Hello parents, carers and friends,

Over the past week I have observed some wonderful interactions that have been taking place in classrooms.

It has been a privilege to be able to award Student of the Week certificates to our students who have been demonstrating their abilities to learn about their new classroom routines and assist other classmates in settling in to school. As our teaching staff focus on establishing and maintaining relationships with students, there have been examples of teachers using a variety of strategies and activities to learn about your son/daughter and his/her interests. I also thank parents and carers for coming in to school to meet with staff and share your knowledge of your own son/daughter. This information is vital for our educational planning, as teachers now work to incorporate this into their teaching and learning activities.

Here are some snapshots of our students already at work in their classrooms and around the grounds:

Next week we will be inducting our new school leaders for 2015.

This event will take place on Thursday morning at Senior Assembly at 8.50 a.m. and our very special guest will be the federal member for Longman Hon. Wyatt Roy, M.P. I invite you to attend this ceremony and join us in celebrating this very important event in our school calendar.

Across the initial weeks of the school year, our students are involved in a whole of school curriculum unit entitled ‘Ready, Steady, Go!’ This curriculum unit focusses on the students’ learning routines, getting to know each other
and their classmates and school staff and their environment. This unit of work is now coming to an end and already students are moving in and out of classrooms (Primary Years to Senior Secondary Departments) in order to understand the routines for their literacy and maths groupings which will begin in Week 4 of this term.

Our school staff have examined individual student's achievement data and also undertaken some early and informal assessment in order to understand the stage of learning for each student, the best way in which each student learns so that literacy and maths groups can target specific teaching and learning that will lead to the best outcomes for students.

Please remember to ask your son/daughter about his/her literacy (reading) and maths teacher and the other students in his/her groups. These discussions at home will support the work of the school and lead students to an understanding that both home and school are working together to support their learning.

A final note this week: The Facebook page that is known by some members of our school community: ‘Friends of Caboolture Special School’ is an unauthorised page and has not been established by the school. Any comments on this page are not linked to the operations of the school.

Until next time, please take good care of yourself and your family,

Beth Devonshire - Principal

Deputy Principal

Hello again to our parents, carers and community members,

I wanted to take this chance to highlight the importance of regular school attendance.

**Why is regular attendance at school important?**

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every day.

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- They have a brighter future

**Why must I send my child to school?**
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Principals decide if the reason given for a child’s absence is acceptable.

**Avoid keeping your child away from school for:**

- Birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts.

Being away from school for 1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much BUT…

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School Absentee line: 54314460

Brad Tavelardis - Deputy Principal
Catching up with Curriculum

Literacy and Mathematics across the school:

Students in Early Years engaging in play based literacy and numeracy where language and concepts are modelled. Students are immersed in planned Literacy and Mathematical experiences.

Sensory experiences for Literacy and Mathematics.

Literacy and Mathematical concepts embedded in other learning areas.

Real life experience communications embed Literacy and Mathematical concepts.
Engaging in own selected reading provides a planned opportunity to practise reading strategies and appreciation of literature.

Judy Clark - Head of Curriculum

Early Years Department News

My, how the first few weeks have flown. Teachers and students have had a lovely time getting to know each other and the school over the past weeks with many happy smiling faces to see and laughter to hear.

Fun learning experiences abound. The prep classes have begun accessing the J block playground daily for their smart moves cycling and gross motor skills programs. EY-C is particularly enjoying the slide. EY-A children are working very well as a group and enjoying being the “big kids” in the purple playground area at morning tea play. EY-B have learned to walk together as a class to and from Music, HPE and the playground demonstrating how we respect others and ourselves. EY-K have been enjoying doing maths through the use of technology. Well done to each of you.

Thank you to all those parents who have already sent in your child’s booklist supplies. These items are necessary supplies for your child to participate in their class programs this year. If you have not done so already and need a new list please request one from the class teacher via the daily communication book.

Thank you also to the many parents who are signing up to volunteer to help with swimming days that are fast approaching. Please look out for a copy of the volunteer handbook and 2015 paperwork to complete and return. This will be sent home by Friday along with the swimming questionnaire which will be sent to all parents. New parents who have nominated to help will need to meet with Amanda Turnbull our school volunteer coordinator and you will be contacted personally.
To all our Early Years Caboolture Special School ‘Family’, Students, Parents, Carers and Staff, I share this sentiment - ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars - We wished for you and here you are’.

We are sure to have a bright and happy year with everyone given opportunity to shine!

Jewel Bauer - Early Years Department Leader

Primary Years Department News

"I love computers!” (Trent, year 5.)

"I like playing my guitar.” (Kenneth, year 4.)

"I won’t tell anyone my computer password – it’s a secret!” (Dani-Jo, year 3.)

As our first unit ‘Ready, Steady, Go’ comes to an end, we are about to commence new units of work for English (Australian stories from the past), Science (life cycles) and History (families). We have also begun transitioning our students to their reading and maths groups, as they move from classrooms to their reading and then maths groups… spending time in these new groups and forming new friendships.

From week 4, reading and maths groups will take place four mornings a week (excluding Thursday), so we’ll be working to achieve success with individual curriculum goals through fun learning activities. Fruit break will be after reading groups and before maths groups – brain food!

Last week the first group of students from our department attended a Primary Years choir practice, with the second group attending this week. Over time, the number of our students attending will increase and we thank our music teacher (Andrew Keppie) for his work in preparing this program for our department.

Our new D Block playground is almost ready to use and the students are excited about having a ‘bigger and better’ play space. Please ensure your child brings a hat to school, so they can participate in outside play.

(Source: http://www.tagxedo.com/app.html)

Erin McCrea – Primary Years Department Leader

Health & Physical Education Department News

HPE – Our school being active and adventurous!
HPE lessons began in week 2 and it has been wonderful to meet the new students and to see what everyone can do following lots of growing on the holidays. In the first few weeks I am testing students in the air conditioned hall and collecting data on their strengths and ability benchmarks that we can build upon. This data will be used in the years to come to track the development of each student. Activities that have proved popular so far are the soft shape obstacle course over soft mats and the dodging agility test.

Disabled Surfers Association – Sunshine Coast Branch – Next event on 28 February, Noosa West

The next DSA event is at Noosa on Saturday, 28 February, 2015. More information is available at http://disabledsurfers.org/qld/sunshine-coast-branch/ I hope to see more members of our community on the beach!

Ben Byrne - HPE Teacher

Music Department News

School concerts 2015

Like last year, Caboolture Special School will present four concerts in 2015.

Each department has the opportunity to showcase student talents in their own themed concert.

For newcomers to our school past concerts have included singing, dancing, videos, magic tricks, costumes, props and cool hair styles!

Concert nights are a lot of fun and all in our school community are invited to attend.

This year each department will present in the following order:

Early Years Term 3, Thursday September 17
Primary Years Term 4, Thursday December 3
Junior Secondary Term 1, Wednesday April 1
Senior Secondary Term 2, Thursday June 25

All concerts start at 6pm and usually conclude by 7:30pm.

See you there!

Andrew Keppie - Music Teacher

Student Services Department News
When speaking to children use WHEN, THEN.

By using when and then it gives children a clear direction on the task you want them to achieve. This makes what you are saying a statement not a question. It tells the child what they need to do is a job or responsibility.

Good practice: WHEN you have brushed your teeth, THEN you can go on the computer.

If children are given a question, there is a chance for it to be refused or argued.

For example: Can you brush your teeth? If you do you can go on the computer.

This links to SWPBS - Respect for Self - “I stop, think and make a good choice.”

Nicole Coady - Student Services Department Leader

A Note From Our Chappy

A school chaplain is a safe person for children to connect with at school, providing a listening ear, caring presence, and message of hope. They care for students struggling with a wide range of issues, including: family problems, confusing relationships, friendship issues, peer pressure, self-esteem issues, bullying and depression.

Chaplains run positive, fun activities for children, both in and out of school and foster a supportive, caring school community. This includes support for at risk students, support for staff and families from the wider school community and spiritual support and direction for the school community.

Learn from yesterday,

Live for today,

Hope for tomorrow.

Albert Einstein

Blessings,

Tania Byers - Chaplain

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a weekly award on assembly;

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PY-C Joshua
PY-D Liam, Holly
PY-F Dani-Jo
PY-G Blake C
PY-H Blake W, Caleb
PY-I Trey
PY-J Tien, Jackson, Seth, Tyler, James, Liam
PY-L Trent
PY-M Dominic, Erin, Makayla

Hospitality & Tuckshop News
Tuckshop (Tastes on Torrens) will be open every Wednesday and Thursday for morning tea and lunch. A limited menu is available during this term before adding further menu choices. The Hospitality students in Senior Secondary will be working weekly with Kaye and myself to provide the meals and service of the Tuckshop.

Flexischools is the only ordering process for tuckshop. Unfortunately cash orders cannot be accepted. Ordering through Flexischools is easy. Simply go to http://www.flexischools.com.au/ and click “Register Now”. We have also sent home an information sheet with further details on how to register.

If you require assistance registering or placing orders on Flexischools, please contact the office on 54314444 to make a time with Kaye in the tuckshop. Kaye will be available on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

We hope you will support our students in this program throughout the year.

Tony Dwan - Hospitality Teacher

P&C News

P&C Meeting – 6.00pm 10 March 2015
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ALL WELCOME

P&C – Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open Wednesdays 9–10am. Uniform order forms are available on the school website.

Scholastic Book Club - School Fundraiser

The P&C are running the Scholastic Book Club this term. Brochures with order forms will be sent home this week.

Please have all orders with payment back to school no later than by Thursday 19 February, thank you.

Caboolture My Time

MyTime groups provide support for mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition. MyTime Caboolture is on Tuesday, February 17 at Caboolture Special School from 9:30am. We will be having morning tea and special guest to be advised. We welcome back old members and welcoming new members. If you have any questions, please contact Rachael on 0410492181 or email: mytimecaboolture@yahoo.com.au
Community News

Indigenous Families

If any families in the community are looking for any type of medical assistance please contact your local clinic, *Indigenous Urban Institute Of Health on 5429 1000*

If you also have any questions about your Centrelink payments your contact for the Caboolture Office is *Indigenous Liaison Officer, Ashleigh Simpson on 1800 136 380 or 3480 1254*

If you have issues with any other problems please contact *Sue Williams, Indigenous Community Advisor on Monday 8:30am - 2:30pm & Thursday 8:30am - 12:30pm on 0477 756 958*

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