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From the Principal

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Parents and Carers as Partners

Thank you to the Parents and Caregivers who were able to attend the Parent Information sessions. I enjoyed having the opportunity to chat with parents and to sit in on some of our sessions. There was a calm, positive feeling around the school on the night and this sets us on a great course for 2021.

We are pleased to welcome back volunteers to our school. Volunteers provide wonderful support for our school, teachers and students. All volunteers must sign in at the office. Mandatory training will be available in the office and volunteers who are not parents of students at this school must have a Blue Card.

Getting involved with the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Whether you are new to our school or have been part of our school community for a period of time, I encourage everyone to consider how to become more involved with our P&C. There are many ways to support the P&C in supporting our school and the first meeting for the year is Tuesday 16 February at 7:00pm in the School Library. This meeting is a good opportunity to come along, have a voice and learn more about how the P&C operates.

2021 Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony

Our 2021 Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday 26 February in the Half Hall at 2:00pm. At this ceremony our School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains, Music Captains, Student Council Representatives from Years 5 and 6, and Peer Mediators will all receive their badges and recite an oath of service. Due to COVID restrictions, attendance at the event will be limited to parents of our badge recipients and we ask that only two parents or carers from each family attend.

Every Day Counts

A new year brings new opportunities and learning experiences for your children. It is so important that your child is at school every day unless they are sick or there is some other significant reason. We want to ensure all of our students have the best education and regular attendance can support this.

Connecting with Nature

Last week we were very excited to open some new outdoor learning and nature play spaces. These spaces will give our students and teachers opportunities to connect with nature and be curious, critical and creative as they learn and explore our natural world. There is more information about these

wonderful new areas in the Curriculum section of this newsletter.

Enjoy your week,

Carmel

Acting Principal



Curriculum

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What better place to develop our CSTAR values than in nature?

- Considerate
- Safe and smart
- Try our Best
- Appreciate
- Respect





What your child needs to succeed at school

Remember: there's help if you need it

Health and wellbeing

When your child is happy and healthy, they can make the most of their time at school.

- There is medical and wellbeing support available for families 13 QGOV (13 74 68)
- Seek advice from **Parentline** 1300 30 1300
- Access free counselling 24/7 for children and young people aged 5 to 25 at **Kids Helpline** 1800 55 1800

Transport

Your family may be eligible for help with transport costs to help your child get to school.

- School Transport Assistance Scheme 13 12 30
- Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme 07 3316 5858

A safe place

Your child needs a safe place to relax, study and sleep well so they can enjoy going to school.

- If you are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness, call the **Homeless hotline** 1800 474 753





CSTAR Focus

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Greetings everyone,

Well, we are into week four already! The start to the year has been so busy that time has just flown by. I began the year with a CSTAR focus on being Safe & Smart as that is the major priority especially after the long break of school holidays.

For the next two week cycle I would like to take a step back and focus on the value of Consideration. I sometimes feel that this gets neglected in favour of Safe & Smart and Try Your Best when in reality all of our values are equally important. When I was at primary school (quite a few years ago now) my teachers and my parents always used to teach us about the Golden Rule i.e. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Old fashioned words maybe, but just as relevant in today's society as it was then. We need to teach our children that if they want to be treated nicely, with kindness and respect then they need to treat others in the same way. Being kind, taking turns and using manners are all important habits of considerate people.

Our students are great and I see many wonderful things happening in classrooms and in the playground but I am constantly surprised at how often they come to the office to get something and forget to say "Excuse me", or "Please and Thank you". Another old adage is "Courtesy costs nothing" and our staff (quite rightly) insist on this. Children who do not use their manners are reminded of the appropriate way to make a request and I would like to think that this is a common practice across both school and home environments.

In recent years Education Queensland has recognised that Staff and Student Wellbeing is critical to the success of schools and has a range of initiatives to support this. One of our schools' key priorities for school improvement is Connectedness and Character which encompasses Wellbeing. In developing our Annual Improvement Plan (currently in draft form) there are a number of strategies to support the implementation of this. Some, such as CSTAR, are well established and others are a work in progress. I look forward to sharing more information about these with you as the year progresses.

Stay Safe and Be Kind!

Rod Iffinger

Deputy Principal



P&C News

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P&C News

Please join us for the 1st meeting of the year tomorrow 16 February at 7pm in the library where we will be discussing the year ahead, a review of all committee reports, and the upcoming AGM on 16 March.

Reports: Principal, Executive, Tuckshop, Tennis, Uniform Shop, Fundraising, Building Fund, Grants, Grounds and Sustainability.

All parents and community members are welcome whether you are a current member or not. The P&C meets once per month for the general meeting on the third Tuesday of the month – starting at 7pm.

If you are unable to come face to face please join via skype. Click here to join the meeting (no account needed): <https://join.skype.com/PxRmkwHNVWne>

If you missed the email that went out on Friday , please see the details below on the survey we are doing.

The P&C Exec felt it quite timely to conduct a survey as the school year begins to see what the community would like to see moving forward into 2021.

Please take the time to fill in as much as you can to help the current and future P&C Executive and Committee Members plan for this year and any future years. We are not asking for your name and contact information to be added to this survey but if you do you can be entered to win one of **2- \$30 credits to the tuckshop or uniform shop.**

The Survey will be open to 26 Feb. [Corinda State School P&C](#)

Tuck Shop

Please see the Summer Menu for Term 1. Thank you for all those using the QKR app to order. We are in need to volunteers to help Keith on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays if you are able to give sn hour or two of you time to please pop in any of those days or sign up at [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Uniform Shop

The 1st order of new Senior shirts arrived last week and the first flurry of pre-paid orders have been delivered to classroom. We will be double checking all pre-paid orders are out by the end of this week. Those who ordered will be sent a reminder to pay if they haven't already. Any size exchanges can be left in the box at the office, clearly labelled with the owner and which size is needed and we will deliver to class Thursday. Football socks are available to order. Our top up order should be here in the next week or so in case we run out. Socks are \$10 each and can be ordered via QKR!

School Banking

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the school banking program at the School if you are interest please email pandc@corindass.eq.edu.au.



Tuckshop Menu Winter 2020 (Term 2-3)

Opening Hours

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Before School (8am-8.30am)
First Break
Second Break

Contact
Keith Taylor (Tuckshop Convener)
3716 2331
csstshop@gmail.com

Ordering

Orders can be placed online through Qkr

You can also download the free Qkr app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Detailed instructions for using your computer or mobile phone to place an order can be found on the school's website:
corindass.eq.edu.au

Online order cut-off time: 8:30am

Red Dots

If a child receives a red dot on their bag, they need to take the bag back to the tuckshop. Red dots are used for change over \$2.00, for menu items that need to be collected (ie ice blocks) or in the unlikely event that there is another issue with the order.

How You Can Help

The Tuckshop is a service of the Corinda State School P&C for the benefit of the whole school community.

The Tuckshop relies on **volunteers** to operate effectively. Please contact Keith if you are able to help on a regular or ad hoc basis.

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If you are unable to volunteer, perhaps you can help by making **home baked items** for sale. Recipes that comply with Queensland Government "Smart Choices" can be provided. Please contact Keith if you can assist.

"Smart Choices"

The Queensland Government's "Smart Choices" Strategy informs what can be sold in the Tuckshop.

We sell a range of foods from the Green ("Have Plenty") and Amber ("Select Carefully") categories. These are indicated on the menu by green ● and amber ● dots.



Mathletics Accounts

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Following discussions with the teaching and learning team we decided that we would discontinue using the Literacy Planet platform in 2021. We are however continuing to use Mathletics and students will receive their login details shortly (Prep students will use the more age appropriate Maths Seeds). The costs associated with Mathletics are significant and we recoup these through the student resource scheme. For students to continue usage of the system payment will need to be made by the end of week 5 (26th Feb) otherwise those students' accounts will be suspended and they will no longer have access to Mathletics. Please contact the office if you wish to organise alternative payment arrangements.

Rod Iffinger

Deputy Principal



School Photos Thursday 18th March

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- * All students are to wear the correct school uniforms.
- * Order envelopes have been handed out. If you haven't received one please collect a blank envelope from the office. If you have misplaced your school key, you can request this from school administration or phone MSP (phone number below).
- * Order online at msp.com.au or by placing cash in the envelope that your child was supplied with. Orders close on photo day, please order early to avoid late fees.
- * All orders received after photo day are subject to a late fee. These orders can be placed by phoning MSP.
- * School photos - envelopes are available at the office upon request. Please follow instructions on the envelope, these photos are taken before school, from 8am.

Extra Curricular Photos

- * If your child's photo is taken in sports, music, or leaders photos, they will be given an order form soon after photo day so that you can place this order.

We are here to help!
Please call us on **3558 3556** if you have any questions.



Sports News

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District Swimming

Well done to our six students, Ava, Emma, Indiana, Emma, Jess and Travis, who competed at the Eastern Taipans District Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. The efforts displayed by our students was, as always, amazing to see. It is always an extremely high level of competition and our students performed extremely well with several PBs being recorded.

A further congratulations goes to Ava and Indiana who qualified for the regional swimming carnival to be held at Chandler in the coming weeks. Well done!

Cross Country

Our Cross Country is a little over two weeks away (Tuesday 2 March for Prep – Yr 3 and Thursday 4 March for Yr 4 – 6). It has been great to see some students preparing for the event at Kilometre Club. Please continue to encourage your children to prepare for the event. Parents are very welcome to attend (please see below for the schedule) and cheer on our students in this challenging event. If attending, we do ask that you socially distance as appropriate.

All students are encouraged to wear their house colours on their day and support their house. Students from Yrs 2 – 6 will be competing for house points to contribute to our overall house champion.

Like previous years, students in the 9yrs – 12yrs age groups will have the choice of running in a championship race or in a participation race. Each student will still be collecting house points whether they run in the championship race or the participation race but the distances vary to suit different fitness levels and will hopefully mean maximum enjoyment for all students. Any student who wishes to make our school cross country team as well as compete for ribbons must compete in the championship race over the longer distance.

As in previous years, our senior cross country course for the championship race requires students to leave the school grounds to complete a lap of Dunlop Park (please see attached example of 2km 10yr course). Like the rest of the course, this portion will be assessed on the morning of the event as well as being supervised during the event. If you do not wish for your child to leave the school grounds during this event, please contact me on kdohe33@eq.edu.au.

If there is a reason that your child cannot participate, please make sure they have a note for their teacher. If they suffer from Asthma, if you could please make sure they have their puffer with them on the day, it would be greatly appreciated.

Tuesday March 2

9:10am – Prep Girls

9:20am – Prep Boys

9:30am – Yr 1 Girls

9:40am – Yr 1 Boys

9:50am – Yr 2 Girls

10:00am – Yr 2 Boys

10:10am – Yr 3 Girls

10:20am – Yr 3 Boys

Thursday March 4

9:05am	11/12 Years Boys (championship)*	3000m
	11/12 Years Girls (championship)*	
9:25am	10 Years Boys (championship)	2000m
	10 Years Girls (championship)	
9:45am	9 Years Boys (championship)	1500m
	9 Years Girls (championship)	
10:00am	11/12 Years Boys (participation)	1000m
	11/12 Years Girls (participation)	
10:15am	10 Years Boys (participation)	1000m
	10 Years Girls (participation)	
10:30am	9 Years Boys (participation)	1000m
	9 Years Girls (participation)	

Please note: This is a guide only and some races may start slightly earlier/later depending on timing on the day.

Interschool Sport

Last Friday, students in Years 5 and 6 selected their sport for Semester 1 Interschool Sport. In the next few days, permission slips will be sent home with further information, including payments. If these could be returned to the relevant coach as quickly as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

Kieran Doherty

PE Teacher



Active School Travel

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Another year begins.

Last year was very successful for Active School Travel, with a regular group of walkers meeting at George Scarlett Park every Thursday.

This year should be just as successful. If you want to exercise and walk to school, Active School Travel has now commenced, meeting at George Scarlett Park from 8:00am. We will then walk to school at about 8:20am.

See you there,

Mr Black



Chaplain's News

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Another week, another opportunity to show kindness and goodwill to each other. To those who have just joined us, to those who we may not see you again, to those who are unsure of their place amongst us, to those who are yet to make friends we welcome you. We want you to know that you are amongst friends. We will grow together, we will experience challenges together but most importantly we will encourage and appreciate together. I am here for you Mondays and Fridays, please pop in and say hi.


Kindness, Hedy (MrsV)





Community Notices

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Scorpion Tennis Academy


Scorpion Tennis Academy

Cotinda Primary State School
 NextGen Juniors - Beginners
 Starting From **21st February 2021**
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
 Time : 7:30 to 8:30 Am
 Saturday Lesson Starting from 6th February, 2021
 NextGen (Beginner) : 7:30 - 8:30 Am
 NextGen (Intermediate) : 8:30 - 9:30 Am
 Adult : 9:30 - 10:30 Am
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 Saturday - Junior Fixture Competition
Centenary High : 8:30 - 10:00 Am
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