

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

An enjoyable, smooth start has been evident as we have welcomed the new school year. Our school numbers have remained steady with 250 Year 8 students joining Coombabah SHS to take our current enrolment to 1262. It was pleasing to see Year 11 and 12 students who did not return after the holidays had successfully transitioned into full time work or apprenticeships. This is a tick for us in the 'preparation for work' box, an area strongly led by our student support team.

We have continued our change for success initiatives. Here is a sample of what is new in 2009.

- **Leadership form classes** are in all year levels with specifically chosen staff and a leadership-training program.
- **The Year 8 program** has been redesigned to include year-long SOSE and specialist subjects in LOTE, Drama/Dance and Visual Arts.
- **The Rugby League program** reduced its Year 8 intake to one class, taking quality over quantity. Our new partnership with the Canberra Raiders will provide all students in this program with excellent opportunities.
- **Learning Support** has been repackaged with extra staff on lower ability classes and a team of teachers focused on attaining improved outcomes.
- **Mathletics** is on the way. Each student in the school will have access to this fabulous on-line resource. It will form part of the class lessons and used to set extra homework.
- **OP success** for our eligible Year 12 students will be supported by an improved program run by our Heads of Department. Even the students on the senior leadership camp did not miss out with Mr Hughes running session 1 on camp!
- **Literacy and Numeracy** is the concern of all staff, students and parents. A whole community approach is being rolled out. One part is the introduction of a literacy support class in Year 8 Science, another is the reconfiguration of the library to create a student reading lounge.

I spoke to the staff on Day 1 about 2008 being a foundation year, where many new staff, including myself, were assessing and planning. 2009 is a year of action starting now. There is a buzz of excitement as facilities are upgraded, curriculum changed and technology integrated.

### Uniform

Part of our Triennial School Review highlighted the issue of students needing to change from day uniform to sport uniform for Physical Education practical classes. Students now have the option of changing or wearing their sports uniform for the entire day. As always students may wear sports uniform all day on Tuesday (Sport day) regardless of whether we have practical activities running that day.

### Mr Bevan

Many of you have noticed the absence of our tall, Welsh, Deputy Principal. Mr Bevan is on loan to Robina SHS for this semester. He was keen to take the time to look at how other schools operate after being at Coombabah for a major part of his career.

### Parent Nights

In my information letter I sent home with reports, I introduced the concept of a parent night early in this term. The dates for these evenings are listed in the 'What's On' calendar in this newsletter.

### Contact

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions regarding your child's schooling. Students are encouraged to talk to their teacher in the first instance of a problem, then the Head of Department and finally the Deputy Principal.

The Deputy Principals overseeing the students are Mr Peter Hughes (Year 8 and 12), Mrs Katrina Bayldon (Year 9 and 10) and Mrs Cath Robertson (Year 11). If a successful outcome is not reached, then the student and parents are encouraged to contact the Administration office to arrange an appointment to meet with myself.

## Thought For The Week

**No-one can make you feel inferior  
without your consent.**

Regards,



Chris Kern,  
Principal.

### SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now due and can be paid at the cashier window from 8.00am to 1.30pm daily. If you require information on outstanding fees, please contact the school Finance Officer for details.

Arrangements can also be made for a Payment Plan or Centrelink Debit.

We would like to thank those parents who have already paid.

Mr. J. Kenny,  
Registrar.

<u>WHAT'S ON</u>		
Wednesday	18/02/09	District Swimming – Somerset Pool
Monday	23/02/09	School Photos
Tuesday	24/02/09	Honours Parade Yr 8 & 9 Compulsory Parent Evening 6.00-7.00pm Student Centre
Thursday	26/02/09	Yr 11 Multistrand Science Excursion Police Museum Brisbane
Friday	27/02/09	School Photos – Catch-up
Monday	02/03/09	Regional Swimming TSS Pool 5.00-9.00pm
Tuesday	03/03/09	Yr 10, 11 & 12 Compulsory Parent Evening Yr 9 Debating Round 1 6.00pm
Tuesday	10/03/09	Interschool Sport Trial Day

### P & C NEWS

Welcome to all students and their families attending Coombabah State High School for 2009.

#### Points of interest from Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009:

- New arrangements for Bike Compound.
- Information re Mathletics & Mighty Minds.
- Parent Evenings.
- P & C contributions.
- Computers in Schools Program.



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please feel free to come along to our next meeting, which will be our A.G.M., on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2009 in the Administration Common Room at 6.30pm.

Normally our meeting begins at 7.00pm but as this meeting will be our Annual General Meeting we will be starting early with a General Meeting followed by the A.G.M.

For any questions regarding P & C activities please call either myself or Jane Wilson (Secretary), Monday – Friday, on 5552 3888, 8.30am - 3.30pm

Cheers,

Patricia Campbell,  
P & C President.



**INAGAKUEN SISTER SCHOOL**

***Host families desperately wanted.***



Host families are needed for a group from our sister school in Japan, Inagakuen. They are due to arrive on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February and leave on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

At this stage we are still looking for hosts for at least 5 male students. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Wilson in C Block or phone 55523820 for more information.

Mrs Wilson,  
Administration.

**STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE**

As we commence a new school year, it is timely to remind students and parents of the large support team that exists at this school. The team is as follows:

- Guidance Counsellors: Glenda Musgrave; Kevin Glasheen*
- Industry Liaison Officer: Louise Peters*
- Youth Pathways Officer: Simon Reddrop*
- School Based Youth Health Nurse: Anne Read*
- Youth Support Co-ordinator: Bernard Dalton*

We have endeavoured to provide many resources on the revamped school website and we encourage you to take a moment to visit the **Student Services** section at <http://coombabashes.eq.edu.au> Parents can contact members of the support team on 55523824.

Students are also able to contact the Guidance Counsellors online if they prefer to not make face-to-face appointments. Otherwise, appointments can be made in the Student Support Hub which is located in the Information Technology Building (Library).

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**From the School Nurse.**

Welcome to 2009. My name is Anne Read and I am the School Youth Health Nurse here at Coombabah.

If you have any health issues you would like to discuss such as: healthy skin, relationships, smoking, puberty, a healthy lifestyle, basically - anything at all that affects your health and wellbeing, I am available Monday, Tuesday and every second Wednesday.

Appointments can be made at the student support centre or you can drop in and see me during your breaks. Have a great week.

Anne Read,  
School Based Youth Health Nurse.

**Industry Liaison**

Welcome to 2009. For families new to the school, my role as Industry Liaison Officer is to assist senior students in sourcing relevant work experience and promote and facilitate school-based traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities.

**Head Start to Careers through School-Based Training**

Parents are often surprised at how successful School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SATs) are at helping students to develop greater maturity and insight into the real world.

SATs allow students to work for an employer and train towards a recognised qualification while they are still at school. They are a great way for young people to explore their career options and develop skills and confidence in their areas of interest.

Students across the state are realising the benefits of SATs, with the latest research showing that Queensland leads the nation with over 40 percent of Australia's SAT commencements.

Louise Peters,  
Industry Liaison Officer.  
Ph: 55523815  
[lpete69@eq.edu.au](mailto:lpete69@eq.edu.au)



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER.**



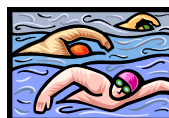
Have you moved house or changed jobs over the holidays?  
Do you have a new phone number as a result?  
Are you new to the school or need to update your details?

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above questions we would appreciate either a phone call or a note dropped into the office with your current details.

It is really important that we have up-to-date information in case of emergency situations, sick children or the staff need to contact you.

Mrs. Campbell & Mrs. Peyroux,  
Administration.

**PERFORMANCE DEPARTMENT**



**Coombah Swimming Carnival**

A fantastic display of colour and student participation was the best way to describe this very well organised day, which was held last Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. Luckily for us the sun was shining and all participants and staff were in good spirits.

Thanks must go to Ms Holmes, Mr Dowker and Miss Gorely who did a great job with the organisation of the day and the events. The school staff followed their lead with an equally fine effort, providing the students with a fabulous range of opportunities to compete, have fun and attain representative positions in the school team for Broadwater carnival this week.

Congratulations to all students who swam for their houses and were led admirably by the senior sport leaders and house co-ordinators.

My heartfelt thanks go out to all staff and students who helped make it a memorable and most enjoyable day for all.

**INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS 2009**

**Winning House:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Namatjira			
2 <sup>nd</sup>		McCubbin		
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Streeton	
		4 <sup>th</sup>		Drysdale

***Winners of the Skins events were Tara Engel & Jayden Turner***

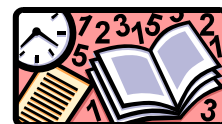
**AGE CHAMPIONS**

	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>
13yrs	Mitchell Prime	Faith Munro
14yrs	Joshua Shaw	Maddi Davies
15yrs	Jayden Turner	Serena Engel
16yrs	Zac Davies	Madison Munro
		Brooke Keogh
		Amelia Hayes
17yrs	James LaChapelle	Tara Engel

Mr A Pearce,  
Director of Sport.

**MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT**

Welcome to 2009!! I would like to welcome all students to their courses for this year. I would also like to welcome Mr Timmis to the Mathematics department as well as the return of Mr Brimelow from Tamborine Mountain State High School.



A big thanks also to Mr Purcell for his excellent work as Acting HOD in Semester 2, 2008. Mr Purcell's efforts were much appreciated by all the Mathematics Department!!

Students are encouraged to ask their teachers for help before any difficulties seem insurmountable. Maths tutoring is happening on Tuesday Period 1 (7:50 to 9:00am) in C02 with Mrs Ozturkman and Mr Stothart. All students are welcome to attend – bring along your Maths books and get some help!!

If you are having difficulties remember the words of Einstein;

*“ Do not worry about your difficulties in mathematics,  
for I assure you mine are far greater!!”*

As far as basic equipment is concerned, **all students require scientific calculators**. Just as a carpenter needs a hammer and a painter a paintbrush to get the job done so it is for a budding mathematician and his or her calculator. Without the correct tools it makes it very difficult for some tasks to be completed. Please ensure your child brings their calculator, a ruler and writing equipment to every lesson so that we can all have a great year.

Mathematics B students require a graphics calculator and teachers of Year 11 & 12 Maths B will talk to their classes about this.

Year 8 and 9 students who are involved in recreational sport, rather than the school cluster group sport program, will be involved in a numeracy program (running concurrently with literacy) on the Tuesday afternoons that have Cluster Sport. A graded program will help reinforce and support numeracy skills.

This year the school is making a significant purchase to help all mathematics students. The program is called **'Mathletics'** and it is a web-based interactive learning support tool (tutoring program) available to all students both on and off site via Web access.

Particularly in Years 8 to 10, Mathletics will be factored into students' work programs and homework. Teachers will have the ability to set, check and restrict the student to targeted areas in mathematics. It will take approximately 2 weeks to have it structured and running. By about week 4 or 5 of this term expect your child to be using Mathletics.

Students will have a student login and password which will allow access to parts of the site. There are interactive practice aspects, testing and the ability to strengthen areas of weakness, by repetition of key skills.

If you wish to find out about Mathletics check out [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

All the best for a productive, successful and busy year.

**Mr M Stothart,**  
Acting Head of Department – Mathematics.

### ARTS NEWS

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing summer holiday (we know we did!). The Arts staff would also like to extend a warm welcome to any new students enrolled within the Arts department including, the Year 8 students currently taking specialised Arts subjects for the very first time. 2009 looks to be a very exciting year with lots of opportunities for Arts students.



As is the case every year, we do have a few changes to staffing for 2009.

At the end of last year we farewelled one of our Drama teachers - Leanne Taverner and two of our Instrumental Music specialists – Mrs Sale and Ms Body. We thank them greatly for their contributions to Coombabah over the last few years. In 2009 we welcome back Mr Hart in the Instrumental Music program and Mrs Pritchard in Visual Arts. We also welcome and introduce Ms Morton, who will be teaching within both the Visual Art and Drama departments.

Staff within the Arts for first semester include:

<b>Mrs Woolnough</b>	HOD of Arts, Drama teacher
<b>Miss Morton</b>	Drama and Art

<b>Mrs DeRoos</b>	Drama
<b>Ms Holmes</b>	Dance
<b>Mrs Lindon</b>	FTV and PIM
<b>Mrs Wooldridge</b>	Art (Subject Co-ordinator)
<b>Mrs Harrison</b>	Art
<b>Mr Govender</b>	Art
<b>Mrs Pritchard</b>	Art
<b>Mrs Eastwood</b>	Art
<b>Mr Turpin</b>	Music (Subject Co-ordinator)
<b>Mr Stubbs</b>	Instrumental Music teacher
<b>Mr Stylianou</b>	Instrumental Music teacher
<b>Mr Hart</b>	Instrumental Music teacher

Please do not hesitate to contact the Arts' teachers when you have an issue or concern about your child in their class.

2009 is an exciting year with lots of opportunities for extra curricular activities for Arts students. Students are able to get involved in such activities as:-

- Gold Coast Drama festival
- Theatre sports competitions
- Various Dance eisteddfods
- Various Music eisteddfods
- Showcase nights for subject areas
- Yr 12 Drama performance night
- Art Synergy exhibition

2009 also marks the introduction of the **Year 8 Performing Arts class**. This class will study Performing Arts for a whole year, with a Semester study of Drama and a Semester study of Dance. There are currently two of these classes in operation for 2009. Students in this class will have the unique and exciting opportunity to perform at the Gold Coast Drama Festival and/or the Secondary school Dance'd in the Spotlight festival. We wish these Year 8 students the best of luck in this new exciting class!

The Old Arts Council is visiting Coombabah State High School to present the live theatre performance of *'The Forwards'*. They will be at the school on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February and all Drama students are requested to attend the live performance to complete an analysis of the play as a piece of assessment. Letters will shortly be distributed to students and parents.

With the state government's focus this year being the **"Year of Creativity"**, there hasn't been a better year to be enrolled in an Arts' subject.

Arts' subjects provide students with a unique way to communicate and connect with their world using critical and creative thinking. Throughout 2009, we, the Arts staff, are dedicated to engaging our students in many creative and authentic learning experiences resulting in positive and successful outcomes. I wish all Arts students the very best for 2009 and look forward to the exciting year ahead of us.

*“Creativity is allowing yourself to  
make mistakes.  
Art is knowing which ones to keep”*

*S. Adams*

**Mrs M Woolnough,**  
Head of Department - Arts.

### ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENT

A warm welcome to the new teaching staff in the Enterprise Department. In Business, we welcome Mrs Trail and Miss Tonkies, while in Home Economics we welcome Ms Budd.

The school year has begun at a rapid pace and students in both departments appear to have settled well into their classes. A reminder to parents to check

your students' organiser each night for homework or correspondence from teachers or staff.

### Home Economics

A reminder to parents and guardians that levy payments are due by the end of the month at the latest. Students begin cooking this week and will be allowed to cook until the end of February BUT if payment has not been made students will need to bring ingredients from home or complete theory work.

### Levy costs are as follows:

Year 8 Home Economics	\$ 70
Year 9 & 10 Food Studies	\$140
OR 1 Semester class	\$ 70
Year 11/12 Hospitality	\$140
Year 11 Cert III Children's Services	\$550

If you require additional information regarding these fees, please feel free to call me on 555 23 835.

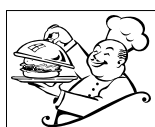
### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

(serves 4)

# CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA

#### Ingredients:

4 skinless chicken breast fillets  
150ml natural yogurt  
1 garlic clove, peeled and crushed  
2.5cm piece fresh root ginger, peeled and grated  
1 tsp chilli powder  
1 tbsp ground coriander  
2 tbsp lime juice  
Twist of lime to garnish  
Freshly cooked rice, to serve



#### Masala Sauce:

15g unsalted butter  
2 tbsp sunflower oil  
1 onion, peeled and chopped  
1 green chilli, deseeded and finely chopped  
1 tsp garam masala  
150ml double cream  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
3 tbsp fresh coriander leaves, roughly torn

#### Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6, 15 minutes before cooking. Cut each chicken breast across into three pieces, then make two or three shallow cuts in each piece. Put in a shallow dish. Mix together the yogurt, garlic, ginger, chilli powder, ground coriander and lime juice. Pour over the chicken, cover and marinate in the refrigerator for up to 24 hours.
2. Remove the chicken from the marinade and arrange on an oiled baking tray. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes, or until golden brown and cooked.
3. While the chicken is cooking, heat the butter and oil in a wok and stir-fry the onion for 5 minutes, or until tender. Add the chilli and garam masala and stir-fry for a few more seconds. Stir in the cream and remaining marinade. Simmer over a low heat for 1 minute, stirring all the time.
4. Add the chicken pieces and cook for a further 1 minute, stirring to coat in the sauce. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer the chicken pieces to a warmed serving plate. Stir the chopped coriander into the sauce, then spoon over the chicken, garnish and serve immediately with freshly cooked rice.

Liz Bailey,  
Head of Department – Enterprise.

## SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2009



**MINIBALL TO UNDER 10 COMPS  
AVAILABLE.  
GIRLS & BOYS. BEGINNERS WELCOME  
FRIDAYS (U14 – U18)  
SATURDAYS (MINIBALL – U12)  
RUNAWAY BAY INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE  
(SPORTS DVE)  
FOR MORE INFO – PHONE GREG FOX ON  
0409 769883.**

## AUSTRALIAN ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS WEEK

16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009

**Did you know:** In 2008 we had 259 Organ Donors in Australia who were able to help 846 Transplant Recipients. 48 of those Organ Donors were from Queensland.

**Did you know:** One of the biggest reasons why people do not donate is because they never discussed this subject with their family before they died.

Please think about it, talk about it, and tell your family how you feel!

For an Australian Organ Donor Register form go to any Medicare branch or call 18700 777 203. for more information on donation contact Queenslanders Donate on (07) 3240 2350.



## JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL

**When:** Tuesday afternoons from 4.00pm

**Where:** Parklands Indoor Sports

Cnr Smith St and Parklands Dr

**Who:** Boys and Girls (All Ages and Abilities)

Phone 5531 3022 for more information  
today!!

Teams and Individuals Welcome