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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD**

Prep students– settling in so well.

**TERM 1 WEEK 3**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 1:**

- Every Tuesday, Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00
- Swimming Year 4/5 Mondays for 7 wks ($10 per week)
- 8/2/13 Surf Ed Years 6/7 Fridays 8 weeks @ $5/wk
- 13/2/13 Parent Classroom info sessions and School Services Expo 3pm-5pm
- 27/2/13 Regional swimming Carnival
- 1/3/13 School Clean Up Day
- 11/3/13 P&C AGM Meeting 9:00am
- 12/3/13 SCHOOL PHOTOS
- 6/2/13 T.A.G You’re it Years 6/7
- 15/3/13 Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence

**CLASS INFORMATIONS SESSIONS:**

- 3:00 - 3:40: J Orange, J Purple, J Red, J Blue
- 3:40 - 4:20: J Green, J Gold, M Blue, Senior Blue
- 4:20 - 5:00: M Purple, S Purple, S Green

**SCHOOL SERVICES EXPO**

Visit 4 Expo stall holders you’ll go into the draw to win 1 of four 600g boxes of Cadbury favourites.

*Smith Family*  *Learning Support*  *Special Education*  *GCCC*  
*Chaplain*  *Guidance Officer*  *Girls Club*  *Sausage Sizzle*  
*Palm Beach Neighbour Centre*  *ACT for Kids*  *Krurungal*  
*Story Dogs*  *Local Food Banks*  *After School Programs*

**Value of the week: RESPECT**

Respect is valuing ourselves and others. It is an attitude of caring about people and treating them as you would like to be treated yourself. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy and good manners. It is keeping the rules and being considerate of others. It is the right of everyone to be treated with respect and dignity. With this right for ourselves, we have the responsibility of giving it to all others – including animals and the environment.
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Week 3 and another big week at CSS. As it is only a 9 week term due to an early Easter, there seems even more to do in a short time! But we do have a 2 week Easter break from Good Friday to look forward to.

Class arrangements: With day 8 student head count, we are very pleased that an additional class has been formed to cater for our enrolment numbers and to reduce class sizes. Unfortunately this required some students from some classes to move to a new class. We thank these students and their families, fully understanding that change is never easy. I feel confident however, that with the fantastic, dedicated teaching team that we have, that new classes will quickly become a class family and move into the units of work that teachers have planned to meet curriculum and student learning requirements.

Class Parent Information Sessions: Thursday, Wednesday 13th Feb:

This meeting is a time to meet and greet the teacher and each other and to build a strong learning partnership and class community. Class teachers will explain the curriculum, units of work, assessment tasks, how they differentiate to meet student learning needs, homework, class routines and procedures and answer any questions that you may have. With this knowledge and understanding and connection with the teacher, you will be able to encourage and support your child more fully in the achievement of their learning goals and year level requirements.

School Services Expo: When you are not at a class information session, you are invited to visit the hall where displays will advise of all the support and help that is available through the school, the local community and agencies for students and families. School staff will be also on hand to answer your queries. Pick up a raffle ticket, enter the competition and win 4 lucky draws.

Sausage Sizzle: A sausage sizzle is available from the tuckshop and tea & coffee. Teacher aides will supervise playgrounds to enable students to play.

P&C: On behalf of the school community I thank Mrs Debbie Atherton and her helpers in getting the school year underway with uniforms and tuckshop. The P&C have a stand at our expo.

Instrumental Music Program: It is very exciting to see our school Instrumentals Music Program (IMP) be extended to include concert band instruments. For many years we have only had percussion, and now we have flutes, clarinets, trumpets etc! I thank Ms Deb Body, IM teacher, for her enthusiasm and drive and to the parents and students who have signed up for this opportunity. We certainly look forward to musical performances.

School Leader Induction: A special induction ceremony will be held next Wed morning at assembly, 9:00am. Invitations for family members of school, sports, arts, enviro captains and class student council reps will be sent home later this week.

School Photos: Please add to the school term calendar that was sent home last week, that the annual school Photos are scheduled for Tuesday 12 March. Payment for class photos and any other promotion that you order will be required by that date. The order forms will be sent home when they arrive, but this early advice will assist you planning the monthly budget.

I look forward to seeing you at the parent information session this Wednesday.

Warm regards and best wishes for a great week,
Sharyn Mahony

PRINCIPAL’S PATCH

P&C News:

Tuckshop Is Back
13/2/13 – Jodie L, Nicole A
14/3/13 – Amy & Debbie
15/2/13 – Amy, Debbie, Michelle & Gorgina G
20/2/13 – Jodie L, Jaya J, Cassie K
21/2/13 – Lina & Maureen
22/2/13 – Michelle, Debbie, Amy

School Banking: Starts this Friday please drop bank books to the tuckshop.

P&C AGM Meeting: will be on 11 March 2013. please come & support your kids & school. Election of Office Bearers for 2013

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, School Banking Coordinator, Canteen Coordinator & Major Event Organiser.

HPE News: Mr Stringer

Last week we had a visitor from The Shine AFL program at our assembly. If you would like to be part of Auskick AFL then please see Mr Stringer or your classroom teachers for the information booklets. After a long break all students have sprung back into fitness with their first Cross Country training session this wk in PE. There is a map of the course in every room this year and training for 30mins fitness is recommended both at school and outside of school if possible. Correct running / sports shoes with socks need to be worn each day. Swimming lessons for yr 4/5 are every Monday so please remember to pack your swimming gear on Sunday night ready for school on Monday (togs, cap, towel, goggles, thongs, wide brim hat, water bottle) and to pay each Tues or Thurs $10 at the office. Please look after your belongings.. Swimming lessons are a requirement for all students in QLD at this level. If anyone is requiring a bike helmet or soccer boots I have a few donated from a local group so please see me if you genuinely need these items and don’t have one of your own already.

Chaplain’s Chat - Happy Lisa

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO – This Wednesday 13th February from 3-5pm in our school hall. We hope you will take the opportunity to see what our school and community can offer your child and family. If you come along and visit 4 stall holders you will go in the draw to win one of four 600g boxes of Cadbury Favourites. There will also be a sausage sizzle. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Community News

Currimbim Community Farm School

Open Day: Sunday 3/3/13, 9:30am-2pm. live music, rock climbing, farmyard feeding, jumping castle, market stalls, food & more! Entry is free. Stall holders wanted- from $10. Where: 1226 Currimbim Creek Road, Currimbim Valley.
Phone: 5533 0312 Email: alock16@eq.edu.au

Tennis Gold Coast


PCYC Junior Disco: ages 7-12years. Friday 15/2/13 6:30pm – 8:30pm great prizes to be won, cool music only $5 Phone 5599 1714. PCYC activities – basketball comps, dance classes, after school care, martial arts. Boxing & more Phone: 5599 1714.
**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**Senior Green: Mrs Ireland**
Welcome to a new schooling year! This will be a productive, eventful and exciting year indeed! Senior Green and Senior Purple will begin Surf Ed last Friday with a theory lesson and will continue onto practical lessons this week! This program is essential for all students as they live in a beach orientated atmosphere and having surf awareness is crucial to safety. Payment must be received by this Friday ($20 or $40 please). This is an excellent program and we expect that all students engage and participate. Kirra Haven also commenced last Thursday; permission forms have been handed out and must be handed in before your child can visit! Senior Shirt order forms will be sent out shortly, the cost for shirts will be $36.00.

**Senior Purple: Mr Failes**
It has been a great start back at school for Senior Purple. In Maths last week we were looking at numbers and place value and this week we’re investigating fractions, which is really exciting. We have commenced our History unit on the development of Australia as a nation. In Literacy we are looking at short stories and have already analysed the texts “Connected” and “Mission Impossible” by Morris Gleitzman. On Wednesday afternoon we will be having a parent’s information night to share with you all the wonderful things we have planned for Senior Purple this year.

**Middle Purple: Mrs Cecil (Myles) & Mr Stringer**
Middle Purple have been studying Persuasive genres and have written their first text. Students have been employing textual and language features that improve a text’s persuasive components. Miss Cindy and some Middle Purple students have started to construct a tree collage in the corner of our classroom. This will be used for inspirational sayings/quotes.

**Middle Blue: Mrs McEwan**
Middle Blue have had a great start to the year with organisation, behaviour and work ethic in class. We are trying very hard to be organised with Book List supplies for 2013. Thank you to those parents who have already ensured their child is fully equipped with the whole booklist. If you have not yet provided all booklist supplies please talk to me, ring and leave a message or send in a note to advise when your child will be fully equipped. It will save a lot of time and stress for your child throughout the year if they have everything that they need now. Students completed Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division Fact Challenges first week of school. Please ask your child how they went. Please try to find time to help them practise if they feel their achievement wasn’t so great. It may be an identified goal that they have chosen to monitor in the classroom. Swimming started last Monday. It is part of the PE Curriculum at CSS. Please ensure that your child has paid in advance in order to participate. I look forward to meeting parents at tomorrow’s Class Parent Information session.

**Junior Blue: Mrs Calder**
A big welcome to all new families and those who have been connected to Junior Blue previously. Being a short term, our learning stress for your child throughout the year if they have everything that they need now. Students completed Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division Fact Challenges first week of school. Please ask your child how they went. Please try to find time to help them practise if they feel their achievement wasn’t so great. It may be an identified goal that they have chosen to monitor in the classroom. Swimming started last Monday. It is part of the PE Curriculum at CSS. Please ensure that your child has paid in advance in order to participate. I look forward to meeting parents at tomorrow’s Class Parent Information session.

**Junior Gold: Ms Cronin**
Junior Gold has had a busy start to 2013. We have been organising our bookpacks – Thank you to all Parents who have already purchased all requested items. We have been pre-testing in Maths and English. As Persuasive writing is an important part of this semester, students have written a letter to Ms Mahony regarding a change they would like to make in the school. There have been some interesting choices. We have also begun our History unit on Celebrations – celebrating special days in Australia, New Zealand and around the World. We have welcomed 3 new students to our school – Aziquth, Aaliyah and Yaelle. Yaelle is from New Caledonia and we are teaching her English and learning some French as well.

**Junior Green: Ms Benfer (Horne)**
Hello and welcome to Junior Green at Coolangatta State School. Homework started last week and the maths competent on the homework sheet is to be completed by Friday. This week we will start reading our home readers as well as learning sight words, learning spelling words and learning +1 number facts. I will discuss homework in more detail at our class information session this afternoon. Don’t forget to bring back your homework pouch everyday.

**Junior Purple Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon**
Welcome to our new Prep students and their families. And Welcome back to our families and students from 2012, from both Junior Purple and Junior Orange. It was great to see you all again. It was a bit of a wet and windy start to the year but the Junior Purple students are settling in, making new friends and re-connecting with old friends. The students are enjoying exploring emotions in picture books in English and made their own paper plate face depicting how they felt on their first day of school using cartoon style art and mixed media. They are proudly on display in the classroom.

**Junior Orange: Ms. Schmida**
We would like to extend a warm welcome to our prep ‘Junior Oranges’ and their families. They have settled into daily rhythm, routines and expectations beautifully! May I remind you to please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled! Also, please come and see me to reschedule if you were unable to attend your interview.

**Junior Red: Mr Vogel**
Junior Red has had a good start to the year with a week of fun learning and getting to know you activities. On Friday students presented speeches “All about Me” which were aided with the help of photos the students transported on USB sticks. Earlier in the week the class had fun on the computers learning about image searches and copying pictures into folders on a USB stick. We have also found some very good artists, judging from the Self Portrait pastel artwork we’re constructing. Maths and writing activities have been tough getting back into for some but all members of the class have persevered to meet the challenge and complete work, even using some of their own time! Finally, the Library was a big hit with most students keen to borrow two large chapter books which they plan to read at home and class over the next week (books need to be returned or renewed on Fridays. Thank you to all the Parents you’ve ensured that their books and stationary supplies are finalised.

**Library/ICT News: Mrs Marshall**
I look forward to another fantastic year working with all of the students at Coolangatta. Borrowing has begun. Please remember that all students from prep to year 3 must have a library bag to borrow. Classes borrow on a weekly basis so it is important to send your child’s library bag each week. Bookclub is due back on Friday. Please ensure that any book club is handed to the library clearly marked with your child’s name, class and amount enclosed. If you would like to borrow with your child, the library is open till 3:30pm on a Monday afternoon and is open most mornings by 8:30. Please feel free to browse or read to your child in the library. ICT user agreement forms will be sent home shortly for you and your child to read and sign, and must be returned. Thank You.