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Environmental Captains- Katherine G picking up papers without being asked.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:** Junior Green, being independent and responsible learners getting lots of work done.

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**Value of the Week: SELF DISCIPLINE**

Self Discipline is having self control. You know what is right and you keep the rules. You know your goals and you stick at them. You don’t lose control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry, but decide what you are going to say and do that will make things better not worse. When you have self discipline you control your own behaviour.

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**Term 3 week 3**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 3:**
Every Tuesday,
Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00

24/7/13
Field Events
Japanese Students Visit
Yr 4-7 After School Sport
Touch Football

25/7/13
Athletics Carnival P-7
P-3 After School Sport
Gymnastics

26/7/13
Footsteps Dance
$2 per week payable in advance lump sum.

29/7/13
School Development Team meets

30/7/13
C schools track & field

2/8/13
P&C fundraiser – Movie Night

Download a QR reader then scan to access school website or download the QSchools app (free) and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet.

In literacy this week Middle Purple wrote a School Anthem here are just two.

**We are the school**
We are the school
From the Gold coast
We are next to Kirra Beach
So there’s need to boast.

We are the school
Who moved from Kirra Hill
Are you going to C.S.S?
You bet you will!

We are the school
Who is reaching?
We are getting smarter
Thanks to our school’s teaching

We are the school
Who is arty and sporty?
We are well behaved
We are never naughty
By Austen Y

We are the school
Our school is big and great
We have a large, flat oval
For sports every day
We have a big green tennis court
We are close to the beach so we can do water sport
Coolangatta State School
It’s awesome every day
Coolangatta State School
There’s time for fun and play
We have a wide range of cultures
At our fabulous school
Our school Kirra Hill
And that was very cool
Indigenous Australian, New Zealand or Asia come to Cooly school
To learn and play more
Coolangatta State School
It’s Awesome every day
Coolangatta State School
By Taiti A

Our beginning Instrumental Music Concert Band at Practice and Rehearsal.
Dear Parents & Carers,

Nominate a Teacher: The teachers at this school make our school the great learning place it is and often go beyond expectations to make a difference to students. From the many great teachers we have, please consider nominating a teacher for the annual ASG NEiT Awards. Forms are available from the office or online at www.neita.com.au. Applications close 31 July.

More data about attendance: Our whole school attendance average for 2013 is sitting at 90%. Our goal is 95%. Some 50 students across the school have a rating of below 85%. This places extra demands on teaching and learning as these students need to catch up. Interestingly, across the school, Fridays & Mondays have the most absences. A valid reason of absence is required each time a student is away, arrives late or leaves early. If the school is not notified within 2 days of return, an unexplained absence remains recorded. Away ill for 3 consecutive days or more, requires a doctor’s certificate. Away on vacation or emergent reason for 10 days, a form is to be filled out.

Learning Goals: Please ask your child what their learning goal is for this term. Regularly check in with them to see how they are progressing towards achieving their goal. Where possible help them achieve their target e.g. some students have chosen to be better readers, spellers, know their number facts etc therefore they need to spend time practicing to achieve higher standards. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support.

Extra – Curricular activities: A number of extra-curricular activities are available for students at lunch times & after school. Coolettes, a dancing group perform at assembly tomorrow. Musical rehearsals for “The Wizard of Oz” take place at lunch time and Thurs after school. The Choir, Instrumental Music Percussion & Concert Band students will soon perform at the GC Eisteddfod. The writers group, Scribes & Scribbles enjoy their Monday sessions as do J Club (Japanese Club). The Enviro Club & Student Council also meet and undertake activities each week. The Shed Program continues with our Lion’s friends and students from our senior classes visit Kirra Haven Aged Care facility each week. Sport activities regularly occur at break times and the new after school programs for 4 – 7 and P-3 are very popular.

Tuesday afternoon Yr 4 – 7 electives: Starting this week, students have selected an activity to stretch their lateral and creative thinking. From Battle of the Minds, Google Sketch, Cyber Challenge, Online Maths Playground, Drama, Chess & Strategy Games and more. Thank you teachers for making this possible.

Headlice: Many families are frustrated at the prevalence of head lice and its reoccurrence. To be effective, when a class note goes home indicating that there is a headlice outbreak, each child’s hair needs to be thoroughly checked and if required treated that night. A simple treatment is to leave hair conditioner in the hair to smother the lice. Combing the hair with a fine tooth comb while the conditioner is in is then required to remove the dead lice and eggs. An additional treatment is required in 7 days’ time to hit the lice that may have hatched from missed eggs to prevent the life cycle continuing. Make it a part of everyday hygiene to check for eggs and headlice. There are a lot of products to treat and prevent headlice. Seek advice from your chemist; go to a reputable Health website; an information booklet is available from the office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Japanese Visitors: This Wed and next Thurs we host a small group of students from Japan giving them an opportunity to visit an Australian school and interact with students in the classroom and playground. It also gives us the opportunity to practice our Japanese language! Warm regards and Best Wishes for a great week,

Sharyn Mahony

P&C News

Tuckshop: Is now only open on Thursday & Fridays only 8:30am – 12pm due to insufficient volunteers.

School banking: each Friday. Please leave bank-books at the tuckshop.

Twilight Spring Carnival: In the last week of term, a mini fête is being planned on Wed 18th Sept after school. Each class will have a stall or activity along with P&C and community stalls. Save the date for this fun fundraising venture.

Movie Night: 2nd August 2013 doors open 4:30pm movie starts @5:00pm pick – up 6:30pm sharp. Featured movie to be advised. Tickets $2 on sale outside school hall Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

School Development Team, Parent Surveys: Please return to the school office the pink form that was sent home last week with your concerns, issues and suggestions for school improvement. Forms need to be in by this Friday. The School Development Team meet this Monday. It is representative of staff P-2, Yr 3 – 7, specialist teachers, teacher aides, support staff & P&C, Business Services Manager & Principal. All issues will be placed on the agenda for discussion and attention.

Principals Patch

Dear Parents, we are pleased to share the following updates:

Prep Enrolments 2014

We are now taking names for students starting Prep in 2014. If your child turns 5 between 1/7/08 to 30/6/09 your child is eligible to enrol. Please leave child’s name and details at the school office.

Kindy Enrolments also being taken at Coolangatta C&K

Kindy for student who turn 4 by 30 June 2014. Contact Director Alison Gorton Phone: 55362130

Library / ICT News: Mrs Marshall

Bookclub is due back this THURSDAY 25th July. Please ensure your book club orders are returned to Mrs Marshall, or Mrs Snow as all orders will be placed on this day. Our ‘Scribes and Scribblers’ Writing group will continue to be held on Mondays at first break, students interested in attending should see Mrs Marshall or Ms Schmida.

All year 5 and 6 students are invited to submit a creative story for a writing competition. Entries must be submitted to Mrs Marshall by Monday 29th July. Your story must begin with the sentence: ‘The last thing I expected to see was…” and must be between 250 - 350 words. All interested students should see Mrs Marshall for an entry form.

Thank you for the families who have already sent in their second hand books. For our stall at the Twilight fair. If you have any books you would like to donate, please drop them in at the new library. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Premier Readers Challenge is still going. Keep up the great reading and continue to fill in our PRC log. We are aiming for 100% participation. See you teacher for a PRC log if you do not have one.

Chappy Chat – Chappy Lisa

A special welcome to all our new families to the school this term. I would like to invite your children to participate in FREE Breakfast from the tuckshop each Tuesday morning. We thank our local churches and community groups for volunteering over the month to prepare and serve breakfast. A big thanks goes to Baker’s Delight in Coolangatta for the donation of bread and St Vincent de Paul for providing spreads, cheese and margarine each week. Thanks also to Kmart Tweed City for donating 2x 4 slice toasters this last week. We are very grateful to everyone in our community who supports this program.

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**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**Senior Purple & Senior Green : Mrs Ireland & Mr Failes**
We thank all parents and staff members who assisted with the running of our Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on Saturday. It was a highly successful event, which profited $1650.50 for our year 6/7 students. This money has been used to cover the bus costs for camp. We also thank all parents who assisted with onion cutting and setting up/clearing away at the BBQ. All your hard work is highly appreciated by Mrs Ireland and Mr Failes and the year 6/7 students. THANK YOU!!!

**Senior Blue: Mrs Keil**
The second semester is off to a busy start and is progressing well. In Science we are exploring key features of our solar system and how people have contributed science knowledge to space exploration. Our History unit, The colonial period in Australia, continues to investigate this time during Australia’s history. Students are exploring the following questions:
- What were the significant events and who were the significant people that shaped Australian colonies?
- What do we know about the lives of people in Australia’s colonial past and how do we know?

I’m pleased to report that Senior Blue students have settled very well into the new semester and are showing that they can be respectful and independent learners. I often reflect on how to build stronger and healthier relationships with others. I believe that having respect for one another is a key element to happiness and success in life and one of the most important things a child can be taught.

**Middle Purple: Mr Stringer & Mrs Cecil**
Thank you to those parents/caregivers who returned our class newsletter about topics covered within MP in Term 3 and also if you were able to assist with Reading Groups within our classroom from Tues-Fri. Middle Purple students have been studying Anthems in Poetry for English and have been writing their own Anthems for Coolangatta SS. They had to include four different stanzas all linking to different topics within the school. There is an example of student work in today’s newsletter. In Maths, students have been revising standard and non-standard partitioning skills as well as mapping and location skills. Within Art, students have been exploring ‘X-Ray Art’ and various forms of ‘Dot Painting’.

**Middle Blue: Mrs McEwan**
Some students in Middle Blue are looking forward to beginning their Project 600 work for Maths next week; please ensure all permission notes are returned for this great opportunity. We are also creating some great comic strips that should be finished and ready to share by next week. We are remembering the features of traditional stories with the acronym CHOMPS-ask your child what they remember for CHOMPS. What does each letter stand for?

**Junior Gold: Ms. Cronin**
Junior Gold has been busy with their mapping skills in SOSE – interpreting symbols on 2D and 3D maps. This leads into our History unit on our Local Area, where we will be walking around Kirra and Coolangatta, reading maps, creating maps and noting important features. We have also been busy writing a joint class retell of a story within our novel “Kumiko and the Dragon”. This involved a lot of work and everyone has now hyperlinked the story to a slide on their own PowerPoint. The story is also on display in our classroom. Well done to Eva for her Hip Hop dancing when the Federation Dance Academy visited last week.

**Junior Red: Mr Vogel**
Junior Red have enjoyed reading traditional stories (from around the world) about bats and why they fly at night. We discovered some funny and interesting stories, full of big adjectives, exciting action verbs, and clever plots. In Maths the Year Twos had a hands-on week looking at halves, quarters and eighths of collections, shapes and containers of sand or water. The Year Threes used play money and practised totalling amounts, and calculating change. In Science we continued exploring what causes heat and observed heat energy in action with a water and food colouring experiment.

**Junior Green: Miss Alycia O’Callaghan**
Students will be working with halves this week in Mathematics. We will be identifying half of different objects, collections and quantities. In History, students will explore differences between the past and today, focusing on what their parent’s/carer’s past was like compared to our life today. Have a chat at home about how different life was for your family members fifty years ago.

**Junior Purple: Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon**
Junior Purple students have been investigating the topic of measurement in Maths this week. Year Ones have been looking at the items and how to measure them directly or indirectly. They have been using maths language including short, long, narrow, wide, tall, short, thin, thick etc. Prep students have been concentrating on Mass – how light or heavy objects are. In English we all enjoyed listening to some stories written by Anthony Browne. The Year One students wrote questions to learn more about the author and his books such as “Willy the Wimp,” “Silly Billy” and My Dad”. Prep students enjoyed a story called Noni the Pony, with a focus on rhyming words and writing a sentence about Noni. In SOSE students continued their investigation into the Australian Numbat-recording information about their diet, habitat, and how they are threatened in the wild.

**Junior Orange: Ms. Schmidt**
The preps are thoroughly enjoying the FOOTSTEPS Dance program. Please ensure payment, if not already done so, so that your child is not excluded. This week, curriculum wise, we are rhyming, discussing celebrations, weather watching, and working within 0-10! Please follow up discussions on these topics at home – interesting conversations!

**HPE: Mr Stringer**
This Wednesday and Thursday will be our school Field Events and Athletics carnivals. We look forward to parent/caregiver attendance and hope it’s safer conditions 😊. Congratulations to all those students who have made Sports Excellence for Year 8 in 2014! Next Tuesday, all students who are selected this week and given a permission note at the carnival, will be off to District Athletics Carnival at Pizzey Park, Miami. We will be leaving at 8am from school and will return by 2:30pm. There will be a $10 fee for bus travel but the entry fee will be paid by our school. We wish our selected District level athletes all the best!

**Junior Blue: Mrs Calder**
Mr Lang has been taking class this week while Mrs Calder has been on family bereavement leave, planning to return this Friday. We are having a very exciting week in Junior Blue this week. In English we are reading a great book called George’s Marvellous Medicine. We are learning about procedures and how different ingredients are used in recipes. In Maths we are discovering fractions. We are looking at halves, quarters & eighths, & how we use them in our own lives. And in Science, we will be looking at different living things that co-exist on this beautiful planet. Mrs Duffy continues to take the class on a Wednesday, while Mrs Calder undertakes a support teacher, literacy & numeracy, role in the Junior School for the rest of the year.

**PCYC News**

**Blue Light Discos** are back at the Tweed Heads PCYC on Friday 2nd Aug from 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Ages 8 -12 years, $5. First Friday of the month, ph 5599 1714. **Basketball Comps** (July – Dec) for u8s, u10s & u12s at the Tweed Heads PCYC on Wednesdays after school. Ph 5599 1714.