Principal’s Message:

**ANZAC Commemoration**

On Monday, our school commemorated the 101st anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli. The spirit of ANZAC, with its qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. ANZAC Day is perhaps the most significant day in the Australian calendar. The qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice are still highly regarded and are important to us as a nation. I was impressed by the level of respect and solemnity shown by all students in Year 3-6. Well done to our school captains, who so ably led this important ceremony. (please see more on page 4)

Cross country results

Last Friday, our students in Years 4-6 competed in our annual Cross Country. Our team for the District Cross Country has been selected.
A huge thank you to Mr Downes, staff and student leaders for their support in running this event. Jacaranda won the House Spirit Award, with Poinciana winning the overall event. Trophies and medallions were presented to students on Wednesday.

Public Holiday this Monday 1 May
Just a reminder that this coming Monday is Labour Day and a public holiday in Queensland. No school!!

NAPLAN testing — 9 to 12 May
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in NAPLAN testing from 9 to 12 May.

The tests are:
Language Conventions will be tested on the Tuesday. (Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation) tests, followed later in the day by a Writing test. Here students will be called upon to write either a Narrative or Persuasive piece on a given stimulus. The test last for around 40 minutes with about 15 minutes to prepare the children and the papers.

On Wednesday, students will sit the Reading tests. They will be given a reading magazine comprised of 6 different readings and a test booklet with detailed comprehension questions about each text that they read. Most answers are multiple choice where students choose the best answer and colour a bubble to show the choice. There are some questions that require a short written response.

On Thursday students will complete the Numeracy tests. These test all aspects of the Mathematics curriculum including Number, Space, Chance, Data, Geometry, Problem solving.

It is important to remember that these tests assess a point in time literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. If you have any ques-
tions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher. If students are absent for any of these days, arrangements can be made to sit the tests at another time in the week, though students cannot sit the tests after Friday 12 May 2017.

More information is available at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

**Gala Sports Days**

Gala Day Sports will take place over 3 days this term for our senior students. Gala Day Sport will begin on Friday Week 6, as well as Friday in weeks 7 and 8. There will be a bus cost for this event and the price will be confirmed shortly.

**Prep 2018**

Enrolments are now being taken for Prep next year, 2018. Prep is compulsory for all age appropriate children in Queensland. Students born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013 are eligible for Prep in 2018. Birth certificates are essential prior to the commencement of the 2018 school year.

Collingwood Park State School is a ‘Zoned’ School, however siblings of current students are still eligible for enrolment. We are only able to accommodate 100 Prep children so priority will be given to those families living within our catchment area. Our website contains maps and details as to whether you are eligible to enrol. We will be holding a number of transition to school activities prior to the commencement of school in 2018.

Meridee Cuthill—Principal
Anzac Day Service

Collingwood Park State School – Monday 24 April 2017

Our 2017 C.P.S.S. Anzac Day service was held on Monday morning, 24 April. Our official guests were Councillor Kerry Silver from the Ipswich City Council and Mr Gary Gibson from the Redbank RSL sub branch. Both Councillor Silver and Mr Gibson spoke to us about Anzac Day and its significance.

Our school captains did a superb job presenting during the Anzac Day ceremony. Sebastian Va’ai was our very capable Master of Ceremonies and also shared the reading of a very moving poem about Anzac Day with the other three school captains. Anastasia Samanovic presented the Acknowledgement of Country and also assisted Anthony to lay a wreath on behalf of our school. Meloney Swart read an excerpt from the Anzac Day Requiem and also said The Ode. Anthony Siddel spoke to us about the significance of Anzac Day and also assisted Anastasia to lay a wreath. Well done, school captains!

Members of the school choir, conducted by Mr Sean Osborne, performed the hymn “Abide with me’ and also sang the NZ and Australian National anthems, accompanied by our school band. Mr Bignell played “The Last Post” and “Rouse”. Thank you Mr Osborne, Mr Bignell and members of our school band and choir for your valued contribution to our Anzac Day service.

All Years 3 – 6 classes attended the service and are to be commended on the excellent standard of behaviour displayed throughout the ceremony. Well Done, students.

Mrs Harrington
Student Leadership Co-ordinator
Student Welfare

I’ve had a busy time visiting various classrooms throughout Collingwood Park State School introducing myself and welcoming new students to our school. I like to reiterate with students that there are staff available to them and to ensure they are settling in without any issues and that they have managed to make friends.

The 2017 CARE Crew has swung into action providing activities at Thursday play time for any students wanting to participate. The CARE Crew members also take turns in promoting the CARE Crew and as a presence to remind students they have peers available to them.

Those CARE Crew Members who completed training successfully and have proven they are suitable role models, are now eligible to be presented with their Certificate and CARE Crew badges. There will be a special presentation assembly for the CARE Crew Members at 8:30am, Wednesday 3rd May 2017. Crew are reminded that there will be a pledge to be recited prior to receipt of their badges. Parents, Caregivers and/ or family members are most welcome to attend.

“YABBER” has been initiated on Friday play time in the Music Room. It is an open discussion group available to any student wishing to attend. The purpose of YABBER is to avail myself to students in a casual and relaxed environment where rapport can be built, hence developing confidence and trust.

A Student Suggestion Box (SSB) has also been made available for all CPSS students. Any students wanting to communicate, make suggestions or changes, can do so via the SSB. It is located on the noticeboard in the hall. Suggestions can either be named or anonymous.

Louise Armstrong
Student Welfare Officer (SWO)
Our amazing patch of rainforest in the corner of the school was assessed by Ipswich City Council’s Land For Wildlife Officer and has now been registered as a Land For Wildlife site! This is exciting news as it means we can be supported to maintain and manage this space to become an ecological haven for our local wildlife and a fantastic learning environment for our students – inside our school grounds.

We need help to make this project a success so please come and join us at our first working bee on Earth Day, Saturday 22nd April! Our first goal is to remove any litter and invasive weeds. The project will be launched by Cr Kerry Silver and our local Land For Wildlife Officer, Stephani Grove is really excited to be able to assist us.

**WORKING BEE DETAILS**

**Date:** Saturday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May, 3rd, 10th and 17th June.

**Time:** 8.00-9.30am

**Location:** Back gate of rainforest area (see map)

**To bring:** Water bottle, gardening gloves (if you have any)

**Clothes:** Please wear clothes, hats and shoes that will protect from sun, insects and scratchy plants

All students attending must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Working bees will run weekly during term two, every Saturday morning so if you can’t make the first one, we’d love to have you join us at another time during the term.

For more information, or donation of gardening tools/ gardening gloves, please contact Cathy Turrall – cathyturrall@yahoo.com.au
Gold Coast 2018 Queen’s Baton Relay Baton bearer Program

The Gold Coast 2018 Queen’s Baton Relay Baton bearer Program is a major element of the Queen’s Baton Relay (QBR) for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018). Commencing in Australia on 25 December 2017, the Baton will travel for 100 days bringing together everyday Australians to become baton bearers and carry the Baton with pride through Australian Celebration Communities.

Baton bearers will be selected from nominations received through a number of different programs including the Queensland Schools’ Baton bearer Nomination Program. This means that schools are able to nominate one student to be a baton bearer.

We are looking for someone to share the dream and become a Baton bearer for the GC2018 Queen's Baton Relay. A Baton bearer is someone who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Has achieved something extraordinary or inspired others to achieve something extraordinary.
- Has made a significant contribution to either sport, education, the arts, culture, charity or within their community.
- Has excelled, or aspires to excel athletically or personally. Contributes to a fun, friendly, vibrant and inclusive community.

Other eligibility rules:
- The minimum age of a Baton bearer is 10 years old as at 25 December 2017 (start date of Relay in Australia).
- All nominees must be Australian Citizens or lawfully entitled to reside in Australia during the Relay period (25 December 2017 – 4 April 2018).
- The student is to explain in 100 words or less how they meet one or more of the Baton bearer criteria and why they should become a Baton bearer.

The nomination process closes at 11:59pm AEST Monday 15 May 2017. As a school, we will not be able to enter any nominations after this date.

The Queensland Schools’ Baton bearer nominees will be judged by ESG representatives, who will assess which students (selected nominees) will proceed through to the next stage of the Queensland Schools’ Baton bearer selection process. The judging process will be conducted on 29-30 May 2017.

Students who would like to be considered for nomination by the school must explain (in writing) in 100 words or less why they should become a baton bearer an how they meet the criteria. Students must enter their nomination to the school office by 9:00am Friday 5 May 2017.
Tuck-shop News

- Prep students may now order tuckshop, Tuesday to Friday only.
- 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.

P & C Administrator—Karen: 0733814336

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