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**Environmental Captains-** Middle Purple Students for looking after the vegetable patch throughout the week.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD – Junior Gold Using ICT’s throughout their learning.**

**ELECTIVES: Year 4 – 7:** Students elect an activity to attend over 4 weeks that challenges their thinking and creativity.

- **Value of the week: CREATIVITY**
  Creativity is the power of imagination. It is seeing a new way to do things and finding different ways to solve a problem. Without creativity, life would be boring. There would be no new inventions or new products or fashions; no new books, movies, music or works of art. The arts bring so much pleasure to the world. Sciences and technology bring cures for diseases and the world’s problems and new ways to get things done. Expand your talents. Be open for ideas. Develop your thinking. Use your imagination.
Dear Parents & Carers,

This week is mid term and sees classes finalising assessment and moving into new units of work for this last half of the term.

**Effort = Success:** Early Years Learning and Primary School Learning set the foundation to future success. It is imperative that each student learns the skills required to access the curriculum and to meet year level requirements so that they can confidently and capably move on to the next years learning. Whilst, each person learns in their own way and at different rates, with some finding some subjects easier than others, each person, no matter where they are on the continuum of learning, can achieve to a higher standard by putting in the time and effort to reach a higher standard and to meet the next level learning goals that are waiting for them to achieve. “Work to Progress”.

**Learning Goals:** Each child knows what they need to learn and knows what they need to do to improve. With teacher and parent support, and with the effort they put in, they become better readers, writers, spellers, know their number facts, can do the maths etc that is required for them to grow as a learner. Can your child tell you their learning goal? Do they tell you how they go on the weekly spelling or number facts tests? Do they spend time reading every night? Does your child know their sight words / number facts quickly and accurately? Hopefully your child feels the pleasure of success as they accomplish their learning tasks knowing they put in their best effort.

**The C Standard** is the mid grade and implies that the student has achieved the work at a pass level. This C standard however, is not going to lead a student to win academic excellence scholarships to secondary school or to uni placements or perhaps to that job that they really want. Students need to have B / A grades to step out and up to higher opportunities. We all want the best future opportunity for each child – that future opportunity is in our hands now. It requires each student to continually challenge themselves to get higher marks, to move to the next level, to fix up their mistakes, to put in the time and effort that is required to achieve the best that they can.

Thank you parents for your ongoing encouragement and support in expecting that your child does his / her best at school.

**Speechmakers Competition:** The best speeches from each class will be presented at assembly next week from which the finalists from each age division will be chosen as the CSS 2013 representative at the Cluster Speechmaker’s to be held at Elanora SS on Wed. 4th Sept.

**Science Fair:** Many students are having fun designing paper planes. For Science Fair Day, Tuesday 27th, a lunch time competition will be held, open to all students, to find the plane that flies the furthest!

**Art Competition, Coolangatta SS students ONLY:** open to all ages, for The Spring festival at Kirra Hill on Sept 3rd: Any Spring Theme, any medium, on A4 or A3 paper. 1st Prize $50, 2nd Prize $30, 3rd Prize $10. Be creative!

**Choir, Concert Band and Senior Percussion at Eisteddfod:** Our best wishes go with the choir this Thursdays; to our new concert band in their first public performance on Monday; and the senior Percussion group next Thursday in their respective events at the GC Eisteddfod.

**Principal, HOC, Literacy Coach, Teacher Librarian and Learning Support Teacher at PD this Wednesday:** Miss Cronin Acting Principal.

**Footsteps Last Day next week:** A celebration of dancing will be held from 2:00 – 3:00next Friday in the hall as a finale. All parents welcome.

Warm regards and Best Wishes for a great week,
Sharyn Mahony

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**PRINCIPAL’S PATCH**

**P & C News**

**Tuckshop: Thursdays & Fridays only.** Please write the lunch order on a paper bag with your child’s name and class clearly marked with the money enclosed in the bag. Students are to put the order in the class box.

**School banking:** Fridays. Please leave bank-books at the tuckshop.

**Twilight Spring Carnival:** In the last week of term, a mini fete will be held on Wed 18th Sept after school, 3:00 – 6:00pm. Each class will have a stall or activity along with the P&C and community. Please volunteer your support to make this a successful fundraiser. See Deb, P&C president or leave your name at the school office or with your class teacher.

**P & C Meeting:** Postponed due to sickness to next Monday, 19 August, 9:00 in the Enrichment room next to the office. (The Beach a thon scheduled for this Friday on the Calendar of Events will not go ahead due to insufficient organisational support)

**Library/ICT News**

**Book week is next week.** This year’s theme is ‘Read across the Universe’. Come to the library to see our new book week wall display. We are asking classes to DRESS UP on Wednesday 21st August. There will be a number of book vouchers to be won as well as a prize for the best dressed class. This year’s dress up theme is ‘SPACE’. Come dressed as a rocket, planet, star, alien, astronaut or as your favourite space character.

We are holding a **BOOKFAIR** in the library next week. All welcome, please invite your family and friends to come purchase books from our fair. Open Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm. Children will also complete wish lists with their classes and may purchase books during the week.

**Twilight fair is coming soon.** We are asking for donations of **second-hand books** for our bookstall at the Twilight fair. If you have any old books you would like to donate (children’s or adults), please drop them in at the new library. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the families who have already donated books.

**Premier Readers Challenge** is still going. Keep up the great reading and continue to fill in our PRC log. We are aiming for 100% school participation.

**Chappy Chat – Chappy Lisa**

**Thriving – 12 essential coping strategies every child (and adult) can use when life gets hard by Michael Grose.**

**Strategy 2: Don’t let it spoil everything**

Help your child to park his or her bad thoughts somewhere. The ability to compartmentalize bad events and keep them from affecting all areas of life is a powerful coping skill. Resilient sports people such as golfer Greg Norman and former cricketer Shane Warne have the ability to segment their lives and prevent disappointment (in the case of Norman) or personal issues (in Warne’s case) from impacting on their sporting performance. Somehow they park their Hurdles, Frustrations and Difficulties (HFD’s) for a time, and they revisit these issues when they choose. Similarly, kids can be encouraged to park their HFD’s for a time so that they can function normally and then revisit them when it suits. For instance, if something negative happens at recess at school they need to make sure that it doesn’t spoil their whole day. They need to think about something else when they are in class and revisit their issue later on. This strategy requires kids to distract themselves, think about something else and focus on the job at hand. What to say: “Park your problems for a while.” “Don’t let this wreck your day.”

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**After School Sports – Yr 4 – 7 Touch Football**

Cancelled this week

an additional day will be added to the program.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Middle Purple: Mr Stringer & Mrs Cecil
Congratulations to all students on their fantastic speeches presented in class last week. We were amazed at some of the original content and delivery of these speeches! We now look forward to announcing the finalists for Speechmakers speech-off with other Year 4 and 5 respective finalists. This Wednesday MP travel for their excursion to Literacy Planet Office and GC Indigenous Museum. Payment and permission forms are required for attendance. Good behaviour will be a priority on the day for all involved 😊 In MP for the next five weeks we welcome Mr Nathan Craig as a university prac teacher! Nathan has a world of knowledge and experience in the field already and we look forward to his valued contributions to our class and in HPE too!

Senior Purple & Senior Green : Mrs Ireland & Mr Failles
Next week is ‘Book Week’ at our school. Wednesday will be a dress up day to celebrate; the theme is ‘space’. We encourage everyone to dress up; the class with the most students dressing up will receive a surprise from Mrs Marshall. On the 22nd of this month, SG/P is having a guest speaker from the local RSPCA to talk to us about general care and protection of animals. She is asking that students donate a gold coin or some sort of cat/dog food, collar or bedding which will go directly to our local RSPCA.

Our school is participating in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge; SG/P was the first class to have 100% completion rate and as a reward have been offered the opportunity to attend a party at the new local Coolangatta Library. Notes will be sent home to share more details on our upcoming events.

Middle Blue: Mrs McEwan
This week is National Science Week. It is the perfect week for students to spend time on their Science Fair projects. Booklets went home on Friday last week after discussion and time for questions. Student proposals are due on Thurs this week and their actual project is due on Thurs next week (22. 08.13). Middle Blue students have also been presenting their Speechmakers speech this week in class. There have already been some outstanding presentations. In the Computer Lab students have been researching the characteristics of Traditional Tales/Fables. Talk to your child about CHOMPS, which is an acronym that helps them to remember all of the Traditional Tale features. Look on the class edstudio together to recall the information.

Junior Gold: Miss. Cronin
This week Junior Gold began Story Boarding. This involves writing text for individual slides. The next step is making decisions about images, backgrounds, sound effects and music. The story is an innovation on a text, and we are completing the novel “Kumiko and the Dragon’s Secret”. Each student has begun inserting their text on a PowerPoint. The next stage will involve using the skills they have learnt over the past 5 weeks to create a complete story. This week they also learnt how to “BLOG” and having been blogging about Visual Features of pictures and responding to the observations of others. A very busy ICT skills week. This last week was also a very successful week of spelling as many class members attained their Spelling Goal or higher.

Junior Red: Mr Vogel
Junior Red has been using the Computers to explore Coolangatta, past (historical photos) and present (Google Earth and maps). We’ve discovered how the buildings at Kirra have changed and how the headlands looked in the past, as well as where our school sits in relation to our state, country and the Earth. In Maths students have been exploring Symmetry in the environment and the movement of shapes through slides, flips and turns. They then used this knowledge to create patterns and designs from a triangle.

Junior Green: Miss Alycia O’Callaghan
This week in English students will be writing sentences that include what is happening and who or what is involved. We will be reading stories and discussing features of the plot, characters and setting and writing sentences to retell the stories. When reading books at home try writing a couple of sentences retelling what happened in the book. In Mathematics students will explore the measurement of time. We will tell the time to the hour and half hour using analogue and digital clocks.

Junior Purple: Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon
Only 5 weeks to go until our Lucky Lolly Jar Stall at the Fair! Remember to collect your jars and think about what wrapped lollies you will put in them, and maybe think about a prize you could donate! No need to bring in the jars of lollies as yet—around Week 9-10 would be best. Students will need to be reminded to hand any jars straight to the teacher in the morning so no glass is kept in school bags during the day. Students have been exploring the concept of whole and half this week (year One) and sharing (Prep). We halved and shared real life items like apples and strawberries, as well as halving and sharing some pretend pizza!! A delicious way to learn!

HPE: Mr Stringer
Congratulations to our Championship Day Athletics representatives this week at Pizzey Park Sports Complex (Ruby, Rahapa, Madison, Maru, Drew, Cameron and Majella!) We also had David as a reserve for ‘A, B and C’ schools high jump! The extra training and enthusiasm these students did in their lunch breaks over the last month or so has been a credit to them all! Rahapa came 1st and is the best shot putter on the Gold Coast for his age division and now goes to Brisbane! He also came 5th in discuss! Maru came 5th in long jump, Drew - 5th in 800m, Cam 5th in discuss, Ruby 5th in 100m heat, Majella 14th in discuss, Maddison 16th in shot put, all with personal bests! Regardless of any results we congratulate them all on making Champ Day and also the hard training in lunch breaks! Thank you parent drivers to and from the event ☺️ Friday Sport has moved into Cricket, Ozttag, Netball and T-Ball in preparation for week 10 Gala Sport Day. State of Origin had to be postponed due to students’ broken legs, family commitments interstate and overseas holidays! The event is now Friday 6th Sept at South Tweed SS 1pm. This week for PE we are lucky to have the second and final visit from Coach ‘Bazza’ from IGA Soccer/QLD with the massive inflatable soccer field! The following week I have booked Cooly Sport in for some more professionals in Tennis this time. We have a two-day coaching clinic from Tennis Qld organised ☺️

Junior Orange: Ms. Schmida
Junior Orange will be critically thinking about Rhyming story books for the upcoming weeks. They will be ‘yarning’ about illustrations, layout, font, characters, morals/messages and discussing whether they like/dislike the books. As part of our next assessment, the children will choose a book and offer an opinion and reasoning.

Senior Blue: Mrs Keil
Senior Blue would like to thank Mr Lang for all the hard work over the past 2 weeks, while I was on long service leave. The students have been given less homework this week to give students an opportunity to spend time working on their Science Fair project. This week our class finalists will be chosen for the Speechmakers Festival. Finalist will present their speech next Wednesday on parade. We are currently completing assessment tasks with the English and Maths C2C, unit 5. I am pleased to report that students are showing very good progress in both curriculum areas.

Junior Blue: Mrs Calder
This week we are concentrating on apostrophes in grammar. In writing, we are doing group work, sharing our ideas, and expanding on them to create more interesting pieces. It is important we put effort into our weekly spelling as many students are neglecting their spelling homework which is a stepping stone to higher vocabulary usage.