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Volume 2  14th February 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Junior Assembly
28th February, 28th March

Senior Assembly
21st February, 7th / 21st March

Student Immunisations
Year 8 & 10 students

WRECK-IT RALPH
2PM SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY
TICKETS ONLY $8 EACH

SCHOOL NOTES & LETTERS
NOTES/LETTERS SENT HOME ON YELLOW PAPER WILL REQUIRE A SIGNATURE AND/OR OTHER ACTION BY THE PARENT/CARER AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL. THESE NOTES WILL HELP PARENTS/CARERS IDENTIFY NOTES OR LETTERS WHICH REQUIRE YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

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P-3C     Erin W / Dom P
P-3E     Ben R
P-3F     Alexis P / Teegan J
P-3I     Blake C / Blayton H
4-6A     Hayden K / Logan W / Blayke B / James S / Sean C / Bahaa J
4-6B     Jaana S
4-6C     Connor A / Chloe S
4-6D     Tiago M / Sidoney W
4-6E     Bayley B / Joshua F
7-9A     Marnie C
7-9B     Aiden C
7-9C     Daria W / Brittany H / Bradley F
7-9D     Corey W / Jamie K
7-9G     Ty H
7-9H     Alan G / Jackson F
7-9I     Christopher Mc
TR-C     Jai M / Christopher Y / Ethan H / Brandon P
TR-D     Lekeele L / Courtney P / Rebecca L / Talitha N / Maddison M
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CHAPPY NEWS—MY TIME

Date: Tuesday 26th February
Time: 9am – 11am
Session: Coffee & Chat
Location: Hog’s Breath Café
9 Devereaux Road, Morayfield
For more information or RSVP please contact the MyTime Facilitator
Rebecca Reinikka
Chappy Tania

TASTE ON TORRENS

Tuckshop is now up and running and is open on Tuesday and Wednesday. A Tuckshop order form will be sent home each week and all that is needed is the form to be filled out and sent back with the money. We supply bags/packaging for the orders. Each term we change some of the menu to cater for seasons. If there is something you would like to see on the menu, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Watermelon and grapes are popular fruits at present and are good value. Try freezing the grapes for a nice change.

Cheers Kaye
VTE Hospitality Aide

The lights stay on dim.

You will need to present a “Sensory Movie Day” membership card to purchase tickets, email me at sensorymovie-day@hotmail.com if you need one.

COMPANY ID. cards accepted. Children 2yrs and under are free

$5 Small Popcorn and Small Drink available

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Taking time for students to explore and experiment, share and discuss materials / resources supports them in becoming confident in engaging with the resources.

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

School Priority: Curriculum

As you would be aware, throughout 2012, Caboolture Special School began the journey to introduce the Australian Curriculum to our students and teachers. This year, we will be consolidating and extending this work. Students at our school all engage in the English curriculum at a level that suits their learning needs and across this semester, we will also be introducing the Mathematics and Science curriculum into our classrooms. Later in the year, our students will begin to explore their personal timelines and events within their community as we gradually introduce the national History curriculum into our classrooms. The teachers at our school work together to plan units of work in these curriculum areas that are meaningful and appropriate for the students in their class. Sometimes this means that the learning needs to be presented in a different way or using a different approach to that outlined in the curriculum documents. Often we need to adapt the timeframe to ensure that our students are able to repeat learning experiences to consolidate their skills and knowledge. Finally, the teachers are very skilled at adapting the assessment tasks to ensure that all children are able to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and understanding in the way that is best suited to their learning approach.

**Judy Clark-Head of Curriculum**

P - 3 DEPARTMENT NEWS

It is fantastic to see all the students in P-3 settled in well to their class groups. The class rules and routines are established and learning experiences are well underway. Congratulations to all!

These past two weeks have seen our P-3 students involved in Zumba Dance classes each Monday and Frisbee and Hoop skills each Thursday. These activities will continue weekly for the term.

As part of our ‘whole school unit - Ready Steady Go!’ the P-3 students enjoyed a ‘Welcome to 2013 Australian BBQ’ organised by the School Chaplain, Tania. Even our youngest students lined up and waited patiently to be served. You would have been so proud!

Starting next week our P-3 teachers will begin delivering the English Unit for Semester 1. The P-3 students will have fun being immersed in Australian text!

Jewel – P-3 Department Leader

**4-6 DEPARTMENT NEWS**

It has been a great start to the year with students and staff engaging in the 4 - 6 department smart move program. It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm students and staff have when they participate in the Zumba, skipping and Frisbee activities.

The students are currently engaging in an enriched literacy, numeracy and science based morning session presented digitally. The students are focused and demonstrate they enjoy the interaction they have with each other and the interactive learning opportunities provided.

In Week 4, we will be starting a new unit of work called Exploring Australian Text. The students will be exposed to a wide range of Australian text, including digital and multimodal text. We look forward to some creative lesson plans over the coming month.

Samantha Sherwin – Department Leader 4-6

**7-9 DEPARTMENT NEWS**

It has been fantastic to see the classrooms transform over the past weeks with the Disability staff engaged in helping students working co-operatively. What a bunch of talented teachers we have, each bringing their repertoire of skills… from yoga to guitar lessons and everything in-between.

Week 4 sees us starting a new unit of work, ‘Exploring Australian texts set in the past’. This will involve our students being exposed to a broad range of Australian texts, including online texts. Additionally, we start our reading groups next week, which I’m looking forward to being involved in.

Erin McCrae – Department Leader 7-9

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**GUIDANCE MATTERS**

Welcome to all new students and carers. My name is Melissa Thieis and I am the Guidance Officer for Caboolture Special School. If you would like to speak with me, please contact the school. I am available every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and alternate Wednesday of each week.

KYC – Kids Youth and Community

**Where:** Building F, The Lakes Centre, 2 King Street, Caboolture QLD 4510

**Phone:** 5428 3589

**Opened:** Monday to Thursday 8:30am – 5pm and 8:30am – 3pm

**Fridays**

**Postal Address:** P O Box 709, Caboolture QLD 4510

**Website:** www.kyc.org.au

Programs that KYC offers:

- ‘In Control’ Anger Management program for young people. Phone KYC for further information.
- Me, My Mind, My Body – Volatile Substances, Marijuana and Alcohol program for young people that are affected by these substances. Phone KYC for further information.
- Hip Hop Dance Program – weekly activity after school for ages 5-18 years. Phone Namila on 5428 3589 for more details.
- Monthly activities for 12- and over held at Clayton Park Beachmere, beginning 22nd February from 4-6pm. Phone KYC for more information.

If you are having issues at home, call KYC and they will link you into services that can assist, and will provide follow-up.

If your son or daughter turning 16 this year? If they are, then they are eligible to apply for the Disability Support Pension.

To assist with this process, the school is able to provide information that you can take to Centrelink appointments. If you would like the school to provide this information, please contact me – by phoning the school, or by it usually dropping in. Please contact me with your request before your child turns 16 – takes a few weeks to gather all necessary information. Have you contacted Disability Services Queensland to see what services you and your child are able to access?

**Phone:** 1800 177 120 or www.comunities.qld.gov.au/disability

**Melissa Thieis – Guidance Officer**

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**TRANSITION DEPARTMENT NEWS**

The department is humming along smoothly with all classes engaged in their first unit of work. Next week, we will be commencing a new English unit “Exploring Australian Texts Set in the Past”, where we will be linking existing Transition programs and SET Plan goals to correlate with requirements of the unit.

Several students have already completed online assessments in Work Safety and have downloaded their Certificates of Competency, others are busily making and delivering lunches from Taste on Torrens, while another group is energetically pulling out weeds in our gardens.

It was also fantastic to see students using two-way radios and communicating effectively with others.

Students have already started their studies in Certificates I and II in Horticultural Studies at TAFE.

On Tuesday night, Peter convened an informative evening attended by parents/carers/ students and service providers from the local area. Judging by the positive feedback, the evening was a resounding success. Sincere thanks to Peter, Ben for his presentation on the Duke of Edinburgh Program and Kaye for her yummy treats!

Colleen Griggs – Department Leader