In May, the Sports Connect – Families Forum was held at Pine Rivers Special School. This Forum focused on pathways for people with disabilities to connect with sport and recreation after school. Ryan Mills, Will Smith and Steven Houston, together with teacher Ben Byrne, represented our School. They heard inspirational stories of people involved in sport and met with representatives from many sporting groups to discuss their experience and opportunities that exist within their organisations. An extensive booklet of contacts, clubs and organisations was given to the School at the Forum. To find out more about opportunities for your student post-school, please contact your class teacher.

NRL Skills Program and Gala Day

The NRL has been very generous in running an Oz-tag development program for 7-9 and Transition students in Term 2. It ran training sessions for students at school and provided skills sessions and referees for Transition interschool sport. Students involved were super happy with the footys they received for participating! Some students represented the school at an NRL Gala Day, playing other schools and getting a huge buzz from Maroons legend Petero Civoniceva who played Oz-tag with and against our team. Well done to the girls and boys and a huge thanks Daniel and his NRL team!
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Community Consultation Process regarding retaining Chaplaincy Services at Caboolture Special School 2014
Each year we are required to submit a report that states what work has been done by the Chaplain to support students and that the school community is happy to continue with the program. This is a requirement of the federal government to ensure funding of this program continues. As of last year, schools had an option to employ either a School Chaplain or a Student Welfare Worker and each year we are required to seek the community’s views on whether they would like the Chaplain to continue with the school community as to their preference. Our School Chaplain, Tania, has training in counselling and restorative practices and has made contributions to the wellbeing of staff and students through a variety of programs and activities. Last year, the community voted unanimously to continue with the Chaplaincy program.
This year, the vote will be taken at the next P & C Meeting on Monday 15 July at 7pm. Parents are encouraged to come along to the meeting to register their support for the School Chaplaincy program to continue or alternatively for the Student Welfare Worker option. If you are not able to attend the meeting but still wish to register your vote, please complete the voting slip found on the front page and return it to the school office by Monday 15 July. If you have any questions about the Chaplaincy program, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school office or to contact Debbie Grey (debbiegrey65@opusnet.com.au), our parent representative on the Chaplaincy Committee. Details about the School Chaplaincy Program or the Student Welfare Worker program can be found on the website for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations: www.deewr.gov.au/Department/Calare.

Bonniee Price – Deputy Principal

Do you know an outstanding dad who deserves to be recognised?
Nominate him for the 2013 Queensland Father of the Year award and he could win a five-night holiday for him and his family at Sea World Resort & Water Park. This is the Queensland Government’s five million dollar initiative to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live.

Parent training sessions on using Proloquo2Go communication app.

SUSAN CASSIDY AND SHANNAN HAMMOND (EQ SLPs) will be offering a group training session for parents/carers on the app Proloquo2Go on Wednesday 17 July in the S Block meeting room. Training will be from 9:15am – 11:00am and a light morning tea will be provided.

*If you have a copy of Proloquo2Go on your/your child’s iPad, please bring it to the sessions. These sessions will provide an introduction to the app, how to set up the communication device and how to customize your child’s communication. It will also include instruction on how to customize the app e.g. how to edit buttons, add buttons to pages/folders, edit pages, create new pages, and link pages together to make the system suit your child’s individual communication needs. Even if you don’t own a copy of this app but you would like to learn more about how it can help give your child a voice, you are most welcome to attend.

Live well with asthma
Are you or someone you care for living well with asthma? If you: wake up coughing, wheezing or breathless struggle to keep up with normal activity play your favourite sports and activities use your blue reliever puff more than three times a week are unsure about the way your medications can work for you
These are all signs your asthma is not well controlled or signs you are the best person to judge if your asthma is limiting your quality of life, Asthma Foundation Queensland invites you to join us for a free one hour Live Well with Asthma workshop. To register please call Asthma Assist on 1800 645 130 or visit: http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/QLD/Courses_for_the_community.aspx

Where: Caboolture Library (4 Hasting St, Caboolture)
When: Tuesday 30 July 2013
Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Great teachers = great results
Great teachers = great results is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $53 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better.
It will: support teachers with mentoring, training and resources reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships strengthen state school discipline allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids
The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help every child make the best of their potential, no matter where they live.
There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performance among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions.
Find out more about the plan: www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers