Hello parents, carers and friends,

This week we have had the privilege to join the family of Lorna De Groot in a ceremony to farewell one of our most loved staff members. Lorna passed away due to her terminal illness of cancer and had decided to travel her journey in a very quiet and private manner. Today we joined her husband Pieter and daughter Lauren in a ceremony that respected her privacy and her journey, but gave us all the opportunity to remember her for her wonderful qualities, her dedication to her work and the friendship and support that she so often gave to others.

Lorna was a very creative and talented person. She established the art room for our school and gave meticulous attention to detail to ensure that the needs and capabilities of all students would be met through their practical work in visual arts. We have maintained some of the quotations that she had written on the walls that are an inspiration to both staff and students in their art work. She worked with students who demonstrated challenging characteristics and kept the staff on their toes over many weeks across the school year.

She supported staff with her creative talents, her spiritual perspective and her down to earth approach about the issues of daily life. Lorna has been away from our school for the past two
years whilst she has been battling her illness, however her memory and her voice is as clear as it was two years ago. She would sing around the school as she did her work and many can still hear this today.

We hope that the small ceremony this week brings some comfort to both the school community and her family and friends, knowing that she will never be forgotten. As an expression of her vibrant nature, members of our school staff have let go balloons today in her memory. Seeing these float up and over the school and further onto the township, was a time to reflect on our friend and colleague and say good bye.

This week we also give congratulations to the students in the P–2 Department on their imaginative performance at their school concert last Thursday night. The costumes, scenery, musical production was outstanding and the support for all student participation was a tribute to the cooperative and collegial work of many persons.

I wish to sincerely thank each and every person in our school community for your part in taking our school and our students to new levels of achievement and personal development across 2014. We have much to look forward to in 2015 and with an expected enrolment of 260 students (an increase of 30 students) we will have many more community events to look forward to together.

I wish you a very safe and happy holiday and look forward to greeting both new and continuing families when term 1 starts on Tuesday 27 January 2015.

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

Beth Devonshire - Principal

Deputy Principal

Hello to all parents and carers,

As with my previous newsletter article, I would again like to take the opportunity to outline a change for our school in 2015. Like all Secondary schools in our region, we will be introducing the 'Junior Secondary program.' Students in Years 7-9 will be supported through the program, which addresses their well-being, involvement and belonging in the wider school community.

While it will look different in every secondary school, six principles have been developed to underpin Junior Secondary. Under six guiding principles, Junior Secondary will provide challenging educational offerings that engage young adolescents, while giving them a sense of belonging and support through the changes they face.

I would like to outline the first principle in more detail of Distinct identity.

*Junior secondary students will be encouraged and supported to develop their own group identity within the wider high school. This can involve dedicated school areas and events.*
This principle refers to students feeling a sense of belonging and connectedness to their school and to feeling safe and confident in this environment. Group identity in this context refers to their status as lower secondary students, distinct from either primary or upper secondary students. Establishing designated areas and holding special events are intended to reinforce the sense of belonging and connectedness to a school.

Brad Tavelardis - Deputy Principal

Catching up with Curriculum

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another year. There have been so many highlights for me this year, some of which have been captured in photographs.

I would like to congratulate your children on their effort and enthusiasm in engaging with the curriculum through the varied programs, activities and learning experiences throughout the year. It has been a joy to be a part of their learning journey.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and relaxing holiday and I look forward to 2015.

Judy Clark - Head of Curriculum

P-2 Department News
2014 school year is drawing to a close. In 2015 we will be known as the Early Years Department. This better describes our focus. All teachers in our department are committed to providing the students multiple opportunities daily to learn through focused teaching and learning, investigations, routines and transitions, play and real-life situations.

Sadly we say farewell to our teacher Shelley, our teacher-aide Sharon, and our health and therapy aide Oddie. We wish them well in their new positions for next year and thank them sincerely for their wonderful contribution to our students learning and care during 2014. Their tireless effort and professionalism have been invaluable. Sharon and Oddie are moving to other departments in our school, while Shelley will be following her passion and working at a different school teaching students who have vision impairment. We say thank you and farewell to our lively contract teachers Rebekah, Rene and Emma. We wish you well in your endeavours in 2015.

Congratulations and farewell to our year 2 students who are moving up to the Primary Years Department in 2015. We will miss you Sam, Cassidy, Codie, Troy, Abazar, Lachlan E., Kristian, Erin, Dani-Jo, Dom P., Zac, Jacob S., Jacob J., Jason, and Jade. We wish you a fantastic time in year 3!

Almost all teachers and students in Early Years will have a change of room in 2015 and most students will have a new teacher. All of our Early Years staff have a working knowledge of all of our students within the department and they are now setting about honing that knowledge of their new students for 2015 through professional discussions and sharing, research, and up-skilling. It is an honour to work with such a devoted team.

Over the past fortnight our second group of swimming students have enjoyed 4 swims. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers! You made our job so much easier. I am excited to announce that at this stage our HPE specialist teacher Ben is planning for Early Years to swim in term 1 and term 4 next year with hopefully 6 swims in each term. You will be informed of details when organised.

After working through the moderation process for English and Science our teachers have been working very hard writing descriptive reports for the students. At our department meetings this week both teachers and aides made many comments about the amazing growth and development we have witnessed across our entire cohort of students this year. Well done everyone!

Last but not least I acknowledge the huge effort that went into the P-2 concert held last Thursday night. It was sensational. An amazing culmination of imagination, creativity, skill and talent! A masterpiece of production and performance! Thank you so much to all the teachers and aides for providing opportunity for each student to shine.

From all the teachers and teacher aides in P-2 we wish you a very happy and safe holiday season. In anticipation of a great year ahead.

Jewel Bauer - P-2 Department Leader

3-6 Department News

A Message to our Year 6 Students!

"Take pride in how far you have come, have faith in how far you can go!"
This week is a special week for the year 6 students in the Primary Years Department. This is their final week in the Primary Years and next year they will begin a new journey in Junior Secondary.

Congratulations to the following year 6 students:

Mary, Kane, Baahaa, Hayden, James, Elijah, Justice, Jake, Matthew, Shaun, Gabriel, Blayke, Logan, Sarah, Sidoney, Stephy, Fiona, Scott, Chloe, Jesse, Robin, Tyleshia, Trinity and Stuart.

To these students and to their parents I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of their achievements in the Primary Years.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Amanda Turnbull - 3-6 Department Leader

HPE Department News

HPE – Our school being active and adventurous!

Swimming

Some fantastic feedback has been received from both the classes swimming this term. Groups needing specialist facilities went to Aspley and Woody Point pools, some 3-6 classes went to Burpengary and P-2 classes to St Peter’s. It is fantastic to hear feedback from staff and families regarding the great progress students have made and very special when a big breakthrough is achieved that leaves everyone amazed! All the efforts involved in swimming this year will inform our planning and program design for swimming in 2015. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who supported the P-2 swimming and to all families and staff for your support and efforts in making the 2014 swimming program a great platform on which to build!

Triathlete takes it to the next level!

What we hope for when students learn skills and train for events is that they can continue with these pursuits outside of school, forming their own goals and training to fulfil them. Lyndsay Johnson did just this a couple of weeks ago when she built on her 2013 and 2014 Triathlon Team experience to complete the Pink Triathlon on the Sunshine Coast. Lyndsay she “just had to keep going” during her 200m swim, 6km bike and 2km run and was very tired and proud when she finished. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU TOO LYNSDAY!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!
Lyndsay at the Pink Triathlon, Sunshine Coast

AFL – Gala Day rained out but it’s raining AFL equipment!

Alas, the AFL Gala Day was rained out. However, the AFL development officers still visited the school to congratulate the girls and boys that trained so well during the previous weeks and give them their own AFL sports pack. The School also received 20 AFL balls, 2 training bib sets, portable goal posts and a first aid kit! WOW! Thank you AFL Qld for your support! A big thanks also to 7-9 teacher Warren Thomas for coordinating this program!

Warren and his class with the equipment from AFL Qld

Disabled Surfers Association – Sunshine Coast Branch – Wrap up of last weekend’s event at Maroochydore

The weather wasn’t great for last weekend’s Disabled Surfers event, but there were still a good crowd of participants and volunteers keen to ride a wave. Three members of our school community took part, two as volunteers and one as a participant. Personally, I found it really cool to see a student from Woody Point Special that I had met at the Fun Run come along for the first time with his family and have a blast. The next DSA event is at Noosa on Saturday, 28 February, 2015. It’s a very welcoming scene where trained leaders guide groups of volunteers in providing people of all ages and abilities with very safe and supported surfing experiences! They have shade shelters, beach wheelchairs and supports to provide comfort for the participants on the large soft boards. It’s a very well organised show, run by trained, caring people who get a real buzz out of sharing their love for the ocean. Check it out at http://disabledsurfers.org/qld/sunshine-coast-branch/I hope to see more members of our community on the beach in March!

Cabbie Special’s First Year of Having a Full-Time HPE Teacher – The Year in Review

This year was a massive one in terms of the logistics of setting up and refining HPE equipment, events and specialised programs for our diverse student body, as well as the effort and achievement of the students. I have been constantly amazed at the determination and abilities of the students, as well as their enthusiastic spirits and
sense of fun. The best part of the position has been working with every student and all staff in seeking to
enhance the active and adventurous experiences and skills of the students at school. A huge thank you to the
staff that have directed and supported the HPE program this year! An enormous thank you also to the P&C and
families who have encouraged and supported the students in accessing and learning through the many different
active and adventurous programs this year. It has been a privilege and joy to be the HPE Teacher and I look
forward to the school building on the following achievements that fell under the HPE banner in 2014:

- All HPE equipment organised in the “Sports Shed” for borrowing and stock-taked for the first time
- Design for the school “Gym” proposed to the P&C (equipment being sourced)
- P&C funded “Representative Sports Team” shirts create pride and envy when worn to Interschool Sport
  for the first time!
- Transition Interschool Sport against Redcliffe, Aspley and Pine Rivers achieves new high standards at
  both participation and elite levels – Newcomball (Term 1), Oztag (Term 2), Soccer (Term 3) and T-ball
  (Term 4)
- 7-9 and Transition students participate in NRL development lunch-time training program at school
- 25 students complete 14km bushwalk and remote camp in Mapleton National Park (Duke of Ed
  Adventurous Journey)
- 3-6 and 7-9 students enjoy Sailability at Mooloolaba
- 4-6 students have gymnastics lessons at Deception Bay PCYC
- Biggest ever 2-day sports carnival at school and Centenary Lakes, supported by Caboolture High
  Physical Recreation students for the first time
- Peninsula Fun Run at Sutton’s Beach a whole school event for us and we achieved greatest participant
  numbers of any school!
- 10 students completed 2km Fun Run as part of Sunshine Coast Marathon Festival
- 3-6 and 7-9 students participate in AFL development lunch-time training program at school
- 24 students complete the Noosa Special Triathlon and training camp Duke of Ed Adventurous Journey,
  double last year’s 12 students!
- 4 students ran in the 5km Breakfast Fun Run as part of the Noosa Triathlon Festival
- For the first time in many many years, nearly all students in the school attended swimming lessons!
- 38 HPE outing-based “Variation to School Routines” risk assessments approved. Thank you Judy, Julie,
  Beth and Karen for this mammoth task!
- Roughly 1000 HPE lessons delivered to nearly 240 students

Wishing everyone a happy, safe, active and adventurous holiday!

Ben Byrne - HPE Teacher

Music Department News

"P-2 Concert Thanks"

Last Thursday our P-2 students gave a wonderful performance at their concert. I’d like to say a big thank you to
all the P-2 teachers and teacher aides who worked so hard to make the night a success for our students.
Each act really did emphasise the unique capabilities of each student and class. From on stage intensive interaction to funky dance moves and counting kangaroos, the show was just fantastic.

The props, costumes, lighting, video and sound helped our students to shine. I’d also like to thank production staff members Stacey, Brian, Browen, Helen, Anne and Troy who have worked hard all year not just on this concert but on all four concerts.

Any good concert runs on a full stomach, so I’d like to thank Kaye, Michelle and Ben for keeping us fed as well. See you again for concerts in 2015!

Andrew Keppie - Music Teacher

Student Services News

This year I have covered topics such as strategies for building self-esteem in children.

- Statements that show your children you care
- Them, statements to use that show you approve of their behaviour
- Statements that show children you have confidence in them
- Statements that recognise your child’s efforts and improvements
- Phrases that focus on your child’s contributions and abilities
- Strategies for effective communication with children and how to enhance self-esteem

Now has come a time of joy and celebration of the achievements of your child throughout the year and reflect on what successes they have achieved. It is a time to reflect on all the support your child has been given by the caring school community as well as the love and support at home.

Have a lovely break, be safe and enjoy the family time together over the festive season. See you in 2015.

Merry Christmas!

Nicole Coady - Department Leader

Student Awards

P-2D Luke P
P-2H Saxon, Angus, Shane
P-2I Cody
3-6A Joe
3-6B Arlon
3-6D Jacob

Dollarmites Award
Chappy News

What a wonderful year of fun and care for each other. I hope for all of you a very blessed christmas with lots of laughs and a peaceful rest. Happy new year!

Blessings

Tania Byers - School Chaplain

Tuckshop News

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE TUCKSHOP

You can now order and pay for your Tuckshop through Flexischools! Paying for school lunches is now safer and hassle free.

You can use your computer or iPhone for this safe & secure, cash free, hassle free system.

All you have to do is register online at flexischools.com.au to get started.

If you have any questions or would like help to register online please don't hesitate to contact the school Business Manager or Kaye from the Tuckshop.

Tuckshop days for 2015 are to be advised.

Dates To Remember

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Community News

Sensory Santa

Sensory Santa is for families with special needs, bookings only so no lines or queues. No background music, before Shopping Centre's trading hours and an understanding Photographer and Santa.

Book now or you may miss out as there are only limited places.

Morayfield Shopping Centre  Sunday 14 December 9am - 11am to book contact Chanelle
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.

Please be advised that the Uniform Shop will be open for school uniform purchases on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 January 2015 from 9-11.30am. If you are thinking of purchasing new uniforms for 2015 please consider placing your order before the end of the school year, as some stock may take up to 6 weeks to arrive.

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