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Principal's News

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As we move towards the end of the year, it is a time to reflect on the learning journeys of our students, celebrate their achievements and look ahead with purpose.

Colour Fun Run

Our annual *Colour Fun Run* was a fantastic display of School Spirit! It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, laughter and fun as the students (and staff) participated in this event. A heartfelt thank you goes to our P&C and the many parent volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the event such a success. Your support plays an important role in creating these special experiences for our students. I would like to acknowledge Amber McGregor who has been the main organiser of this event since it was first held here at CSS. Amber`s work has made it possible for this fundraiser to support our music and arts` programs and enabled us to buy much needed resources for our children.

Afternoon Tunes

Last week, despite some threatening clouds, we were able to hold our *Afternoon Tunes* event. This annual showcase provides an opportunity to be entertained by our instrumental students and present them with certificates and awards to acknowledge their efforts. As always the performances were of high quality and reflect the expert teaching of our instrumental teachers Karen Newham, Ray Cosgrove and Matthew Hoey, the commitment and dedication of our students and the ongoing support of our parents.

Volunteers

As a school we rely on our wonderful volunteers for many different types of help. These valued members of our community help in classrooms, in the tuckshop and uniform shop and at many different events. To show our appreciation, we will be holding a morning tea this Friday in the staffroom from 9.30 am – 10.15am. All volunteers are welcome.

Looking Ahead to 2027

Last week, our leadership team began shaping our 2027 teaching and learning priorities. Following on from this, we spent time yesterday working with leadership teams from other schools, sharing our thinking and explaining the `why` that sits behind our priorities. This important work ensures our decisions remain focused on student achievement, quality teaching and continuous improvement. We are looking forward to next year knowing that we will once again be undertaking the right work and the work that will improve the outcomes of our students.

We are finalising 2027 classes. If you are not intending on returning to Corinda State School next year, can you please advise Admin via email on admin@corindass.eq.edu.au.

School resumes on **Wednesday 27 January 2027** for all children from Prep to Year 6. All state schools are staffed according to the day eight school enrolment data collection at the start of the school year.

For audit purposes, it is vital we have correct enrolment numbers at the commencement of the 2027 school year. If you will be returning later than the school start date, please also email and indicate your intended date of return and reason, such as visiting family overseas.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carmel Herbert

Deputy Principal News (Yrs 4-6)

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CSTAR Considerate

This fortnight we are focusing on the importance of being considerate and building resilience. These qualities help us respond positively to the challenges we face every day.

Being Considerate means thinking about how our actions affect others. It involves showing kindness, empathy, and understanding. When we are considerate, we not only make others feel good, but we also create a supportive environment where everyone can thrive.

Building Resilience is equally important. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from difficulties and keep trying, even when things get tough. When we face challenges—like misunderstanding with a friend—having a positive attitude helps us navigate these moments. It's okay to feel upset or frustrated, but what matters is how we respond. By responding positively research shows that it is good for your self-esteem; sets a good example; and reduces conflict. Alternatively, by responding negatively it can make the situation worse; affect your mental health; reinforce negative behaviour and damage the relationship. By staying calm, asking for help, and trying our best, we strengthen our resilience.

Let's remember that our actions and attitudes can inspire those around us. When we are considerate and resilient, we can turn challenging situations into opportunities for growth and learning.

Together, let's build a caring and resilient school community!

Think U Know

Our adopt a cop, Senior constable Lisa Easton presented to our year 5 students about cyber-safety last week. In the evening she presented ThinkUKnow to our parents. Many interesting facts and resources were shared. Did you know the average age of an online gamers is 37 years old! Most students thought gamers were their age or slightly older. There are excellent resources available to parents via the following websites:

https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/

https://www.esafety.gov.au/

Here is a little bit about "ThinkUKnow"

ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based education program led by the Australian Federal Police (AFP), delivered nationally in partnership with police and industry partners to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

We incorporate up-to-date research, real case studies and examples from reports made to the AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation.

The program is pro-technology and addresses topics including self-generated child abuse material, online grooming, sexual extortion, and importantly encourages help seeking behaviour.

The program is a partnership with the AFP, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Datacom and Microsoft Australia, and in collaboration with all State and Territory police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

Please reach out if you would like support in this area.

Important Dates

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Important dates:

Year 5 Gold Rush Excursion	25th November
Volunteers Morning Tea	27th November
Corinda State High School transition day	3rd December
Swimming carnival	7th December
Meet the Teacher 2027	8th December (9:00-9:30)
Final whole school assembly	8th December (2:10pm)
Year 6 graduation	9th December
Reports home to families	9th December

Sports News

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Km club

Thank you to everyone who attended KM Club this year. It has been wonderful to see so many students throughout the year participating before school. Our **final KM Club session** for the year will be held this Wednesday. We look forward to seeing everyone there for one last run.

Swimming carnival

Our School Swimming Carnival will be held on **Monday 7 December** for students born in **2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014**. To accommodate the limited space available at the pool during the current renovations, the carnival will be conducted in two sessions. Students aged **9 and 10 years** will participate in the morning session, followed by students aged **11 and 12 years**. This format will help ensure a safe, well-organised carnival and provide all students with an enjoyable experience while making the best use of the available facilities.

Parent consent is required for students to participate in the School Swimming Carnival and can be completed through QParents. Please complete as soon as possible to ensure your child can participate in the carnival.

Thank you to the parents and carers who have already volunteered to assist on the day. We greatly appreciate your support. If you are available to help at either carnival session, please email **ckgru0@eq.edu.au**. Your assistance helps make the day a success for all students.

Further information, including carnival arrangements and event details, will be distributed later this week. We look forward to an exciting day of participation, sportsmanship, and fun in the pool.

QRSS Digital Platform

The way you provide permission and consent for your child to participate in Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS) events is changing. QRSS is introducing a new digital platform to make it easier to manage event information, permissions and consents. From Term 1 2027, you will be able to complete these processes securely online, all in one place.

An easier and simpler way to manage your child's sporting events.

You will be able to:

Provide online permissions and consents for your child's participation in QRSS events.
View all your child's event information in one place.
Reduce repetitive form filling, signing and submissions.
Easily access event details, participation requests and historical records.
Upload supporting documents when required (e.g. medical plans).

How can I provide permission/consent for my child in the platform?

When your child is invited to a QRSS event, you will receive an email with a link to sign into the QRSS digital platform. Once you click on the link you be asked to sign in using your own secure digital identity, such as Queensland Digital Identity (QDI) or myID.

A Digital Identity replaces traditional usernames and passwords and helps protect your personal information when accessing government services. To make sure you receive QRSS event invitations, please make sure that the email address associated with your QDI or myID account matches the email address your school has on record for you.

Tip: You can prepare now by checking if you already have a QDI or myID. If you use a Queensland Digital Licence, you may already have QDI. If you use services such as the Australian Taxation Office or Centrelink through myGov, you may already have myID.

Can I use a paper form?

Yes, you are still able to sign and return the paper form, if you are unable to log into the platform.

Where can I find out more information/support on using the platform?

Visit the QRSS website for an online parent guide and frequently asked questions. For help with your digital identity, visit: MyID or QDI.

Parents and carers are invited to attend one of the following webinars to learn what to do when they receive an event invitation through the QRSS Digital Platform:

Monday 7 December 2026 6:00pm – 6:30pm: Register here
Wednesday 9 December 2026 8:00am - 8:30am: Register here
Monday 18 January 2027 8:00am - 8:30am: Register here
Wednesday 20 January 2027 6:00pm – 6:30pm: Register here

Mango fundraiser

Mangoes are en route! Our mango trays are expected to arrive on Friday, Nov 27. At present, we only have a notification of between 8am-3pm but should have an approximate delivery time the day before or on the morning of delivery. Depending on timing, this may impact where pickup happens and updates will be provided on social media and updated on our link tree if possible.

With 106 trays of mangoes to receive, assistance with unloading and storing of trays for pickup would be appreciated. You will be able to take your mangoes with you after helping out!

Due to the arrival on a Friday, we would strongly suggest you organise collection that day, rather than having us store the mangoes at the school over the weekend. If you are unable to collect yourself, you are free to have a family member/friend/neighbour collect for you, but please email us on pandc@corindass.eq.edu.au to advise if someone else will be collecting your order. Arrangements for mangoes left at the end of Friday afternoon will be posted after that time, once we work out how many trays are left to collect.

Baker's Delight Doughraiser

Corinda families have been claiming their free loaves of bread and supporting our Doughraiser with Baker's Delight Graceville! VIP cards for remaining families (where oldest child is in Yr 4-6) will be distributed next week.

Remember that this fundraiser will continue across the entire school holiday period and into Term 1 of 2027 – all you need to do is mention you're part of the Corinda State School community for your purchase (of $10 or more) to count towards our fundraising. There are some delicious seasonal offerings available, as well as all your usual Baker's Delight favourites, so keep this is in mind when planning holiday activities.

Over the break, we should be able to post some updates as to how the fundraiser is tracking, so keep an eye on social media if you're interested, and thankyou for your support.

Book Club News

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All backorders and missing items from Book Club Issue 7 have now been delivered - please contact bookclub@csspandc.net if you are still missing anything.

This is also a final reminder to check out Issue 8, which closes on Friday at 8pm!

Finally, if you have supported Book Club this year, a heartfelt thankyou. Our school has earned nearly $3000 in rewards, which translates directly to new books for our community to share through our library. Almost 150 new books (or sets of books in some cases) were ordered during the year with our rewards!

Next year, we intend to run all 8 issues of Book Club, so we'll be back at the start of Term 1 in 2027. Enjoy the break, and hopefully everyone can find a little time to spend with a good book.

RI Concert - Friday 13 November

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Great Christmas Show for Christian RI from Quiz Worx!

It’s been a pleasure teaching Christian RI to Corinda C Stars this year!

We wish Corinda families a Merry Christmas and a Blessed new year!

from Christian RI Teachers



Community News

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2027 Enrolments at Brigidine College

2027 ENROLMENTS | Still weighing up school options for next year? Perhaps you’ve recently moved, or your circumstances have changed.

A fresh start at Brigidine could be just what your daughter is looking for.

With limited places in Years 5 and 7 just released, now is a great time to explore what Brigidine has to offer.

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