**TERM 3 WEEK 8**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**TERM 3:**

Every Tuesday,
Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00

*Wk 8 Child Safety Week*

28/8/13
J Blue & J Red
local area excursion
Last day after school sport
Yr 4 – 7

29/8/13
Father’s Day Stall at
Kirra Haven
Last day after school
Gymnastics P – 3
School Disco

30/8/13
Gold Coast Show
Holiday
3/8/13
J Gold
local area excursion
4/9/13
Speechmakers Final
6/9/13
State of Origin matches
with Tweed South
9/9/13
P&C Meeting
10/9/13
Gala Sport Day Yr 4 – 7

11th, 12th, 13th Sept
Year 6/7 Camp
18/9/13
Twilight Fund Raising
Carnival
20/9/13
Yr 4 Bike Safety
20/9/13
Last Day Term 3

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**STARS OF THE WEEK**

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**Environmental Captains**
Senior Green for using the bins correctly.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD**
Senior Percussion Group, Eisteddfod, highly commended, 4th place.

**DRESS UP DAY FOR BOOK WEEK LAST WEDNESDAY!**

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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,

There has been so much excitement about!

**Book Week:** So many staff and students participated in dress up day and so many imaginative creations! Well done all and thank you parents for all you did to make it such a fun, successful day. With special thanks to Ms Martian (alias Mrs Marshall, our fantastic teacher librarian) for her organisation of Book Fair and Book Week celebrations. We love our school library and resource centre. It is such a hive of activity each day as students enjoy both print and electronic resources. From the books your child borrows each week from the school library, you can see the quality of resources that are available. Parents are also very welcome to come to the Resource Centre to borrow as well. Coolangatta Kindy students visit every week too.

**Speechmakers:** It was a hard task choosing the winners of this year’s speech contest! Our school representatives who go forward to the Cluster competition are: Tahlia M-D (P–2 division), Sammy F (Yr 3–4), Lachie H (Yr 5-6), Drew Y (Yr 7-9). We congratulate them and other students who won their class divisions: Loki W, Katie G, Austen Y, Aren B, Anthea Y, Stephanie G. Well done to all who presented speeches, stretching their comfort levels and skills.

**Footsteps:** What a finale as students demonstrated their moves and grooves. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend. The hall was really rocking with the big dance in at the end! It has been another very successful dance program. Thank you for your support.

**Science Fair:** Today’s culmination event follows a very busy week or two where students presented their science projects to their class. Student work is now displayed in the hall over this week for classes and parents to view, with the top entries presented at a special assembly this afternoon. We have an amazing world of science around us and students have captured many interesting concepts to open our knowledge and understanding of the many fields of science - physics, chemistry, biology, physiology, botany, geology, and space. I congratulate each child who undertook the challenge of entering a category in the Science Fair. Students also had a busy day rotating through different science activities prepared by class teachers. They should be able to tell you of so many science concepts and be more aware of the science that is found in everyday things as science is everywhere! As a family take time to look at the world through the eyes of science – even as you cook the dinner.

**Student Disco this Thursday:** A reminder that only students from our school can attend; all food and drink is to be consumed outside the hall; all rubbish to binned in the right bin; students must be picked up from the hall by a parent at the end of the disco. Student attendance is dependent on good behaviour at school. We want our disco time to be a fun time of dancing and safe and respectful behaviour.

**Dental Van:** Dental staff advises that many families have not taken up the offer of free check-up and associated treatment. This service will be leaving our site at end of term. If you have not already done so, please ring for an appointment. (See separate box for information)

**GC Show Holiday: There is no school this Friday.**

**Kirra Hill Spring Soiree:** Friends of Kirra Hill past students association, invite all families to the old Coolangatta School this Sunday, 1 Sep from 3:00pm for a fun fair. Coolangatta Student Spring Art Competition will be on display in the Art Gallery.

**Father’s Day:** We wish all dads, step dads and father figures a happy day on their special day this Sunday when we acknowledge how important dads are as a male role model and in supporting their children’s education, extra-curricular activities and well-being. Thanks you Dad’s.

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.

**Disco:** School disco this Thursday 29/8/13 5pm-7:30pm.

**Chappy Chat – Chappy Lisa**

**Thriving – 12 essential coping strategies every child (and adult) can use when life gets hard by Michael Grose. Strategy 4: Get some help** Help your child talk about what’s bothering them. A problem shared is a problem halved. Resilient people seek solace in the company of others when they experience difficulty. This is why social connection is such a strong preventative strategy for young people. The promotion of help-seeking behaviours is one of the best coping strategies we can promote. Even if kids don’t overtly talk about what’s bothering them, it can be immensely reassuring to spend time around others who are empathetic, understanding and willing to listen and help. Some kids need help identifying who they can talk things through with – including friends, teachers, school chaplain, guidance officer and family members. It’s also helpful to talk about how they can go about asking for assistance. Sometimes kids want to talk to others but don’t know how to approach people so they bottle things up instead. Talk about the best way to open up dialogue with different groups of people. This strategy requires kids to seek out friends, family and other adults who may be able to help them deal with their challenges. What to say: “Who have you spoken to about this?” “Who can help you about this?”

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**DENTAL VAN NEWS**

Please take note The Mobile Dental Clinic is leaving Coolangatta State School on September 26. Please be sure to contact the call centre on 1300 9550 or 5680 9550 if you require an appointment. Monday to Friday 8:00am-4:30pm excluding Public Holidays.

**P-3 SWIMMING LESSONS STARTING WK 2 TERM 4 $10 PER WEEK FOR 8 WEEKS PLEASE START PAYING NOW. All Outstanding Resource fees now due!**

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**Library/ICT News: Mrs Marshall**

We had a terrific book week!! Thank you to all the students who came dressed for our ‘Space’ themed book parade. The costumes were all very creative. Miss Cronin’s class demonstrated how terrific aluminium foil can be with their terrific costumes. Congratulations to both Junior Orange and Senior Blue, winning ice blocks for the best dressed Junior and Senior class. Book fair was a huge success; we sold close to $2000 worth of books.

Please keep the second hand book donations coming in. We are after donations of books for both adults and children. Our pile is getting bigger however we still need more. Thank you to all the families who have already sent second hand books in.
Middle Purple: Mr Stringer & Mrs Cecil
Each year we look forward to the exciting investigations, experiments and models that the students present at Science Fair! Outstanding entries will be displayed in the hall for selected students. Most students have shown a fantastic effort and the selection will be a difficult one! Congratulations to all students who presented for the Speechmakers’ Festival. It was a tough choice for all 3 teachers in MP to decide the two finalists (Austen Yr 4 and Lochie Yr 5). There were set criteria including minimum times and expression, originality etc. In English students are transforming traditional poems into narrative poems (including a multi-modal) which is also a class assessment piece. Students were moved by the emotional and figuratively descriptive writing by various Australian authors which have inspired their own efforts. In Maths MP students are measuring including units of measure, using arrays, split, compensate and place value strategies to calculate written mathematical word problems. In addition to this students are learning to use the associative and distributive laws. Last week we were lucky to be visited by RSPCA fostering empathy for unwanted animals. Thank you to all the kind donations of pet food and coins for the cause on the day. Please ensure Homework and is up to date and to the best of your ability!

Senior Purple & Senior Green : Mrs Ireland & Mr Failes
Tuesday we had a wonderful excursion to the Coolangatta Library where students read stories with the librarians and went on a library treasure hunt. The library then put on a banquet of food and drinks for us to enjoy. We also had a visit from the RSPCA on Tuesday who made a presentation about responsible care of animals. The lady was very impressed with the huge amount of donations from the families of our class. Friday was the last Footsteps lesson for the year which ended in a whole school dance presentation. All of the students were extremely well behaved and performed like pros. Well done Seniors!

Middle Blue: Mrs McEwan
Middle Blue have had some fantastic Science Fair projects presented to the class over the last few days and we have really enjoyed the Science Fair held today. Thank you to all parents who encouraged and supported their children. We are creating an artwork this week to be displayed at the Spring Festival held at the old school site on top of Kirra Hill this weekend. In Science we are investigating what happens with shadows throughout the day and creating a model to investigate the effects of erosion.

Junior Gold: Miss Cronin
Junior Gold has had a very scientific week. We have enjoyed a variety of Science Fair Presentations including: Investigations on: dry ice bubbles, battery life testing, tornadoes, creating sherbet (acid reaction), music pitch with bottles, fake snot, making raw eggs float, predicting if hot and cold water mix, reactions between substances, coloured flowers, disappearing glass, growing a plant, making a cloud and rain, aqua dragons; Collections of bugs, rocks and shells, and Communicating Science about carnivorous plants, daisies, how thunderstorms are created. Well done everyone who completed their task. For many this was their first time entering the Science Fair. There has been an incredible amount of learning by everyone (including the teacher). There was also the excitement and interest on Tuesday of visiting other classrooms and taking part in 6 different science activities. As well we have had a huge week investigating Heat in classroom science.

Junior Red: Mr Vogel
Junior Red has been working hard on creating timelines of Coolangatta’s past and investigating pictures of the old Coolangatta School. We are looking forward to our excursion tomorrow and hope to learn a lot from our walk and the guest speakers. Thanks to the Parents who are coming along, much appreciated. Loki, our speechmaker class champion did us proud in front of the whole school when he presented his Goldfish at the Beach story. Well done Loki. Also congratulations to all the students who stood in front of the class and demonstrated interesting scientific ideas or information for their Science Projects. Our best were proudly on display today in the hall for Science Fair. Lastly, fantastic dancing from all the students who’ve been attending Footsteps over the last weeks, the audience really appreciated your Final Dance Moves!

Junior Green: Miss Alycia O’Callaghan
Students will be working with number sequences in Mathematics this week. We will revise the ones, twos, fives and tens counting sequences, and use skip counting to quantify a collection. For example, counting how many shoes we have in our classroom by counting them in twos. In English we are learning how to make our sentences more interesting by using adjective, verbs and adverbs.

Junior Purple: Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon
Last week students enjoyed the Aboriginal Dreaming story called The Cocky, the Crow and the Hawk. Students then enjoyed expressing their thoughts and ideas about the book in both painting and writing. Junior Purple also began work on an entry to the Kirra Hill community Centre Art Competition using water colours. Please check your child’s bag this week for a note about the school Twilight Fair on Wed 18 September, starting at 3:00pm!

Junior Orange: Ms Schmida
Well done Oranges for a wonderful performance last week on assembly! Am so proud of you all. Thank you to all those who have donated scratchies for our Wishing Tree fundraising stall. We truly appreciate all your support. This Thurs, we will be going shopping to Kirra Haven for the Father’s Day stall. Gifts are from 50c - $5. Please hand to the teacher in the morning if you would like your child to purchase a small gift for someone special. Have a lovely long week-end.

Senior Blue: Mrs Keil
Last week, Senior Blue had 100% participation in the book fair parade. Consequently, we won the senior division of the parade, while Kiara and Osazogie shared the best costume award for our class. Reminders: * Science Fair projects were due last Thursday and there are still a few students who have not presented their item; * The Year 6/7 camp is two weeks away; * Library day is Thursday. Please call in and see me if you have any concerns or queries about your child.

Junior Blue: Mrs Calder
Wow! We are getting so good at reading calendars and determining on what dates and days events will occur. Art this week has seen us using soft pastel to create flowers. Blending has been the focus. Homework this week is to learn our subtraction number facts. Please support your child in this area. Remember, if your child is going on the excursion, he/she needs to have a school hat, and lunch and a drink in their schoolbag. No child is allowed to buy from a shop or get a parent on the trip to buy for them.

HPE: Mr Stringer
Next term starting Wk 2 on each Tuesday for 7 wks is the P-3 Swimming Program. The cost is $10 per week to cover trained swimming coaches and transport to and from Billabong Swimming Pool Tweed Heads. All the necessary information is on the sheet sent home and needs to be returned by this Thurs please to the class teacher. Students will be put into ability swimming groups. The goal is to get every CSS student swimming to the best level they can achieve improving their safety and confidence in and around water. First payment of at least $30 is to be paid by Wk 1 term 4 with all subsequent payments made in advance by the preceding Thursday. On Monday Rahapa competed at QSAC Stadium (Brisbane) for Regional Athletics. He did himself and his school proud and we congratulate his awesome achievement making this level!