Principal's Message

Hello parents, carers and friends,

THANK YOU TO OUR P&C AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY

At this month’s P&C meeting we heard from the Executive of the many successful fundraising projects that have been undertaken in conjunction with the school.

These are as follows (in approximate figures):

Gambling Benefit Grant $31,000
Main Roads Grant $11,000
Bunnings and Masters BBQs – eleven gazebos donated to the school from proceeds
Art Show $3,000
Bike A Thon $2,300 (including a $500 donation from the Caboolture Sports Club)

This total has come into our school over the past term, since the June/July holidays. It is targeted to student activities including: bike education and the Duke of Edinburgh Award program (including the Noosa Special Triathlon), shade for school events including Sports Day and Fun Run, equipment for our yet to be established gym. This is an amazing effort from our community in such a short space of time and we are so very thankful to all members of our community for their support to our school.

Last Saturday our annual school Bush to Bay Bike-A-Thon saw many parents, students, staff and family members riding bikes around the Caboolture Show grounds. A fun day was had by all and it was great to see everyone out and enjoying the physical activity and leading healthy lives.
The funds raised will go towards the purchase of smaller bikes for our students for the bike education program in our school. We aim to assist our students to build healthy habits and also learn how to travel independently in the community through teaching bike safety. This leads our younger students onto great pursuits under the Duke of Edinburgh Award program in their secondary schooling years.

This week our school has undergone a Discipline Audit.

As part of an initiative to strengthen discipline in Queensland State schools, Discipline Audits are to be conducted in every Queensland state school by November 2014. The purpose of the Discipline Audits is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school Principal visited our school and collected a range of data and information about school wide programs and procedures in the area of discipline. Interviews were also conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behaviour management.

The report’s Executive Summary and 5 page Profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site.

**Our school has been recognized as working at a High level of consultation and implementation in the area of discipline.**

This includes our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program which is underway and further developing across our school community. We will continue to work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning around strengthening discipline.

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

Beth Devonshire - Principal

**Deputy Principal**

Today, Thursday 11 September is "R U OK" Day. A day that encourages conversations and discussions around one of the most important topics 'you'.

By asking the question "R U OK" it provides your friend, family member, colleague or your child an opportunity to discuss openly how they are feeling. It creates an opportunity for someone to say, 'I'm not doing o.k.' or 'I'm doing o.k. but I think I need some help with a few areas'. The next step is giving that person the information they need to access help. That may mean talking to a local GP, counsellor, chaplin, teacher or trusted friend who can point the person in the right direction.
There are some fantastic online resources to support mental health. I often get asked by parents about good apps for youth and young adults. I can highly recommend looking at a mental fitness app, such as 'NOW' or the 'MINDSMATTERS' App.

For children, I recommend looking at 'fabfirst5app'. There are websites to support these apps that are also great resources for parents and young people. Please check out minmatters.edu.au. Some other sites to explore are (Google or your search engine will pick them up quickly); Beyound blue, Reach out pro, Reach out central, Girlfriend.

For more information on R U OK Day please go to the website www.ruok.org.au and take a moment to ask those around you, "R U OK"?

Have a great week!

Amanda Turnbull - A/Deputy Principal

Catching up with Curriculum

"Across the Australian Curriculum, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures priority provides opportunities for all learners to deepen their knowledge of Australia by engaging with the world's oldest continuous living cultures" (ACARA)

The development of English literacy skills is important for the life opportunities of Indigenous children and youth. Literacy provides them with 'the necessary skills to interact within mainstream society and avail themselves of the broadest range of civic, social, educational and employment possibilities'. (Mellor and Corrigan, 2004)

History:

The meanings of the three colours in the flag, as stated by Harold Thomas, are:

- **Black** – represents the Aboriginal people of Australia

- **Yellow circle** – represents the Sun, the giver of life and protector
• **Red** – represents the red earth, the red ochre used in ceremonies and Aboriginal peoples’ spiritual relation to the land

Indigenous Perspectives are embedded across the curriculum areas for all classes.

"The knowledge and understanding gained through this priority will enhance the ability of all young people to participate positively in the ongoing development of Australia." (ACARA)

Judy Clark - Head of Curriculum

7-9 Department News

**Giving Back To Our Community!**

Our fantastic staff and students from 7-9I and 7-9J have been busy creating a Scarecrow which was part of a display recently at the local Baptist Church Spring Fair. They had a lot of fun and were very creative working on this project. Pictured above with the end result is Aaron and our Chappy Tania.

This Friday our students will also be participating in the Woody Point Fun Run. This is a great day where schools and students of all abilities are able to come together and share a day of fun activities.

Natasha Reeve – 7-9 Department Leader

Transition Department News

**Numeracy in the Transition Department**

Let it be known that there are some fantastic mathematicians at Caboolture Special School in the Transition Department. A young lady by the name of Chelsea has beaten the odds and has an 80% pass mark (4 out of 5 activities passed). She has worked with other individuals to design bridges, build towers and try activities which challenge the brain.

Here’s an example of working with 1m of tape and 50 pieces of paper.
The Outcome: A tower that can hold a case of whiteboard markers at the top.

It could even hold a bucket on top of it too.

Will Pere - A/Transition Department Leader

VTE Department News

Vocational Technical Education - VTE Program

Stories of Success - An Evening Event

Date      Tuesday 21 October in the School Hall

Time      5:00pm to 6:00pm

A special Evening Event for our twenty 2014 Graduating Students and their families.

You can experience the future via the successes of other past students and their families. Where did they go and what did they do? Yes there are many options post school.

• This is what can happen
• This is what we made happen
• These are our post-school stories of success.

This is a community learning event for families of graduating students and past students and their families.

Service Providers are invited to be able to share possibilities and their services with our graduating students and their families.

Other interested persons are welcome attend.

Please RSVP by Friday, 17 October 2014 to Peter Allen VTE Co-ordinator Phone 07 5431 4444

Peter Allen - VTE Co-ordinator

Resource Department News

HEADPHONES #1

In this digital age, headphones are becoming a necessity for all students. For our students these are particularly useful in aiding their ability to engage in their learning. From next year headphones will be added to the book list for all students. For health reasons it may be important for each student to have their own headphone set that is distinct from others and named so that there can be no confusion about who the headset belongs to.
I have been concerned about the possible cost to parents of headphones and have spent some time in local stores looking at head phones that would be suitable for our students. I have searched in: Kmart, Coles, Woolies, Big W, Target, the Reject Shop and many others. All of these stores have very reasonably priced headphones ranging from $5.00 on a special and upwards. Most of the ones I looked at were under $25 and many were in the $10 to $15 range. There are many other shops that stock very functional headphones at a very reasonable price, have a look next time you think about it.

In some cases earbuds may be the only viable solution for your child. This is a parent decision and should be considered carefully on a case by case basis.

Here are some photos of headphones that I looked at. None of these were over $21.

The important thing is that you select headsets that will suit your childs needs. In a future newsletter I will provide more information about the varies types to help you choose.

Inger Altermatt - Resource Department

A Note from the Guidance Officer

Join our ‘SAY NO TO BULLYING’ group

You will learn skills to manage a bully and feel good about you!

WHO: Anyone aged 12-17
WHAT: Weekly for 5 weeks
WHEN: Wednesday afternoons 4 to 5pm start date TBA
WHERE: Headspace Nundah
COST: FREE (with a current GP referral)

Parenting an Anxious Child Workshop

The Moreton Family Support Network proudly presents a one off workshop aimed at carers, parents and grandparents, who would like to learn more about parenting an anxious child.

Special guest speakers, practical hands on sessions on Mindfulness and Relaxation. Information stalls where you can talk to service providers and a free resource bag, are some of what’s on offer on the day.

Date: Tuesday 16 September 2014
Time: Registration and information stalls from 9am onwards. Workshops from 9:30am–2:30pm
Venue: Narangba Community Centre, 229 Mackie Rd, Narangba

Cost: $10 payable on the day to go towards the cost of the workshops

Lunch: BYO lunch. Morning tea, tea and coffee will be provided

Places are limited so register your interest early to avoid disappointment. To register contact Toni from Relationships Australia Family Support Service Strathpine on 1300 364 277.

Melissa Thiess - Guidance Officer

(Available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

Student Awards

7-9B  Peter, Jaana
7-9C  Daniel, Ali
7-9D  Jade, Patricia
7-9G  Cee-Jay, Bradley
7-9H  Mason, Peter
7-9I  Craig, Jessica, Jason, Kristine, Callan
TR-A  David
TR-B  Chelsea, Kayla
TR-C  Richard, Aiden, Miranda, Niamh
TR-D  Bow, James, Ryan, Clifford, Jahkobi
TR-G  Lyndsay, Georgia

School Captain Awards

Erin, Lucas, Kaye, Rhonda F, Craig

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 Services Manager or Kaye from the Tuckshop.
P&C News

P&C Meeting – 6.00pm October 2014

P&C – Uniform Shop

The **New Stock of School Jackets have arrived**. Price is $40 each. Uniform order forms are available on the school website. Uniform Shop is open Wednesdays 9–10 am. Thank you.

The school Parent Liaison Officer Kylie Stretton will be available every Tuesday from 9am to 11am commencing next Tuesday in the P&C room to assist any parent in connecting with local services available. Kylie is happy to discuss and offer advice where she can.

**Dates To Remember**

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| Warehouse Shopping Tour - P&C Fundraiser | 18 October |}

**School Transport Update**

*Transport forms are coming home to every student in the school across Term 3 & 4. Please look out for these and return them ASAP to ensure your student receives their School Transport.*

**Caboolture My Time**

**Date:** TO BE ADVISED

**Session:** TO BE ADVISED

**Time:** 9.30am - 12.30am

**Location:** Caboolture Special School, Torrens Road, Caboolture

For more information or RSVP please contact: Rachael Fedrick, the MyTime Facilitator

**Phone:** 0410 492 181 **Email:** mytimecaboolture@yahoo.com.au
## Sensory Movie Day

**sensorymovieday@hotmail.com**

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| October    | **“Tinkerbell The Pirate fairy”**  
S Zarina, a smart and ambitious dust-keeper fairy who’s captivated by Blue Pixie Dust and its endless possibilities. When Zarina’s wild ideas get her into trouble, she flees Pixie Hollow and joins forces with the scheming pirates of Skull Rock, who make her captain of their ship. Tinker Bell and her friends must embark on an epic adventure to find Zarina, and together they go sword-to-sword with the band of pirates led by a cabin boy named James, who’ll soon be known as Captain Hook himself.  
2pm Sunday 26th October |
| November   | **“Planes Fire & Rescue”**  
Is a new comedy-adventure about second chances When world famous air racer Dusty learns that his engine is damaged and he may never race again, he must shift gears and is launched into the world of aerial firefighting. Dusty joins forces with veteran fire and rescue helicopter Blade Ranger and his courageous team  
2pm Sunday 16th November |
| December   | **“Sensory EXPO” noon**  
Starts at noon in the foyer of the cinema, We invite lots of Service providers who come and let you know what help and support is available, heaps of resources  
“Sensory Movie” 2pm  
We wanted to finish our year with a new movie so we will let you know closer to the time… so stay tuned  
Santa & Mrs Claus  
After the Sensory Screening Santa & Mrs Claus will be handing out presents to every child  
Sunday 7th December |
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