Today our new School Captains were presented with their badges by our Federal member for Longman, Mr Wyatt Roy and our State member for Morayfield, Mr Darren Grimwade.

Our School Captains are Ryan M and Rebecca W.

Our School Vice Captains are Jordan H and Rebecca J.

Thank you to our Members of Parliament, our P & C President and Executive Members, our parents and family members who all attended today’s ceremony.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deadly Choices Program 10 February 12.40PM
Senior Schooling Parent Meeting 11 February 5.7PM
Apology Day 12 February
Photo Day 25th March
Senior Assembly-All Welcome 20 Feb, 6, 20 March, 3 April
Junior Assembly-All Welcome 13, 27 February, 13, 27 March

Chappy Tania’s Corner
Hope everyone had a great holiday. I am looking forward to a great year with everyone.

Word of encouragement:
YOU ARE AN ARTIST
You may never pick up a brush,
You may never write a poem,
Or do anything that is accepted as art,
But you are an artist.
Your life is a work of art,
What you say, what you do,
The way you live your life,
Your relationships,
All these are works of art.
They are music, poetry, colours,
Created out of the rough stone of humanity,
A magnificent work for eternity.

By F. Fullwood OAM

Chappy Tania

Life’s Journey

In partnership with ...

WHERE: Undurba State School Community Hall, Ogg Rd, Murarrie Downs
WHEN: 12th February—19th March 2014
Wednesday mornings
8.30am coffee for a 10am start
until 12.30pm
$5 concession $10 non concession
Costs cover morning tea but with room for your own refreshments
Child minding available on request

“Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2”
Inventor Flint thought he saved the world when he destroyed his most infamous invention. Flint soon learns that his invention survived and is now creating food animales. *foodimals* Flint and his friends embark on a dangerously delicious mission to battle hungry foodimals to save the world
2pm Sunday 23rd February

FOR ALL STUDENT ABSENCES PLEASE CALL
STUDENT ABSENCE LINE 5431 4460
Please leave a message with details of the absence including name, class and reason for the absence

Welcome to the new school year for 2014

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The P&C Uniform shop is open every Wednesday from 9am to 10am. If you are unable to make this time, please complete an order form available from the office and we will fill the order when we open.

P&C MEETING
Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday 11 February at 6.30pm. By joining the P&C, you will be able to have a voice in decisions within the school, have a deeper understanding of how your school runs and support your child within the school.

Debbie Grey - P&C Secretary

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All Welcome

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**PARENT PATCH**

Welcome to 2014. What a busy start to the year everyone has had. I see lots of happy smiles as we walk around and what a lot of new people (staff and students). I was away last year working on the Behaviour Team, learning new skills, making new contacts and of course keeping in touch with staff here at Caboolture Special School.

This year, when I returned, there was great excitement throughout the school as after many years of hard work from the previous and current Principals, we finally have a second Deputy Principal at the school. I felt very honoured to be considered for the Acting Deputy Principal position and will do my best to learn this new role while receiving support from the administration team and fellow staff members. Having been here as a teacher has given me great insight into our students, staff, our school community and procedures around Caboolture Special School.

I look forward to the challenges that lay ahead and meeting all the new people: parents, staff and students in our school community.

Nicole Coady - Acting Deputy Principal

**7-9 DEPARTMENT NEWS**

We welcome all new students, families and staff to Department 7-9 and look forward to a productive year ahead. It has been exciting to get around to all of our 10 classrooms to see students already actively engaged in our first unit of work for the year, ‘Ready, Steady, Go’. Natasha Reeve - 7-9 Department Leader

**P - 2 DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Welcome to the first term for 2014! This year we have made the change to catering for Prep to 2 students only. I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and families. We know that as you settle in to the Caboolture Special School ‘family’ you will be amazed at the friendliness and professionalism of our P-2 Department staff.

As I have moved about the classes I have seen many happy faces as teachers and teacher aides are kindly transitioning their students into the routines and early learning experiences occurring within their classroom. We also welcome a new Assistance Dog into our school. He is named ‘Jet’ and is assists one of our students in J Block.

Jenifer Bauer - P-2 Department Leader

**3 - 6 DEPARTMENT NEWS**

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” – Walt Disney

I love Disney movies! I love that in the end no matter what the hardship the good guy always wins. It does take courage and it does take effort.

Our students show great courage and effort everyday and starting a new school year is no different. Everyone has a dream and I encourage them to take hold of that dream for you and your child this year and pursue it. Talk with your child’s teachers about the goals and aspirations your child has in some cases that you have for your child. It takes courage but their dream and your dream is worth it.

We have seen huge growth in our 3-6 department not only in the number of students but also in the academic work that our students are now able to access. Our year 3-6 routine includes Reading groups, Maths groups, HPE and Music lessons, English and Science. All of these curriculum areas are catered to help each child develop the skills needed to pursue their dreams.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Amanda Toddell - 4-6 Department Leader

**TRANSITION DEPARTMENT NEWS**

“I am so happy to be back at school!”

“I love hanging out with my friends.”

“The new buildings are cool!”

What lovely comments from some of our Transition students!

A very warm welcome to you all and I hope you enjoyed many memorable moments over the festive season. I am looking forward to a productive and rewarding year in 2014 as we introduce a choice of subject electives across the department. Students have been choosing these subjects over the first weeks of school.

Classes are settling into their new classrooms and getting to know their teachers/aidies/peers. How lucky are we in Transition to be able to enjoy the 3 new buildings which are in the final stages of completion!

This week we conducted a ballot to choose school captains and vice captains for the year. These four students have been inducted at our Senior Assembly.

Next Tuesday the students will participate in the Big Aussie BBQ, which is a fun activity linking directly to our first unit of work entitled ‘Ready, Steady, Go!’

Colleen Griggs – Transition Department Leader