

Dear Compass Families and Friends

Welcome back everyone to the third quarter of the year. We hope everyone had a well deserved rest and looming forward another great quarter ahead.

Schedules will be sent home this week and we are planning to have semester feedback reports completed and distributed by the end of the week also.

Last week our staff were involved in intensive staff training activities, which included sessions from Epilepsy Queensland, Family Planning Queensland, Fire Safety Training, Conflict Resolution and Aggression Management, Team building activities and program planning for the semester.

A number of our staff have recently commenced additional studies to enhance their skills and knowledge of the work that they do. Some of the courses they are doing include Disability Work, Office and Administration, Accounting and Workplace Health and Safety. This extra study requires a big commitment from staff in attending classes in their own time and completing assignment work at home. We are very appreciative of their efforts and the benefits their extra study will bring to the work they do with and on behalf of our trainees.

Over the holidays our new toilet facilities were completed at the Caloundra Centre which, with the addition of a fully fitted toilet for people with disabilities, will be a huge asset to our trainees attending the centre. Additional toilets will be constructed shortly at the farm which will be a another great step in the development of the facilities there.

Last month David and I had a very successful meeting in Gympie to address families from the area who have expressed interest in having a Compass Service in their area. The meeting was well attended by approximately 20 families and there have been a number of enquiries following the meeting. As a result, we are now looking at interviewing prospective families and staff from the Gympie area and exploring possible venues for future expansion.

Caloundra Families would be aware that we have been invited to host a Sausage Sizzle at the Bunnings Caloundra store on Sun 2 September. This will be a great opportunity for us to raise funds through the event and to create a greater community awareness of Compass and what our young men and women can do. All proceeds from the day will go directly back into supporting the Caloundra Centre. There are still some places available to volunteer during the day, so if you are able to spare a couple of hours it would be greatly appreciated. Our sincerest appreciation to Bunnings for the opportunity and to Coles Pelican Waters for their ongoing generous support through donations of produce and manpower to help make this a successful fundraising event.

Wishing everyone a successful and productive quarter and look forward to catching up with everyone soon.

Regards, Norm



Geoff Marshall of Exhibit Electrical **supports Compass...** for your electrical needs please support Geoff and Exhibit Electrical



## Date Claimers

**Monday-Friday 13-17 August 2012**  
Independence Week

**Sunday 2 September 2012**  
Fathers Day

**Thursday 20 September 2012**  
CAU Break up Day

**Friday 21 September 2012**  
P2DAY Break up Day

**Monday 1 October 2012**  
Queens Birthday

**Wednesday 3 October 2012**  
CAU Recommence Term 4

**Thursday 4 October 2012**  
P2DAY Recommence Term 4

# Thank You Jeffrey Hodges

Compass has recently received a donation of \$500 from Jeffrey Hodges of Sportsmind.

Jeff has been a long time Aikido student of David Dangerfield's and has generously decided to offer this donation to help Compass in its goal of providing first class Education and Training to people with disabilities.

Thank you Jeff!

Thank You!!



## Fishing on the Farm

Some of the most enjoyable times come from doing the simplest tasks. Fishing line with hooks were tied onto bamboo poles and cast into the dam for a morning of fishing on break up day last term. Slime and sticks were all that were caught but everyone had a wonderful time sitting chatting whilst dipping there lines. All of the Farm Staff and Trainees later headed over to Rick's new lawn garden to listen to music whilst eating their Fish Chips and salad.



### Continuous Improvement Plan

We at Compass are committed to ongoing service improvement. If you have a suggestion about how we can improve our service, please write your suggestion on one of our **Service Improvement Suggestion Forms** which are available from the office, any of our centres or on our website: [www.compassinc.org.au](http://www.compassinc.org.au) and we will carefully consider every idea.

### Advocacy

Remember that you are able to bring along an advocate or support person to any meeting that you have with Compass. An advocate is someone who is there to support you or represent you and your interests in circumstances where you feel that this additional support is required. Please ask us if you need more information or assistance with organising for an advocate.

### COMPASS CALENDAR

Need to check dates for the holidays or a special event? Our Annual Planner Calendar is available 24/7 at [www.compassinc.org.au](http://www.compassinc.org.au)

Palmwoods Community 2012

## Free Fire Safety Test

Attention Palmwoods residents:

Bring your electrical items to a FREE 'Test & Tag' morning...

**Where:** Palmwoods Rural Fire Service – Margaret St Palmwoods (*next to Police Station*)

**When:** 8am – Noon Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (*Bring your electricity account showing postcode 4555*)

**What:** Heaters, Jugs, Toasters and other household electrical items...

Keep your family and home safe this winter!

A community service brought to you by...



# Dear parents & friends,

The following has been circulating to educational facilities to enlist people in a campaign to ensure continued levels of appropriate funding to schools in Australia. Special Education is one of the areas already showing the effects of underfunding and this will only get worse without action. To learn more or become involved, please follow the links in the article.

David

We currently have a once in a generation opportunity to fix school funding, but we must all get involved if we are to prevent this chance to finally secure needs-based funding slipping away.

The Queensland Teachers Union, in collaboration with the AEU, has launched a new campaign calling for the urgent implementation of the recommendations of the Gonski Review.

The [I give a Gonski campaign](#) aims to bring together the biggest group of parents and teachers ever to show the politicians in Canberra it is time for action. Please get involved. Remember, Gonski would mean an average of \$1,500 extra per state school student per year.

Please take a moment to visit the [campaign website](#) and register your support for better funding. You can also join the [facebook page](#) to keep in touch with the latest news.

The first campaign TV advertisement started playing this week and you can watch it [here](#) or on [facebook](#).

If you would like to know more about the Gonski Review and why it is so important, visit the [new website](#). There are also fact sheets and flyers and posters available on the [resources page of the website](#).

# 2012 Heritage Bank Charity Golf Day & Lunch

**Friday**  
**17th August 2012**  
**4 Person Ambrose**

**7am Registration**  
**8am Shotgun Start**

**Pelican Waters Golf Club**  
**40 Mahogany Drive,**  
**Pelican Waters**

**RSVP by Friday 10th August 2012**  
**Ph/Fax: 07 5457 3716**  
**charitygolfday@compassinc.org.au**



All proceeds to:

The Compass Institute - a Sunshine Coast charity supporting young people with an intellectual or physical disability. The response from the community to a developmental and transition focused service has been overwhelming and the results for the young people accessing the service have been extraordinary.

## Special Guest Speaker



John P. Coulis is an exceptional person and the world's leading motivational speaker. Born with a severe disability that rendered his legs useless, John defied medical opinion by refusing to die. Today John speaks all around the world to tens of thousands, very enthusiastic and eager people, whom he leaves breathless.  
Visit [www.rollingsuccess.com.au](http://www.rollingsuccess.com.au)

## SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE

Team of 4

# \$880

- 18 holes of golf (incl. cart)
  - BBQ before golf
- On course banner display & promotion
- 8 x drink vouchers per team
  - Prizes to be won
- 2 Course sit down lunch & drinks
- 4 x Attendees to the charity auction & presentation



**Event MC:**  
**Ashley Robinson**  
**\*(Mr. Sunshine Coast)\***

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# \$770

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Pelican Waters Golf Club Dress Code:

Collared shirt tucked in, tailored pants or shorts, golf or sports shoes with socks that cover ankles, soft spikes preferred. \*No denim jeans/shorts, board shorts, football shorts, football socks

# From David's Desk



Hi Everyone,

Compass has one of its main annual fundraisers coming up on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August in the form of our Charity Golf Day. This year we have a new major sponsor in the Heritage Bank and we welcome **their involvement. It's been great to see the way they have already contributed towards organising Hole Sponsors and Teams.** You might believe that you are unable to help out with this but all it takes is you and three friends to form a team and be part of what I can assure you is a wonderful event. It will be held at Pelican Waters Golf Club again this year and we will have a limited field to maximise golfing enjoyment. A team of 4 costs \$770 and this includes a BBQ breakfast, buggies, the golf round, on-course drinks, a two course sit down lunch with drinks, great prizes and this year our guest speaker is the world renowned John Coutis (*look him up on [www.rollingsuccess.com.au](http://www.rollingsuccess.com.au)*). John is one of the most inspirational speakers in the world today and you would normally pay more than the entry fee to see him alone. There is also a raffle and a Charity Auction with some genuinely great items at bargain prices. If you have a business, you can sponsor a hole for \$880 and take some of your staff or clients along for a great time. Remember – supporting Compass fundraisers in turn supports you and your family. (Just to let you know that in 2011 Compass fundraised *or* received in-kind support totalling a little over \$99,000! – what a great community we live in.) Please go to the website to register for the Heritage Bank Charity Golf Day & Lunch or phone Amy on 5457 3716.

In speaking with some of the young people at Compass and their family members, it is obvious that there is a real need for support and assistance for both groups outside Compass service hours. One way to address this of course is through other service providers who specialise in after-hours recreational opportunities for the young people *and/or* respite for family members. This can be an expensive option when there is little or no **funding and there is a high turnover in staff so long lasting relationships can be difficult to establish.** I've been wondering again about opportunities to help family members and young people, while also offering extra work for our staff. The obvious benefit of having Compass staff as part of any out-of-hours recreational or respite support is that they are already known to you *and* the young people and are very well qualified to provide assistance. We will develop a survey to distribute to you to gauge your needs and assess whether a simple *user-pays* system might help. More on that later.

I hope many of you took the opportunity to add your signature to the recent petition supporting the introduction of the NDIS. We need to continue lobbying the Federal government and more particularly the State government to appropriately fund this initiative. At present the new LNP government are looking to cut costs all over the place seemingly without recognising that there is a very big difference between *spending* and *investment*. We all know of horror stories where government *spending* has been profligate in the public sector to say the very least (witness Traveston Dam, Tugun desalination and the Qld Health payroll debacle just for starters) and this continues today with inflated payrolls for far too many senior bureaucrats. What we see too little of is genuine *investment* that is well thought out and likely to reap benefits at many levels well into the future.

Best wishes, David

