Hello parents, carers and friends,

The State wide Principals’ conference has made headlines for a number of reasons; however the messages for our educational community have been very clear.

The theme of the conference was: “A great school has a great school down the road”. This theme encourages schools to network together to learn from best practices and gather together their expertise to ensure improved outcomes for learners.

As a group of Special Schools in the North Coast Region, our school had been a long standing member of the following groups:

- North Coast Special School Administrator’s Alliance
- North Coast Curriculum Leaders’ Group

Our school’s participation in both of these professional groups has meant a sharing of practice in relation to school organization, governance, curriculum and teaching and learning pedagogies.

Data from Queensland schools across the last 24 months shows that Queensland is leading the way in school improvement in relation to other states. The progress relates to improved student outcomes in literacy and numeracy. Strategies that are assisting in this improvement include the Great Results Guarantee, More Support for Students with Disabilities and the Success Schools programmes. There are also more children attending kindergarten across the state and more students completing Year 12 of schooling.

We know from our transition planning as students move from Pre Prep to Prep into our school that they have received intensive support through and early childhood development programme and also that our students
transitioning from school at the end of year 12 move on to further education and community based programmes. In these areas, our school is maintaining the patterns of progress in the state wide data.

It has also been interesting to have had the opportunity to listen to a student panel and their perceptions of how schools and teacher assist them in moving towards their individual goals. The main points that have come through are the following:

- There can’t be a great school without great teachers
- We can’t have great relationships with our teachers if we don’t know each other
- What makes a great school is teachers who are committed to get to know students
- Great schools have a philosophy of inclusiveness
- Great schools have a friendly atmosphere and a welcoming mind set
- Great schools have teachers who notice what you are good t and take steps to support individual students

As I reflect on these thoughts from students I am reminded of the dedicated teaching staff that we have at our school and how we have multiple opportunities to know our students each day.

Our teachers are working out the potential of our students and encouraging them to always do their best.

**SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS – ’Focus on knowing our students and meeting their needs’**

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

Beth Devonshire - Principal

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**Deputy Principal**

Respect for Self....

As you may be aware, this is one of our identified overarching expectations for School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.

So what does **Respect for Self** look like in a special school context? At Caboolture Special School we have defined Respect for Self as a very simple statement of action – **I make safe and healthy choices**.

Making safe and healthy choices is about taking care of our own bodies and our own minds. Exercise, good nutrition and supportive relationships certainly form part of making safe and healthy choices. Knowing when and how to ask for help is an important skill that all students need to learn and that can mean asking for help with school work, asking for help to navigate a tricky social situation or even asking for help when things seem overwhelming and difficult to manage.

It is essential that every student is able to identify at least 5 people in their lives that they trust to provide the help they need in different situations. Finally a critical life skill related to making safe and healthy choices is...
the ability to stop and think before reacting to a situation. The ability to stop and reflect before making a choice can be the very difference between an unsafe action and a safe response.

When we as a school community, focus on **Respect for Self** we place a high value on the contributions of every single individual in our school community. We send the message that each individual is important and valued and that their health and safety is paramount. So please remember this message .... **Respect for Self** - *I make safe and healthy choices.*

Bronwyn Paxton - Deputy Principal

Catching Up With Curriculum

*‘The study of history is based on evidence derived from remains of the past. It is interpretative by nature, promotes debate and encourages thinking about human values, including present and future challenges. The process of historical inquiry develops transferable skills, such as the ability to ask relevant questions; critically analyse and interpret sources; consider context; respect and explain different perspectives; develop and substantiate interpretations, and communicate effectively.’*

(Australian Curriculum History)

This semester History curriculum units are being implemented across Early Years, Primary Years, and Junior Secondary. The history contexts include topics around Ourselves, Our Families, Other Families and Community. Students in Senior Secondary experience History within the contexts of the other learning areas.
Junior Secondary Department News

Week 6 is here already. The first term is certainly going fast. Our Junior Secondary Department is busy preparing and organizing concert items for our Junior Secondary Concert, which will be held in the last week of Term 1, on Wednesday 1 April 2015 in the School Hall at 6:00pm. The theme this year is FUNTASTIC. The students’ performances will encompass the school’s core values of Achieving, Belonging and Caring. As educators, we aim for every student to experience these values inside our school community and beyond.

I would like to encourage parents to read books to and with their child/children. Books are wonderful resources in making connections, opening up our imaginations and discovering worlds outside what we thought could not be possible. Plus it gives parents the opportunity to spend quality time with their child/children.

Our English Unit this Semester is: Reading, Exploring and Interpreting Australian literature. This could be narratives, picture books, autobiographies and biographies. So if you have stories or picture books at home by Australian authors that are age appropriate and taps into your child’s interest, then please share, communicate and read these books to your child. By working together will help to enrich your child’s learning experiences and create a more meaningful learning environment.

Angeleen Managh – Junior Secondary Department Leader

Senior Secondary Department News

“Be happy in the moment, that’s enough. Each moment is all we need, not more.”

In Senior Secondary I have been working with the students on ‘taking a moment’ to listen, to feel, to see and to smell. Noting our senses helps us to be present in what is happening right now. It can help us focus and feel more calm and relaxed. This simple activity is one that research has shown is having a huge effect in supporting positivity in young adolescent minds. There is a fantastic app that is available to assist this process, the app is called ‘Smiling Minds.’ If you have an Iphone or Android phone I would encourage you to download this and start a program for your young person or yourself through this app.

There are some exciting learning opportunities happening around the Senior Secondary area at the moment. A huge congratulations to Tony, Kaye and their team of students who ran their first Koffee Kapers morning last Friday. Callan, Kyle, Chris, James and Robbie all did a great job making coffees. I thoroughly enjoyed the coffee that Kyle made for me – Well done!
Resource Department News

You could be forgiven for thinking we were about to float away, nearly two weeks ago. This was the view from the back of the Resource Centre. Fortunately we remained high and dry, but the water rose and dropped three times before it settled.

The first time was with the rain depression and then two more times on the Saturday when we received the dumping from the remains of Cyclone Marcia. Large amounts of rain fell in the areas west of Morayfield and then drained through the park behind the school. This then moved on to Morayfield Road which was cut off for some hours on Friday and Saturday. It was lovely to see the rain, but just as good to see it go.

Inga Altermatt - Resource Department Leader

Guidance Matters

**What physical activities can I have my child involved with?**

1. **BAMD – Bust a Move Dance**

DANCE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

[https://www.facebook.com/bustamovedance](https://www.facebook.com/bustamovedance)
2. **Special Olympics Moreton North.** This is an organization that provides sporting opportunities for all people with an intellectual disability regardless of their skill level. Sporting activities include (but are not limited to):

- Swimming
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Golf
- Cricket
- Tennis
- Tenpin bowling

For all enquiries, please contact Maureen Smith PH: 3283 2424 or Email miffto9@gmail.com

**Have you heard of Autism Queensland? They can provide:**

**Family Support Services**

Family Support Services provides individual support to families and adult clients through advocacy, referral, liaison, information and general support. The team also arranges sibling programs and camps, parenting programs, and mothers’ camps. Autism Queensland also facilitates more than 20 support groups across Queensland. These groups provide vital support for parents and families with individuals with ASD and are a vital link to Autism Queensland and our services.

**Information and Help Line**

Autism Queensland operates a telephone and e-mail information and Help Line. We receive calls from families, people on the spectrum, carers, professionals and others from across the state. Therapists, teachers and family support workers are available via the Help Line to provide information about ASD, discuss specific issues or concerns, and provide information about services, supports and resources.

**Autism Queensland Inc**

**Email** admin@autismqld.com.au

**Phone** 07 3273 0000

**Web** www.autismqld.com.au

**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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BANKING AWARDS
School Photo Day

At

Caboolture Special School

Country School Photos will be at our school to take class, portrait and sibling photos on Tuesday 24 March 2015. Order and payment envelopes will be sent home with your child next week. Please return your order and payment envelope to your child’s teacher before photo day.

Hospitality & Tuckshop News

Tuckshop (Tastes on Torrens) will be open every Wednesday and Thursday for morning tea and lunch. We have now introduced our new extended tuckshop menu for the remaining weeks of Term 1, 2015. As you will see with our new menu, many of the products will be home made by our senior students participating in our Hospitality program.

A friendly reminder that Flexischools is the only ordering process for tuckshop. You can place your online orders in advance if you wish. 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 March 2015
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ALL WELCOME

P&C – Uniform Shop

The P&C, AGM is next Tuesday 10 March @ 6pm in the C block meeting room.

All executive positions will become vacant and while we have several members willing to take on executive positions we always welcome new members and can help you learn what the positions involve.

If you are interested in being part of the P&C as a member or taking on an executive role/assistant and would like more information please contact any of current executive members via the school office or on the number below.

Membership forms and committee nomination forms will be available at the school office or at the AGM.

Why join the P&C?
It is a great way to keep informed about your school and contribute to your childs education and school community.

Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage and include everything from taking on an executive position, attending meetings or receiving P&C minutes by email. Volunteering at an event like a sausage sizzle or stamping raffle books. You may take on a role that suits your skills like grant writing, helping with planning events or develop new skills by helping those in these or executive roles. There is something for everyone and best of all you will make new friends and have some fun with others from your school.

Our General monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm and everyone is welcome.

Debbie Grey - Vice President
0438 543 626

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open each Wednesday from 9:00am–10:00am.

Uniform order forms are also available on the school website.

School Banking

A reminder that school banking is on each Tuesday. Please send your childs banking book on this day.
Thank You

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 17 March at Caboolture Special School from 9:30am. 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

Woodford Showgrounds

Saturday 14th March 2015 at 10:00am

Free Entry  All Welcome

Come and see Emergency vehicles, Fireman, Policeman and Paramedics

Little Flick the Fire Engine and his friend Blake

At 10.30am and 1pm there will be a Kitchen Fire Simulation

Come and see Emergency vehicles, Fireman, Policeman and Paramedics

FUN! FUN! FUN!

Safety First
Sausage Sizzle
A quiet space will be available when a break is needed
Plaster fun for kids- train, carousel and wooden toys
All fundraising to be donated to Autism Queensland

**Parent Survey**

*Go in the draw to win A BIKE!*

MBRC Road Safety Strategic Plan 2015-2020 - Have your say and go in the prize draw to win a bike

MBRC is currently reviewing and updating the ‘Road Safety Strategic Plan’. Let us know what you think the big road safety issues are in the Moreton Bay Region by 06/03/2015.

Click on the link below to take part in the short survey and be involved in shaping Council’s business on what can potentially save lives on our roads.

www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/roadsafetyplan

**Indigenous Families**

If any families in the community are looking for any type of medical assistance please contact your local clinic, *Indigenous Urban Institute Of Health on 5429 1000*

If you also have any questions about your Centrelink payments your contact for the Caboolture Office is *Indigenous Liason Officer, Ashleigh Simpson on 1800 136 380 or 3480 1254*

If you have issues with any other problems please contact *Sue Williams, Indigenous Community Advisor on Monday 8:30am - 2:30pm & Thursday 8:30am - 12:30pm on 0477 756 958*
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Through SWEET, students can:
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- Gain work experience

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