STARS OF THE WEEK

Junior Orange Prep  Alexis S  Middle Blue – Yr 3/4  Sanjay S
Junior Purple Prep / 1  Joshua C  Middle Purple Yr 4/5  Emily W
Junior Green – Yr 1  Zain A M  Senior Blue Yr 5/6  Kyrralee W
Junior Blue – Yr 1/2  Olivia B  Senior Purple Yr 6/7  Donald B
Junior Red – Yr 2/3  Loki W  Senior Green Yr 6/7  Daniel B
Junior Gold – Yr 3  Asquith R  LOTE - Japanese  Kylie G
Library / ICT –  Music  Charlotte W

H.P.E  Liam R
Environmental Captains - Junior Green – for neat & tidy port racks.
Award

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD – Junior Orange – for great rotation group work

Value of the week: EXCELLENCE

Excellence is doing your PERSONAL BEST. It is putting in the time and effort to any task that you might do or things you are interested in. You have a purpose. You know what you want or need to do to be better at something. You set yourself a goal and a timeline. You work towards achieving improving each time – in spelling, number facts, in your standard of reading, in sport, in music, in hobbies, in long distance running ready for the cross country, in your friendships. Choose striving for excellence - you deserve the best.
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

School Leaders: Thank you to the many parents and family members who were able to celebrate the occasion of their child being inducted to a leadership position – a personal credit to the student and his / her family.

School Captains & Vice Captains: This position requires the school leaders to meet with Miss Mahony and represent the school on official occasions, greet visitors, be good role models.

Student Council: School Captains chair this meeting, held every fortnight, and led by Miss Cronin as teacher coordinator. Class reps from Year 4 – 7 take their ideas and that of their buddy junior class to the meeting for school improvement, fund raising for school and charity, and fun events from which events are planned.

Enviro Captains: The Enviro Club is led by Mrs Cecil as teacher coordinator. The Enviro Captains, representatives from each class and interested members put into action strategies to make our school a green, environmentally friendly school – energy busting, water smart strategies, anti-litter and recycling campaigns, vege garden, worm farms, composting.

Arts Captains: The role is to support Mrs Geoghegan, Mrs McEwan & Miss Deb as music, choir and instrumental music teachers and to assist with special events e.g Cooly’s Got Talent.

Sports Captains & Vice Captains: House spirit is very important and sport’s leaders organise their teams to cheer and show good sportsmanship. Their first big job will be the Cross Country carnival at end of term. They also help Mr Stringer, set up equipment, and organise lunch time games for prep – Year 2.

Mr Ken Lee, our special guest, congratulated our new leaders, and gave them sound advice on leadership. He also acknowledged how important it was that students see their parents regularly come to the school as this powerfully gave the message of support and the school and home working together for the child. Whilst it is acknowledged that work commitments may limit your involvement and attendance, I encourage you to keep in regular contact with your child’s teacher-phone, email, a note in the homework book etc and support the school and the P&C in other ways.

Principal’s Conference: I will be away this Thurs & Fri. Mrs Fiona Brimmer will be acting principal. The conference is attended by all State School Principals from across Q’ld. As school leaders we unite in our pursuit of excellence for each child in our schools. Two years ago, this first state conference focused on the WHAT of learning, which was followed by the introduction of the Australian Curriculum and the Queensland delivery of Curriculum to Classroom (C2C). This conference focuses on Pedagogical Practice - the HOW of teaching and learning and presents international key note speakers to challenge us in our directions to deliver 21st Century learning that engages and motivates students and leads them to acquire the skills to be successful. Consistent key directions and expectations for schools will be given.

There are also opportunities to learn about best practices that are working in Queensland schools. I look forward to sharing and discussing new insights on return as at CSS we always work towards continuous school improvement, making our school the best we can. I also look forward to reviewing our school Pedagogical Framework, confident that we are on the right track.

Safety After School at pick up time: It is of major concern that some families and students do not cross at the designated crossing. Some people also park illegally. Again last week there were near misses – particularly dangerous in the wet weather. The police will randomly patrol the school zone to encourage road safety.

Warm regards and best wishes for a great week,

Sharyn Mahony

P&C News:

Tuckshop Roster:
27/2/13: Jodie, Tammy & Nicole
28/2/13: Aleisha, Leonie
1/3/13: Jorgina, Amy, Debbie & Michelle

School Banking: Every Friday, please drop bank books to the tuckshop.

Hot Cross Bun Drive: Please support us in this fundraising to help our school. Please return order forms & money to 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.

School Photos: By now you would have received an information pack with photo, pricing and payment options from Master School Portraits. Your child’s name is preprinted on the pack. Class photos will be taken on 12/3/13. If you want an additional family photo of all siblings, parents please note that these group photos are to be arranged directly with the Photo Company. Family photos will be done before school.

School Captains Spot:
Clean Up School’s Day: This Friday, each class will do emu parades around various parts of the school grounds, with year 4/5 students doing outside the school fence and Year 6 / 7 looking out for litter on their way to and from Surf Ed. Middle Purple will present what they have been learning from the Clean Up Australia Ad on assembly tomorrow.

Community Clean Up Australia Day is this Sunday, 3 March.

Can you help to keep our part of Australia beautiful?

We all need to remember to bin it / recyle it.

No Littering.

Stephanie G & Rekayah D, Environmental Captains

Curriculum Corner: Fiona Brimmer (Head of Curriculum)
At CSS, all classes have access to online learning. The school purchases site licences and individual student access to Mathletics and Literacy Planet. These programs replace the use of text books at this school. Teachers use the programs to set and assess students work at their level, both in class and for home learning. Students can also log in at any time, and use the many fun games and activities that reinforce learning concepts. They can play learning games with another child from anywhere in the world. They can earn points and challenge themselves to higher levels. All areas of the curriculum are covered and the programs are aligned with the Australian Curriculum.

The School Resource Scheme requests payment of $40 per student for access to these programs which together cost $28. The remainder of the contribution scheme goes towards fund for purchase class sets of calculators, compasses, dictionaries, atlases and art materials as these items are not included on the school book list. (The Prep resource scheme covers all costs for Prep students)

Thank you for your payment in full or part payment. If you have yet to do so, please return the Resource Scheme form.

Chaplains Chat – Chappy Lisa
Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre is hosting International Women’s Day on Friday 8th March at Elanora Library Meeting Room: 9.30am – 12.00pm. Wear cultural dress and bring cultural food. Share your life in Australia. Language not an issue. Join us for a nice relaxed morning tea. RSVP 1st March on 55981505 or email: reception@palmbeachnec.org.au
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Senior Green & Senior Purple: Mrs Ireland & Mr Failes
Senior Shirts have now been finalised and ordered. We are hoping the weather holds out for Surf Ed this Friday so we can get down to the beach. This semester, Yr 6’s from SB will be joining us for Science on Monday afternoons. Homework has now started, it is all completed online. For families that don’t have access to the internet, learning club is open at 8:15 every morning. Students can use this time and lunchtimes to access their homework.

Senior Blue
Senior Blue students are using edStudio to access their homework this year. It is wonderful to see so many students not only completing set homework tasks, but also utilising educational programs such as Literacy Planet and Study Ladder in their own time. Thank you for providing your child with the resources required for their 2013 school year. However, there are a few children that still require additional items. These items include pencils, rulers, sharpeners and exercise books. Please check if your child needs any of these items. REMINDER – Library day is every Thursday. Please ensure your child returns their library book as there are a few children in our class with overdue books.

Middle Purple: Mrs Cecil & Mr Stringer
Congratulations to all those students who started their online homework in Literacy Planet and Mathletics! Now the passwords have been granted you should be working your way through tasks set by your teacher. If you have access at home great, otherwise there is Homework Catch Up Club in the old library from 8:15am each morning as well as lunchtime access in the computer lab. Don’t forget there are also the local council libraries to take advantage of for free internet also! In addition to this we are asking for a minimum 20mins reading and explaining this book to a family member each night Mon-Thurs. Middle Purple’s behaviour system has started very well with many students reaching ‘Way Cool’ or ‘Super’ earning 20cents and 40cents of play money respectively towards purchasing positive acknowledgement items form the class shop for their excellent choices in class. Don’t forget to pay for swimming each Tues/Thurs at the pay office window.

Middle Blue: Mrs McEwan
Middle Blue will be utilising the computer lab for the rest of the term to conduct investigation and inquiry for their History and Science topics. We are also setting goals this week to be our personal best in a learning area of each students choice. Keep an eye out for how we set goals in the foyer. Year 4 students, please remember to keep up to date with swimming payments on payment days, Tues and Thurs.

Junior Blue: Mrs Calder
Well done to those students who are learning their spelling each night. Most children need to put greater efforts into their spelling and use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method over and over each night. We have a lot of catching up to do in spelling to reach the Year Two standard, so consistent learning is important.

Junior Gold: Ms Cronin
Learning about persuasive writing has been our writing focus in Junior Gold. We have read letters to the editor and identified the paragraphs, topic sentence and supporting text. These all help to give a strong overall argument or opinion. Junior Gold has also focused on telling the time using digital and analogue clocks. If you have the chance please ask your child the time throughout the day. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in the class this week and would like to welcome Miss Cronin back from her leave. All the best with the rest of term one. Rachel Clark.

Junior Green: Ms Benfer
This week students will be presenting their English spoken presentation to the class. Please refer to the roster that was sent home last week and help prepare your child. A planning sheet was also sent home for students to practise their presentation. Remember to look at the audience, use a loud voice, stand tall and still and speak at a good pace.

Junior Purple Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon
This week Junior Purple have enjoyed the story called “We’re going on a Bear Hunt”. We have read the book aloud, dramatized the story and discussed the illustrations, paying particular attention to the facial expressions of the characters. We then ‘inferred’ about how the characters might be feeling based on their facial expressions and body language. You can have some fun with this at home, by looking at the home readers and talking about how the characters might be feeling depending on their facial expression. We dramatized some facial features including, brave, scared, nervous, worried, happy, sad. It was fun!

Junior Orange: Ms. Schmida
We have some very exciting visitors in our classroom. Our friend ‘Gumnut’ has asked us to look after his ‘mealworm’ friends. We have been practising scientific inquiry, and just as scientists do, we have used our 5 senses to observe the living things and create a labelled diagram. We are waiting to see what happens to our friends whilst they are visiting and have provided a temporary shelter, water, food and air so they stay alive.

Junior Red: Mr Vogel
Junior Red has endured the week of wet weather with good cheer and some fun lunch times playing board games, table soccer and the Spelling game ‘Pizza in Your Face’. In Science we had a go at growing cress and have decided that seeds should be classified in a special group ‘Will Be Living”. In English we learnt lots of persuasive techniques from a very persistent pigeon in the Mo Williams “Don’t Let The Pigeon…” books. We will also be presenting a class persuasive letter on Assembly next week.

HPE News: Mr Stringer
Last week saw our District swimming reps attend a meet at All Saints indoor pool due to the high winds and rain present at the alternate venue Somerset. All Cooly students tried their best and achieved some great personal results! We would like to thank the parents/caregivers involved with supervision and transport and congratulate all the Cooly swimmers on their effort and exemplary behaviour at this carnival. Hockey is our focus at the moment in PE lessons and due to all of this wet weather we have been restricted to the hall for PE lessons. Please continue your cross country training in preparation for the end of term carnival!

From the Guidance Officer. Edith Saedt.
1-2-3 Magic Parent Course - TERM 1, 2013
Guidance Officer Edith Saedt and Chaplain Lisa Wood are trained 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Practitioners who are running this popular 3 session course at our school for the third time.

Sign up for the course and learn:
✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

The course runs on 3 Tuesday afternoons March 12, 19 & 26 from 5.00 to 6.30 pm in the Enrichment Centre at our school. The cost is only $6 to cover the workbooks. Contact Lisa or Edith at school for more information or to sign up for the course. Or talk to your child’s teacher.

Sign up and join us for coffee & tea, and learn simple, effective ways to put an end to the arguing at home. Look forward to seeing you there! Edith & Lisa

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