Term 2 week 5
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 2:

Every Tuesday,
Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00

14/5/13
NAPLAN
Writing, Spelling,
Punctuation & Grammar
Test

15/5/13
NAPLAN
Reading Test

16/5/13
NAPLAN
Numeracy Test

20/5/13
P&C Meeting

21/5/13
Under 8’s activity morning
Grandparents Day

7th, 14th & 21st May
Parent 1, 2 & 3 Magic
Positive Behaviour
Training
5pm – 6:30pm

23/5/13
Walk Safely To School Day

31/5/13
Movie Night
P-7

Woolworths Earn & Learn
sticker sheets are
available at the office.

STARS OF THE WEEK

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Environmental Captains-

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD – Year 3, 5 7 students - striving to do their best.

Last Friday, School Leaders went to Twin Towns for a Grip Leadership Conference. While there, we learnt that leaders lead in different ways, Leaders don’t always have to tell others what to do. Heads- Think of others
Shoulders- carry the load for others
Knees- Move forward
Toes- Balance responsibilities
We also did a quiz to see what type of carers we were. We were a police officer, an ambulance officer or a fireman.
We hope that what we learnt on Friday will benefit our school when used.
From school leaders

Our District Cross Country Team
Who represented CSS last week!

Value of the week: EXCELLENCE
When we excel we are doing our personal best. We need to put in our best efforts in our work, our behaviour and to the people we care for. Excellence is the key to success. Without effort we don’t take things seriously and we are not living up to our full potential. Give things a go, give them your best shot, find your strengths and talents, and set high goals to achieve. Day by day, strive to improve – work to progress. You not only feel pride in your efforts, but others share in your success.
Dear Parents / Carers,

Learning & Achieving: It is almost half term once again, with students finishing assessment items for Unit 3 and moving into Unit 4 of their year level curriculum. Through every day assessment and with teacher, peer and self-feedback, students know what they have achieved and how well they have achieved it. Students are then given further opportunities to improve their standard through error correction, reteaching concepts, and for able students, extension work so they continually grow as learners. At the end of units teachers also make summative assessments of a student’s learning. This gives a grade of achievement which contributes to the overall grade on their written report issued at the end of this semester. From this information, parents can monitor their child’s progress.

Having the right attitude to learning is really important just as is working to full potential. Doing your personal best and putting in the time and effort to learn what needs to be learnt leads to success. Our school motto is “Work to Progress” and we believe in the “Power of One”, each of us doing the best job that we can.

Congratulations to all year 3, 5 7 students for their hard work and best efforts in the NAPLAN tests over this week. A big thank you to all their teachers, not only our Yr 3, 5 7 teachers but all preceding teachers as NAPLAN is about everyday learning each school day and over the school years from Prep to a life time of learning. NAPLAN reports will be available later in the school year.

Behaviour Reports: Term 1 Student Behaviour reports will be coming home this week. Students rated themselves against criteria associated with our playground and class rules for safety, respect and learning. The teacher rated each student against the same criteria and discussed an overall rating from 1 – 5 with the student. Rating 1 means that almost always the student makes responsible behaviour choices. Rating 5 however indicates that the student is making very poor behaviour choices, with frequency and / or intensity and needs a lot of support and management to get back on track. Better behaviour means better learning in the classroom. Better behaviour means a safe and happy playground. Responsible respectful, safe behaviour is good citizenship.

Under 8’s Week: Being under 8 is a special time of rapid growth and learning. To celebrate a special activity morning will be held next Tuesday, 21 May. Coolangatta Kindy, playgroups and younger siblings are invited to join Prep Y1 & 2 students as we gather round and about our prep -year 1 classrooms and oval from 9:30 – 11:00.

Grandparents Day: Grandparents and family members are invited to visit prep – year 7 classrooms next Tuesday morning between 9:00 – 11:00 and stay for a picnic lunch. We love showing off the great work that our students do and hope that you can join us as we celebrate State Education Week.

National Walk Safely to School Day, Fri 24 May. The aim:
- To encourage parents and carers to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking.
- To reduce car dependency habits.
- To promote the use of Public Transport
- Reduce traffic congestion
- To reduce the amount of air pollution through vehicle admissions.

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

P&C News
Tuckshop Roster:
We need help now - please return your forms asap. Otherwise we will be forced to close down.
15/5/13: Kristen & Melody 22/5/13:
16/5/13: 23/5/13
17/5/13: Amy & Debbie 24/5/13: Debbie, Amy & Michelle
29/5/13:
30/5/13:
31/5/13:

We need volunteers to fill in the tuckshop otherwise next month we will be forced to close down. Please help if you can. Leave your number at the tuckshop if you can help. Much appreciated.

Next P&C meeting is 9am 20/5/13 in the Enrichment Centre.

Kirra Kids Playgroup
Every Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am – 11.30am at the old Pre School. Everyone welcome.

Chaplain’s Chat: Chappy Lisa
Coolangatta Skate Park official opening is on this weekend, Saturday 18 May, 10am – 3pm. This is a free community event. Activities include: *Best trick prizes *Game of skate *Volcom skate demo *Music – Sun of Man *Best dressed retro prize *Free food. Come along and join in the fun at Goodwin Park, Lanham Street, Coolangatta. For more information visit gcparks.com.au

Library News: Mrs Marshall
Thank you to the Legacy Club of Coolangatta Tweed Heads for their kind donation of a $50.00 Collins book voucher to commemorate Anzac Day. The purchased books will be on display in the library shortly. Our ‘Scribes and Scribblers’ writing group has grown significantly. Last week, 2 of our members shared poetry books that had been written by family members. It was a perfect opportunity to share some beautifully written poems. This week we are using our environment to inspire our work. We invite any parents who are budding writers or poets to come and share their work or talk to our group about their inspiration for writing. Contact Mrs Marshall or Ms Schmida to organise a suitable time.
**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**Senior Green & Senior Purple: Mrs Ireland & Mr Failes**

Senior Green and Purple students have been actively working through their final art assessment item for Semester 1. They have used various art elements to design and construct their pinwheels. These art works will be on display in our room if you wish to see their final products, they look extremely visually appealing and each student has done well to follow the pinwheel procedure. Our 7’s will complete NAPLAN testing this week and we wish them all the very best for these literacy and numeracy tests.

**Senior Blue: Mrs Keil**

We welcome a new student to our class, Luke in year 6. Report cards are just around the corner and we are busy testing and finishing off work that will be used for our final results. Students have done exceptionally well with History this semester, showing enthusiasm and insightful responses to key questions such as:

- How did an Australian colony develop over time and why?
- How did colonial settlement change the environment?

Every moment of the teaching-learning time available to us is precious. I am constantly reiterating to the children the fact that unnecessary time spent talking about inappropriate behaviours takes time away from learning opportunities that are so valuable. The children have just completed their behaviour rating for Term 2, so you may like to discuss the outcome of the survey with them. Once again, please call in for a chat, if you feel the need arises. I’m available most mornings before school.

**Middle Purple: Mrs Cecil & Mr Stringer**

Middle Purple students have been making healthy snack options in Technology and sharing these with Prep Orange. All students involved have enjoyed the challenge! All students have completed their oral presentations for Science and generally they were very creative and well delivered. Year 4 will be travelling to Metricon Stadium on Thursday 23rd May. Half of the bus is being paid for by The Gold Coast Suns so we only require $5 each for the bus from each child so get your permission notes and money back ASAP to secure your position at this fun day meeting successful athletes and playing on a first class facility. NAPLAN is being conducted over the next three days so ensure you sleep at least 8 hours each night and have a healthy breakfast including water each morning. We wish our year 5 students all the best in their national assessments.

**Middle Blue: Mrs McEwan**

Good luck to our Year 3 students sitting NAPLAN tests this week. Middle Blue will be completing a Celebrations timeline in our ICT lesson this week. We will also be creating a diorama about one of our Celebrations that we researched during our History unit. We are enjoying having Miss Dawes teach us about odd and even numbers.

**Junior Gold: Ms Cronin**

This week we have been very focussed, in Junior Gold, preparing for NAPLAN. We have discussed the importance of eating a healthy breakfast, bringing a good lunch, going to bed early, so that everyone is ready for the 4 tests. We have practised good strategies to use. Everyone is remembering the “hamburger” model and collecting high modality words and interesting sentence beginnings. We have also completed the designs for the Technology task “Special Days”. This week everyone needs to be prepared as we construct our dioramas, then reflect on them. Everyone also enjoyed creating wonderfully designed Mother’s Day Cards. Students also need to identify a favourite book, then prepare a speech about their book, to present to the class in the next 2 weeks.

**Junior Blue: Mrs Calder**

We are continuing, this week, to get on top of our assessments in all areas. Next week we begin a new English unit exploring how stereotypes are used to persuade audiences. Students compare how the visual representations of a character are depicted differently in two publications of the same story.

**Junior Green: Ms Benfer**

This week students will choose a character from a story read in class and will describe the character at the end of the story. Students will need to think about how the character looks, how the character now acts and how the character’s traits have changed. Students will be assessed on this character description for their English unit. Reminder: Library borrowing is on Monday!

**Junior Purple: Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon**

Over the last two weeks the preps have been enjoying two fabulous books written by Lisa Shanahan; “Bear and Chook” and “Bear and Chook by the sea”. Bear and Chook are engaging characters who are unlikely good friends, as Bear is spontaneous and adventurous and Chook is careful and cautious. Bear leads Chook on many adventures. This was an excellent way for preps and grade 1’s to learn about how authors create and develop characters through a storyline. We created our own adventure course using our outdoor equipment, imbedding positional and location language into our learning. A reminder to all - Tuesday 21st is our Under 8’s Activity Morning with lots of engaging activities for our junior classes. Our class is responsible for creative collage – please bring any empty boxes and containers to our classroom – this is a very popular activity and our resources are desperately low.

**Junior Orange: Ms Schmida**

I hope you all had a lovely day on Mothers’ Day on Sunday. The preps have been responding to the picture book series, ‘Bear and Chook’ by Lisa Shanahan and Emma Quay and our artwork response is currently on display in the foyer in the administration building. Please take a look. Also, a reminder that next Monday 20th May, we would like to invite you into the classroom at 2.15pm for our history lesson to help the children make their own family trees.

**HPE News: Mr Stringer**

Congratulations again to our fantastic runners at last week’s District Cross Country meet. We did amazingly well for a small school getting two regional places! The Term Two Interschool Gala Day is fast approaching to be held at Firth Park Mudgeeraba 28th May. Students have been training twice weekly to prepare for this upcoming event. Along with Gilston, Nerang and Tallebudgera SS’s we are participating in four fun team sports including Soccer, Netball, Mod AFL and Rugby League. The only cost to Coolangatta SS students is the bus, so get your $8 in as quick as you can to secure your spot in this fun day of sport! There will be approx. 450 students on the day so it’s important you wear school sports uniform and a wide brimmed blue hat to show you are from Coolangatta SS. Rubber studs are allowed for Soccer and League. Lunch and water bottle is to be brought along by the student on the day and water will be available when your bottle empties. Participation and fair play and team encouragement are the goals for the event. We welcome any parents who wish to come and watch us.

**From the Guidance Officer Edith Saedt: Importance of Sleep**

Continued from last week: tips for a better night’s sleep.

- Avoid strenuous exercise in the few hours before bed but make sure you/ your child gets plenty of exercise during the day.
- Avoid caffeine (soft drinks and coffee) and limit spicy or salty food which can cause thirst – and wake you/ your child.
- Encourage your child to fall asleep on their own (even from age six months - put babies down when drowsy rather when already asleep)
- Use reward systems (star charts culminating in a lucky dip or favourite outing) to motivate preschool and school-age kids, especially if they are getting out of bed or coming into your bed!
- Install a hall or night light if your child is scared of the dark
- If all else fails see a GP who can refer you/ your child to a medical specialist or psychologist to investigate why your child struggles with sleep. Adapted from: ABC Health and Well Being – Kids Need a Good Night’s Sleep by Helen Carter KidsHealth