Hello parents, carers and friends,

This week we celebrate the induction of our school captains for 2015. We congratulate these students on achieving their new positions and look forward to their enhanced participation and representation in our school community.

We have been honoured to have had our Federal Member of Parliament for Longman, Hon. Wyatt Roy here at our school to present the School Captains and Sports Captains with their badges and certificates. Congratulations to our parents and carers for all your work that has led to these students successes. Thank you to our school staff for your support to the students through the election processes.

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

(Female) SCHOOL CAPTAIN is Georgia B

(Male) SCHOOL CAPTAIN is Jahkobi S

(Female) SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAIN is Lyndsay J

(Male) VICE-CAPTAINS are James Penton & Bow B

**SPORTS CAPTAINS**
Our school Annual Improvement Plan establishes four new priorities for 2015. These are in line with the Education Queensland North Coast Region’s strategic priorities. These are:

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

**GREAT PEOPLE** – *a focus on developing professional knowledge, practice and engagement, leading teaching and learning and developing ourselves and others*

**HIGH STANDARDS** – *a focus on school performance, knowing our data and strategies for student achievement*

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

Underlying these priorities are the core values for our school:

**ACHIEVING**  **BELONGING**  **CARING**

These values are embodied in the expectations of our School wide Positive Behaviour Support Program:

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Across the school year, you will see these core priorities and expectations in our school documents, throughout our staff, leadership and P&C meetings and in our school newsletter. As we focus on our priorities, we aim to once again strive for improved outcomes for our students in their own learning, in the provision of our facilities and resources for teaching and learning programmes and in our partnerships with our community.

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

Beth Devonshire - Principal

**Deputy Principal**
During the first 3 weeks of school, teachers have been developing classroom routines and setting the expectations for how students will learn and interact with others. Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Matrix has been used to assist teachers to do this. This week I would like to revisit the Respect For Learning section of our matrix ....

So what does Respect for Learning look like in a special school context? At Caboolture Special School we have defined Respect for Learning as a very simple statement of action – *Every day I do my best*. Doing my best looks quite different for every student and every adult in our school. Perhaps it is about doing my best to control my emotions in a difficult situation. Perhaps it is about having the courage to try something new. Or perhaps it is about learning a new skill or a new concept.

When we talk about learning we often think of traditional school learning such as learning to count or learning to read or write. All of these things are very important and for many of our students doing their best at these activities will be a very important focus for their learning. For other students however, their learning may be about communicating their wants and their needs, learning to interact appropriately with their peers and the community or learning to move safely and efficiently around the school. Doing your best every day is about facing our personal challenges and working hard – very hard-to overcome them.

When we as a school community, focus on Respect for Learning we begin to see each each individual’s learning journey as a celebration. Each achievement is highly personalised and what may seem like a small achievement for one student may be a life-changing, monumental achievement for another student. Whenever we see someone doing their best every day, we have an opportunity to stop, to acknowledge their learning and to celebrate their successes.

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**Junior Secondary Department News**

What a great week it has been in our Junior Secondary Department. We are fortunate to have a dedicated cohort of teachers who are working very hard with curriculum planning and documentation to best meet the needs of all students.

Math and Reading groups started this week and I have been impressed with the Junior Secondary students who have shown kindness and compassion by helping each other transition to and from their Reading and Math groups. Thank you to parents who have signed their child’s ICP goals. These goals assist the teachers in planning lessons that best cater for your child’s individual needs and outcomes, enabling all students to experience success.

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Bronwyn Paxton - Deputy Principal
Music, HPE and Art lessons have integrated nicely into all classes scheduled routines, and the students have expressed their excitement in going to these specialised subjects. Thank you to the talented Andrew Keppie, Ana Kelly and Ben Byrne for the planning and preparation that goes into making their lessons so meaningful, engaging and fun for our students.

Angeleen Managh - Junior Secondary Department Leader

Senior Secondary Department News

Congratulations to our 2015 School Captains and Sports Captains who were presented with their badges and new leadership roles by the Hon Wyatt Roy this week at Senior Assembly. I am so proud of everyone who nominated and stepped out of their comfort zone to take on a new role.

Over the past two weeks parents and students have been choosing their subject electives for the 2015 school year. This process has been valuable for all involved to open discussions about the future direction of our students. I really appreciate the time parents have put into discussing the subject options with their child and sending these forms back. The subject electives will commence next week in the Senior Secondary area and I know there are some very excited students who are looking forward to working in the hospitality and horticulture area. As well as delving into studies in Electrocommunications, ICT, Exploratory Science and Social and Community Studies, just to name a few.

This year, across the school, we are reflecting and talking about, ‘You have two hands. One to help yourself, the second to help others.’ The Senior Secondary students are also learning about this as they begin a path of learning new skills to help themselves and to help others in their community.

Have a great week

Amanda Turnbull - Senior Secondary Department Leader

VTE Department News

The Caboolture Special School’s Vocational Technical Education (VTE) Program is empowered by the capacities and interests of our students and our local community base of specialised service providers, business enterprises and community volunteer organisations and their members.

In 2015 the Vocational Technical Education (VTE) Program is promoting the Volunteering Queensland Courses and opportunities to our broader community. Courses offered by Volunteering Queensland includes: the Certificate IV in Volunteer Program Co-ordination which myself and Colleen Griggs completed in 2013 and the Certificate I, Certificate II and Certificate II in Active Volunteering. There are many other opportunities for being an active volunteer in the broader community. Being a community volunteer is one of many post school activities that our students have over the years contributed to as Australian community members.

You will find our past students in many organisations. Volunteering opportunities include State Emergency Service (SES), Queensland Rural Fire Service, Coast Guard, Amateur Radio Clubs,
Caboolture Historical Village, Endeavour Foundation, Red Cross, Meals-on-Wheels, St Johns Ambulance and many, many others.

If you are interested the opportunities and courses that Volunteering Queensland provides the first place to go is their web site: http://volunteeringqld.org.au/web/

Best wishes for 2015.

Regards

Peter Allen - VTE Co-ordinator

Resource Department News

We have created some flexible learning and reading nooks in the Resource Centre to accommodate the need for quiet spaces for students to enjoy reading books and learning the basics about how to interact in libraries and how to look after our stock of books.

We are planning to expand the range of texts available for students and staff to borrow that takes students beyond basic readers and reading texts into the world of enjoying books. Books give us the opportunity to experience the sensory nature of a physical book, the smell, the feel, the sound of pages turning, the visual of the images. This is something many of us can relate to, so that we can develop a love of reading, that is hard to replace with technology. As you can see from these photos, these girls are enjoying quiet time to hang out together and enjoy that sensory experience.

Inger Altermatt - Resource Centre & E-Learning Leader

Guidance Matters

Welcome to all new students and carers. My name is Melissa Thiess 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, Wednesday mornings, Thursday and Friday.

Is 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 dropping in. Please contact me with your request before your child turns 16. It usually 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?
BAMD – Bust a Move Dance

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info@bustamovedance.com.au

Life’s Journey – Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre

Are you a mother, grandmother or female carer who has children under the age of 18 years in your care? Would you like to be involved in a group where you can make new friends, increase your self-esteem and have fun?

Life’s Journey is a six week friendly group for women who are parenting. You will be able to experience new and creative things, explore ideas, and meet new people. Hands on Interactive activities include painting and clay work. Some topics explored are communication in families, self-esteem, stress management plus much more!!

WHERE : Encircle (formerly Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre) 865 Gympie Road, Lawton

WHEN : 25 February - 1 April 2015 Wednesday mornings - 10am until 12.30pm

COST : Free

For further information or to register your interest please contact Relationships Australia Family Support Service on 34236962

Funded by the Queensland Government Department of Communities, Child Safety & Disability Services.

Melissa Thiess - Guidance Officer

(Available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning, Thursday and Friday)

Student Awards

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

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Hospitality & Tuckshop News

Tuckshop (Tastes on Torrens) will be open every Wednesday and Thursday for morning tea and lunch. We are now introducing our new extended tuckshop menu for the remaining weeks of Term 1, 2015. As you will see with our new menu, many of the products will be 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 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.

A reminder that the day for school banking to be brought to school by is on a Tuesday. The P&C process the banking on a Wednesday morning. Thank You

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 24 February at Caboolture Special School from 9:30am. We will be having morning tea and learning how to decorate cakes. 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

Parent Survey  Go in the draw to win A BIKE!

MBRC Road Safety Strategic Plan 2015-2020 - *Have your say and go in the prize draw to win a bike!*

MBRC is currently reviewing and updating the ‘Road Safety Strategic Plan’. Let us know what you think the big road safety issues are in the Moreton Bay Region by **06/03/2015**.

Click on the link below to take part in the short survey and be involved in shaping Council’s business on what can potentially save lives on our roads.


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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