Principal's Message

Hello parents, carers and friends,

This week I’d like to focus on the school priority of:

ENGAGED PARTNERS – a focus on local decision making, embracing autonomy and creating and maintaining partnerships

Earlier this week our school P & C voted for a new Executive for 2015.

I am very pleased to announce the following positions and congratulate these members of our community on their new or continuing positions:

President: Louise Catton
Vice Presidents: Richard Long, Kaye Mc Gaughey, Debbie Grey (P&C Qld Representative)
Secretary: Pastor Alan Grieve
Treasurer: Renee Holmes
Uniform Coordinator: Debra Bowers

Our thanks go to these members who have each over the past 12 months been highly proactive in their actions and worked collaboratively to achieve great outcomes in the areas of fundraising, contribution to school policy, collegiality, family and student support and have operated in the true spirit of the values for our school:

Achieving, Belonging, Caring

There are yet a couple of positions yet to be filled:
School Banking Coordinator: This role assists students and their families in the promotion of school banking by organizing the processes for students to open a bank account, deposit money each week and work towards rewards and incentives. Over the past 12 months Renee Holmes has worked diligently in this position and I know that she will be on hand to assist the new co-ordinator.

Parent Liaison Officer: This role assists families in locating information on services in the community for people with disabilities. This position works closely with our school Guidance Officer. Kylie Stretton worked in this role across the past 12 months and began a library for parents, sourcing information from many sources. We thank Kylie for her work and I look forward to working with another member of our community in this area.

Our school has also been fortunate this week to have received a donation of 57 wooden toys from Mr Bob Elliott of Morayfield Lions Club. Bob has made and donated over 1500 toys to Save the Children Fund, the Salvation Army and various schools and children in need. We are very thankful to Bob for this generous donation to the students in our school and I know that they will really enjoy their play with these new toys. Thank you Bob

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS – a focus on knowing our students and meeting their needs

It has been very inspiring this past week to have worked alongside teachers and students in some classes as they progress through their literacy and maths lessons and share in the learning and achievements of our students.

- Barista work in our KKs coffee shop. Thank you James for teaching Kyle how to make cappuccinos

- Zac with Dani, Tyleshia, CJ, Peter and Elijah hard at work reading ‘Going to the Moon’

- Nic, Matthew and Connor telling the time they go to bed and wake up on their clocks

Sean and Trina reading together on the Whiteboard.
Hello parents, carers and friends,

This week we celebrate International Women's Day which was on the 8th March. This day looks at gender equality and the empowerment of women, this day is celebrated in more than 90 countries around the world. You may have heard about gender equality – in social media, on TV, at school or at home. You and your friends and families may think that boys and girls have the same opportunities in life, especially in Australia. However statistically this is not the case, not here in Australia, and certainly not in poorer countries around the world. We need your help to change that.

DID YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT NOW IN AUSTRALIA...

• Girls in your son/daughters class can expect to earn 18% less when they leave school and get a job, compared to the boys, even if they do the same work.

• Girls can look forward to fewer jobs in leadership – twice as many boys will become Members of the Australian Parliament, compared to girls.

• Girls are over 4 times more likely to be sexually assaulted in their lifetime than boys, and the most likely source of that violence will be their partner.

I would like to take this chance to thank the wonderful women who make Caboolture Special school such a supportive learning environment. These women truly value each of our children and give of themselves daily so that our students learn and thrive. Thank you to all of our teachers, teacher aides, cleaners, volunteers, parent helpers and to our admin staff..... You make our school a better place to be.

Happy International Women's day!

Brad Tavelardis - Deputy Principal

Catching Up With Curriculum

“Science provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of important science concepts and processes, the practices used to develop scientific knowledge, of science’s contribution to our culture and society.

The curriculum supports students to develop the scientific knowledge, understandings and skills to make informed decisions about local, national and global issues and to participate, if they so wish, in science-related careers.” (ACARA)
This semester students across the school are engaged in ‘Biological Science’.

Units include:

Early Years: –Staying Alive. The context is around the needs of living things and their habitats.

Primary Years – Watch it Grow / Friends or Foes. The context is around the stages of living things / relationships between living things.

Junior Secondary – Desert Survivors – The context is around adapting to environments.

Senior Secondary (Yr 10) – Micro Organisms - The context is around conditions for survival.

Judy Clark - Head Of Curriculum

Early Years Department News

Swimming lessons have begun for all our Early Years students. Teachers of students within the Super Class have reported that their lessons at North Lakes on Thursday’s have been “the best swimming ever”. Our other Early Years classes are enjoying their sessions at St Peter’s Aquatic Centre on Monday’s and Tuesday’s. Well done to all the parents for organising your child’s swimming needs; to the staff and students for your enthusiastic participation; and to the many parent volunteers who make these lessons possible. These lessons will continue up to and including week 9. If your child wears a nappy usually or may have an ‘accident’ in the pool please provide 2 Little Swimmers nappies each swimming day. Any unused Little Swimmers will be sent home the same day. Unfortunately your child will not be able to attend the swimming session if a necessary Little Swimmer is not provided.

‘A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instil a love of learning’ – Brad Henry. The many successes I witness each day across our department lead me to believe that our Early Years teachers fit into this category.

• EY-K staff report that Ethan and Tyrin both sat perfectly through the whole of assembly!
• EY-D Brock has participated in the good-bye song. As a class they have started their history unit focussing on family songs
• EY-C students are really enjoying messy play activities during literacy groups
• EY-B students are engaging in exploring texts from Australian authors including ‘Wombat Stew’ and sensory walks in ‘Where the Forest Meets the Sea’
• EY-G are exploring their senses to help them look at animals in their science unit
• EY-F are working hard to make green choices and using different tools to explore what helps us stay in the Green Zone
• EY-A are enjoying learning about sequence and duration of time. They have investigated how many hops/jumps they can each do in 10 seconds and then how long it takes to walk across the room
• EY-E students are having fun doing arts and crafts based on the animals they see in their literacy texts

The Super Class are also enjoying ‘Wombat Stew’ as a sensory story and exploring the animals and the sequence and events discovered in the story. Both Luke and Matthew have settled in well to their new classes. Well done to all!

Dr. Michael Nagel (Professor of Neuroscience) recently shared at a lecture for teachers some research that demonstrates PLAY is fundamental to brain development. He emphasised that the most beneficial play is ‘Self-Directed’ and ‘Mature Dramatic Play’. Taking heed to this information the Early Years Department staff would like to organise a ‘Dress-Up Box/Trolley’ for each of our 3 buildings. Please send in any clean unwanted clothing depicting adult occupations (police hat, doctor coat, nurse uniform, train driver, road worker, shop keeper, truck driver, cook, etc) or superhero costumes. Please mark the bag ‘For Dress Up’. Thank you very much.

Until next time –

Enjoy playing along with your child at a game they have instigated; or simply observe their self-directed play to learn more about their interests or to provide opportunity to expand their knowledge or expression; or enjoy some dress-up with your child…. Maybe a superhero …. Which one?

Jewel Bauer - Early Years Department Leader

**Primary Years Department News**

“I love the new playground.” (Makayla, year 3.)

“The playground is beautiful, just like my teachers!” (Erin, year 3.)

Students in year three to six are feeling on top of the world, as they now have an impressive new playground in D Block. These students have waited patiently as the upgrades to the playground have been completed… with the result being a bigger, brighter and better play space!

James, Troy, Makayla and Erin enjoyed exploring the new playground features.
It has been pleasing to see and hear about students demonstrating respect for learning, self and others in the Primary Years department:

- Izzie from PY-E has been independently completing class jobs each day.
- Codie from PY-A has been using technology (a switch) in Science.
- Drew from PY-F has been enjoying trying new foods.
- Dane from PY-B has been treating his friends with respect.

Erin McCrea – Primary Years Department Leader

Music Department News

In total, four school performance concerts will be held this year:

Term 1 Junior Secondary

Term 2 Senior Secondary

Term 3 Early Years

Term 4 Primary years

Term 1 Junior Secondary Concert - “Funtastic!”

We’re nearly half way through this first term and that means that our first concert for the year is fast approaching. First up this year will be our marvellous Junior Secondary department who will be presenting a show with the theme “Funtastic!”. Last years 7-9 concert was full of expert dancing, singing, acting and laughter.

Our Junior Secondary students are sure to entertain us again this year so come one and come all!

When: Wednesday 1 April
Where: School Hall

Time: 6pm

Taste on Torrens will be open from 5pm for refreshments and food.

See you there!

Andrew Keppie - Music Teacher

Health & Physical Education News

We’ve had a busy and wonderful couple of weeks when it comes to swimming! All Early Years classes have begun swimming and the feedback has been very positive! Especially wonderful are the very generous parents who have been helping with the swimming groups. Thank you all! This has enabled a minimum of 1:1 support for our littlest swimmers and many tired happy faces at the end of swimming days. Some groups have been driving to North Lakes to access a specialist pool. To enable this group’s access to swimming, the School has purchased a fantastic light-weight portable hoist, slings and change table. The School now has the portable equipment to enable the supported lifting and changing of students whenever they are out and about in the community. Pictured below with the new hoist and change table are some of the happy faces stoked to have the new equipment and the possibilities it represents.

Another new piece of equipment that has been a hit is a new portable sound system introduced during HPE lessons. “Rhythmic and Expressive Movement” is part of the HPE curriculum and this new sound system enables lessons to be delivered anywhere in the school. Using the soundtrack from the movie “Happy Feet” to gauge students’ interest and abilities, it has been very entertaining to see the unbridled joy of movement in response to the beats as well as educational as everyone shares their own way of moving to the rhythm and expressing themselves through movement!

Ben Byrne - HPE Teacher

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a weekly award on assembly:
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School Information

School Photo Day

At

Caboolture Special School

Country School Photos will be at our school to take class, portrait and sibling photos on Tuesday 24 March 2015. Order and payment envelopes were sent home with your child last week. Please return your order and payment envelope to your child’s teacher before photo day.

TEACHER AIDE VACANT POSITIONS

Caboolture Special School currently have multiple positions available for permanent/ temporary and casual relief teacher aides. The successful applicants would need to hold a current working with children blue card and a Certificate III / IV in Education Support is preferred. Please submit your application, a maximum 2 page written response outlining your suitability for the role, addressing the key capabilities along with a current resume including the names of 3 referees to the Business Services Manager, PO Box 108, Caboolture 4510 or email jhall28@eq.edu.au. Application packages are available from our school website www.cabooltuspecs.eq.edu.au

A Message From Our Chappy

MAY MANY BLESSINGS COME YOUR WAY TODAY:

MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE

LOVE TO SHARE,

HEALTH TO SPARE,

AND FRIENDS THAT CARE.

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, 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 community and spiritual support and direction for the school community.

Blessings,
Hospitality & Tuckshop News

Tuckshop (Tastes on Torrens) opens every Wednesday and Thursday for morning tea and lunch. Many of the products are home made by our senior students participating in our Hospitality program.

A friendly reminder that Flexischools is the only ordering process for tuckshop. You can place your online orders in advance if you wish. 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 28 April 2015

P&C – Uniform Shop

Why join the P&C?

It is a great way to keep informed about your school and contribute to your child’s education and school community.

Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage and include everything from taking on an executive position, attending meetings or receiving P&C minutes by email. Volunteering at an event like a sausage sizzle or stamping raffle books. You may take on a role that suits your skills like grant writing, helping with planning events or develop new skills by helping those in these or executive roles. There is something for everyone and best of all you will make new friends and have some fun with others from your school.

Our General monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm and everyone is welcome.

Debbie Grey - Vice President
Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open each Wednesday from 9:00am–10:00am.

Uniform order forms are also available on the school website.

School Banking

A reminder that school banking is on each Tuesday. Please send your child's banking book on this day.

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 17 March at Caboolture Special School from 9:30am. 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

Rachael Fedrick - MyTime Facilitator

Community News

Woodford Showgrounds

Saturday 14th March 2015 at 10:00am

Free Entry All Welcome

Come and see Emergency vehicles, Fireman, Policeman and Paramedics

Little Flick the Fire Engine and his friend Blake

At 10.30am and 1pm there will be a Kitchen Fire Simulation

Come and see Emergency vehicles, Fireman, Policeman and Paramedics

FUN! FUN! FUN!
Safety First

Sausage Sizzle

A quiet space will be available when a break is needed
Plaster fun for kids- train, carousel and wooden toys
All fundraising to be donated to Autism Queensland

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 Liason 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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