Hello parents, carers and friends,

Thank you to our great friends from the Baptist Church who brought their BBQ trailer to our school this week and set up a great spread for all of our students. Our 260 students enjoyed a continuous feast across the school day as they ate their way through loads of hot dogs, meat patties and salad and watermelon. This event celebrated our school value of: “Belonging - actively valuing each member of our school community.”

We especially thank the members of the Caboolture Baptist Church, CJs Pastries, our school P & C, Debbie Grey and our very own chaplain Tania Byers and the chaplaincy committee. We also thank Kaye Mc Gaughey from our own “Taste on Torrens”, Ben Byrne for the games, Andrew Keppie for the music and the senior secondary staff and students for their part in the preparing the shade structures.

It was a team effort and everyone enjoyed the day! This BBQ is now part of our annual and initial learning unit: “Ready, Steady, Go!” and provides us with the opportunity to instill a sense of identity for our students – both an Australian identity and a school identity.
Another very important event this past week was our Senior Secondary Parent information session. During this meeting, our parents heard from our school staff in relation to the subject electives that are available for 2015. It was a good time to collect information and discuss students’ individual interests and pathways with senior secondary school staff. I thank the Senior Secondary school team for their preparation for this meeting and also thank the parents and family members who were able to attend on the night. All our families will be contacted over the coming week to meet with our school staff to begin work together in Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans and Individual Curriculum Plans (ICPs).

Our school staff have been working very hard on reviewing each student’s progress from: the standardized testing and accumulation of data and evidence from 2014; and are developing individual goals for each student’s Individual Curriculum Plan. These plans require parent/ carer endorsement. I thank each family for taking the time to work with our school staff to document these plans for each student. The plans will come into effect in the coming weeks and the individual goals are linked to end of semester reporting. Our timelines are very strict in terms of Education Queensland processes and procedures. Our aim is to have these plans documented by the end of week 3 for implementation beginning in week 4 of this school term. Once these goals are identified, they are set for the semester and reported on in June. I look forward to reviewing these plans with the senior leadership team and working with teachers and our teacher aides as they implement learning programs for students across the school. These learning programs include our students in Primary Years, Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary departments working in literacy and mathematics groupings according to their learning needs and learning styles. Early Years students participate in a literacy and mathematics block of learning each morning with their own class teacher.

Finally, I’d like to touch on the practices which our teaching staff are currently have as their focus. This is establishing relationships with students that will be maintained across the school year. Sharing of information on your child’s interests, family members, ways in which they like to work and or participate in their community is valuable and of great interest to our school staff. Please use your child’s communication book to share this information with his/her teacher.

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

Beth Devonshire - Principal

Deputy Principal

In last week’s newsletter, Brad welcomed all of our new families and students to our school. I’d like to also extend a welcome, particularly to our prep students who have started their very first year of fulltime schooling. The new students have settled in very well and I’m pleased to say they are starting to find their way around the school and becoming familiar with staff and other students who can help them.
Last night I was pleased to attend the Senior Secondary parent information evening where we shared information with parents about the senior schooling curriculum and electives that students can choose to personalise and focus their learning in the last years of their education. The main message of the evening was that parents and students should carefully consider the ‘pathway’ that they want for when they leave school and we will help them build the ‘trail’ that will get them there by offering a range of Certificate level courses and subject choices to suit student interests, needs and abilities. Parents had the opportunity to chat with teachers and discuss their child’s needs and the opportunities available for them through the various programs and courses on offer.

Bronwyn Paxton - Deputy Principal

Catching up with Curriculum

Last week many new and exciting Mathematics resources were processed into class Maths kits and distributed to every classroom. Other new maths resources across our school include maths topic big books, specific YuMi Deadly maths resources (eg number lines, floor mats, games and problem solving activities), and specific mathematics topic master kits (eg weighing, measuring length, fractions).

We believe that learning mathematics is an active and productive process where students are fully and actively engaged.

It is great to see students exploring, and engaging in active learning experiences.

Judy Clark - Head of Curriculum

Junior Secondary Department News

Wow 2015 is here already and what an exciting year it is going to be for our Junior Secondary Department, formerly known as 7-9 Department. My name is Angeleen Managh and I will be taking over from Natasha Reeve as Department Leader for Junior Secondary. Many of you already know me as your child’s previous teacher. As a Department Leader I will maintain an ‘open door policy’ so as
parents of children in Junior Secondary if you have any concerns or issues you would like to address please do not hesitate to contact me.

Junior Secondary is a new phase of education in state secondary schools for Years 7, 8 and 9, with the emphasis on ensuring the bridge between primary and secondary school is safe, strong and consistent for all students, while supporting students’ wellbeing and transitions. We welcome all Year 7 students into the Junior Secondary arena. I believe it is going to be a great year for us all.

Angeleen Managh - Junior Secondary Department Leader

Senior Secondary Department News

Welcome to the 2015 School Year. The first two weeks have been a wonderful time of students and teachers getting to know each other and set their goals for the year ahead. This week we have also spent time talking with the year 12 students about what it means to be a Year 12 student at Caboolture Special School. Year 12’s are the leaders in the student community and as such they are offered the opportunity to take on various leadership roles and extra responsibilities.

Five Year 12 students, Jakhobi, James P, Bow, Lyndsey and Georgia nominated for the role of school captain through our student election process. On Tuesday these five students showed great courage as they presented a speech to their peers on why they should be voted in as school captain. These five students presented with confidence and can be so proud of their efforts. The Senior Secondary Department and staff are now voting for their choice of male and female school captain. The results of this election will be announced next week. Sports captain voting will then take place in week 3.

Student leadership roles are a wonderful opportunity for students to develop confidence, independence and a positive community attitude. I would encourage all of our senior secondary students to consider nominating for sports captain next week and taking on a new challenge in 2015.

Thank you to all of the parents and students who came to our Senior Secondary Parent Information Night. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to talk with parents and students about their future schooling and post schooling options. If you missed out please make a time to talk with your child’s teacher or myself further.

Have a great week

Amanda Turnbull - Senior Secondary Department Leader

Resource Department News

Beginning of the year in the RESOURCE CENTRE
This year, 2015 promises to be an amazing year. The first week during the pupil free days we had the support of a large number of teacher aides who helped to set up the maths kits to go out to all the classes. You did your job magnificently everyone, thank you so much. As a result of your hard work we were able to get these out into the classrooms by Thursday of the first teaching week. Resources! We are starting to get out there to staff and students. The photo shows what the resource Centre looked like during a quiet moment when Teacher Aides were on lunch.

This year we welcome back Inger (Resource Department Leader), Kerri (at the front Desk), Howie, (our technician is back with an extra day a week to help support the technology for staff in this growing school). Last but not least we welcome Brad Black who will be sharing the front desk duties with Kerri and supporting Inger on the iPad management. This means the resource centre is open five days a week and teachers are now able to borrow resources in their lunch hours as well. A great result, which helps us in our bid to deliver ‘Great Results Guaranteed’ across the school. Welcome to everyone.

Inger Altermatt - Resource Department

**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?


**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** : 25th February - 1st April 2015 Wednesday mornings - 10am until 12.30pm

**COST** : free

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

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

**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. 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 February 2015

P&C – Uniform Shop

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

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

Rachael Fedrick - MyTime Facilitator

Community News

Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminar

"Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour"

Children with disabilities are more at risk than others of developing problem behaviours. These Behaviours can interfere with their growth and development and can be disruptive for the
family as a whole. This seminar provides ideas on understanding why a particular behaviour is occurring and practical suggestions for how to promote alternative behaviour.

Where: Dakabin State School Library, Sheaves Road, Kallangur 4503

When: Tuesday 10 February 2015

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Cost: FREE

Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 Years

How: RSVP online

www.triplep-steppingstones.net click on "Book now for free parenting support" find the session & register your attendance.
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