Principal’s Message:

Well here we are in 2017 and I could not be happier with the start of the year. A special thank you must go to everyone involved in preparing for the beginning of the new school year - to parents for ensuring that their children were well prepared, with uniforms and materials, as well as a positive and happy attitude, and to our teachers, education assistants and support staff for the inviting classrooms and enjoyable learning experience being offered. It has been a pleasure to witness all the happy faces each day, both coming in and going out of the gate! I am also particularly grateful to our part-time teaching staff who were here to spend the first day of school with their teaching partners, even though they were not asked or paid for the day.

Staffing Changes

We have been fortunate to keep our staff very stable, with just one change. As many of you are aware, Mrs Claire Hornagold (our music teacher) will be leaving us shortly to have her second child. We have been lucky to employ a new music teacher, Mr Sean Osborne. He has already commenced his employment with us.

Communication

It is important that home and school work together to let each other know about details that are affecting your child. This results in the building of a secure and happy learning environment for children. It is both the school’s and parents’ responsibilities to communicate effectively. Forms of communication usually include our website, our official

“We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, travel and live. We pay our respects to the Elders, their Ancestors and Future Generations”.

ALERT

We have a number of children at our school, who for a variety of reasons have vulnerable immune systems. This means that if they contract any contagious disease, they could become extremely ill. We ask all parents and carers to notify us urgently if their child has measles, chickenpox or any other highly contagious disease, so that we can protect these children.
FaceBook page, parent workshops, parent-teacher interviews, children’s written reports and regular newsletters. In 2017, each child will also have a specially designed school communication diary. We are very excited about our diaries. They will be sent home next Monday for you to sign and add any comments. If you have any concerns about your child please make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss.

Two-way communication is essential to providing the best possible education for our students.

2017 Student Communication Diary

The Positive Behaviour for Learning Team has developed our very own CPSS Student Communication Diary for 2017. The diary is a means to daily communication between classroom teachers and parents / carers. The diary includes an explanation of our school’s expectations and positive reward system, a calendar outlining important dates, a daily homework reading log and a record of your student’s daily behaviour.

Your child has received their diary from their classroom teacher this week. Diaries will be sent home daily with the expectation that the diary will be returned each day with a parent signature. Years 1 to 6 students will begin bringing their diary home on Monday, Week 2. Prep students will begin bringing home their diaries Monday, Week 5.

Volunteering at our school

Very soon, there will be invitations from teachers and from support staff for volunteers to support student learning. Before you commence working with students, you need to attend the mandatory information session. All new volunteers will need to attend the Induction Workshop prior to working in the classroom or tuckshop. All experienced volunteers who have previously attended an Induction must attend an Induction session annually, but may commence to support teachers in classrooms immediately with the understanding that participation in an induction must occur by the last Induction session offered on Monday 22 February to be able to continue. There are a number of updates and mandatory requirements that must be delivered annually.

Induction Session dates:

Friday 3 February 9:30- 11:00am; Wednesday 8 February 9:30-11:00; Monday 13 February 1:30 pm—2:55 pm

Please phone the school office to register for an Induction Session.

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health:

Collingwood Park SS is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also
Class library borrowing will commence in Week 2 for Years 1 – 6. If your child has an overdue book/s from 2016, the book/s will need to be returned before he/she can borrow this year. A reminder that Yrs 1-2 students can borrow one book per week whilst Years 3 – 6 students can borrow up to 2 books each week. All Years 1 – 5 classes have a weekly class borrowing time whilst Year 6 classes borrow fortnightly.

N.B. Each student is required to have a waterproof library bag or plastic folder to take the borrowed book/s to and from school.

Scholastic Book Club
At Collingwood Park, we offer the opportunity for parents to purchase books online from Scholastic Bookclub via the Parent Loop section. There are 8 issues per year; 2 per term. For each issue, a catalogue is provided for each student to take home and view the books for sale. In the Issue 1 catalogue, you will find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and are great value (some books cost as little as $1 and $2). Owning your own book is something special!

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Issue 1 Book Club catalogues will be sent home next week. If you wish to order anything, you will need to order online via the Parent Loop – Linked Online Ordering and Payment available on www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP Apple or Android app. A note from Scholastic explaining the Parent Loop order system for Prep parents will accompany Issue 1 leaflets for all Prep students. Please note, we do not accept cash orders so do not send any orders to school.

N.B. The cutoff date for Parent Loop online orders will be Tuesday 16 February. If you order online after this date, your order will not be included in the items posted free of charge to our school.

Library News

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, excursions (including camps) should also be discussed with the school. Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office.

Meridee Cuthill
Principal
Library News continued ......

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library and classrooms, however there is never any obligation to order. If you experience any problems when ordering or don’t receive your order, please contact Scholastic Customer Service on 1800 021 233. Please ensure you have all documentation regarding your order when you ring.

Glenys Harrington
Teacher Librarian
Scholastic Bookclub Co-ordinator

HIPPY

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a FREE two-year school readiness program operating in the following areas: Bundamba, Dinmore, Riverview, Goodna, Redbank, Redbank Plains, Collingwood Park, Gailes and Bellbird Park.

We provide activity packs, storybooks and support to families to build confidence in learning, and help children make a successful transition to school. A home tutor works with the parent to practice the activities in the pack and this assists the parent to confidently do the HIPPY activities with their child.

If your child is turning 4 in 2017, and you would like the opportunity to have fun learning to-

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**Tuckshop News**

- PREP STUDENTS CANNOT ORDER TUCKSHOP IN TERM 1.
- THE TUCKSHOP IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS.

**Online Ordering**

If you are ordering tuckshop online please make sure that you have updated your student/s class.

*If you can assist at tuckshop, please give us a call as we would really appreciate your help.*

Should you have a problem or cannot make your rostered day, please give the tuckshop a call with as much notice as possible.

Diane: (07) 3818 0687
Mobile: (0403) 945 014
Tuckshop: (07) 3381 4335

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Download the school star app today and receive and send messages to school at NO COST TO YOU!
Traffic around the school

Please be aware that both the Police and Ipswich City Council constantly patrol around our school. Please avoid parking across driveways and on footpaths. Parking is also available on Collingwood Park Drive, with just a short walk to the school’s front gate.

Please remember that a bus zone has been designated outside Collingwood Park Dental Clinic on Burrel Street. This means parents/carers cannot park in that area between 2 and 4pm.

I appeal to all parents to be careful when driving around our schools, please obey road rules and demonstrate patience. There have been a number of incidents reported to the office regarding driver behaviour on Burrel Street in the afternoon.

Please do not exit your vehicle or stay longer than two (2) minutes in the drop off zone. Staff on duty are concerned for the safety and well-being of students. Please do not abuse staff who ask you to move on or obey road rules. It would be disastrous if any of our children were to be hit by your car.

Please see the attached map which clearly identifies the Loading and Bus Zones.

![Map of traffic zones around Collingwood Park State School]
NEXT MEETING:
7th Of February 2017
7.00 pm in the library

CPSS P&C Association News!!

Sub Committees
- Volunteers Welcome -

Events Committee – we are looking for new members to join for next year @ email us
cpss-pnc-admin@bigpond.com

OSHC Committee – FRIDAY the 3rd of FEB - 4.30PM @ OSHC – ALL WELCOME

P&C Meeting – 7th of February 2017

POSITION AVAILABLE –
Outside School Hours Care Coordinator
Permanent Part time position, team environment.
Please send your resume to
cpss-pnc-admin@bigpond.com

C A N Y O U H E L P ? ? ?

For the tuckshop to run smoothly we would love to have at least 2 volunteers each day.

We are looking for volunteers for Term 1 – if you can spare just a few hours please contact
Karen @ - 0439830078

Tuck shop Online Ordering
If you are ordering tuckshop online please make sure that you have updated your student/s class

Uniform Shop is open from 8am every day!

School Banking
Every Friday in the Hall
From 8.00am to 8.30 am

Breakfast Club
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.
From 8am in the hall
Sponsored by the Goodna RSL!!

Upcoming Events

Twilight Picnic
Come along to meet your child’s teacher and enjoy a drink and a sausage sizzle and have some fun on the oval while you’re there!

P&C AGM Meeting
Tuesday 14 March 2017 @ 7pm
Everyone welcome!

OSHC

Coordinator – Rebekah Goodie
Phone - (07) 3381 4317
Mobile Number - TBA
Email - cpss-oshc@outlook.com

We have vacancies available in both before school and after school care. Please contact the centre to book your child’s spot!
FUNDRAISING MEETING

31st January at 9.15am in seminar room (library). Discussion will take place regarding events for 2017.

ALL WELCOME
A warm welcome to all our Students, Parents, Grandparents and Carers (both returned and new). It was awesome to see so many happy, smiling faces at the front gate on Monday. It certainly made me feel good to be back.

For those of you who don’t know me, I am the Student Welfare Officer for Collingwood Park State School employed two days per week. My role here at the school is to provide social and emotional support to students and the school community where appropriate, to promote an environment where students feel happy, safe and comfortable at school. I also assist students with social skills, self-esteem and confidence, resilience and the building of positive relationships.

Please note; my working days have been changed, so I will now be here at CPSS Thursdays and Fridays. Students can approach me themselves, or if any parents feel their child/children may benefit from chatting with me, please do not hesitate to email me on: larms80.eq.edu.au or contact the Office with a request on: 3381 4333.

For Year 6 Students and Parents, applications for CARE Crew Members have been extended until Wednesday 1st February 2017. Parents, if you believe your child may be an asset to the CPSS CARE Crew, please encourage them to apply. If they require assistance with their application, I am more than happy to assist.

Louise Armstrong
Student Welfare Officer (SWO)