



# Coombabah State High School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



On Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May I will be attending a 3-day conference on "E-Learning for Principals". This will be a great opportunity to gather information to enable us to make use of the fantastic IT resources that will be available to our school in the future.

Chris Kern,  
Principal.

*Thought For the Fortnight*  
*Until you try, you don't know what you can't do.*

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



### 2009 Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) Excellence in Teaching Awards

The Queensland College of Teachers is looking to recognise and celebrate teachers whose excellence in teaching inspires their school communities. We invite members of our school community to nominate teachers for the 2009 QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards. There are two categories available: Excellence in Teaching or Excellence In Beginning to Teach.

Teachers, heads of department, heads of curriculum, heads of special education services, deputy principals and principals are eligible for nomination. Award winners will be announced at a ceremony during the week of celebrations for World Teacher Day, Friday 30 October 2009. Nominations can be made online at [www.qct.edu.au/excellence-awards](http://www.qct.edu.au/excellence-awards). Alternatively, students can see Mrs Robertson to collect a nomination form.

Cath Robertson,  
Deputy Principal.

## FROM THE P & C

Please feel free to come along to our next meeting on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 in the Administration Common Room at our new starting time of 4.00pm.

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.



## ADMINISTRATION



### CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER.

Have you moved house or changed jobs recently?  
Do you have a new phone number as a result?  
Are you new to the area and 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.

*With school reports being processed towards the end of June it is doubly important that we have correct address details.*



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## ADMINISTRATION

### ABSENCES – SMS MESSAGING NOW AVAILABLE

We are now able to offer parents/carers the option of sending an SMS message to advise us of student absences.

- SMS Messages can be sent to 0447 100 303.
- Messages should be sent by 8.15 am on the day of the absence.
- In your message please include the date, student name, student number and reason for absence.

We are still in the trial phase of SMS Attendance Alerts. Thank you for your patience and positive feedback. Please continue to query the message if you believe there may be an error, or advise us if you believe your student should be at school.

If you have not received any SMS messages (and your student has had absences), please contact the office so that we can check your mobile phone details to ensure we have a correct number for you in our records.

The 24 hour absence hotline (5552 3880) is still available, but our preferred method of receiving your message is by SMS.

Your on-going assistance with notifying us of your child's absence is appreciated.

**Jim Kenny,**  
Business Services Manager.



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**Student Absence  
SMS**

**0447 100 303**

**by 8.15am daily**

**Include Student Name, ID No.  
and reason for absence.**

**E.g. Sam Jones 010095 sick today**

### WHAT'S ON

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|           |          |  |
|-----------|----------|--|
| Wednesday | 27/05/09 | Yr 10 History Exc. Brisbane  |
| Thursday  | 28/05/09 | Regional Cross Country<br>Yr 8 SOSE Exc. Mt Tamborine  |
| Friday    | 29/05/09 | Immunisations Yr 8 Girls, Yr 10 Girls & Boys – Stage 2<br>2009->2010 Scholarship applications due<br>Yr 10 Humanities Exc. Griffith Uni. |
| Monday    | 1/06/09  | Music Camp, Mt Tamborine   |
| Tuesday   | 2/06/09  | School sport Round 4<br>Music Camp, Mt Tamborine   |
| Wednesday | 3/06/09  | Music Camp   |
| Thursday  | 4/06/09  | Yr 7→ 8 2010 Parent Information Evening  |

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|-----------|----------|--|
| Monday    | 8/06/09  | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday  |
| Wednesday | 10/06/09 | Dance & Music Concert 7.00pm Student Centre                              |
| Thursday  | 11/06/09 | Yr 9 & 10 Dance Exc. QUT   |
| Monday    | 15/06/09 | Yr 12 Drama Exc. The Spit<br><i>P &amp; C Meeting 4.00pm Common Room</i> |
| Tuesday   | 16/06/09 | Applications due for 2010 Excellence Programs                            |
| Thursday  | 18/06/09 | Performing Arts Workshop 2010 students                                   |
| Friday    | 19/06/09 | Rugby League Trials 2010 students<br>ARC Testing 2010 students           |



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## STUDENT SUPPORT HUB

### Student Support Team:

*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*

*Cultural Education Counsellor: Hugh Roberts ( 5552 3824 )  
(Pan Pacific Island students)*

### University Life.

A number of Year 12 students have visited Queensland University of Technology to find out what university life can be like. It is important that students who intend to go to university next year find out all they can about the differences between the various institutions so they can make an informed decision about their tertiary studies.

Kevin Glasheen,  
Guidance Counsellor.  
Phone: 5552 3818 or Email: [kglas2@eq.edu.au](mailto:kglas2@eq.edu.au)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Countries of Origin Survey

Our 'Countries of Origin' survey has finally been updated for 2009 and is now on display for students and staff in the L-Block corridor. It covers the 84 birth countries represented by all our students and staff and those of their parents. The 653 Australians listed make up 46.9% of the school's population, which includes 51 Indigenous students. A big influx of 297 students and staff from New Zealand now accounts for 21.3% of the school's population. The third biggest group at 12.7% is the 177 from England.



Interestingly, we now have 130 students with a New Zealand Maori heritage and 71 students from 11 different Pacific Island nations, which will keep Mr Roberts, our newly appointed Pan Pacific Liaison staff member busy.

Other groups, which have large representations, are Scotland, Philippines, Italy, Germany, South Africa and the USA. So, with students with backgrounds ranging from Albania to Zimbabwe, and Argentina to Zambia, it has been a fascinating survey to see how we are all part of a very multicultural school.

Colin Orevich.

## FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

### ARTS



#### Can you help us?

Art department are desperately seeking some old ice cream containers (with or without lids), magazines and old towels. Please drop off at the Administration office or the Art Block.

#### Looking for old costumes!

Have you just cleaned out your wardrobe and wish to donate some props / interesting items of clothing to the Drama department? We'd really appreciate some donations ready for some upcoming shows! Please contact Mrs Woolnough in P Block staffroom if you can help us out.

#### Junior Dance Eisteddfod 2009

The year is underway for the Junior Dance Eisteddfod Troupe, with rehearsals heating up for the Hip Hop performance of "You and Me", a dance about the differences between boys and girls. All the students have been working very hard and practicing every break they have. We have a strong group of 28 students this year involved in the Hip Hop group and they will perform well together for their Eisteddfod competitions.

A Contemporary Eisteddfod group has just started this term with a piece based around the forbidden love of the smash seller "Twilight". This will be a challenging and powerful dance routine.



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## FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

### ARTS Cont.

Both groups will be performing at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod and Dance In The Spotlight in Term 3 and 4. The first performance coming up for our groups is the annual Dance and Music Concert night at school in the Student Centre on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. All parent, family and friends are invited to come along and support the groups at any of the performances.

*The cost of admission to the Dance and Music Concert is \$5.00, with \$1.00 from every ticket sold being donated to the Hannah Foundation which was setup to support families who have lost children through drowning.*

Good luck to all students involved in the Eisteddfod groups, keep up the hard work and remember – Yes, you can DANCE!!!

Ms Holmes,  
Dance Eisteddfod Co-ordinator.

**DANCE & MUSIC CONCERT**  
**WEDNESDAY 10th June 2009**  
**STARTS at 6.30pm**  
**COST - \$5 pay at finance office**

### ENTERPRISE

#### Playgroup

We now offer Playgroup to members of our school community. If you wish to attend playgroup, it will be held Wednesday, fortnightly, and a range of activities will be designed by our childcare students. It is open to any families of Coombabah State High School. For bookings or more details, please call me directly on 555 23 835.



#### RECIPE OF THE FORTNIGHT

(serves 4)

#### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil  
¼ cup lemon juice  
2 tablespoons Moroccan seasoning  
4 (800g) chicken breast fillets, trimmed,  
halved lengthways

#### Moroccan couscous

1 ½ cups couscous  
⅓ cup currants  
1 ½ tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
200g grape tomatoes, halved  
75g baby spinach

## MOROCCAN CHICKEN AND COUSCOUS



#### Method:

1. Combine oil, lemon juice and seasoning in a shallow, ceramic dish. Add chicken. Turn to coat.
2. Make Moroccan Couscous. Bring 1 ½ cups cold water to the boil in a saucepan over high heat. Remove pan from heat. Stir in couscous. Cover and stand for 5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Using a fork, stir to separate grains.
3. Place currants, vinegar and 1 tablespoon cold water in a heatproof microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on medium (50%) for 1-2 minutes or until heated through.
4. Add currant mixture, tomatoes and spinach to couscous. Season with salt and pepper. Toss to combine.
5. Heat a greased barbecue plate or char grill over medium-high heat. Cook chicken, brushing with oil mixture for 2 minutes each side or until cooked through. Season with salt and pepper. Serve chicken with couscous.

Liz Bailey,  
Head of Department – Enterprise.

### HPE & SPORT

#### Senior PE Griffith University Visit

On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Year 11 and 12 Physical Education students visited Griffith University to expand their knowledge and experience in the area of exercise science. Students were involved in a variety of laboratory tests involving heart rates, lung capacity and work output, while developing their knowledge of the science behind exercise and performance. This is the first time Coombabah Physical Education has used the Griffith University facility and from the success of the day, it will be a network and resource that will be used again in the near future. Special 'thanks' to Mr Glenn Harrison from Griffith University and our senior teachers, Ms Gorely and Mr Pearce, for coordinating the visit.



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## FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

### HPE & SPORT Cont.

#### Broadwater Cross Country

The Broadwater Cross Country was recently held at Runaway Bay. Coombabah SHS did exceptionally well, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall (out of 11 Broadwater schools). Coombabah had two individual winners on the day, with Jayden Berry and Brooke Keogh taking out the 16 Boys and Girls division in great style. 13 Coombabah students qualified for the upcoming South Coast Championships, which will be held on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June at Runaway Bay.

Well done to all students that represented Coombabah at the championships and we wish those of you who have made the Broadwater team, all the very best for the upcoming South Coast Cross Country Championships.

Ty Dowker,  
Acting Head of Department - Physical Education.

### HUMANITIES& LOTE

#### HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Coombabah is looking forward to welcoming their sister school from Japan, Inagakuen Senior High and Junior High. The Senior High students are due to arrive on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July and leave on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, (24 female students) 8 nights stay.

Junior High is scheduled to arrive Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August and leave on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, (10 male and 20 female students) 9 nights stay.



Please contact Jane Wilson 55523820 or [jwils100@eq.edu.au](mailto:jwils100@eq.edu.au) if you are interested in hosting one or both groups.

#### Australian Geography Competition Results 2009

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Australian Geography Competition for 2009.

#### JUNIOR SECTION

##### High Distinction

Rachel Kersley Danny Ponting

##### Distinction

Hannah Buckley Liam Cooper Kevin Lai Ziba Pezeshkzad

##### Credit

|                   |                |                    |                 |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Ashleigh Bartunek | Kurt Callaghan | Jamie Carrall      | Adam Cote       |
| Amber Corbett     | Kane Dabbous   | Daniel Gadecki     | Emi Gokovi      |
| Kimberley Green   | Abdul Hashimi  | Jason King         | Skye Tara Lewis |
| Allanah Moller    | Alix Rakatau   | Christian Skidmore | Colby Summers   |
| Emily Surman      | Bailey Welch   | Kate Wilson        |                 |

#### INTERMEDIATE

##### High Distinction

Evangi Epa Tom Moldoveanu Eamonn Strathie Allen Teh

##### Distinction

David Addati Adam Delosa Ryan Wharton Benjamin Whitehouse

##### Credit

|                |               |                 |                   |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Emily Bray     | Jason Estival | David Gadecki   | Jordan Gomez      |
| Matthew Harris | Aaron Kapel   | Mitchell McGinn | Joseph McPhillips |
| Hayden Munro   | Remy Navarro  | Eve O'Connell   |                   |

#### SENIOR

##### Distinction

Amber Walter

##### Credit

|                |                      |                  |              |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Rana Aldas     | Stephanie D'Agostino | James D'Agostino | Chris Knappe |
| Ema MacFarlane | Victoria Newland     |                  |              |

Cath Shearer,  
Head of Department – Humanities and LOTE.



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## YEAR 8

### Year 8 Social Skills Program

The topic of 'negotiation' is the issue that the Year 8 students are now discussing in their social skills program. Negotiation is a way of resolving conflict without getting angry. There are 3 steps to remember when negotiating.

These include:

1. Say what you want and check if it is reasonable
2. Listen to what the other person wants; and
3. Make a deal by giving a little and taking a little.

Kevin Glasheen,  
Guidance Counsellor.  
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## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

### *Junior Dance Eisteddfod Troupe 2009*



### *Senior PE Griffith University Visit*



### *Yr 10 Food Studies Assessment*

Yr 10 students, Nathan Wilson & Eamonn Strathie proudly display their Club Sandwiches which they made recently for a class assessment.





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## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

*Did you know...* the tuckshop & the uniform shop are run by the P & C and all profits go back into the school to benefit your child / children?

*Did you know...* that those same profits are used to support requests for sporting representatives to attend regional, state & national sporting events and that in the past two years your P & C paid out over \$8,500 in payments for those sporting reps?

*Did you know...* the P & C funds the purchase of blazers for the school captains each year and has purchased an additional stock of 29 blazers for use by school representatives.

*Did you know...* that when helping in the Tuckshop you don't have to handle money if you don't want to, only hand over food.

*Did you know...* that the P & C provides financial support for a range of school activities including Parent Teacher Interviews, International Secretaries Day and International Teachers Day.

*Did you know...* that the P & C provided \$10,000 in 2008 to provide additional IT (computer) support for the school.

*Did you know...* when you help out in the tuckshop you even get lunch & morning tea provided!!!!!!

So how about coming to a meeting or dropping in to the tuckshop and getting to know the girls, having a laugh and helping out at the same time.

Contact Tricia Campbell or Jane Wilson for meeting details 5552 3888 (Mon. – Fri.) or Caralyn in the Tuckshop on 5552 3850 (Mon. – Fri.).

See you there!!

| COMMUNITY NOTICES   | COMMUNITY NOTICES   |
|---|---|
|   <p><b>Fusion Basketball – fun for all!</b><br/>Come and play in a fun, social basketball program on Tuesdays from 4-6pm at the Labrador Primary School Community Hall, Imperial Pde, Labrador – <i>Ages vary from primary to high school age.</i><br/>Only \$5 a night! Win lots of yummy prizes and have lots of fun! No experience necessary. For more information please phone Fusion Gold Coast on 0406 990 121 or <a href="mailto:goldcoast@fusion.org.au">goldcoast@fusion.org.au</a>.</p> | <p><b>RUNAWAY BAY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION</b></p>  <p><b>FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITION<br/>SAME VENUE EACH WEEK</b></p> <p><b>U13, U15, U17 &amp; U19 AGE GROUPS<br/>RUNAWAY BAY INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE,<br/>SPORTS DVE</b></p> <p><b>FOR MORE INFO – PHONE GREG ON 0409 769883</b></p> |
|  <p>Do you like spending time with elderly people?<br/>Do you have a few hours to spare each week?<br/>Blue Care is currently looking for volunteers to assist in their Day Respite Centres and Friendly Visiting Program.</p> <p><b>Please contact:</b><br/>Janice Jackson, Volunteer Coordinator, Blue Care South Coast Community Centre,<br/>(Coomera, Southport, Labrador)<br/>Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.<br/>Ph 0439 789 723</p>   | <p><b>PHOENIX NETBALL CLUB</b></p>  <p>We desperately need Under 13yrs players for club competition.</p>  <p>Please Phone for more information: 0401387432</p>                             |