home / available at the office.

Calendar of Events: Please find with this newsletter a term calendar to keep track of events.

Payment days remain as Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Date Claimer: PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION SESSION - SCHOOL SERVICES EXPO - SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Next Wednesday, 13 February 3:00 – 5:00. Please make every effort to attend your child’s class session (approx. 40 mins) At this meeting teachers will outline the year level curriculum, assessment, homework, class routines and procedures that are essential for a positive parent teacher partnership. You are then invited to visit the displays in and about the hall which will provide further information on what is available within the school and externally that can support your child and you. There will be lucky door prizes and a sausage sizzle. A promotional flier will provide further information. Look out for it.

Complaints and Concerns: If at any time you have any concerns or not clear about something, please come and talk it over with the class teacher or myself. I am always available to meet with you. I endeavour to be out and about before and after school or if unable to see you immediately, please make an appointment through the office. We want a happy and satisfied school community and from problems come solutions.

A lot of information as we set off on another exciting year.

Warm regards and best wishes. Together, students, staff and parents we make 2013 a great year. Sharyn Mahony

Chaplain’s Chat – Chappy Lisa

It has been great to get back and catch up with many of you over the last week. It was a bit of a rocky start to the school year with all of that wild weather. For those of you who I haven’t met as yet, I will be putting an overview of my role in the newsletter shortly. FREE BREAKFAST – is served every Tuesday from 8am from the school tuckshop. We are grateful to our wonderful volunteers from local churches and community groups, Baker’s Delight Coolangatta and Vinnies for their contribution of time and donations of food to make this possible. Please make the most of this opportunity to meet other members of our school community.

GO CLUB – resumes this Thursday Feb 7th from 3-5pm for all girls in years 5-7. I have sent home information to girls who have shown interest in participating. This club has been running since 2008 and is led by myself and volunteers from local churches. The program material used contains Christian concepts.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO - this week I have been busy contacting a wide variety of community services to be present at this event being held at the same time as our parent teacher afternoon on Wednesday 13th February from 3-5pm. More information next week.

Head of Curriculum & Learning Support: Fiona Brimmer

Last year saw our teachers at Coolangatta engaging our students in the National Curriculum (ACARA) in English, Mathematics and Science. This year teachers will be also teaching History. History will engage students in conversations and research about cultural understanding and identity. The teaching of History engages students in investigation so don’t be surprised if they begin coming home with many questions about the past.

Our school focus for improvement will continue to be literacy but this year the teaching staff will also be focussing on mathematics. One thing that continues to come up in regard to mathematics is the fact that many students do not know their basic facts. Basic number facts are the basis of most mathematics so the more our students know automatically the better.

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. This includes extending the more capable student. 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.

“Around the Classroom” news commences next week.

School Assembly: All parents are welcome to attend assembly Wednesday mornings, 9:00 in the hall.

Community Notices

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