On the first week of school this term, the year six and seven students had their camp at Currimundi Active Recreational Centre on the Sunshine Coast. All of the students had an amazing time at camp and proved that with a little dash of bravery and self-belief, anything was possible!!!

Over the three days, the students participated in a variety of activities that promoted collaborative problem solving, creative thinking, team building and individual challenges. The high ropes and low ropes courses were a favourite amongst most of the students. It was fantastic to see most students challenge themself to have a go on the giant swing. The night pool party was also another favourite. The students could listen to music as they either relaxed with friends or participated in different events. Other activities such as body boarding, fishing and beach games were also enjoyed by all as they learned new skills and knowledge about the environment, beach activities and safety. The use of purpose built equipment assisted our students with higher support needs or physical access needs to fully participate alongside their friends and peers.

Our experiences at camp have left us with many wonderful memories and the belief that with some confidence and determination no challenge is too hard!!! The students would also like to thank the teachers and teacher aides who helped organise and run the camp, and the parents for letting them enjoy their last camp experience at primary school.

Glen Klints 6/7 Teacher & Mrs Richardt 5/6B ILP Teacher

2014 School Improvement Goals
Reading - Numeracy - Writing - Explicit Instruction
From the Head of Special Education (Cont.)

Most of our students are well on the way to finishing their first Cool School Awards charts. Remember that students are aiming to complete 3 full cards to be able to attend our end of year PBL School Awards presentation on Parade.

Halloween Disco 31st October
Graduations Bears/Balls Order Form Due 5th November
Spell-A-Thon Presentation
Vanessa Lewis P & C Secretary

From The Principal

Dear Students, Parents and Friends.

It is fantastic to have you reading another edition of our Coolwynwyn Newsletter. The past fortnight at Coolwynwyn State School has been a hive of activity. Our P&C have recently purchased bumper stickers which proudly display that our kids go to the Cool School. In an effort to promote our school and to extend a heartfelt thank you for their superior efforts and contributions to our great school, I look forward to announcing our new teachers and class structures in the weeks to follow.

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From the Parents and Citizens Association

TUCKSHOP NEWS - Remember you can now order via the online system for 1st and 2nd break. Due to the numbers of funds that have been raised, prizes will be awarded at assembly on Friday 31st October.

COMING EVENTS

17 Nov P & C Meeting
21 Nov Prep Open Room 11am to 1pm
24 - 29 Nov Prep To Year 2 Swimming

From the Head of Special Education (Cont.)

Studies have shown that there is a correlation between mental toughness and self-control. It takes mental toughness and self-discipline to raise kids – they have constant needs. It is difficult to deal with tantrums! Ensure homework is done! Provide healthy food choices (if even you would prefer to plate bar over an apple)/ monitor TV, computer time/ up and out in the morning (when you would prefer to be sleeping)…..and on it goes.

For this year, we have had a meeting with our Student Council that this has been directly affected by cancer.

On Thursday last week, the Student Council held our annual yellow free dress day to help raise funds for the Cancer Council. Our class raised over $300 for this cause and we have proven that no matter how small a school we are, we have a huge heart.

Environmental Club News

Our bushland reserve, Carramar is home to possums, koalas, galahs, bandicoots, going even to a thriving population of bandicoots. Students were recently entertained by a baby possum outside Mrs Sutton’s classroom, who found itself out and about in the daytime. Behind the old Pre-School there is currently a pair of Masked Lapwings (known as plovers) with a small chick.

When sharing our space with the native fauna we should always respect and avoid too close interaction with them. Whilst it is breeding season for some birds, including plovers and magpies, we would ask that you are careful that you have the habit of keeping kids young safe. Almost all swarms on people are carried out by male magpies defending their eggs and chicks, which are in the nest for about six to eight weeks between July and November.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sensory Movie Day – Sunday 20th October 2.00pm Capalaba Cinemas

Tinkerbells and the Pirate Fairy

Sensory Movie Day was created for families with special needs who may have a movie experience that can be a positive, non-judgemental experience. Children are free to try every seat, flip or stilt, lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored with the release of fire. Each school has been proven to help fund research into how to cure cancer. On behalf of the Cancer Council, we would like to extend our thanks to the students and the community of Coolwynwyn State School.

In different contexts, one character trait has emerged as a predictor of school success: ‘grit’. Grit is the dictionary’s definition as ‘mental toughness’. It could be defined as resilience or the ability to ‘bounce back’ after severe disappointment. Mental toughness is the ‘perseverance and passion to achieve long-term goals; having stamina; sticking with your future day in and day out and working hard to make that future a reality: a marathon not a sprint.’

Hockey Queensland Holiday Camp Coach 15-17th December

This camp is designed for boys and girls aged 10, 11 & 12 and will be run by qualified Hockey QLD staff, based around learning new skills and having fun! No previous playing experience required.

Where: Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre, GOLD COAST When: Monday 15 December 2014 (Mon & Tues) Live in Camp includes: 4 x 1hr 30 mins Hockey session. 4 x 1hr 30 mins recreational activities, Mini Olympics Cost: $175.00 (includes accommodation + HOA drawstring bag, 2 camp shirts, hat and water bottle). Register online at www.hockeyqld.org.au or call 0401 426 192.