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H.P.E | Maddison F | Music |

Environmental Captains- Environmental club for always watering the plants.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD – School Choir & Concert Band, they have done themselves and us proud.

Middle Purple last week all enjoyed an excursion to The Jellurgal Aboriginal Centre at Tallebudgera Creek, and the Literacy Planet Headquarters at Robina.

Term 3:

19/8/13
Book Fair Starts

21/8/13
Dress up Day – Space Theme for Book Wk.
Speechmakers - class winner’s at assembly.
Year 4-7 afterschool sport

22/8/13
Yr 6/7 excursion to the Gold Coast Library
Coolangatta
RSPCA Guest Speaker Visit
Percussion group to Eisteddfod
P-3 afterschool sport

23/8/13
Footsteps Showcase 2:00pm all welcome.

27/8/13
Science Fair

29/8/13
Father’s Day Stall

30/8/13
Gold Coast Show Day

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Value of the week: CONSIDERATION & TACT
Tact is telling the truth kindly with consideration for how our words will affect others. It is knowing what to say and what is better left unsaid. Tact is thinking before you think. When you are tactful you don’t tease or point out people’s differences or mistakes to embarrass them. Tact is specially important when you feel angry or upset. Rather than just shouting out your feelings, to a person getting back at them, take time to calm down and consider what you are saying so that they hear your message without being aggressive back.
Dear Parents & Carers,

Courageous Students: We are very proud of our many students who take up the extra-curricular that is on offer; put in the time and effort to develop their talents through commitment and practice; challenge themselves to not give up; strive to continually improve; compete against their peers; and put themselves out of their comfort zone to stand before adjudicators to get feedback on their efforts.

Congratulations Choir students, Music teacher Mrs Ema Geoghegan and accompanist Mrs Anita McEwan: At the GC Eisteddfod, they gained a highly commended award, placing them 4th against 12 Choirs from much bigger schools.

Congratulations School Concert Band & Instrumental Music teacher, Ms Deb Body: At the GC Eisteddfod, novice band category, they received a highly commended, coming 4th out of 11 local schools. This band, with clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, keyboard and percussion has only been formed this year. Most of the students are new to their instruments and to the experience of playing as a band. What an achievement on their very first public performance!

For these groups, and for the Senior percussion group who perform this Thursday, for most it is also their first time on stage in a performance theatre. We are extremely proud of them.

Cooly’s Got Talent: Auditions are being held over first lunch break each Thursday, from 11:10 – 11:40. It is a delight to see students of all ages, bravely get up and perform their item. We look forward to the finals which will be held at the Twilight Carnival, where our choirs, bands and Coolette’s dance group will also entertain us.

Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest at Griffith University on Sunday: Three students, Basia, Kaitlin and Kiara again stretched their capabilities and took on the challenge of presenting a speech in Japanese language to adjudicators. They are certainly to be congratulated as it is difficult enough to do a speech in English!

Speechmakers: We look forward to the finalists from classes presenting at assembly this week. Giving a speech in public is often said to be one of the hardest things to do! Students overcome many nerves and build valuable oral language skills when speaking to an audience.

Science Fair: We look forward to this event next Tuesday. We invite parents to come to the hall over the day to see student exhibits.

School Curriculum: The school curriculum is full of opportunities for students to challenge themselves to have a go; to find their strengths and talents and to continuously strive to exceed their previous personal bests in the safe, supportive, encouraging environment of the classroom and school. That’s why school days are such great days – we are in it together with our classmates!

Being competitive in learning, helps students push the bar that little bit higher and stretch themselves that little bit further, to achieve the highest they can, as there is no end to what there is to know, do and understand. Learning is a lifelong endeavour.

In many ways each person participating is a winner as they gain so much confidence and grow in their skills from the experiences they engage in.

Thank you for your support and encouragement in all school events.
Warm regards and Best Wishes for a great week,
Sharyn Mahony

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**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.

**Twilight Spring Carnival:** In the last week of term, a mini fête 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.

**Disco:** School disco is on 29/8/13 starting at 5pm-7pm. Tickets on sale Monday to Wednesday $4 outside school hall.

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**Chappy Chat – Chappy Lisa**

**Thriving – 12 essential coping strategies every child (and adult) can use when life gets hard by Michael Grose. Strategy 3: Get away from it all**

Help your child take a break from his or her bad thoughts. My mum was an expert at taking my mind off bad things. When I was young I was upset when a neighbour’s dog killed my guinea pig. My mum took me to a movie that afternoon as a special treat. She knew the best way to help me deal with this big shock was to get me out of the house for a while. The technical term for what my mum did is ‘adaptive distancing’. My mum was getting my mind off things for a while. When kids are troubled by events, or spend too much time brooding do something to get their minds off things for a time. Play a game, spend time together, have a treat, watch some TV, go out – do something different to distract kids. Teach your kids that self-distraction is a healthy thing and usually gives them some perspective. It also prevents them from replaying awful experiences in their head and blowing them out of proportion.

This strategy requires kids to ‘blink’ away their bad thoughts and distract themselves with something pleasurable rather than dwell too long on difficult situations.

What to say: “Build a wall around the bad thoughts. “Blink away the bad thoughts.”

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**Safety in Schools Week**

Help educate your children about preventing accidents during Safety in Schools Week from 26-30 August. Each day has a different theme with the aim of teaching children how to be safe around common hazards at home or school. There is information and activities for parents on the Kidsafe Queensland website: www.kidsafeqld.com.au/school-safety

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**DENTAL VAN NEWS**

Please take note dental van will be moving to Clover Hill School at the end of term. If you need your child checked please make sure to contact dental van before they leave on 20/9/13 or you will have to travel to Clover Hill.

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**2013 Gold Coast Multicultural Festival**

**Date:** Sunday 8th September  
**Time:** (10am - 4pm.)  
**Venue:** Evandale Parklands, Corner Bundall Road and Crombie Avenue, Bundall 4217.

Date Claimer: Kirra Hill Spring Soiree: Fun Family Event, Sunday 1st September. The Kirra Hill Community Centre was formerly the original Coolangatta State School established in 1920. A close association between the Friends of Kirra Hill and the past students association of Coolangatta SS exists.

**Coolangatta State School Art Competition:** Spring theme, using any medium. Entries on display at the Kirra Hill Art Gallery. First prize $50; 2nd prize $20, 3rd prize $10. Entries to be at the school office by Wednesday afternoon 28 August. All students invited to participate Prep – Yr 7.
**Middle Purple: Mr Stringer & Mrs Cecil**

Last week MP travelled on their excursion to Literacy Planet headquarters (Robina) and GC Indigenous Museum (Burleigh Hds). Congratulations to the students who were well behaved all day and thanks to helpers on the day. In Art, students made paperbark Aboriginal paintings and the results were great! In Science, MP studied transparent, translucent and opaque materials and how light is affected by these mediums. We have also been presenting our Science Fair projects this week. Congratulations to the students who were ready to present on Monday!!

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

Week 7 will see Senior Green and Purple students present their Science Fair projects; we look forward to learning from each child’s presentation. Our class will also venture to the new Coolangatta Library (22nd August, Thursday), as a reward for being the FIRST class to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge and have forms returned. An RSPCA representative will also educate students on Thursday through a presentation. We thank all families who were able to assist with this wonderful cause. It has certainly been well supported and we have collected many donations to present to our guest speaker on Thursday. We thank all families who have also assisted with our Twilight stall and brought in lollies and treats. We anticipate a very successful fundraising stall at this exciting school event! DRESS UP AS SOMETHING FROM SPACE to support Bookfair this Wednesday. We look forward to seeing some scary aliens or something beyond this Universe!

**Middle Blue: Mrs McEwan**

Thank you to all students who have presented their Speechmakers Speeches with enthusiasm and interest. A special mention goes out to Aren, Keito and Sofiyya who were all considered by their peers to be some of the best in the class. We are looking forward to viewing and presenting all of the great Science Fair entries from our class which are due on Thursday this week (22.08.13) in time for class presentation and then set up in the hall for the Science Fair next week on Tues 27th. We are learning all about measurement for the next 2 weeks in Maths so if there are any real life measuring experiences occurring at home, please get the kids involved; thermometers, scales, tape measures, rulers, measuring lengths, area, mass and capacities. Spring is around the corner and Poetry is in the air for English once we finish our units: English (rhyme/song), Maths (shape and time) and Science (weather/space and day/night sky) are aiming to win a prize for the best dressed class. We also hope to have a range of poetry and songs. In Maths this week, our focus is on measurement. Calculating perimeters of rectangles and converting equivalent lengths. Reminders: * The Year 6/7 camp is fast approaching; * Library day is Thursday; Science Fair entries are due this Wednesday.

**Junior Green: Miss Alveyia O’Callaghan**

As part of our History unit and assessment, students will explore what they can find out from their grandparent or a special older person about their childhood. They will understand that by asking questions they can gain information about similarities and differences between their own daily lives and life during their grandparent’s or special older person’s childhood.

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

This week we read a traditional story of the Little Red Hen in big book form and also viewed it in video form. Students then discussed the features of plot, character and setting and explored writing a re-tell and painting a response to the story. In History students composed questions, to gather information and compare childhoods with some of their teachers. During maths students are exploring the concept of time. Prep students are exploring days of the week and sequencing events. Year One are exploring units of time including hours, days, weeks, months and taking note of these time frames on the calendar. They are also revising telling and representing time to the half hour.

**Junior Orange: Ms Schmida**

Junior Orange will be dressing up for Book Week this week on Wednesday for assembly. We have made the costumes which were made as part of our curriculum units: English (rhyme/song), Maths (shape and time) and Science (weather/space and day/night sky) We are very proud of his achievements and training so far and hope to be performing as we parade down the aisle. Could I please ask that your child come dressed in black preferably (pants and shirt) or navy blue or dark blue. Thanks!

**Senior Blue: Mrs Keil**

Senior Blue have begun unit 6 in English. In this unit, the students listen to, read and view a range of narrative poetry and songs. In Maths this week, our focus is on measurement. Calculating perimeters of rectangles and converting equivalent lengths. Reminders: * The Year 6/7 camp is fast approaching; * Library day is Thursday; Science Fair entries are due this Wednesday. Please make a time to speak with me if you have any concerns or queries with your child.

**Junior Blue: Mrs Calder**

Next week we will be going on our excursion to Coolangatta as part of our History unit. Students are reminded that exemplary behaviour is a necessary requirement to attend. Junior Blue students can be very proud of their handwriting and their efforts with entries and exits. Keep up the high standards Junior Blue.

**HPE: Mr Stringer**

Friday Sport currently offers Oztag, Cricket, T-Ball and Netball in readiness for gala day, 6th Sept. This Wed and Thurs we are lucky enough to be visited by Tennis Hot Shots! All classes will get to experience Hot Shots from experienced tennis coaches in a fun and informative presentation on the courts. This Friday Rahapa will travel to Brisbane for the Regional Athletics Carnival in shot put. We are very proud of his achievements and training so far and wish him all the best at this very high level of sport! GOOD LUCK RAHAPA! Don’t forget State of Origin 6/9/13 at 1pm rugby & netball against South Tweed.

**Junior Red: Mr Vogel**

Junior Red has been measuring our heights, pace, handspan and other features of our bodies in order to better estimate distances, heights, widths and lengths. We now all know where a metre is on our body height, can hold our arms a metre apart and are able to use our fingers to measure 1cm or 10cm. In Science we conducted an interesting experiment where you mix citric acid, bi-carbonate of soda and water. Students were surprised by the results. (Please ask or test for yourself!) Next week we will be going on our Local History Walk and still need parent helpers to accompany us. Please remember to return permission forms.

**Around the Classrooms**

**P-3 Swimming Lessons Starting WK 2 Term 4**

$10 per week for 8 weeks please start paying now.

All outstanding Footsteps money due - double lesson this Friday.

All Outstanding Resource fees now due!