From the Deputy Principal

**School Priority – Curriculum**

As you would be well aware, the teachers and staff at Caboolture Special School have been working towards introducing the Australian Curriculum in English and reading programs. Across the school, all students have been involved in units of work revolving around literature and understanding book characters and this will continue across Term 2 with assessments of student learning beginning to occur.

A major focus for our school, is developing a school reading program and we have been working steadily in this direction. We have purchased some new reading books and teacher resources and we have assessed students’ reading levels and understanding of other core skills for Term 2.

Term 2 Department 4-6 are trialling a program of group students according to their reading levels and implementing targeted reading sessions across the week where they will focus on a core book and comprehension skills. The teachers are very positive about trialling this new approach and I look forward to seeing how students’ reading skills develop. Thank you to all who supported this initiative.

**4-6 Department News**

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that you and your children are ready for the term ahead. This term 4-6 students have begun implementing new science activities into the classroom and students are loving being able to use a variety of objects as they learn about push and pull or about the weather around them. It’s been great to see students making incredible learning taking place during these lessons and a big thank you must go to Jodie Gulley (Education Queensland Science Facilitator) who is assisting in the implementation of the science lessons this term.

Students have also begun Hip Hop and Soccer classes. Both of these activities have been fabulous for the students and the excitement on their faces when they talk about their latest dance moves or act out their latest soccer moves are just great to hear. All students have been able to participate at some level and I look forward to seeing their skills develop even more over the term.

**7-9 Department News**

Welcome back, I hope all families had and enjoyable break. Department 7 – 9 has an exciting and productive term ahead. This week students from Department 7 – 9 commenced participating in reading blocks, working in groups for reading activities with students across classes.

The students and staff have been very positive in these activities to have all put into our English-focused curriculum plans this semester...Keep your eyes and ears peeled for upcoming information on these events!

Amanda Turnbull
Department Leader

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Share Your Story

We are inviting Queenslanders to share their story on our two online galleries, Share Your Story and Share Your Career Story.

Both websites encourage all Queenslanders with a disability and their families, carers and friends to share their views, ideas and reflections on their experience of disability online.

**Share Your Career Story**

Queenslanders are invited to share their stories about careers where the influence of a disability, their families, friends and careers make to the lives of the people they care for and the broader community.

**Share Your Story**

Stories help define ourselves as people and as a community. They are about the experiences of people with disability, their families, friends and carers, and how their experiences have been important to a broader community.

We are looking for new stories to inform and educate others, to share achievements and to inspire others. Share your story now and encourage others to share their experience too.

Regards
Share Your Story team

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Guidance Matters

Is your son or daughter turning 16 this year? If they are, then they are eligible to apply for the Disability Support Pension. To assist with this process, the school is able to provide information that you can take to Centrelink appointments.

If you would like the school to provide this information, contact the school to set up an appointment. Please contact me with your request before your child turns 16 – it usually takes a few weeks to gather all necessary information.

Would you like to contact Disability Services Queensland to see what services you and your child are eligible to access?

Phone 1800 177 120 or www.communitys.qld.gov.au/transition

Another website that has lots of information about services (government and non-government) available is: www.allinder.qld.gov.au/Media/Transition Guidance Officer

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Transition Department News

South Passage Sailing Trip

We continue to plan our South Passage Sailing Trip out of Hervey Bay. Families involved will receive information soon.

The trip was originally for 20 students this time however due to the great response we are planning a second trip in September out of Manly. Students who miss out this time will have the opportunity to go then. Stay tuned for more information.

Jim
Department Leader