Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Every week at Comet SS just keeps getting better and better! This week the Student Council held the Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon and afterwards we welcomed Music Viva “Pastance” into the school for an Arts Council Performance. What a great day! It was so lovely to see our students, parents and staff all dressed up to enjoy the occasion and thank you to everyone who brought in a plate to share. Another spectacular Comet shared morning tea!

On Wednesday I attended Budget Training at Dingo SS which will help Miss Terry and I prepare the school budget for 2017. School budget planning is an important time of year as we align the budget with our school priorities. Miss Dobson will be returning to her permanent position at Comet in 2017 and will continue this process with the school community. Our Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2017 is Writing!

Thank you to our wonderful parents, staff and students for their help with our working bee on Sunday. We cleaned out the Science and Art lockers and the storeroom ready for Ekindy, cleaned the gutters, re-organised the Tilta-door, sports room shed, weeded and tidied the gardens and painted the wall ready to hang the display cabinet plus lots more! We will be having another working bee on Saturday 12th November to set up for the Fete.

We have launched our Facebook page recently. This has been a wonderful way to celebrate our achievements and promote the school in a positive light in the community. We will be updating our Media Consent forms accordingly, please return this form to administration as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend 😊

Yours in Learning,

Kate Priddle

Congratulations to Miss Childs who has completed her Internship at Comet SS. Miss Childs will be working at Comet in the 3-6 classroom permanently from 2017. We are so lucky!

Term 4 Parent Information Sessions:

Ekindy:  
Thursday 10th November, 3.10pm in the 3-6 classroom

Step into Prep:  
Thursday 24th November, 3.10pm in the 3-6 classroom

We would love to see you there 😊

SCHOOL LEADER SPEECHES

Our Year 5 students will be presenting their election Speeches on Thursday 10th November in the P-2 classroom at 2.30pm. All Welcome 😊
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%

* 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 continue this term. The dates for the Pre-prep days this term are:

**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.

There will be an Ekindy information session held in the 3-6 classroom on Thursday 10th November at 3.10pm 😊

Staff Absences

Miss Priddle will be away on the 7th – 8th November and from the 14th – 16th November. Mrs Hutton and Miss Childs will be replacing Miss Priddle on these days. Thank you for your understanding.
Our next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 9th November, 2016 @ 6.30pm in the 3-6 classroom. All Welcome.

**Reading News.....**

Our HRLTP for the week was...

This week in Guided Reading, students paraphrased parts of the text they read into spoken sentences. They listened to parts of the text and then they had a go at changing as many words as possible while still keeping the meaning the same. During the “After Reading” phases of the lesson students learned how to summarise the key definitions from the text, such as the Topic, Main Idea, Topic Sentence and Supporting Details.

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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.

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

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Happy Birthday to Elliott in Grade Two who turned eight on Tuesday. We hope you had a wonderful day Elliott!
Another week has flown by! How can it be the end of Week 5 already? This week the 3-6 students had a busy time dressing up for the Melbourne Cup, participating in a Medieval/folk music Arts Council and continuing their Assessment in English.

The 3-4 students have been learning about algebra in Math this week. It sounds tough but, the 3-4’s are super learners and have enjoyed the challenge. They have been learning how to balance equations and how to find the unknown. One expression they have had to solve is \( x + 4 = 12 \). To solve the problem, students had to think about the opposite operation, which is subtraction. By subtracting 4 from 12, we can find the value of \( x \) which = 8. Just so you know, the 3-4’s were all over it - easy as pie!

This week the 5-6 students began their assessment task for English. Students have been learning about the effectiveness of literary texts versus informative texts and the task requires them to write a persuasive argument about which genre they find more persuasive. Everyone is working hard and have already finished planning out their essays.

Miss Childs has finished her internship with the 3-6 students at Comet! We have been so blessed to have Miss Childs in our classroom over the last 3 terms. Her dedication to the role and her passion for teaching is very obvious. Thank goodness Miss Childs will be back at Comet in the 3-6 classroom on a permanent basis next year! Congratulations Miss Childs, we have loved having you at our school 😊

Have a wonderful weekend!

From Miss Priddle and the amazing learners in 3-6
Our Wonderful Week in P-2

This week the boys have spent time continuing their fantastic work on our History and Technology units. The students are analysing objects from the past and discussing how their designs have changed overtime to suit society’s needs. We have spent time discussing the machinery which many families use on their properties and how advances in technology have made large farming jobs easier to complete. Miss Conroy has learnt lots about trucks, tractors, dozers and headers this week!!

The History unit has tied in with our Technology unit as students are using the ‘design, make, appraise’ process to create a spinning toy, evaluate their initial design and develop a more effective and interesting spinning toy for other children to play with. We are encouraging the students to think critically about their initial designs and see areas which may be improved. These skills are essential in developing student’s higher order thinking skills as they think critically, logically and creatively about their design.

On a sad note, I would like to take the time to formally let parents and families know I will no longer be working at Comet State School next year. Many families are already aware of this change as the students were told last week when we received the news about Miss Priddle leaving. I have been offered a permanent position at St James Lutheran College in my home town of Hervey Bay. This decision was very difficult for me to make as I adore working with the children at Comet State School however I am positive the students will continue to succeed, learn and grow with whomever takes my place. I hope you understand my decision to leave and know how much I have truly loved getting to teach each and every one of the students at Comet State School.

I look forward to making sure the remainder of the year is fun, exciting and engaging for all of the students.

Have a wonderful week,
Miss Conroy.
PHOTOS FROM THE WEEK

Photo shows Mrs Ash taking a group for Math

Getting ready for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Photo shows Dekoda teaching us about algebra

Photo shows students enjoying the Music Viva performance on Tuesday
JUNIOR HEAT CRICKET CLINIC - ROCKHAMPTON

10-12 JANUARY 2017

9:00am - 1:00pm

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 7-14

$230 incl GST

To register please click on the link below

https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&EventDesqID=20761&OrgID=8261

The clinic involves the most up to date methods of coaching and is designed to develop individual batting, bowling and fielding skills while at the same time having fun, keeping active and gaining maximum enjoyment from playing the game. Delivered by Queensland Cricket accredited coaches, this is a guarantee of the best possible coaching available.
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!