From Miss Priddle...

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Another wonderful week for Comet State School! We started the week with a Student Free Day where Staff came together for Professional Development and Strategic Planning. On Tuesday, Miss Terry and I were in Emerald for Asbestos and BEMIR training and Miss Conroy was attending a growth mindset PD in Brisbane. It is great to be back and very special thanks to Miss Childs, Mrs Hutton, Mrs Lukie and Mrs Ash for taking care of everyone so well in our absence.

Next Friday we will be celebrating World Teachers’ Day with a Shared Morning Tea at 11.15am. Every day our staff at Comet work very hard to make a difference educating and inspiring our young people. We would love for you to join us and help us to celebrate!

Also happening next Friday at school is the "Day for Daniel". At 2.30pm students will participate in a walk around the school grounds with Red Balloons and take part in some educational activities about safety. We ask that students bring in a gold coin donation, which will go to the Daniel Morcombe foundation. Please contact the school office if you do not wish your child to participate.

Regretfully, we said goodbye to the O’Brien family this week. I would like to extend our thanks to Brad and Di for the many years of service to Comet State School and for your dedication to the P&C. You will be missed. We wish Laura and James the very best at their new school.

Have a great weekend 😊

Yours in Learning,
Kate Priddle

Welcome Back Mrs Lucas! We have missed you and are so happy to have you back 😊

Goodbye & Good Luck to the O’Brien Family. James & Laura had their last day of school today. We will miss you and hope that you enjoy your new school.
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 4 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!

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 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-Prep

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.😊

Photo shows Mrs Ash reading with Sam.
Our next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 9th November, 2016 @ 6.30pm in the 3-6 classroom. All Welcome.

**Reading News.....**

What are HRLTP’s?

This week our students in P-6 had our first whole school Guided Reading Lesson based on John Munro’s “High Reliability Literacy Teaching Procedures”. The students work in same level groups, participate in modelled, shared and independent reading and then complete a thought provoking Reading Response that connects them to the text. This week students practised their reading comprehension and fluency in an activity that targeted dictation and working memory. We displayed excerpts from the texts in the classroom and students took turns in reading and dictating parts of the text back to their group. Much harder than it sounds! Next week we are completing a paraphrasing activity.

For more information go to:

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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.

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### 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.

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

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No Birthdays = No Cake 😞
Welcome back to the 3-6 classroom! This fortnight the students have been working incredibly hard in every subject area. They have been putting all of their literacy skills from the year to the test. The 5/6’s have been using their comprehension skills to analyse and explore literary and informative texts. Their thought provoking discussions are becoming very insightful and highlight the growing maturity of our students’ ideas. The 5/6’s have also been learning about chance and probability. They are really enjoying the many games that chance allows them to play. They may be dreaming of dice soon!

The 3-4’s have been investigating decimals and have just begun learning about chance and probability as well as the 5/6’s. They have been learning to record data about chance experiments and have had a lot of fun collecting the data. In English, they have been looking at many advertisements; for example, still image advertisements, website advertisements and TV advertisements. They’re gathering all of their knowledge and will soon be putting it into practise in their assessments.

The students have been having a great time with Miss Hutton in Science, Health and History. They are currently looking at life stages in health and have been showing off all of their adorable baby photos to each other. They particularly like looking at the teachers baby photos and letting us know how much we have changed (a polite form of letting us know how old we’re getting).

The homework projects have been a success and I am very excited to read all of the wonderful short stories that our students have created. From the snippets of information I have heard from the kids, I know that they will be very interesting.

This week we are farewelling The O’Brien family. We know that you will all fit in well at your new school and make lots of wonderful new friends. Laura is a bright and enthusiastic learner and we will miss her very much in the class, particularly in our rapid recalls. Good luck O’Brien family!

The next couple of weeks are going to be full of fun activities and lots of learning.
Until next time,

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

This week the students in P-2 had a great time with Mrs Hutton, Miss Childs and Mrs Lucas while Miss Conroy was away at professional development. In maths the students continued their learning of part part whole triangles, number facts and ten frames. In English the boys read a new story called ‘Zen Shorts’ which follows the adventures of a panda named Stillwater. We will continue to explore this narrative in the coming weeks. Students are also continuing their exciting technology unit on toys with Miss Childs.

Miss Conroy spent time in Brisbane learning about how to instil a growth mindset in our students, which current research shows directly improves students’ academic achievement. Professor of Psychology at Stanford University, Carol Dweck, pioneered the research into the benefits of students’ mindset and how to best prepare teachers to ensure students were adopting a growth mindset at school. The professional development was highly valuable and will be able to be implemented into the P-2 classroom to give our students the tools to reach their full academic and emotional potential. It is extremely important to all of the staff at Comet State School that we are providing students with skills that will help them become lifelong learners and adopting a growth mindset will ensure the students become well rounded, resilient adults.

On a sad note this week is the last week for the O’Brien family. James is such a valued member of the P-2 classroom and will be missed by all. It has been a pleasure to teach James over the last term and has been wonderful to see how much he has learnt and grown at Comet State School. We wish you all the best at your new school James and Laura.

Have a wonderful week,
Miss Conroy.
Let’s Celebrate…

World Teacher’s Day!

Please join us on Friday 28th October 2016 @ 11.15am for a Shared Morning Tea to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of our teachers. All Welcome!

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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!
Comet SS Student Council
Proudly Presents:

Melbourne Cup Luncheon &
Fashion Parade.

Tuesday 1st November 2016
@ 11.15am

Come dressed in your best Races
Ready outfit – Great Prizes to be
won!
Novelty Events & More!
Families Welcome

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Please bring a small plate of
______________ to share for
morning tea.