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Environmental Captains:

| PRINCIPAL’S AWARD: Amadeus & Essi, representing the school at Kirra Hill event on Sunday. |
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Term 3 Week 9

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

3/8/13
J Gold
local area excursion

4/9/13
Cluster Speechmakers
Final
Yr 4 – 7 After school sports – make up day.

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

16/9/13
Snr Green & Snr Purple
Swell Excursion

18/9/13
Twilight Fund Raising
Carnival

20/9/13
Yr 4 Bike Safety

20/9/13
Last Day Term 3
School resumes Tuesday 7/10/13
Pupil free day 21/10/13

**Value of the week:**

**COOPERATION**

Cooperation is the working together for the good of everyone. It is being helpful to one another, sharing the load. When we work together we can often accomplish more that each of us could do on our own. When we cooperate we can do great things.
Dear Parents & Carers,

**Teacher Aide Day this Friday:** A day to celebrate and acknowledge the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers. As paraprofessionals, they are very much integral to the teaching and learning that happens in the classroom through general class support, small group work and individual assistance. They also play a vital role in supervising students at lunch breaks and at bus duty, always being vigilant and taking care of students. Their assistance and support in organising and managing many events and activities is also invaluable and greatly appreciated. We love our teacher aides!

**Science Fair Winners:** Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding entries and who this Year’s Science prizes.

*Yr 6/7:*
- Riley A – Investigation- what Coke does to your teeth.
- Stephanie G - Communicating science, model of the digestive system.
- Senna S - Crystal Experiment – Rock Candy

*Yr 4/5:*
- Sofiyaa M - Investigation – the way we learn best, visual or auditory
- Brodie C - Investigation – surface tension
- Austen Y - Environmental Issue – recycling plastic bottles to make garden lights

*Yr P-3:*
- Kalani M - Communicating science - Carnivorous plants
- Levi T - Investigation- Which brand of battery lasts longer
- Marina G - Classified Collection: Shells

We learnt so much science from their entries and from all entries on display and those presented in class. Well done.

**Kids Safety Week:** Last week targeted safety issues that teach children how to behave in unsafe situations e.g do your children know how to evacuate your house in case of fire; do they know how to call 000? Do they know how to hand scissors or something sharp to someone? There are many safety issues that kids need to be aware of and practical tips that they need to know. [http://www.kidsafeqld.com.au](http://www.kidsafeqld.com.au)

**Child Protection Week 1-7 Sep:** This week promotes the value of children and focuses attention on child abuse and neglect. Protecting Children is everyone’s business. The theme is, Together we Care. All children need to be safe. All children need to know 5 trusted people who they can go to tell and know that there is nothing so bad that they cannot tell someone. [http://www.childprotectionweek.org.au/](http://www.childprotectionweek.org.au/)

**Safety at School:** The school side gates will be locked at 9:00am and opened again 2:50pm. At all other times, please come through the gate nearest admin. All parents must come to the school office during school hours and not go directly to the classroom. It is an expectation that any adult in the school grounds has authorisation from the office.

**Parent contact details:** Please ensure that your home, mobile, work and emergency phone contact details are always up to date. At times we are unable to contact families when a child is sick or when there are problems with the bus. Please also advise whenever you change your email and residential address so our records are correct.

**Twilight Carnival:** We are looking forward to this afternoon of fun, Wednesday 18 September, starting directly after school. Each class is preparing a stall for this Spring Fair. Keep the day and time free. Teachers and the P&C need parent help. Please let them know if you can give some of your time.

**Lost Property:** The trolley is overflowing. Please claim belongings.

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

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**P & C News**

**Tuckshop:** Thursday & Fridays only.

**Twilight Carnival:** 18th September. We are looking for some helpers to run our sausage sizzle on the night. Please leave name & number at the tuckshop with Debbie if you can help out.

**P&C Meeting:** Monday 9 September at 9:00am in the Enrichment Room; all welcome.

**Chappy Chat – Chappy Lisa**

**Thrive – 12 essential coping strategies every child (and adult) can use when life gets hard by Michael Grose.** Strategy 5: This is normal. Help your child understand that he or she is not the only person to experience this. It’s human nature to think that we are the only ones to experience bad things. But the human condition dictates that this is rarely the case. Everyone has experienced loss, rejection, disappointment and conflict in their lives. Rarely is there a situation so unique that you are the ONLY person to have experienced it. Normalising a situation is an aspect of optimism. When you realise that others also experience similar difficulties and survive you feel more hopeful. Help kids to normalise a situation rather than personalise it. “You are not the only one to experience this” is a powerful concept for kids to grasp. It helps them understand that ‘this too will pass’. This strategy requires kids to rationalize their thoughts and not take matters personally. What to say: “Everyone feels sad sometimes.” “It’s not just you. You are not the first person that this has happened to.”

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**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:**

We raised $575.70 at the Disco last Thursday. We thank all students who came to make it such a fun night. We specially thank the P&C and parent helpers at the canteen and all the teachers and aides who helped out.

**Haylee & Senna, Arts captains**

**P-3 SWIMMING LESSONS STARTING WK 2 TERM 4 $10 PER WEEK FOR 7 WEEKS PLEASE START PAYING NOW.**

All Outstanding Resource fees now due!

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**Library / ICT News: Mrs Marshall**

**Premier Readers Challenge** finishes this Friday. All forms must be returned to school and handed to your child’s classroom teacher by Thursday. Any forms received after Thursday will not be accepted as all reading data must be entered by Friday. Congratulations to all the students who have completed the challenge and have already handed their reading records to their teachers. 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. Thanks you to all the families who have already sent second hand books in.


**LOTE NEWS: Sensai**

Minasan Kinnichiwa. On Sunday the 18th of August three students from Coolie represented our school in the annual speech contest held at Griffith University. Although no places were awarded this time around, well done to Kaitlin A, Kiara B and Basia S for all their hard work in preparing for the competition. The girls gave up their own time to practice during lunch breaks and also worked hard at home to learn their speeches and be able to answer questions in Japanese. A big thank you to parents for transporting the girls to the venue for what would have been a wonderful experience for all involved. I am very proud of the girls’ for having a go and doing their best! Well done and thank you!!
Students have been studying Laws of Light and also learning various laws to solve multi-step problems as well as skills with patterns and algebra. During English, students have been writing the transformation of a narrative poem in preparation for the upcoming assessment item of a multi-modal digital narrative. In Science students have been studying Laws of Light and also doing experiments involving mirrors, torches and various surfaces to prove these laws. In Art we have been doing more indigenous dot paintings and the results are amazing! We received a certificate from the RSCPA for our support for their work and donations we raised – well done Middle Purple!

Senior Purple & Senior Green: Mrs Ireland & Mr Failes

We had Science Fair last Tuesday, which was highly successful. Many students prepared exciting and engaging science concepts and really enjoyed viewing what others had brought in. It was a wonderfully educating experience for students to work in other classrooms and investigate a repertoire of scientific concepts. We have sent out a note regarding what to pack for camp, please ensure your child is ready and has ALL required items for camp. We ask that you plan for next Wednesday to drop off your child by 5.15am for roll call. The bus will leave Sharply at 5.30am to be at the ferry by 8.30am. We look forward to our Moreton Island campug and we know it will be highly rewarding for all students and staff.

Middle Blue: Mrs McEwan

Middle Blue are conducting different Science investigations over the next week for assessment. Year 3 will be investigating shadows and Year 4 will be investigating erosion. We had a lot of fun creating Artworks for the Spring festival up at Kirra Hill using chalks, oil pastels and watercolours. We used a peace/spring/flowers theme to inspire us. This week in maths we are learning about fractions and decimals and how to write tenths and hundredths in different ways. We are enjoying some nonsense poetry in English.

Junior Gold: Miss Cronin

This has been a short week but incredibly busy. Junior Gold completed the Science Fair visiting 6 classrooms from Yrs 3,4,5,6,7 and taking part in a variety of interesting activities. Then on Wednesday we constructed our Dragon Mobiles. The process involved a huge variety of materials with all students needing to consider their design and then how to create it. The most challenging part has been ensuring that the mobile would hang without falling apart. Many lessons on balance, weight and strength have been learnt. We now have an interesting collection of dragons hanging in our classroom. All students are now writing their reflection as they name the dragons, and write about their features and roles. Today we are going to Kirra Hill Community Centre to visit the original Coolangatta State School as part of our History unit on Change and Continuity in the local area. Everyone has been looking forward to this visit and we would like to thank Mrs Sue Burnett for her time and assistance.

Junior Orange: Ms. Schmida

In mathematics we have been collecting data and discussing ways of representing our findings. A few friends have begun to lose teeth so we decided we needed to keep a record and have created a TOOTH CHART table. We discovered that our oldest friends in the class have lost more teeth. Some very interesting conversations, about what happens to the teeth after they have fallen out, have begun. Please come and see me if you have cultural sensitivities to the ‘tooth fairy’.

Senior Blue: Mrs Keil

In Senior Blue, we are busily working towards the completion of our fifth unit of work in Mathematics and English. The students will begin to undergo Mathematics assessment which is linked to Fractions and Measurement next week. Students are developing their inquiry and research skills in History by conducting an inquiry into the significance of the Eureka Stockade and the changes to Australia as a result. Term 3 interviews will be made available during the last week. These interviews are a great opportunity to discuss the progress the students have made over the term. Ideally these 10 minute conferences work well with the student in attendance. It gives the opportunity to have an open discussion on how they can achieve their goals in the upcoming and final term. A note will be sent home next week, so please take this opportunity to make a time to discuss your child’s needs.

Junior Blue: Mrs Calder

Thank you to the parents, Ms Kotroni and Mrs Duffy for supporting Junior Blue on their excursion last week. The students learnt a lot about the history of the Coolangatta area. We have completed our spreadsheets (inserting three different kinds of formulae) in Excel and are now working at animating objects and designing pathways. Lots of laughs are to be had!

Junior Red: Mr Vogel

Last week, Junior Red had a tiring but fantastic Excursion throughout Coolangatta. We learnt lots about the historic places by studying building and ship remains, historic buildings and towers. A big thank you to our guest speakers, Maree & Stephanie at the Coolangatta Library, Mrs Burnett at the Kirra Community Centre, and of course to all our fabulous parent helpers, well done on such a hot, exhausting day. In science we are confidently using thermometers in our heat loss and insulation experiments. Maths is very hands on at the moment, counting money or measuring capacity, weight, length and area.

HPE: Mr Stringer

Congratulations to Rahapa for coming 6th at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Brisbane. This Friday our netball and rugby players head off to South Tweed for the annual game of State of Origin. We start at 1pm approx. and will leave school around 12.40pm. Parents and caregivers are more than welcome to support our teams on the day. Anyone interested in doing martial arts through junior classes (ages 8-12) held at Coolangatta school on Saturdays from 11:30-12:30pm go along and meet Patrick from Arakan Martial Art. Monday after school GKR Karate has lessons starting at 4:00pm in the hall. Phone David 0427484507. These programs also develop self-confidence, self-defence skills, bullying coping strategies, fitness and fun! Next Tues Coolangatta SS participate in the 3rd Interschool Sport Gala Day at Mudgeeraba Firth Park. Sports include Netball, T-Ball, Oztag and Cricket and it is a great day to develop skills and team spirit.