Principal’s Message:

NAPLAN

Last week, our Year 3 and 5 students, along with all Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students across Australia, sat a number of national assessment tasks that make up NAPLAN. I was very proud of our students - they engaged in all tasks, they were very persistent and resilient, giving everything a go and giving their best efforts. Each Year 3 and 5 student will receive a NAPLAN student report, which will show your child’s results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and your school’s average for each test. This means you will be able to compare the performance of your child against other students in the same year of schooling. These reports should be sent to schools late in Term 3.

Facilities Update

We have finally received our new desks and chairs in A and E Block. The desks are all height adjustable, so we will be able to tailor each desk to each student. We have advertised all old desks and chairs for sale, and have sold quite a bit to our families. We have donated the rest of the excess furniture to Rotary, who will send it to needy schools, both in Australia and overseas.

Later this week, Modular 2 will be demolished, followed by Modular 1 next week. These buildings have been deemed to be past their use-by date. The area where the two buildings are currently located will be redeveloped as an outdoor learning area. The plans look fantastic!!! Modular 5 is also having a major make-over, so that it is suitable for use by Outside School Hours Care.
**Reading to Learn**  
We will be opening our classrooms to other schools in the next few weeks, so that other teachers may observe our teachers using the *Reading to Learn* teaching strategy. Our teachers in Years P, 1 and 4, as well as myself, will continue with our training in this highly successful way of teaching reading and writing, later this term.

**Planning Sessions**  
Staff are being released in Year level groups to work with our Head of Curriculum, Amanda Mulcahy and our Master Teacher, Sally Everton to plan the next units of work in English for our students. These planning sessions are an excellent form of professional learning for our staff.

**Mrs Clarke on Long Service Leave**  
Mrs Clarke has taken Long Service Leave from the beginning of this week until the beginning of Term 3. Her replacement is Mrs Adriana Greenhill, who is a very experienced and well known teacher.

**Reminder: all play equipment is out of bounds before and after school.**  
Please do not let your children on the play equipment before school. All students are expected to come to the Hall before school unless they are directly supervised by a teacher (e.g. running club or band practice).  
Students are also asked to leave the school grounds quickly at 3pm. There are two designated waiting areas for children who are waiting for collection, one at the front of the school, in the bus shelter and one near the Hannant St exit. Students not in one of those areas should leave the school grounds quickly.

**Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month – Not Now, Not Ever**  
The month of May marks Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month and provides an important opportunity for all state schools and workplaces across the department to raise awareness of domestic and family violence with employees, students and school communities.  
The Department of Education and Training (DET) has a lead role in helping to prevent domestic and family violence. A video outlining our response to the Not Now, Not Ever Special Taskforce Report can be seen on the DET YouTube page. Remember — domestic and family violence is never acceptable, and we all have a responsibility to act.

*Meridee Cuthill*

Principal
The Mad Food Science Program is coming! 24th and 25th May

Parent – child power struggles over food are a common headache for many parents. Much as we would like our children to choose fresh fruit over chocolate biscuits, we often face an uphill struggle to persuade our children to make these healthier choices. The food industry doesn’t always help—processed foods are often targeted at children with the latest Disney characters adorning the packaging to appeal to their eyes and extra sugar, salt or fat inside to appeal to their taste buds.

With mandatory changes coming to our school Tuck Shop and to the kinds of food that can be served at school events, we’re counting down now until The Root Cause arrives at Collingwood State School to help re-educate our students’ taste buds. The Root Cause is touring Australia on a mission to Transform Children’s Health – one Lunchbox at a time. Collingwood Park State School is the first school on the Queensland leg of their tour and we’re very much looking forward to their Mad Food Science Program, in which all students will participate.

The Mad Food Science Program is a fun and interactive educational incursion that uses quirky experiments to get children to understand key health messages.

The main objectives of the program are:
- To get children to take responsibility for what they put in their mouths
- To encourage children to start conversations about healthy food choices at home with their parents / carers
- For parents and children to make better food choices together – both at home and in the school lunchbox
- To help overcome the parent-child power struggle about food.

Parent / Carer Mad Food Science Workshop—Tuesday 24th May - 6.00pm-7.30pm

So how can you start making changes when you are time-poor, stressed, and your kids are fussy eaters?

If you are interested in finding out more about changing your children’s eating habits, please come along to the Mad Food Science Program for parents and carers on Tuesday 24th May from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Children are welcome too and will, in fact, be encouraged to bring along their adults so that you can try some of the experiments and talk about food and health together.
We are extremely grateful to Peter Clymo, the offices of Councillor Kerry Silver and Mayor Paul Pisasale and to our CPSS Out of School Hours Care and Parents and Citizen’s Association whose donations and support have made these workshops possible.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 24th May at 6.00pm.

Jill Rutland
Deputy Principal

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**IPSWICH POETRY FEAST**

**POETRY WORKSHOP**

On Friday, 20 May, twenty of our upper school students have been given the opportunity to participate in a poetry writing workshop run by poet, Mr Mark Svendsen. Our school has managed to secure this **free workshop**, which is run in conjunction with the Ipswich Poetry Feast, an annual poetry writing competition.

The Poetry Feast is an initiative of the Ipswich City Council and is supported by many schools in our region. Our school has participated in these poetry workshops for a number of years and we look forward to another exciting workshop in 2016.

Each student participating in this year’s workshop will be required to write and complete a poem. All poems will then be entered into the relevant age group in the Ipswich Poetry Feast writing competition.

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**2016 Yearbook Advertising**

If you would like to advertise your business in the 2016 student yearbook, or if your family would like to sponsor a page, Please contact Mel Smith on 3381 4333 or return this portion of the newsletter to the office. If you know of a business that might be interested, please let them know.

☐ YES, I am interested in advertising in the yearbook or sponsoring a page.

NAME: ______________________________ Phone: _______________________________
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual statewide initiative for both state and non-state schools up to Year 9. More than three thousand students from our school have successfully completed the challenge since its inception more than ten years ago. Though participation is voluntary, I encourage all students to consider participating in the Reading Challenge this year. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning.

At Collingwood Park State School, we believe that the single most important thing you can do to support your child’s learning is to encourage them to read. Educational research tells us that students who read more, do better at school. Therefore, anything we can do to encourage students to read will help make a difference. The wonderful thing about the Reader’s Challenge is that each individual student selects the books.

The reading period for Prep - Year 6 students is Tuesday, 19 May – Friday, 28 August. Individual reading record sheets can be collected from your class teacher or from Mrs Harrington, the Premier’s Reading Challenge co-ordinator, from this week.

Students who successfully complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

**STUDENT REQUIREMENTS**

For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below.

Experiencing a book (Prep – Year 2) can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. Books selected can be from the classroom, school or council library or from your own home library.

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N.B. The requirement for Year 5 and 6 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.

Glenys Harrington
Teacher Librarian
Premier’s Reading Challenge co-ordinator.
Under 8’s Day

We will celebrate this day at our school on Friday 27 May. There will be variety of activities provided for the students from Prep – Year 2 to participate in throughout the morning from 9.00am – 11.00am. A note will be coming home soon requesting parent helpers to supervise a small group of students the day. If you can spare the time, come and join in the fun!

A Friendly Reminder …..

Please remember to be courteous when collecting your children from school. It is important to be mindful of our surrounding neighbours and consider where you are parking.

We have had a few instances where cars have been parked over our neighbours’ driveways or parked so close to a corner that it is impossible to see traffic coming and going.

The safety of our children is very important, they are an important part of our community and so are our neighbours.

Be kind to one another.
Prep students may now order their lunch from the tuckshop.

They are not allowed to make over the counter purchases for ice blocks.

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

Term 2 Roster

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Parents and Citizens Association News

Mother’s Day Stall

Thank you to our Amazing Fundraising team who helped with our Mother’s Day Stall. It was a great 2 days filled with laughter and smiles.


Thank you to Vickie Allen, Marilyn Bowers, Heather Hinks, Margaret McGrath, Foote’s Pharmacy for all the lovely contributions we received for our Mother’s Day Raffle.

THANK YOU!
Please update your details

We still have a number of families in our school that have incorrect addresses, phone numbers and emergency contact details. If you have changed your details in any way, please complete this form and return it to our friendly office ladies.

Please update your details

Simply go online to: http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Collingwood-Park-State-School-REDBANK-QLD-117513

...and register your child today! A secure fundraising page will be created as soon as you register; and then you are encouraged to share this link with as many people as possible. This is an easy, safe way for your child to monitor their progress, receive bonus prizes and even receive sponsorship from family and friends who are further afield.

Please note that the school cannot accept cash donations. All sponsorship must be paid online leading up to the JUMP OFF date.

At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off, an event to celebrate and culminate the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program. This will be held on Wednesday, 1st June, 2016. The Jump Off day is a great opportunity for you to witness how much fun skipping can be, come along and pick up a rope!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE OF THE JUMP OFF HAS CHANGED TO THE 1ST JUNE.
Collingwood Park State School

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STUDENT ABSENCES
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School Banking is every Friday!

Located in the school hall from 8.00am to 8.30am.
Start saving today!

CASUAL CLEANERS REQUIRED
Collingwood Park State School currently requires casual cleaners.
Please forward your covering letter, resume, previous cleaning and work experience, references and availability to:
J. Heron, BSM,
Collingwood Park State School,
P O Box 75, Redbank, Q 4301

Or
Drop it into the school office,

Prior experience is preferable however full training will be provided to successful applicants.

We’re on the Web........
www.collparkss.eq.edu.au
https://www.facebook.com/CollingwoodParkSS/