Invitation to participate:
In Point-to-Point Simplex Event Communication Activities

The Caboolture Special School’s Amateur Radio Club VK4HBU invites members of local amateur clubs and other interested amateur radio operators to participate in our Point-to-Point Simplex Event Communication Activities.

These activities assist our students with developing their communication and technical skills and build vocational literacy and numeracy skills.

Students have benefited over the past seven years (since 2006) with our radio communication vocational and technical learning. These broad communication skills build independence and personal confidence when communicating in a range of contexts. Our students develop their emergency service skills by using radio communication in other contexts including the Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service and volunteering in community organisations as part of their work experience.

Caboolture Special School’s Amateur Radio Club VK4HBU – provides effective communication and resources for many of the school’s activities and its capacity in Point-to-Point Simplex Event Communication. This capacity enables safe and effective event operation. It provides an enhanced safety framework for students, parents/carers, staff, volunteers and visitors.

These Point-to-Point Simplex Event Communication Activities include sports days, walkathons, outdoor experience walks in parks and state forests, vocational and technical activities including work experience.

An example of our students in action using amateur radio can be seen on YOUTUBEsearch for: Caboolture Special School VK4HBU Volunteering Queensland. This video was made by Volunteering Queensland as part of their Youth Resilience Project in 2012.

A Queensland Blue Card – Working with Children is required if you would like to be a school volunteer and assist with the operation of our Amateur Radio Club Station VK4HBU and its associated Point-to-Point Simplex Event Communication Activities. The school administration can assist you in applying for a Queensland Blue Card – Working with Children for volunteers if you do not already hold a current card. Our School’s Office can be contacted on Phone 07 5431 4444. The school is located on Torrens Road Caboolture.

If you would like further information about how you may be a volunteer at Caboolture Special School and participate in our Amateur Radio Club Station VK4HBU – please contact Peter Allen (VK4HOY), Vocational Technical Education Co-ordinator on 07 5431 4444 or email palle15@eq.edu.au

Nomination forms are available from Caboolture Special School Office.

P-3 Photos
The focus for this column this week is on the community. There are a number of community activities in which our students participate and these are growing with the organization and competencies of our students. Last night our two school captains were the guest speakers at the Caboolture Rotary Club meeting. They have been working on their public speaking skills and this was an excellent opportunity for both Rebecca Jones and Sean Mills to present information about our school to the community. I congratulate them and their parents on their wonderful presentation which was very warmly received.

Our students regularly go into the community as part of their learning programmes. Each week we see more and more students gaining increasing skills through their activities in the community. These translate to further English and Mathematics sessions as follow up in the classroom. The community outings therefore are the springboard for many more literacy and numeracy activities. The school office staff have been working on an invoicing system to assist parents and carers in their organization of payments for these activities.

We appreciate the many methods in which you decide to pay for these activities – through weekly cash payments, EFTPOS or direct debit. The school has all these avenues to accept payments. This is a new system this year and we appreciate your efforts to support your child/ren in their learning by managing these payments when you receive the invoices from the school.

You will find a few community announcements in this week’s newsletter. A reminder that this Friday is Jean for Genes Day and we encourage all students to wear their jeans and donate a gold coin to the Children’s Medical Research Institute. This money will be collected from each class at school.

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P—3 Department News

This term the P-3 Department has been part of a weekly Gross Motor Programme run by one of our wonderful Physiotherapists, Jodi! During these sessions, the students are encouraged to develop their gross motor skills including climbing, stepping, jumping, and throwing, while strengthening their core muscles and gaining greater flexibility. While several students are guided through the circuit, the rest of the students sit and wait for their turn – though we’re still working on this difficult skill :-) This programme is just one example of the wonderful team work and collaboration across the school in order to provide experiences that facilitate the students ongoing positive development and learning...

Tim Dunne
Department Leader

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

School Priority: Wellbeing

Hearing Screening: We have been invited to take part in a research project for University of Queensland which will provide free hearing screening tests for children with Down Syndrome between the ages of 4-13. The purpose of project is to determine the prevalence of hearing difficulties amongst young children with Down Syndrome. Our involvement will enable those students to have a free hearing test and if there is an indication of hearing impairment, parents will be provided with information about how to access support. If your child meets this criteria (aged 4-13 and diagnosed with Down Syndrome) you will receive an information package and consent letter. Please sign the consent letter and return to school as soon as possible if you wish your child to participate in this program.

Head Lice: We have recently had a number of notifications of head lice particularly amongst our younger students. If you get a note home notifying you that head lice has been detected in your child’s part of the school, please conduct the necessary checks and treatments and return the bottom section of the form. This will help us to manage the outbreak of head lice which is always a difficult thing to do in a school setting.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents, Friends and Carers

Don’t forget ‘Jeans for Genes’ Day on Friday.

This is Angeleen’s last week with 7—9 Department News

Science Van Microscope Activities! What a great way to energize and motivate our students. All classes in Department 7—9 participated in the activities on the topic ‘Earth Under the Microscope’. It was exciting watching students engage with hands on activities, exploring, discussing, comparing, and sharing what they noticed with their peers and teachers.

This is Angelene’s last week with 7—9. We welcome back Jewel who returns next week.

Don’t forget ‘Jeans for Genes’ Day on Friday.

Judy Clark
Department Leader 7 – 9.

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Transition Department News

The classes have begun working on the current literacy genre, procedural text. Students are learning the skills associated with this task in a variety of ways. It is great to see the diversity as go around to each class. It is also exciting to see students using their preferred method of communication to do this. Also in other big news, we finally have a decision after a very close call as to who are new Vice captains. Our female vice-captain is Chloe Archer and our male vice-captain is Jeff Shaw. Congratulations to you both.

Cristin Smith—Department Leader

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Guidance Matters

Life! Community Care

– 3482 3005 Tuesday to Friday.

Based at Unit 1, 1417 Anzac Ave, Kallangur

Can provide food parcels to families in need – just phone 3482 3005 Tuesday to Friday. A food parcel can be dropped at school for you to pick up, or you can visit Life Community Care’s office at Kallangur.

Can provide counselling support.

Caboolture Community Action

– Can provide emergency food parcels to families in need – phone Debbie on 0428 197 798 or Jeannette on 0439 906 670.

‘Cook Ups’ are held each Tuesday and Saturday nights at Centerlink Lakes, from 6:30 – 8:30pm. A hot dinner is provided, including dessert.

Free Parenting Talk

Dr Brenda Heyworth (child and adolescent psychiatrist) is giving a free parenting talk on how to manage difficult behaviour in children and teenagers.

Where? At the Caboolture library on Saturday August 11 from 10-11am. Bookings can be made by phoning the library on 5433 2000.

Melissa Thoos—Guidance officer

Thursday 26 July 2012, is the start of the 30 day countdown to The Reading Hour which will be happening around the country on Saturday 25 August. The Reading Hour is both a focal point for the National Year of Reading 2012 and also a call to action for families – “share a book with your child for 10 minutes a day, an hour a week”. The Reading Hour is nominally 6pm to 7pm on 25 August 2012.

4—6 Department News

4-6 had a great experience at the ‘Extreme Science’ incursion on Monday. Students from QUT came to the school to show us how everyday objects look under the microscope. The children were really surprised at how different sprinkles, sugar, rice, and bird seed looked under the microscope. We even got to look at beetles, bees and spiders under the microscope which as both fascinating and a little scary.

Ana Kelly—Department Leader

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