From the Principal

Dear Students, Parents and Friends.

What a wonderful school we have. Last Friday night it was fantastic to see so many students, parents and staff join the fun and festivities at our Halloween Disco. I was overwhelmed at the show of support our parents offered towards this event and was very pleased to see so many witches, wizards, zombies and monsters grooving it out on the dance floor. A massive thank you to Mrs Michelle Daly and her swag of parent volunteers who helped organise and run the night and likewise to Mrs Emily Lawrance who ensured everyone was grooving on the dance floor.

With events in mind, I again remind you to keep a close eye on our school calendar. At this time of year we have many events coming up. Some of these include: Senior Swimming Carnival, Graduation, and the end of year extravaganza. This year, our end of year concert will be an extravaganza and will follow a mini fete which is being run on Sunday December 7th. The mini fete will begin at 4:00pm with the student concert items being presented from 6:30pm. Please put this important date in your diary as we look forward to seeing you there.

Yesterday, we held our first Prep Orientation Program (P.O.P) morning. We saw a number of our 2015 prep students come and experience a morning at school. This was a great success and all children had a wonderful time. I was so proud to see everyone listening to Mrs T. and trying really hard with their work. What a lovely group we have coming to join our school. I look forward to seeing many more new faces at our next P.O.P session in two weeks on November 19th. To book your child in for our P.O.P session please contact the school on 3906 4333.

Next week, we have four teams of volleyball/newcombe ball players going to Wellington Point to participate in the Term 4 Osprey Cup after a very successful carnival day, a couple weeks back. I look forward to hearing more success stories from this carnival. I know you will all represent our school with pride and demonstrate exceptional sportsmanship.

Finally, as we move closer still to the end of the school year, I am excited to be able to report that our student numbers for 2015 are looking very strong. In 2015 we have the largest group of prep students we have had for many years, enrolled at our school. I am delighted to hear when I talk with parents in the community, that our school is generating great attention, and that so many are making Coolwynpin State School their school of choice in the Redlands.

Sincerely

Mick Lawrance
Principal

2014 School Improvement Goals
Reading - Numeracy - Writing - Explicit Instruction

STUDENT'S LOST PROPERTY
The lost property is located outside the Administration block. We have a lot of jumpers unnamed. Please take the time to check the trolley for your student’s items. Thank you

Student Absence Line 39064360
Please call the above number to report your student absent.
From the Deputy Principal (Cont.)

If you haven’t yet started your spring clean of bookshelves, now might be the perfect time! Keep an ear out for friends and family who may have been sorting through their books, and if any of you are associated with businesses who wish to support this project, we would love to hear from you!

That’s it from me this week. A busy time as we move towards the end of year and all the excitement and events we have planned so far have a great week ahead!

Rebecca Rayner
Deputy Principal

From the Head of Special Education

These are exciting times as our young people head starting in Prep or Secondary School next year, or moving up a year level with a new teacher and new classmates. It may be timely therefore for us to focus on how we nurture confidence and independence, both at home and at school. Children typically start out with high expectations.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) news

Children typically start out with high expectations. Knowing you are good but also knowing you are good helps their development.

- explaining that skills develop with practice
- encouraging persistence when outcomes aren’t achieved straight away
- praising effort, persistence and improvement
- making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into smaller steps
- being ready to help when necessary, without taking over
- encouraging children to have a go and valuing individual improvement.

Confident Thinking

Confidence is not just feeling good but also knowing you are good at something. Particular ways of thinking are very important for building confidence. Helpful ways of thinking include:

- believing that you can try
- helping kids focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking that the situation is unchanged or that there is something wrong with them e.g. “What can you try that might make that work better next time?”
- challenging words like “I can’t” or “I’m a failure” and letting them know that “giving up” may not help them reach their goal.
- Letting them know you believe in them and remind them of what they have done well.

Adapted from: www.kidsmatter.org.au

Robyn Lloyd
Head of Special Education

From the Head of Curriculum

Australian Curriculum 2015

In 2015, thousands of Australian Curriculum charts rolled out across the nation. The remaining subjects in Humanities will be implemented. In Queensland, Humanities was formally known as SOSE, Studies of Society and the Environment and Geography. In the next few years, it will be Civics and Citizenship (for years 3-10) and Economics and Business (for years 5-6). Students in Prep to year 2 are not required to study these subjects.

Health and Physical Education, the Arts, Technologies and Languages are also available for schools to familiarise or implement. At this stage, co-teaching has been identified as an important component of implementing the Australian Curriculum. HPE and Sha will familiarise ourselves with the remaining subjects. If you are interested in supporting your child’s learning at school, please contact me at lcsuk@qld.edu.au alternatively, a fact sheet for parents is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/pdf/pdf/factsheets/parents.pdf

Brophy Cuskey
Head of Curriculum

From the Parents and Citizens Association

SPLASHfest - Thank you to all those who participated and raised fantastic funds for our School Library. Overall greatest class fundraiser... 18 who raised $523. A pizza party is coming to a class near you soon.

Floral Drive - Bowling Family pass - Sienna - 1A 1st prize - no extras, prize donated to the Christmas raffle

IRD - December Family pass to Cumulus Wildlife Sanctuary - Grace - 5/6C

IRD - Family pass to Timzone @ Surfers Paradise - Adam - 3A

Greatest fundraiser for each grade!

Prep 1
Emmalea B - PB - $100
1st Year 1
Sienna B - 1A - $140
2nd Year 2
Jordan R - 2B - $282.80
3rd Year 3
Tom D - 3A - $112
4th Year 4
Davy G - 3/4B - $140
5th Year 5
Jacinda P - 5C/5S - $135
6th Year 6/7
Grace S - 5/6C - $155

Congratulations to all!

HALLOWEEN DISCO - A massive thank you goes to all the teachers and volunteers who made the disco a great success. A special mention must go to the students who were brave enough to participate in the Half Term! We were all so impressed by your costumes and the students had a lot of fun.

Christmas Extravaganza - Planning for this event is in full swing and we are heading for a fantastic time. Flyers have been sent home this week as we are kindly seeking donations of various goods (specific details on the flyer) or volunteers to help with bake sale or office tasks.

TUCKSHOP NEWS - The tuckshop is now selling homemade icy poles.  Mini orange juice pops - 20c Mini milk choc pop - 20c Mini yoghurt pops - 50c

Fish fingers can also now be purchased on their own, without salad.

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