From The P&C President...

Our next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 19th July at 3.15pm, in the school staffroom. All Welcome.

AIP: Annual Implementation Plan

Our sharp and narrow focus for school improvement in 2016 is “Literate Learners”. This week we worked together as a Staff to review our progress year to date. From this process we have allocated some priorities for Term 3 which is to:

- Update our English frameworks (Spelling, Reading, Writing, Grammar & Punctuation)
- Design the implementation of the morning reading program and
- Continue to make staff capability and professional development a priority.

It is great to be part of such an incredibly hard working team who make working at Comet SS so rewarding! Thanks Team 😊

Happy Birthday Cooper and Jackson, we hope you had a very special day 😊

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Terry’s Roster

Monday morning 7.30-11.30am
Tuesday morning 7.30-11.30am
Thursday 7.30am-2.30pm
Please make payments during these times.

Thank you.

NOTES & QUOTES

- The Comet Playgroup is held every Wednesday at Comet SS from 9am. All families welcome.
- The School Mobile Number is: 0477 371 234 for those needed to contact the school outside of school hours
- As the weather is starting to cool down and the mornings are very crisp, please remind students to come to school in appropriate warm clothing that is in the school colours of black or red (with no brand logos). Thank you 😊
- A reminder that this term the newsletters will be sent home fortnightly on Odd weeks with a parent email from both Miss Conroy and myself being sent out on Even weeks and flyers as needed.
Comet SS Fete and Market Day 2016 News!

* P-2 Jar Stall - If anyone would happen to have some jars and or small items to place in the jars please drop into the P-2 classroom. All help is appreciated!

* 3-6 Plant Stall – Thank you to Mrs Vermeer for helping with our Plant Stall and keeping our plants alive. If you have any cuttings, seedlings, seeds or any pots or potting mix that you would like to donate, we would appreciate it very much!

Attendance Week 1 is 100%

Well Done Comet!

We all have a key role in ensuring all students attend school every day.

Our Attendance Goal for the end of Semester 2 is 95%

Remember: Every Day Counts!

Visit the following link for more information about Attendance:
http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/resources.html

A Bite of our Fortnight in 3-6

We have had a fabulous start to Term 3 in the Year 3-6 classroom and we are having fun while learning!

Students began the week by setting 6 goals for Term 3 in the areas of Writing, Reading, Spelling, Numeracy, A subject of choice and a personal goal. They are already displayed in the classroom (Thank you Mrs Ash) and they look fantastic.

This week we had our first STEM lesson. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Students participated in a number of games and activities, including a design challenge where they had to work in groups to make the longest paper chain using only scissors, 1 piece of A4 paper and glue in only 15 minutes. It was much more challenging than it sounds!

Our writing focus for Term 3 will be short stories. This week we read a short story written by Paul Jennings called “Smart Ice-cream”. Students completed a story map activity and had to design their own special ice-cream flavour.

This week we also sent home the “All about Me Bags”. These are due back to school by Friday and students will spend some time each afternoon presenting their bags to the class as Show and Share.

Homework was also handed out today and I would like to stress the importance of Home Reading. Please ensure that your child is reading at home each night and records the information in the Home Reading Log. Remember that homework needs to be returned to school on a Thursday so that there is enough time to mark and prepare h/w for the following week. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderfully amazing, awesome week!

From Miss Priddle & the incredible learners in 3-6.
From Miss Priddle...

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3, it’s great to be back! We trust that you have all had a relaxing and fun holiday and are ready and refreshed for a wonderful Term 3. No doubt it will be another busy term full of learning adventures. A very special Comet welcome to Miss Stephanie Conroy our new P-2 teacher and her partner Jack. Miss Conroy is already doing a brilliant job in the P-2 classroom and many thanks to Jack who has also been doing some odd jobs around the school, we appreciate your time Jack – thank-you so much!

Thank-you P&C

Our P&C was certainly busy over the holidays! Huge thanks to our hardworking P&C and parent volunteers who assisted with the catering and canteen at the Comet Community Campdraft and also at the Emerald Rodeo. Our school is very lucky to have an incredibly supportive P&C that holds learning and education in such high regard. Thanks again Mrs O’Brien, Mrs Smith and all of the parents who assisted during these events.

School Opinion Survey

Today your child brought home a note and login for you to access the School Opinion Survey. The suite of School Opinion Surveys are undertaken each year by the Department of Education and Training to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff. The surveys are designed to help schools identify what they do well and how they can improve. The surveys close on Friday 29th July and you can find more information by visiting the link below.


Same Day Student Absence Notification

To ensure the safety of our students, from the beginning of this term we have implemented a same day student absence notification system. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please advise staff or school administration as soon as possible or leave a message on the school answering machine. If we do not hear from you before 11am, we will call you to confirm the reason for your child’s absence. For this reason, please ensure that your contact details are up to date. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the school office.

School Staff - Term 3

Our Amazing Staff, who make Comet SS a great place to be!

Ms Terry Moy: Administration
Ms Kathy Wolgast: Cleaner
Mr Larry Ponton: Grounds
Mrs Kym Ash: 3-6 Teacher Aide
Mrs Jenny Lucas: P-2 Teacher Aide
Ms Michelle Neville: SU School Chaplain

Mrs Melissa Chick: The Arts (Tuesday Even Weeks)
Miss Ursula White: Science P-6, History, Health and Technology 3-6 (Currently on Long Service Leave, being replaced by TRS)
Mr Allan Joseph: PE P-6, LOTE 3-6, Health P-2
Mrs Leisa Shuttleworth: Learning Support
Miss Stephanie Conroy: P-2 Classroom Teacher
Miss Katelyn Priddle: A/Principal and 3-6 Classroom Teacher

There are also personnel in schools who can help teachers develop curriculum programs that address health and wellbeing, as well as providing specialised services for students who require additional support. Please see the newsletter attachment for some, but not all, support personnel available in Queensland State Schools.

Have a great weekend 😊

Yours in Learning,
Kate Priddle