Are you the parent or caregiver of a child with a disability?

Have your say!
Parenting a child with a disability comes with exceptional challenges. How do you know what’s best and what works? We can provide specially-tailored parenting support but we need your help.

This is your chance to tell us about your child’s experiences as well as your own. Let us know whether you’re getting enough parenting support and share with us the types of support you would like to receive.

We’ll use your views to deliver a parenting program in ways that suit families across Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales.

If you have a child with a disability, aged 2–10, go to the My Say website and help us improve parenting services for your family.

To have your say and to find out more about the program, visit www.mysay.org.au

This program is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia.

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/LETTERS WHICH REQUIRE YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

P&C Uniform shop
Is open every Wednesday from 9am to 10am
School banking is available every week, new packs will be sent home soon

CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM
A yellow change of details form has been sent home with this newsletter. Please update student information including emergency contacts, address, court orders, medical information etc. if they have changed over the holiday period, sign and return form to the Office at your earliest convenience. It is important to ensure this information is current to assist in supporting your child/children.

Staff Awards

UPCOMING EVENTS
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Junior Assembly 14th / 28th February, 14th / 28th March
Senior Assembly 7th / 21st February, 7th / 21st March
Chappy BBQ 5th February
My time 12th February 9-11am
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sun safety
Our school has a sun safety policy and students are encouraged to wear a hat, protective clothing and apply sun screen whenever they are outside of the classroom. They required to wear swim shirts during all water-based activities.

As we are now in summer, it’s important to remember that peak times for exposure to the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation are 10am – 2pm. It is vital that parents encourage their children to be sun safe every day.

Bronwyn Paxton
Deputy Principal

P - 3 DEPARTMENT NEWS

Welcome to the school year for 2013! Students are busily settling in to their new surroundings. As I move about the classes I see students happily restoring past friendships and the beginnings of new ones. Whilst teachers are delivering our beginning year unit “Ready Steady Go!” students are learning new routines; being engaged by the educational resources and IT equipment; practising their hand-eye coordination skills; matching; identifying; communicating and generally enjoying themselves. Well done to all the P-3 teachers for making this such a smooth transition into the school year.

Congratulations to the parents and carers for your commitment and organisation. Thank you for entrusting us with your child’s learning and care during these important formative years.

If you have any questions that you believe I may be able to help you with please feel free to contact me via the school office or send a note in your child’s communication book.

Kind regards,
Jewel—P-3 Department Leader

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Hello Parents, Friends and Carers,

Welcome to the school year for 2013.

Across this first week we have seen students arrive and settle into their classes very quickly. Despite the extreme weather conditions over the Australia Day weekend, our school has fared well and was ready for full operations on the first day of school.

We think of our colleagues and students in other schools, particularly those in Bundaberg, with whom our school has had an association, and will be sending messages of support to their communities.

A special welcome to our new students and families and we look forward to our learning and work together over the coming years.

I would like to welcome the following new teachers to our school:

Nakita Hing — 4-6 Department
Shelley Kemp — 7-9 Department
Kay Maher — 7-9 Department
Verona Ker — Transition Department
Sue Tremellen — Transition Department

This year brings the prospect of new and continuing programmes for our students.

We introduce the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program for our Senior students, English, Maths and Science will be our curriculum focus across the whole school and later in the year we will trial the History curriculum.

I welcome all families to attend the first P & C meeting for 2013. This will be held in the S Block meeting room on Tuesday 05 February (next Tuesday) at 6.00 pm. Over the past year the P & C and school have worked together to improve procedures and equipment for the school and this year we look forward to further combined ventures.

This week Pastor Alan from the Baptist Church has come to our school to present some new bikes to our community. The church held a fundraising event late last year and has purchased new bikes for our students to use. We thank the members of the Baptist Church community and the wider community for their generosity.

Thank you to Pastor Alan, his wife Ros, Jewel (Chaplaincy committee Chair) and Tania our chaplain for their organisation of the fundraising for the new bikes.

Thank you to Marnie’s class and Blayton Humphries who presented a special gift to the Pastor Alan.

Welcome Back to school Chappy BBQ & SunSmart Day Tuesday 5th Feb.

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The students are becoming familiar with class expectations, learning all about themselves and what it means to be an Australian. We look forward to an exciting new year consisting of the continuation of implementing the Australian Curriculum and promoting an eLearning culture within our department. Please feel free to contact me regarding your child’s class teacher or myself with any concerns and queries you may have. We look forward to working with you and living up to our school motto, For Life We Learn. Samantha Sherwin—Department Leader 4-6

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop will re-commence in Week 3 — Tuesday 12th February and then will be available each Tuesday & Wednesday. A new menu will come home shortly.

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Next Tuesday the students will participate in the Big Aussie BBQ, which is a fun activity linking directly to our first unit of work entitled ‘Ready, Steady, Go!’ This year all classes are on a “Ready, Steady, Go!” unit, as we settle into new classrooms and routines.

I’d like to thank all students and staff for making me feel very welcome, as I have visited classes this is an exciting year for all of us, as we continue to implement the Australian Curriculum, which now has a strong eLearning focus. Keep an eye out for future newsletters, for updates about the exciting events and programs that are taking place in the 7-9 Department. Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself throughout the year with any questions or concerns you have - we look forward to working with you to develop and educate your child.

Erin McCrae—Department Leader 7-9

CONTINUE TO WATCH THIS SPACE IN THE NEWSLETTERS FOR CURRICULUM CATCHUP IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL.

Judy Clark-A/Head of Curriculum

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Welcome to our new families and welcome back to those returning for another exciting year. I will be replacing Kerry Grose as Head of Curriculum while Kerry is on leave, and I look forward to sharing Curriculum at Caboolture Special with you.

Firstly I would like to THANK everyone for their efforts in collecting the ‘Woolworths Earn to Learn’ stickers in 2012. A mountain of resources arrived this week – number boards, big book stands, microscopes, sound recording instruments, microphones, various other maths resources - make up some of the items (most of which are to be unpacked). These wonderful student resources, along with the class Maths Kits will soon be processed and into classes for student use. Learning mathematics and the language of mathematics is an active and productive process involving engaging experiences as contexts for a variety of tasks for students.

Continue to watch this space in the newsletters for Curriculum taught in and around the school.

Judy Clark-A/Head of Curriculum

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CHAPPY NEWS

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a fun holiday.

Welcome Back to school Chappy BBQ & SunSmart Day Tuesday 5th Feb.

I’m looking forward to working along side the volunteers from The Baptist Church supporting the morning tea BBQ on Tuesday 5th Feb.

MyTime

Date: Tuesday 12th February 9am - 11am

Session: Information Session Location: Caboolture Special School, Torrens Road, Caboolture South.

Blessings
Chappy Tania

TRANSITION DEPARTMENT NEWS

A very warm welcome to you all and I hope you enjoyed many memorable moments during your R & R over the festive season. I am looking forward to a productive and rewarding year as 2013 promises to be a dynamic year of innovations and targeted programs to address the Australian Curriculum.

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Colleen Griggs
Department Leader