Hello parents, carers and friends,

National Youth Week 2014 Launch

**ART EXHIBITION**

PCYC Queensland, in partnership with the Queensland Government, invited young people in association with community organisations and Government Departments to participate in a festival of artistic expression to take place between the 3rd of February and the 4th of April 2014.

National Youth week theme for 2014 is “Our Voice, Our Impact” as a lead-up event to National Youth Week, which is set to take place from the 4th to the 13th of April 2014.

Our school’s Transition department students have worked together over the past many weeks to create art works for display at the Judith Wright Centre in Brisbane. Each of our students has also given a statement about their piece of art and how it depicts what they each most love in their lives. These vary from pastimes, special interests to relationships and everyday events.

We are very proud of their work and thank our teacher Verona Ker for her work in coordinating this special work across the department. I hope that families take the opportunity to see the art works on display at the Judith Wright Centre over the school holidays. These are a couple of samples of the combined collages:
Great Results Guarantee

Our school has received $96,000 of additional funding from the **Great Results Guarantee** and we are progressing the use of this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes. The school priorities for this funding are as follows:

- Increase the proportion of students in the early phases of development achieving a higher level of engagement and reading behaviours
- Increase the number of students moving at least one higher level utilizing the standardized benchmarks for reading achievement
- Increase the proportion of students improving the number of reading/ comprehension strategies as shown in the indicators within a developmental phase as documented in students' developmental reading continua
- Increase the number of students demonstrating an understanding of early developmental mathematical language and concepts utilizing standardized Maths assessment

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy. The school has begun to purchase new resources for literacy and maths, training and development for staff in new methodologies and improved teaching and learning practices. We are in a partnership with the Yu Mi Maths Centre at QUT Kelvin Grove campus for our research and development of maths teaching and learning practices. This work continues into Term 2 and throughout the remainder of the school year. Read more about the guarantee at [www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee).

ANZAC DAY

Our school will be holding two commemorative ceremonies based in our school hall and ANZAC garden on 23 April for Junior assembly and on 24 April for Senior assembly. We welcome all the school community to come in at 8.50am on these days and join with us in remembering our servicemen and women who so proudly defended our country across many years. There will be more information at the beginning of Term 2.
Thank you to all our families for your support to our school over this first term. I wish you all a very safe and happy Easter holiday and look forward to working with you in Term 2. Please travel safely if you are driving over the holiday period and return safely on 22 April.

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

**Deputy Principal's Parent Patch**

With the school holidays quickly approaching, it is always a good time to have a look at the activities that are available for children and families in the local area. If you have not investigated the Caboolture Library and Hub, there are a range of free activities available to entertain the children including:

- Storytime
- Theatre performances
- Lego treasure hunt and display
- Gaming sessions
- Bookclub
- Movie session

The Hub also offers a range of activities for children of varying ages including:

- Art and Craft workshops
- Make up workshops
- Drama workshops

For more information on the holiday activities available in the local area, have a look at the following websites:


Bronwyn Paxton - Deputy Principal

**Catching Curriculum**

It is hard to believe that Term 1 has ended and the Easter holidays are here.

Firstly I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and relaxing holiday.

I would also 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 term.

Finally I take this opportunity to acknowledge the teachers and Para Professionals who work tirelessly to provide so many varied and enriched programs for our students.
It has been a great term and I look forward to Term 2.

Judy Clark - A/Head of Curriculum

7-9 Department News

Celebrations around Department 7-9!

Students are very excited to display their talents and hard work to family, friends and community tomorrow night when we begin our School Concerts for the year.

"Celebrations Around The World"

Staff and students have worked together to develop performances the students have fun participating in. We look forward to seeing you all there!

On behalf of the 7-9 Department I'd like to wish you all a Happy and Safe Easter and look forward to students coming back refreshed and ready for another great term.

Natasha Reeve - 7-9 Department Leader

Transition Department News

At My Desk: With Tyrone

“This is us in our literacy group. It was fun sharing a story with my friends using my Proloquo2go. Tania read us a story and we each had a turn joining in and finding interesting things from the book by using my iPad.”

Teachers have had a very busy few weeks conducting parent interviews and finishing SET Plans. It has been a very rewarding process in determining future goals and focusing student learning which best reflects their aspirations.
I wish you all a fantastic holiday and look forward to students returning refreshed and ready for Term 2.

Colleen Griggs - Transition Department Leader

VTE Department News

The Vocational Technical Education (VTE) Program has staff and students who work tirelessly to make the school a lovely and beautiful place.

Staff and students work and learn together and provide the school with delicious food and drinks from the Taste-on-Torrens hospitality building.

The plants and gardens are tended with loving care so that the plants and their environment creates pleasant and beautiful learning spaces for all the school community to enjoy.

At the end of Term 1 in 2014, I would like to thank our tireless staff and students who each and every day make Caboolture Special School a safe and very special place “Where For Life We Learn.”

Peter Allen VTE Co-ordinator

Resource Department News

A Tale Of Some Resources

Once upon a time, not so long ago, there stood a new and almost unused building. It had stood almost empty for almost a year. The time had come to do something with it and thereby reinvent our library/resource centre.

The school had grown so quickly that the old library had been squeezed out of existence about seven years before, but now was the time to collect all the resources spread across the school and assemble them once more – finally - in their new home.

From near and far, from hidden corners, some dusty and forgotten in those corners, out to see the daylight once again, shake off the dust and move into the building. Staff laboured long and hard to get everything into the almost new building before the school Christmas break. This is what it looked like when we walked through the doors on that first pupil free day in January 2012.

Come down and check us out now. Things have changed in just over two years. Come in and see what we look like now, after a lot more hard work.

Inga Altermatt - Resource Department 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, Thursday and Friday.

Are you looking for activities for your children to do over the holidays? Check out www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/shaft as they offer excellent activities for teenagers (SHAFT – School Holiday Activities for Teenagers) or you can phone 5433 2052. Check out their website for a huge range of activities.

Moreton Bay Regional Council also offers:

- Free holiday activities in the park for 3-12 years with no bookings or cost. Phone 5433 2052 or visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/activekids
- Ramp Up – Free skill and trick clinics for scooters, BMX and Skateboards. No bookings needed. For full list of dates/times and locations visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/rampup

Suicide Call-back Service

This is a free nation-wide telephone support service. It is available to anyone affected by suicide, including people who are feeling suicidal, their carer’s and anyone who has lost someone to suicide.

24/7 support

Expert Counsellors call you at a time that suits you, and can provide support through up to six 50 minutes counselling sessions.

Phone: 1300 659 467

suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Have a relaxing break – be happy and be safe.
Regards,

Melissa Thiess, Guidance Officer

Student Awards

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P&C News

P&C Meeting – 6.00pm May 13th 2014

Executive members for 2014

President: Louise Catton

Vice Presidents: Debbie Grey & Richard Long

Secretary: Vicki Long

Treasurer: Renee Holmes

Uniform Coordinator: Debra Bowers

School Banking Coordinator: Renee Holmes

Parent Liaison Officer: Kylie Stretton

Book Club coordinator: Julie Paag
If you would like to have a voice on P&C matters, you will need to become a member – being a member doesn’t mean you are obligated to come to meetings or help out, although it is appreciated if you do so. Being a P&C Member does allow you to vote on how P&C funds are used to invest in our childrens’ education.

Caboolture Special School P&C would love to have new families become members, plus any of those existing families that have just been too shy to join. P&C membership is FREE!

Actions speak louder than words – joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education; how committed you are to helping our students and our wonderful school community.

The P&C provides a forum for parent participation in shaping and developing school policies.

- Bring parents together to share information and views.
- Assist the school in building positive attitudes to students and their families.
- Help raise funds to provide extra resources for the benefit of all of our students

**Caboolture My Time**

**Date:** 22 April 2014

**Session:** Morning Tea @ 9.30am to 11.30am

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

All parents and children are most welcome to join us. We have a play helper to care for your children so you can relax.

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

**Phone:** 0410 492 181 **Email:** mytimecaboolture@yahoo.com.au

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**Sensory Movie Day**

*Sensory Movie Day and Abbey Museum have come together to give families with kids with special needs and their siblings a couple of hours of archaeology fun.*

**WHEN:** 15th April 2014 Second week of school holidays.
WHERE: Abbey Museum, 1-63 The Abbey Place (off Toorbul Point Rd)
Caboolture 4510 ph: 54951652

COST: 4-16yr $11 per child, under 3 Free, Parents/Carers free. (Money to be paid before the day.)

TWO TIME SLOTS: 10am-12pm OR 1-3pm. Numbers limited to each time.

WHAT TO BRING: Hats, Sunscreen, insect repellent and drinks.

LUNCH: Sausage sizzle $2.50 (let us know at time of booking, need to order for catering purposes) or you can bring your own lunch. “Wide Eyed Coffee” Van will be there to purchase hot drinks, between 12-1pm

ACTIVITIES: Building Block Pyramids, Archaeology Coin ID and Mini Dig, Medieval Dress ups, Roman Shields to Paint, colouring in, Roman shield hunt and face painting.

RSVP: 5th April 2014. Numbers are limited. Waiting list will be offered. Payment is needed by 5th April. Ph: Chanelle 0422 416 509 or email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

April

“Walking With Dinosaurs”
During the Late Cretaceous period 70 million years ago, the Alexornis bird Alex narrates about three Pachyrhinosaurus named Patchi, Scowler, and Juniper who grow from infants into adulthood. Alex has a symbiotic relationship with Pachyrhinosaurus. Patchi leads the herd in migrating, and they also encounter the predator Gorgon the Gorgosaurus.

2pm Sunday 27th April

May

Mr. Peabody & Sherman
Mr. Peabody is the the world's smartest person who happens to be a dog. When his "pet" boy Sherman uses his time traveling WABAC machine without permission, events in history spiral out of control to disastrous and comical results. I… Moret's up to this most unexpected of father-son teams to somehow put things back on track before the space-time continuum is irreparably destroyed.

2pm Sunday 25th May

June

“Sensory EXPO”
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
“The Lego Movie”

Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world. He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, ... More a journey for which

2pm Sunday 22 June

July

“Rio 2”

1. It's a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids in RIO 2, after they're hurtled from their magical city to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all - his father-in-law.

2pm Sunday 27th July

August

“The Muppets Most Wanted”

Muppets gang on a global tour, selling out grand theaters in some of Europe's most exciting destinations, but mayhem follows the Muppets overseas, as they find themselves unwittingly entangled in an international crime caper headed by Constantine - the World's Number One Criminal and a dead ringer for Kermit - and his dastardly sidekick Dominic.

2pm Sunday 17th August

September

“How To Train Your Dragon 2”

Set in the mythical world of burly Vikings and wild dragons, the action comedy tells the story of Hiccup, a Viking teenager who doesn't exactly fit in with his tribe's longstanding tradition of heroic dragon slayers. Hiccup's world is turned upside down when... More he encounters a dragon that challenges he and his fellow Vikings to see the world from an entirely different point of view.

2pm Sunday 14th September

October

“Tinkerbell The Pirate Fairy”

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 |

Reminder To All Families - Taste On Torrens will not be open for tuckshop orders the first week of term 2. Thank You 😊

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