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**Environmental Captains**- Andrew O helping Mr Chris out picking up rubbish everyday.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD** – Mrs Ireland, Mr Failes, Mr Stringer, Ms Edith for Yr 6, 7 camp.

**Gala Sports Day:** Last week students yr 5 – 7 attended the Gala Sports Day at Mudgeeraba. They participated in Oztag, Netball, Super 8’s Cricket and T-ball.

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**All welcome**

**Twilight Carnival**

**Fun of the Fair**

**Tomorrow, Wednesday 18 Sept 3:00 – 6:00pm**

Who will win Cooly’s Got Talent 2013 - Amadeus; Cruze; Jennifer; Riley ?

Be at the Twilight Carnival. Cheer them on. Help the judges decide. On at approx. 5:30pm in hall.

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**Value of the week:** **ENTHUSIASM**

With enthusiasm we have a different outlook on what we are doing. It is looking positively at things and getting the most out of each day and each new opportunity. It is doing things cheerfully, having a go, giving it your best and feeling good about things.

It is great to get out of bed each day with enthusiasm, being thankful for all the good things in our life and looking forward to what the day might bring. Even things which we consider boring or a challenge can be tackled with enthusiasm – that way we get deal with them and move on!
Dear Parents & Carers,

We look forward to this week with enthusiasm - our Twilight Carnival and the end of a very busy term.

NAPLAN Reports Yr 3, 5 7 students: Advice has been received that student reports will not be available until the start of term 4 due to reprinting after an error had been found.

Parent – Teacher Interviews: Please take up the class teacher invitation to attend forthcoming parent teacher interviews. With one term of the 2013 school year to go, it is important that students, parents and teachers work in partnership to ensure that students are achieving their learning goals and year level standard so that they can confidently and capably move into their next year of studies.

Twilight Carnival: Tomorrow 18 Sept. The weather report indicates that even the sun will shining on us, to make this fund raising event a great success. I look forward to seeing lots of families enjoying the fun of the fair and the entertainment that students will provide. So lots to do around and about the stalls and to showcase in the hall.

Purchase of Resources: As a school, there is so much we would like to provide for our students but are limited by funds. We are applying for as many grants as we can in the hope of funding a netball / basketball court. Our new instrumental music program needs instruments to make it sustainable and to develop capacity. Students would love to have the use of ipads within their classrooms. Classrooms need new furniture. Some eating areas need to be upgraded. The list of needs is a lengthy one on top of maintenance and general needs! The school and the P&C work together to provide as much as we can for our students. Thank you families for supporting school fundraising ventures. It makes a difference to what we can provide.

School Uniform: Our students stand out proudly in their full school uniform with the blue collar. This is the uniform we would like to see the majority of the time with the plain yellow shirt worn only as a fall back on days when the proper uniform is in the wash. The full school uniform is encouraged on assembly days and must be worn on excursions and external school events.

School Hat: Our students need to be congratulated for wearing the school wide brimmed hat for sun safety. I encourage them to also wear their hat to and from school.

School Shoes: Our uniform code states black sports shoes and this is our preference but white sports shoes may also be worn. Coloured sports shoes which are trendy at the moment are not to be worn as part of the school uniform. Thank you for ensuring that your child meets our school uniform expectations.

Term 4 is almost with us: A reminder that school starts on Tuesday 8 October as the Monday is a public holiday. There is a Pupil Free Day on Monday 21 October.

P-3 Swimming: Starts Tuesday, Wk 2. Many forms are still not returned. Payment required first week of term.

Surfing will also start week 2 along with other summer sport.

After School Sport: Skateboarding is confirmed for year 4 – 7 on Wednesdays and to be confirmed is Soccer. P-3 most likely on Tuesdays. Forms will go out first week aback for week 2 start.

We have so much to look forward to: The school musical, Yr 7 graduation – it will all go so quickly!

Have a safe holiday.
Warm regards and Best Wishes,
Sharyn Mahony
PS Free dress day, this Friday.

P & C News
Tuckshop: There will be no tuckshop on the 10th & 11th October first week after the holidays.

Twilight Carnival: 3:00pm-6:00pm tomorrow. Please come and support us and help us make this a successful fundraiser.

Next P&C Meeting: Monday 14 October, 9:00am in the Enrichment Room; all welcome.

Chappy Chat – Chappy Lisa
Thriving – 12 essential coping strategies every child (and adult) can use when life gets hard by Michael Grose. Strategy 6: See the Silver Lining

Help your child to look on the bright side of any situation. Optimistic people are able to find positive aspects in negative situations, no matter how small. This encourages people to feel like they have some control over situations and is the beginning of experiencing hope. Help your kids see some of their hardships as learning experiences. I am not suggesting you want bad things to happen. You wish they didn’t happen but make the best of things when they do. Here are a few positive spins that you can find in most HFD’s: ✔✔ Learning something to prevent it happening next time: “You may have been unsuccessful this time but you know what to do next time.” ✔✔ Positive spin-off: “It may have been a boring party but you did meet a new friend, which is great.” ✔✔ Learning about yourself: “Maybe football, rather than cricket, is more your bag.” ✔✔ It’s just this! Avoidance of something more unpleasant: “You may have wrecked your skateboard but at least you didn’t get hurt and end up in hospital.” This strategy requires kids to change their way of thinking and consciously look for a positive aspect. What to say: “Look on the bright side.” “What can you learn from this?”

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!

LOTE News
Minasan konnichiwa!

As the term has nearly come to an end it has been lovely to see so many of you dropping into see me at J-Club. So many of you have helped a great deal in brightening up the specialist classroom with your wonderful Manga drawings. Thank you! I can see we have many budding artists at the school. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and I will be looking forward to seeing you back in Term 4 for more fun J-Club activities. More activities will be posted...watch this space! Sayounara Sensei :)
**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**Middle Purple: Mr Stringer & Mrs Cecil**
In Maths we are learning about decimal fractions as well as regrouping with subtraction. In English we are drafting, editing and publishing Fur and Feathers narrative poem transformations originally written by AB Patterson. Look out for SPORTA.CULARRRR at the Twilight Carnival! Be in it! The Suns kicking challenge, golf chip-off and baseball pitching comp will be set up at the Twilight School Fete/Carnival. So bring along your coins for a chance to win your name on the leader board for your age category!!

**Senior Purple & Senior Green : Mrs Ireland & Mr Failes**
We had a wonderful camp! Moreton Island was an experience we will all never forget! From the beautiful waters to our camping accommodation...it was all very rewarding and we couldn’t have asked for better weather! We thank ALL students who attended camp, their behaviour and manners were exceptional! Our twilight stands are well prepared and again we thank ALL families who contributed to resources to assist our stands. We will be having a “guess the amount of lollies in the jar” stand and also a “tombola” stand! Our excursion to Swell was a wet one but at the same time was a great experience! Students encountered many beautiful and artistic sculptures and again their behaviour was exceptional! Well done!!!!

**Middle Blue: Mrs McEwan**
This week, Middle Blue have been creating a PowerPoint to communicate their latest Science investigation in the Computer Lab. We have also been getting our Twilight Festival Stall ready and completing some English assessments about Humorous Poetry.

**Junior Gold: Miss Cronin**
Junior Gold is busy finishing their current units of work for this term and working on many pieces of assessment. They are all creating a Water Bottle Cooler for Science and will be investigating whether they manage to keep a water bottle cool and insulated when it has been placed in the sun. In English they are writing a retell of The Lorax from the point of view of a different character, then presenting to the class. In Maths all students are taking part in a Measurement Scavenger Hunt relating to Length, Mass and Capacity. We are on the final part of SOSE presenting to the class. In History they will be summarising all their knowledge gained from timelines, photos, research, the excursion, and a guest speaker, to write and publish Fur and Feathers narrative poem transformations.

**Junior Green: Miss Alycia O’Callaghan**
Wow! It’s the last week of Term 3. Well done Junior Green on all of your hard work this term. You have worked so hard in many areas, especially with story writing and developing your editing skills. I am so proud of you all! We are looking forward to our Twilight Carnival on Wednesday. A big thank you for all of the lollies and chocolates received as contributions to Junior Green’s Pick-a-Stick stall.

**Junior Purple: Mrs Winder & Mrs Waldon**
Junior Purple Year One students have been revising telling the time to the hour and learning how to tell the time to the half hour. Students have been discussing both analogue and digital time. Prep students have been ordering the days of the week, and matching the days of the week with weekly events. Students have also been identifying units of time when looking at the calendar including days weeks and months. You can help with both of these concepts at home by using the family calendar to discuss events and time durations like school holidays and start and end of the next months, trips away for the weekend etc. Have you been to the SWELL sculpture exhibition at Currumbin beach front yet? It is a great event, and only on this week/weekend! At the Twilight Carnival, look out for Junior Purple Lucky Lolly Jars.

**Junior Orange: Ms. Schmida**
A huge thank you to all families who donated scratchies and plants to our ‘Wishing Tree Lucky Leaf’ Dip/Plant Sale’ Twilight Carnival stall!! Karen and I were truly touched by your generosity. Also, please praise your child for their tremendous efforts this term. You will be astounded by their growth on their individual learning journey. Have a safe and restful break and will see you all in Term 4 as we begin preparing the preps for the transition to Year 1.

**Senior Blue: Mrs Keil**
Homework this week is revision of Term 3 spelling words and number facts. Student that have not been to Reflection, Buddy Class or needed continual rule reminders in class this term will be having their class reward afternoon on Thursday 19th September. Last Friday, a representative from the Gold Coast City Council came to our classroom and presented an excellent water sustainability program. The program had a specific Gold Coast focus. The children really enjoyed the hand-on activities and were challenged to design and create a water filtration system. There are a few children that require additional item for school in Term 4. These items include pencils, rulers, sharpeners, colour pencils and exercise books. Please check if your child needs any of these items. Wishing everyone a safe & happy holiday.

**Junior Blue: Mrs Calder**
Let’s hope the weather holds out for our Twilight Carnival. Junior Blue will have a bowling mat on the go, Lucky Dips and drink bottles for sale. We still do not have a permission slip back from every student re swimming in Term 4. It is important this comes back as Mr Stringer needs to inform the coaching facility of numbers.

**Junior Red: Mr Vogel**
Week 11 will be a busy week for students of Junior Red as they finish off a number of large culmination tasks. In English students will be editing, re-writing, and publishing, their adventure narratives. In Science they will be using all their knowledge of heat to plan and investigate a new drink bottle insulation system. For SOSE the students will be presenting a PowerPoint about a local place and how it is used by our community. In History they will be summarising all their knowledge gained from timelines, photos, research, the excursion, and a guest speaker, to write and tell the Historical Story of Kirra Hill. In Maths they will be investigating counting large quantities (Yr 2) and measuring time/duration (Yr 3). Finally students will drawing pictures, which complement their narratives. We are also excited about the Money Pool we will have at the Twilight Carnival.

**HPE: Mr Stringer**
Last week the year 5/6/7’s attended the Gala Sports Day at Mudgegeraba. We participated in Oztag, Netball, Super 8’s Cricket and T-ball. We had Cricket Qld, Titans and NRL and The Cardinals assisting on the day to help with umpiring and also provide a professional link with their respective sports. Participation is the goal of these days and with that being said the day was a huge success. Behaviour was generally to a high standard and good sportsmanship was evident in many games. Some students are still learning not to talk back to refs at sporting occasions and these students were spoken to on the day. I would like to thank all the staff who attended and also parents who gave up their time to assist on the day in some way. Surfing will once again be offered as a Friday sport during Term 4. An expression of interest note will go out soon! Junior Swimming starts week 2.

**Library News:**
Come and visit the second hand book stall to grab some great bargains for children and adults. More donations welcome.