



Thursday 26 January 2017

Welcome Back 2017

We would like to welcome back all our students and their families for 2017. We have had a great start to the year with all systems working from day one. We would especially like to thank our staff for their wonderful work in preparing the school last week. A big thank you to our parent body for the manner in which our students were prepared and presented for school on Monday. We look forward to a fabulous year. *(Pat Cavanagh)*



Prep S starting their day of learning!

Centenary

As the Term progresses the children will be involved in some activities relating to the Centenary. As we wish to put a photo of the whole school in the centenary book, we will be doing a photo shoot next Thursday 2 February at 9am. Parents are welcome to join in the photo. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform if possible. A plane will fly over at 9am to take the photo. *(Pat Cavanagh)*

Centenary – 2nd and 3rd generations

We would like to take a photo for the Centenary Book of any 2nd and 3rd generation families we have. If you fit this category could you please bring along your family members so we can take a photo at approx. 8.30am on Friday 3 February. The photo will be taken outside the Hall. *(Pat Cavanagh)*

Temporary Classes

Under Education Queensland policy, all classes in all schools in Queensland are considered **temporary** until the end of Week 3. If we need to change any classes over the next two weeks we will contact parents of the particular year level/levels directly. *(Pat Cavanagh)*

Home Reading Volunteers needed... Can you help?

Our Home Reading program for our junior school will be commencing in the coming weeks. We are seeking volunteers to support our classroom teachers in undertaking this very important program. If you are able to help out in your child's class please chat to their teacher. The home reading process takes about 30 minutes each morning and supports our children in developing this vital life skill. We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms. *(Karen Hatchman)*

Get to know your teachers

Our Parent Information sessions for 2017 will take place in Week 3. These meetings are one of the ways that we use as a school to keep you informed of great opportunities that the New Year will bring. During these meetings your child's teacher will highlight the scope of the curriculum, the class timetable, communicating with them, special events planned for the school year as well as a wide range of other topics significant to your child's participation in their classroom. If you are not able to attend, please contact your child's teacher so that they are able to forward a summary of topics covered to you. Dates and times for these meetings are as follows:

(Karen Hatchman)

Parent Information sessions

All sessions are held in your child's classroom and commence at 2.50pm

	Monday 6 Feb	Tuesday 7 Feb	Wednesday 8 Feb
Prep	Prep H & Prep G	Prep S, Prep C & Prep M	Prep R
Year 1	1H & 1B	1C & 1F	1W
Year 2		2C, 2Z, 2R, 2M, 2T, 2G	
Year 3	3P, 3K, 3C, 3J, 3B, 3S, 3Q		
Year 4	4P, 4B, 4M, 4KJ, 4W, 4R		
Year 5	5H	5C, 5J, 5T, 5K, 5M	
Year 6		6N, 6P, 6G, 6R, 6M, 6W	

Daily Absence Notification

The School notifies parents on a daily basis of their child/children's absence. This is a text message sent to the primary carer's mobile number listed with the school at enrolment.

Notification is **only** sent where the school has **not already received notification of the absence**. Your response to the above text is required, a phone call to the office or by using the absence link or emailing as described below:

Notification of absence can be made by accessing the "**Register Absences**" link on the School Web Page. *(This is the preferred method)* Alternatively by ringing the office on **5471 9300** or emailing - **info@coolumss.eq.edu.au**

(Chris Chant)

Message from Queensland Health regarding Bats

With the current excessive heat conditions, Queensland Health has advised that there is likely to be an increased risk of exposure to Australian bat lyssavirus (ABLV). This is because heat-stressed bats will drop their young as a survival strategy and when the bats are on the ground, it is possible that children may handle them and be bitten or scratched.

ABLV can cause serious illness and there have been deaths as a result of ABLV infection, so a timely reminder to staff and students is warranted.

As a parent can you please:

- remind your children not to touch bats
- refer to the *Living with Bats* [website](#) at for balanced messages to students
- refer to the *Protecting Kids from Australian bat lyssavirus* [website](#) and the updated poster at for further information and to provide messages to the school community.

Drop off Zones

A reminder that the Drop Off Zones are for drop off only. Please **do not** leave your car. If you need to enter the grounds you need to park somewhere away from the Zones. The police are often active in these areas so please take note of yellow lines and no parking signs. *(Chris Chant)*

Coolum Allstarz Cheer Squad 2017

Auditions for the school cheerleading team will be held next week in the Hall:

- * MONDAY (30th Jan.): All interested will learn the audition piece
- * TUESDAY (31st Jan.): Year 4 audition
- * WEDNESDAY (1st Feb.): Year 5 audition
- * THURSDAY (2nd Feb.): Year 6 audition
- * FRIDAY (3rd Feb.): Round 2 audition
- * MONDAY (6th Feb.): Round 3 audition (if required)
- * TUESDAY (7th Feb.): 2017 team announced

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

(Sam Bollard - Coolum AllStarz coach)

Sport

Swimming Trials

District swimming trials will be held for eligible 10, 11 and 12 year olds on Friday 3 February, 12.45pm at the Coolum Pool. Information was provided to interested students earlier this week. All events will be time trials. Some parents may be asked to assist with timing. These will then be compared to qualifying times set by the district! We will trial all 50m events only. All 100m and 200m event times are to be submitted to Mr Moody. These need to be certified by a qualified coach or swimming club board member. Please contact Mr Moody (PE Teacher) for more information.

A reminder for all students participating in PE lessons; please have your **hat and water bottle** with you. We are having our lessons in the Hall at the moment and for the next month, due to the hot weather. *(Ben Moody)*

Year 2 & Year 4 Swimming

Year 2 and Year 4 will participate in a swimming program starting in Week 3 of this term. More information will be sent home soon. *(Ross Naumann)*

School Camps 2017

This is an early notice for camps for 2017 to assist parents and carers with planning. Camp dates and approximate costs are:

- Year 4's to QCCC Mapleton from Monday 13 to Wednesday 15 March 2017. Approximate cost \$250
- Year 5's to Currimundi Active Recreation Camp from Monday 6 to Wednesday 8 March 2017. Approximate cost \$200
- Year 6's to Tallebudgera Beach School from Monday 20 to Friday 24 March 2017. Approximate cost \$365

For further information about camps contact Ross Naumann at the school office.

(Ross Naumann)

Parent Reminders regarding Workplace Health and Safety

Playgrounds are not supervised by our staff after school and for safety reasons, all playgrounds are out of bounds after school. If you are picking children up from the drop-off zones, please ensure that your children use the gates provided. We ask that you model this to children as well.

(Chris Chant)

Sign In at Office

If you are staying in a classroom beyond 8.30am in the morning, we ask that you go to the office and sign in. In the event of an emergency we are then able to account for you. We ask also that you sign out at the office when you leave. *(Chris Chant)*

Student Information Update

If you or your child's details have changed, please contact the school office for an update form to be completed. This could include change of address, phone numbers, medical condition, emergency contacts and custody details. Please notify the school office as soon as possible of any changes. *(Chris Chant)*

Casual Teacher Aide Positions 2017

Coolum State School is seeking to establish a pool of Teacher Aides. Casual positions are available for General Aides from time to time. We are also seeking to establish a pool of T/Aides who are interested in working as Intervention Aides to support the development of Literacy and Numeracy across to school. Please contact the office for applications. Applications close on 3 February. *(Karen Hatchman)*

Casual Position Vacant – School Crossing Supervisor

A position exists for a Casual School Crossing Supervisor at Coolum State School and at other schools in the area.

The Casual School Crossing Supervisor **may** be required to work five days per week in all *weather conditions*. The hours of work for Casual School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.5 hours a day and usually comprise of one hour in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Applicants are required to advise in writing of any charges that have been laid against them or any offence of which they have been convicted of.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

If you are successful in your application for this position, you can only commence employment with Transport and Main Roads if you hold a current Blue Card or are renewing your Blue Card and have submitted either a Blue Card Application form or Authorisation to Confirm Current Blue Card form to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Address application to:

Private and Confidential
 The Principal
 Coolum State School
 School Road
 Coolum Beach QLD 4573

Applications close at 3.00pm on 15 February 2016.

For further information please phone the Road Safety Officer on 07 54521827

Calendar

2017 Wk 1	23 January First Day of Term 1 2017	24 January	25 January	26 January Australia Day Public Holiday	27 January
Wk 2	30 January	31 January	1 February	2 February 100-Whole school photo	3 February Swimming Trials
Wk 3	6 February Parent information sessions	7 February Year 4 Swimming Parent information sessions	8 February Year 2 Swimming Parent information sessions	9 February	10 February
Wk 4	13 February	14 February Year 4 Swimming District swimming carnival	15 February Year 2 Swimming	16 February	17 February Student Leader Induction
Wk 5	20 February	21 February Year 4 Swimming	22 February Year 2 Swimming Yr 3 Rocky Shore excursion	23 February Yr 3 Rocky Shore excursion	24 February Yr 3 Rocky Shore emxcursion
Wk 6	27 February	28 February Year 4 Swimming	1 March Year 2 Swimming	2 March	3 March

Community Notices

Coolum Surf School - Term 1 Weet-Bix surf grom program; Learn to surf programs start week 2 and run for six weeks. We supply all equipment so she will just need swimmers and towel. We can accept the "Get Started" government grant \$150 vouchers. Level 1 & 2 are available on Monday 330- 5pm or Friday's 330 to 5pm or Saturday 930-11am or Sunday 930-11am. Level 3-5 sessions are available on either Saturday or Sunday from 8am - 930.Go to; http://www.surfgroms.com/surf_schools/coolum-surfing-school or call us on 0438 731 503

School Year 2017

Term 1 – Monday 23 January to Friday 31 March

Holidays – Saturday 1 April to Monday 17 April

Term 2 – Tuesday 18 April to Friday 23 June

Holidays – Saturday 24 June to Sunday 9 July

Term 3 – Monday 10 July to Friday 15 September

Holidays – Sunday 16 September to Monday 2 October

Term 4 – Tuesday 3 October to Friday 8 December

Remember to update your details by email or with the Office if you have –

- a new phone
- moved house
- started a new job
- changed your contact details

School Contact Details

Address	PO Box 374 School Road, Coolum Beach. 4573
Phone	5471 9300
Fax	5471 9307
Website	www.coolumss.eq.edu.au
Email	info@coolumss.eq.edu.au
Parades	Senior – 8.40am Junior – 9.20am
Tuckshop	Wednesday to Friday

QSchools App & Facebook

Download the QSchools app (it's free) for instant access to the school website or follow us on Facebook.

Uniform Shop Hours (From 23 January)

The Uniform Shop is located at the P&C Room and opens every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 2.00pm – 3.15pm.
Monday and Friday 8.00am – 9.00am.

P&C Association

Meetings are the last Wednesday of each month. OSHC building at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Outside School Hours Care

6.00am to 8.30am and after school from 2.40pm to 10.00pm.