From Miss Priddle...

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back to school everyone and no doubt Term 4 will be the busiest of them all! I hope everyone had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are fresh and ready to tackle another fantastic term at school. This term we have lots happening, including swimming every second Friday and of course our Christmas concert coming up in December.

Our Admin office is now located upstairs! We are still waiting on some data points to be installed into the new office space but so far it is looking good. While the front stairs are being repaired, please continue to use the back stairs. We thank you for your understanding.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be happening in Week 2. Information notes went home this week, please see the classroom teacher to organise a suitable time for an interview. Positive parent-teacher-school relationships are so important to your child’s learning and we are looking forward to talking to you about your child’s progress.

Have you seen the CQ News lately?!? The great things that are happening at Comet SS are being celebrated across the Central Highlands. A little birdie also tells me that we are also going to be featured in this week’s edition as well as next week’s!

Thank you to our staff, students, parents, community members and friends who contributed in any way in making the P&C canteen at the Campdraft a success. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated. It ended up being a beautifully wet weekend and we sure did enjoy the rain.

Finally, a huge thank you to our staff who helped with the Comet SS display at the local Comet show. The finished product looked fantastic and we were very proud to showcase our student’s work. Many thanks also to our lovely Mrs Ash who took down the display on the holidays. We wouldn’t be without you Mrs Ash ☺

Have a great weekend ☺

Yours in Learning,

Kate Priddle
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!

Our Attendance for Term 3 is: 92.5%

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

Why is regular attendance at school important? Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at being successful in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- They have a brighter future.

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

Pre-Prep Transition Day’s

Our Pre-Prep Transition Day’s will commence again this term. The dates for the Pre-prep days this term are:

Week 1: No Pre-Prep  
Week 2: Wednesday 12th October 9-11am  
Week 3: Wednesday 19th October 9-11am  
Week 4: Wednesday 26th October 9-11am  

Week 5: Special Event: Tuesday November 1st – Melbourne Cup luncheon & Music Viva “Pastance” Performance (times & details TBA)

Week 6: No Pre-Prep  
Week 7: No Pre-Pre  

Week 8: Wednesday 23rd November 9-11am  
Week 9: Wednesday 30th November 9-11am  

Week 10: Special Event Wednesday 7th December  
Christmas Craft Rotations (times & details TBA)  
Thursday 8th December, Break up Day (times & details TBA)

We hope that our Pre-preps enjoy being at school as much as we love having them here 😊 We always have so much fun and it is a wonderful way to support this very special time of transition.

E Kindy

E Kindy will be happening in 2017! We are in the process of confirming enrolments, if you know of any families with Kindy aged children that may be interested in attending EKindy at Comet SS, please have them contact the school office. Attached to this week’s newsletter is an EKindy registration form 😊

Some more Dance North Photos

Photo shows students sharing morning tea with Staff to celebrate School Support Staff Week.
Our next P&C Meeting is on Monday 10th October, 2016 @ 3.10pm in the 3-6 classroom. All Welcome.

Some Reading Fluency Tips...

As a FLUENT reader...

- I pay close attention to ACCURACY.
- I don’t eliminate words or word endings. (Phonics/Sense)
- I don’t use words where they don’t belong.
- I read with appropriate EXPRESSION.
- I don’t sound like a RECORDER.
- I read smoothly with careful regard to PUNCTUATION.
- I look for common, dialogue, and emotional.
- I look for word or phrases, which to be emphasized.
- I read with a natural PACE.
- I’m not in a speed reading competition.
- I sound like I’m having a normal conversation.
- I COMPREHEND. I am always checking what I’m reading. I read to learn.

“Children must be taught HOW TO THINK, not what to think.”
Margaret Mead

DATES TO REMEMBER 2016

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**Terry’s Roster**

Monday morning 7.30-11.30am
Tuesday morning 7.30-11.30am
Thursday 8.30am-5.00pm

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
- Q Parents: Please contact the school for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Our Christmas Concert and Awards night is on Friday 2nd December, 2016. More details to follow. Save the Date!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

A Very Happy Birthday to Kyan in Year 4, who celebrated his birthday on the 28th September and Jack in Year 3 who celebrated his birthday on the 2nd of October. We hope you both had a wonderful day!
Welcome back to Term 4! The 3-4-5-6 class has dug straight into their work and are on task towards a great final term. Last term the students worked incredibly hard to finish both their science and health work. Their science work was absolutely brilliant with some incredibly creative presentations. Our health work centred on emotions and all students expressed themselves very well through great visual representations. Well done class, you did a great job.

This term we have kicked off with our maths and English lessons. The 5/6’s are looking at informative and literary texts. They have been generating some very mature and empathetic discussions throughout their lessons in regards to the texts that they are reading. The 3-4’s are learning about advertisements and have been putting their fractional knowledge from last term to the test. They are moving on to decimals and we can’t wait to see where their investigations take us.

This first week back has already been full of excitement as the kids were able to participate in a Dance North workshop. Our instructors, Suze and Andrea, were so much fun and the kids had an absolute blast. At the end of the session, Suze and Andrea complimented the students on their dance moves and their brilliant behaviour and willingness to participate throughout the session. Fantastic work Comet! Hopefully we’ll get to have another session with them in the future.

This term we have changed the homework system within our class. The students absolutely loved completing their science projects at home last term so we are introducing ‘Homework Projects’ as homework this term. Students will have two weeks to complete these projects, which range from writing short stories to designing water parks. These projects still fine-tune each of the students’ skills but in a fun and challenging way. The students will still complete just their spelling and number facts every week. I know that the students are going to come out with some incredible pieces of work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me at school (Miss Childs).

We’re looking forward to seeing our students flourish throughout this final term and we know that it will be a brilliant end to the year.

Miss Childs and Miss Priddle.
Our Wonderful Week in P-2

New term, new group names! In light of the new school term the boys decided it was time to upgrade our group names from the Captain America’s and the Kung Fu’s to become the Cowboys and the Broncos. You can certainly tell the P-2 room is an entire class of boys!

This week the Broncos (Captain America’s) began expanding their knowledge of numerals and number quantities. The boys tested each other’s knowledge of number representations by making puzzles for their peers to complete.

In maths the Cowboys (Kung Fu’s) began exploring data, data collection and how to best represent data which they have collected by questioning people. The boys surveyed the school about their favourite breed of dog, favourite bull and of course, favourite brand of truck and represented their data using tally marks.

In English the students have begun reading a new story called Eric by Shaun Tan. The book discusses the cultural differences between a family and their foreign exchange student. This topic is something you may be able to discuss with your child at home as culture is something we will be focusing on for the duration of the term.

We look forward to continuing our new topics next week and have loved being back together and learning.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Miss Conroy.
The Kindy counts! Facebook page provides a great opportunity for your school community to learn more about the benefits of kindy. You may like to add this link to your next school newsletter.

https://www.facebook.com/kindycountsqld/?ref=page_internal

Information you may like to add to your school newsletter about the benefits of kindy.

The benefits of kindy

Kindergarten is a part-time educational program for children in the year before school. Enrolment in a Queensland Government-approved kindergarten program will help your child make friends, develop a love of learning and be better prepared to start school.

What your child will learn

In a kindy program your child will participate in play-based learning.

They will be supported to:

• use language to communicate ideas and feelings
• make friends, share and play with others
• become more independent and confident
• develop self-discipline
• express themselves through art, dance and dramatic play
• engage in problem solving activities

What kindy costs

Kindergarten fees vary depending on the service.

Contact your preferred kindy for details about their fee structure.

Low or no cost kindy

Low or no cost kindergarten is provided to eligible families who:

• hold a current Australian Government Health Care Card (or have a child who does)
• are a foster family with a current Australian Government Health Care Card
• identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does)
• have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

For further information contact Grant Webb via grant.webb@det.qld.gov.au
Comet State School Fete and Market Day!

SUNDAY 13th November 2016
Comet State School, Off Capricorn Highway
9am until 1pm

- Live Entertainment!
- Plant Stall
- Bottle Stall
- Food Available!

Stall holders welcome!
$10 per site!

Find us on Facebook
Comet State School Fete and Market Day!