Hello parents, carers and friends,

Our community supports our school in many ways and this has been shown over the past week, through visitors to our school.

We thank Drakes IGA who have donated a cheque to the school from the proceeds of their Community Chest programme. We also thank members of our community who nominated our school when they registered their shopping at the supermarket. These funds will go towards the continuing collection for the purchase of gym equipment for the school.

Last Sunday we were proud to host the ‘Children of Courage Award’s which were organized and presented by the Lioness Club of Morayfield. This annual event recognizes children who through their own characteristics, situations or learning demonstrate true virtues of courage. The Children of Courage awards recognize a very special group of children and their families. There are many awards that recognize the achievements of young people, however children with ‘special needs’ were not catered for. These awards are especially designed to recognize the courage and bravery shown by children every day.

We congratulate the following students on their awards:

Ryan, Coen, Robin, Travis, Blayke and Dominick.
Noosa Special Triathlon

This week we recognize our 26 athletes who are participating in the Noosa Special Triathlon this Saturday 1 November. In 2013 our school sent 14 students (and their ‘staff buddies’) to the Noosa Triathlon. However this year we have increased this number to 26 students. This year our school also has three entrants in the 5km Fun Run, which is also part of the Noosa Multi Sports Carnival.

The school’s cohort of 26 students is the largest cohort of entrants into the Noosa Special Triathlon that has ever occurred from any one school. This event is the only one of its kind in Queensland, as it provides an opportunity for persons with special needs of all ages to participate in the swim, cycle and run legs to the best of their abilities. It is part of the Noosa Triathlon series and now is a well recognized event in the wider community.

Our school has been proudly sponsored by Ace Buses, who have provided team T-shirts for the event. These will be presented on this assembly on Thursday by Rob and Jane Stevens.

The students are attending a training camp in Noosa over the coming two days (Thursday 30 and Friday 31 October) during which time they will be assisted by school staff to continue their current training in preparation for the event on Saturday 1 November. The camp not only provides the final training sessions, but also gives the students a chance to meet up with students from other Special Schools with whom they reconnect each year in Noosa.

We wish everyone well, including the 26 buddies from our families and staff who will support the students on Saturday.

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

Beth Devonshire - Principal

Deputy Principal

Hello parents, carers and friends, this Friday we will be recognising “The Day for Daniel”.

It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right.

Wear Red and Educate is the theme of for Day for Daniel as we strive to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in ‘Keeping Kids Safe’.

The objectives of Day for Daniel are:

- To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children.
- To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to ‘Recognise, React and Report’.
- To provide FREE safety and educational material.
• To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe.
• To have over 1 million people Australia Wide to participate in Day for Daniel.

Brad Tavelardis - Deputy Principal

Catching up with Curriculum

The propositions that shaped the development of the Australian Curriculum include:

• Each student can learn and that the needs of every student are important
• Each student is entitled to knowledge, understanding and skills that provide a foundation for successful and lifelong learning and participation in the Australian community
• High expectations should be set for each student as teachers account for the current level of learning of individual students and the different rates at which students develop
• The needs and interests of students will vary, and that schools and teachers will plan from the curriculum in ways that respond to those needs and interests. (ACARA)

Across our school teaching and learning experiences and programs are developed to build on students’ interests, strengths, goals and learning needs, and address the cognitive, affective, physical, social and aesthetic needs of all students.

Learning is fun!

Judy Clark - Head of Curriculum
P-2 Department News

What a busy fortnight.

Science learning experiences for our prep class P-2D have included learning about ‘light’. They have created a ‘light show’ in P-2H’s Science dark room using torches and other interesting things. It is wonderful to see the sharing of experiences across the department.

Sharon H acknowledges the success of her two new classroom teachers Rene and Emma. They are a great working team that complement each other which is bringing positive gains to the students learning. Well done!

Communication and Expressive language development are integral to learning in the Early Years. This week teachers and teacher aides have shared many successes of individual students. Jason has started using his words in class and during playtime. Cassidy has sung the alphabet song clapping her hands and smiling, asking for and signing ‘more’ when she wanted staff to sing it and play the guitar again. Kyron and Dylan have also made great progress with their talking. Well done to each of you.

Learning to read and understand number are empowering skills. Tyler and Annika are both recognised this week for their progress with reading. Jett is acknowledged for his improvement with ‘number’.

Self-help skills towards independence are also another significant area of learning in the Early Years. Both Jak and Jake are to be congratulated for their efforts with independent toileting. While Luke has made pleasant gains in his eating program. Congratulations.

Respect for learning, self and others is encouraged at all times. Students recognised for their respect for learning this week are Alex, Jacob S., Jade, and Troy. Students noticed making positive gains in their respect for themselves and others this week are Jason, Krystian, Abazar and Saxon. Congratulations to Tyrin for demonstrating empathy to a fellow student who was crying getting a tissue for her and wiping a tear from her eye asking “You ok?”

Such a fantastic group of staff and students.

Jewel Bauer - P-2 Department Leader

3-6 Department News

There is so much fun, laughter and learning taking place in 3-6. Some of the highlights this week are;

• Welcome to Alyshia who is starting a 6 week internship with 3-6K. We are looking forward to having her work in our department and work with our class for the rest of the term. Alyshia is studying a Special Education Degree with Griffith University.

• Year 3’s are having a ball with thematic play on Friday’s in the playground. Last week they went on a pirate ship adventure, became builders and sailed the seas with water play.

• Swimming is continuing for 7 of the 3-6 classes and this is the perfect weather for time in the pool. This activity is fantastic for building water confidence and safety and all of our students grow in this area each week.
Students are participating in assessments at the moment and this is proving to be a very rewarding experience for students and teachers as the students are able to see the outcome of their learning in semester 2.

Amanda Turnbull - 3-6 Department Leader

HPE Department News (Health & Physical Education)

HPE – Our school being active and adventurous!

With the hotter weather, HPE classes are loving the air-conditioned hall for their cricket, hockey and tennis! I’ve especially enjoyed seeing the great results achieved in those HPE lessons where 1-to-1 intensive interaction has been an appropriate method for engaging the students with the equipment.

Our final groups are beginning swimming for the term and it’s great to see where students are at in terms of their water safety and swimming ability. This Thursday, AFL Qld development officers will begin visiting the school for a series of 5 training sessions for our 7-9 students. They are working towards a Gala Day against other schools on the 28 November.

Triathlon Team in Noosa Preparing for Saturday’s Race!

Our 26-student Duke of Edinburgh Program Triathlon Team is currently camped out in Noosa preparing for Saturday morning’s race. All of our swimming, cycling and running training has been done and the students are pumped!

Thank you to all the student’s families for supporting them in their triathlon dream! Each student has a buddy that will support them in the race. These buddies are staff and community members and show a huge commitment beyond school hours to support our students in achieving their goals! People are saying this is the biggest group ever taken to the Special Triathlon by any organisation, so I’m sure they will be a big presence, give their best and make us all proud – GO TEAM!

Ben Byrne - HPE Teacher

Music Department News

Musical instruments for disabilities - “The Skoog”

In the last newsletter I discussed instruments that the music department has acquired throughout the year. One of the instruments purchased that I briefly touched on is the Skoog.

So just what is a Skoog?

Skoog is basically a soft, squishy white cube with coloured hemispheres sticking out of it with which you can play music by squeezing, tapping, pressing or twisting. We plug it into a computer plus some speakers and program it to make a variety of great instrumental sounds and noises including guitar, drums, keyboards, xylophones, flutes and cellos. We can even program it to make a dog bark and a cat meow.

The Skoog was designed with disabilities in mind. When programming it we can alter it's sensitivity to make it usable by students with varying physical abilities from our most robust Transition students to our P-2 students...
with multiple impairments. Students with multiple impairments can play with their hands, feet or as is often the case their head and neck.

We can also tailor the sounds that it makes to suit each student's personality. Quite often it is the loudest, most abrasive sounds that are popular!

To find out more about the Skoog, visit www.skoogmusic.com

Andrew Keppie - Music Department

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**STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH CHILDREN**

Children tend to express their feelings through behaviour. Take cues from their behaviour.

- Really listen to your child. Listen to their small talk and they will tell you the big things too. Watch for messages from their face, body, tone or voice.
- Create an atmosphere of open acceptance. That invites questions and open discussion.
- Allow children to talk and ask questions.
- Have topics in mind to talk about, i.e. – favourite songs, food, movies, hobbies, jobs and careers, family history, holidays, guilt and regression.
- Remember the importance of touch. A hug conveys a lot "I’m here if you need me."

Nicole Coady - Student Services Department Leader

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**Community News**

**Asperger Services Australia**

ASD support group meetings are held once a month at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

**DATE:** 03-11-14, 01-12-14

**TIME:** 6.00pm - 7.30pm

For enquiries please call USC Psychology Clinic on (07) 5459 4514

**Bribie Island Family Fun Day**

You’re invited to join us playing beach sports and enjoying a sausage sizzle at Woorim Beach, Bribie Island.

Avegates recognises that families are very busy these days, and often find little time to meet new friends and support networks.

With this in mind, we would like to invite you and your family to this fun day at Bribie Island where we can chat, learn more, make new friends and have heaps of fun!

**What:** Avegates Family Fun Day

**Date:** 6th December 2014
Time: 10am

Where: Woorim Beach Park, Bribie Island

RSVP: 1st December 2014. Please let us know for BBQ lunch purposes.

Nick Martin 0428 877 504

Kelli Morris 0498 847 099 or email scsocialsupport@multicap.org.au

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.*

**Westfield Chermside**  Sunday 9 November 8am - 10am to book contact Chanelle 0422 416 509

**Westfield Strathpine**  Sunday 16 November 9am - 9.45am to book contact 3817 9601

**Morayfield Shopping Centre**  Sunday 14 December 9am - 11am to book contact Chanelle 0422416 509

Student Awards

P-2  Jett

P-2E  Emma, Ned

P-2F  Jason

3-6D  Tyler, Jacob, Jesse, Blake, Joshua

School Captain Awards

Lisa, Sharon H, Bronwen H, Marie-Jo

Special Awards

Drakes IGA, Community Award

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](http://flexischools.com.au) to get started.
A new menu has been sent home with updated items & prices.

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 11 November 2014

P&C – Uniform Shop

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

A reminder to all students that Tuesdays are School Banking Day.

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.

School News

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

School Disco

On Friday 7 November, Caboolture Special School will run its second and final disco of the year.

Where: School Hall

Time: Junior: 5pm-6pm, Senior: 6:30pm-8pm

Cost: Cost of entry is $2 per child. Siblings are welcome to attend like last time if they are in the same age group

(Juniors-5 to 12, Seniors-13 to 17).

• The canteen will be open on the night where students can purchase food and drink.

• Students must be picked up and dropped off by a parent/guardian. If parents/guardians wish to stay for the duration of the disco, they are more than welcome to do so.

Hope to see everyone there for another fun-filled night!

Dates To Remember

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### Sensory Movie Day

**sensormovieday@hotmail.com**

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<td>December</td>
<td>“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.</td>
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<td>We wanted to finish our year with a new movie so we will let you know closer to the time… so stay tuned.</td>
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<td><em>Santa &amp; Mrs Claus</em> After the Sensory Screening Santa &amp; Mrs Claus will be handing out presents to every child.</td>
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