

STUDENTS 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.

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 17 – Thursday 23 October 2014

Camp Currimundi

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 themselves 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

COMING EVENTS

31 Oct	Spell-A-Thon Presentation on Parade
31 Oct	School Disco in School Hall
4 Nov	Melbourne Cup
5 Nov	Prep Orientation Day 9am to 11am
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
17 Nov	P & C Meeting
21 Nov	Prep Open Room 12 noon to 1pm
24- 29 Nov	Prep to Year 2 Swimming

From the Principal

Dear Students, Parents and Friends.

It is fantastic to have you reading another edition of our Coolnwynpin Newsletter. The past fortnight at Coolnwynpin State School has been a hive of activity.

Let me congratulate all students, who earlier this week participated in the Term Four Interschool Carnival Days. From many accounts, our students represented our school with pride and demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship. Special congratulations to the students from the Mixed Volleyball, Austag and European Handball teams who won their carnivals.

This time of the year is an important time for schools as we begin planning our classes and staffing arrangements for the year to come. As our classes and staffing are based on predicted student enrolment, we need your assistance to help us make the best possible predictions. For this reason we ask that if you know you are moving out of the area and will not be returning to Coolnwynpin in 2015, please let us know this information along with the school you believe you will be moving to. As current predictions look, it is highly possible that despite the loss of our year 7 cohort, we will start the year in 2015 with more students than we started 2014 with.

At this point in time I would like to congratulate Mr Glen Klints on his successful application to transition as a Junior Secondary Teacher at Cleveland State High School. Mr Klints has been an outstanding member of our School Community for a number of years and we wish him well with his new adventures in 2015. Likewise, we will sadly be saying good bye to a number of other staff who have received transfers in 2015. Mrs Feakes, Miss Russell and Mrs Ellis-Butler will all be moving on to new schools in 2015. We wish all three ladies the very best at their new schools and 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.

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 get as many bumper stickers out in the community as possible, I am proud to announce a fun competition to support this initiative. On a random date between now and the end of the term, I will be "going on a bumper sticker hunt". The number plate of the first vehicle I find displaying the sticker will be noted, or a photo taken, if possible, and publicised on the Coolnwynpin Community Facebook Page and newsletters to find the owner. The owner of the vehicle will receive Priority Permit Parking in the Telaska Street Carpark for all of term one 2015 and any remaining school days in 2014. So pop into the office, pick up your sticker and start showing the world that your kids go the Cool School.

This is a very busy term with many important dates still to come. Please keep a close eye out in your child's bag for notes and continue to read our newsletter and check the school website.

Sincerely



Mick Lawrance
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) news:

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 celebration afternoon full of fun activities and run by our fabulous staff for all of our Safe, Respectful Learners here at the Cool School ☺

A BIG congratulations to **Ashleigh (5/6C)**, **Sophie (Prep B)** and to **Owen (5/6 C)** for being the first 3 students in our school to complete their Cool School Awards cards (number 1), and for being the first students to receive and start working on their second cards. We are all very proud of you! Each student who completes a chart receives a Principal's Certificate to be proudly displayed at home. I have just printed out a pile of these for all the students I know will be visiting me very soon to hand in their completed 1st cards!

Lunch Time Cool Clubs:

If you've been watching our Facebook page you will have seen some of Mr Lawrence's pictures from our first day of lunch time Cool Clubs this week. Launched on Wednesday, we now have expanded options for lunch time play across the school. These exciting options are offered on different days of the week, across year levels and include opening up our fabulous basketball courts, P-1 play in our refurbished JNR playground (the previous pre-school playground), indoor sports in the hall, craft club, book exchange, enviro and gardening club and computer club. We still have areas such as our inclusive playground, JNR and SNR undercover and oval areas and the beautiful library and friendly staff who run a fabulous indoor play option for students who enjoy a puzzle or board game in the library at lunch time.

This endeavour is still new, so while there may be some adjustments along the way, our first day was a very exciting one with many students flocking to the new areas to try them out. Our fantastic staff have embraced this change with enthusiasm and great commitment, so a big thank you to our teachers and teacher aides who have made this possible! ☺

2nd Break Lunch and Play Swap:

If you've read ahead to the tuckshop section in the P & C report, you will see that one of our lunch time changes has also seen us swap the second eating and play break times, so that **at 2nd break only, students now play first and eat second**. Students who may wish to eat during play time are still able to do so in their respective undercover areas. This change is to give students the chance to cool down after play in the warmer months and to also support students in settling in the afternoon session in a calmer way and being absolutely ready to engage in learning.

This does mean that our Tuckshop staff will now no longer be able to open in the morning for over the counter ordering as they will stay a little longer in the afternoons to manage the 2nd break orders. As the Tuckshop has moved to primarily online ordering, this is a timely change. If there are any families who don't have access to the internet to process online orders, there are most definitely other options available so please contact the office to discuss these options any time.

Thanks everyone and have a great week!

Rebecca Rayner
Deputy Principal

From the Head Of Special Education

Seven traits of mental toughness

In different contexts, one character trait has emerged as a predictor for success. It isn't social intelligence, good looks, IQ, or physical health. It is "grit," which the dictionary defines as "mental toughness". It could be defined as resilience or the ability to "bounce back" after setbacks.

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."

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 (when even you would prefer chocolate 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.

Seven traits of mentally tough people

1. Look for positives & learn from mistakes
2. Face fears
3. Non-judgmental
4. Celebrate successes of others
5. Realise that the only person they can control is themselves & do not blame others for their mistakes
6. Limit exposure to outside stimuli (e.g. Facebook, Angry Birds, Krispy Kreme donuts)
7. Accept and embrace change

Mentally tough people embrace change, but they understand that change must first happen in them before it happens through them. Mahatma Gandhi said it so well. "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Adapted from Generationnext.com.au

Happy Parenting!

Robyn Lloyd - Head of Special Education Services

From the Parents and Citizens Association

TUCKSHOP NEWS - Remember you can now order via the online system for 1st and 2nd break. As of this week, due to changes to the lunchtime school policy, unfortunately the tuckshop will no longer be able to accept any orders over the counter. Only online orders will be accepted. Also FYI, tuckshop will be closed for the last week of term.

SPELLATHON - Please remember all funds and forms are to be returned to school by Wednesday 29th October, even if no funds have been raised. Prizes will be awarded at assembly on Friday 31st October.

GRADUATION BEARS AND BALLS - This year you can order a commemorative bear or ball for your child's special moment for \$15 each. Order forms are available on our Facebook page or at the office. Order forms and money are to be handed into the office by Wednesday 5th November.

HALLOWEEN DISCO - Friday the 31st October you and your children are invited to come to the Hall for a spooktacular night! Dress up in your favourite freaky costume and dance your socks off! Watch out for a note coming home this week.

COOL SCHOOL BUMPER STICKERS - Get your free bumper sticker at the office or at the OSHC. It's a great way to advertise our lovely school, can't wait to see them on the cars!

UNIFORM SECONDS - Please remember to place any uniforms that you no longer need into the P&C storage box in the office. All size donations are welcome but we are particularly looking for sizes 4-6 for children starting prep next year.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA - Please note that this event will now be held on Sunday 7 December from 4pm to 6pm, followed by our School Christmas Concert at 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Please remember to return your completed volunteer flyer to the office by Friday 24 October so we can finalise the roster. **WE REALLY NEED AND APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE.** If you have any questions please contact Genevieve Nitins at gnitins@hotmail.com or via the Coolnwynpin Community Facebook page.

30TH ANNIVERSARY RECIPE BOOKS - Also, remember to send in your recipes along with 10 words or less about what you like about Coolnwynpin State School to thecoolcookbook@gmail.com

From the Parents and Citizens Association (Cont.)

COMING EVENTS

24th October - Christmas Extravaganza Volunteer Forms Due
31st October - Halloween Disco
5th November - Graduations Bears/Balls Order Form Due
Vanessa Lewis P & C Secretary

From The Student Council

Each year, our Student Council holds a number of free dress days to help support a range of charities. For several years now, we have been supporting the Cancer Council as this is a charity close to our heart. For the past three years, we have had a member on our Student Council that 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 students raised over \$300 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 Coolnwynpin State School. They have yet again 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, glossy black cockatoos, gliders and even 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 need to be mindful that swooping is their way of keeping their young safe. Almost all swoops 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 26th October 2.00pm Capalaba Cinemas



Tinkerbell and the Pirate Fairy

Sensory Movie Day was created for families with special needs. This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience. Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists. Please note that caregivers are responsible for their own children at all times. Children 2 years and under are free, companion cards are accepted.

Sensory screening food specials:

\$5 midi popcorn & drink combo

\$3 coffee

Contact 07 3213 7100 or connections@fsg.org.au for more information

Hockey Queensland Holiday Coaching Camp 15-17th December 2014

This coaching camp is 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: 15, 16 and 17 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: \$ 295 (includes all meals and accommodation + HQ draw-string bag, 2 camp shirts, hat and water bottle)

Register online at www.hockeyqld.com.au **QUESTIONS?**

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