Principal’s Message:

Teacher Aide Day – This Friday 2 September
We celebrate Teacher Aide Day on the first Friday of September to recognise the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers.

The teacher aide’s roles are so diverse and challenging across our school. Each part they play is so integral to the running of the school that we could not function without them. They are also the most skilled and talented teacher aides I have ever had the pleasure of working with!

This Friday we will hold a special morning tea to say thank you to our wonderful teacher aides on behalf of our whole school community.

Prep Enrolments for 2017
Enrolments are now being taken for Prep next year. 2017 will be the first year that Prep will be compulsory for all age appropriate children in Queensland. Students born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 are eligible for Prep in 2017. Birth certificates are essential prior to enrolment. 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.

Our Koala Joeys program is also on again. This unique opportunity is open to any child whose parents have already enrolled them in Prep for next year. Places are limited for the program. It will be held each...
Wednesday from 9:30am -11:00am in our hall, beginning 5 October.

Collingwood Park SS SMS messaging and Attendance
Each parent/carer of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child attends school on every school day. From time to time students may be absent. Parents/carers must provide a satisfactory reason for these absences before or on the day of absence. Please telephone the school office by 9.00am or as soon as possible to explain an absence.

In 2017 all Queensland state schools must implement same day notification for unexplained absences. We will have a same day text messaging system available next term.
School officially begins at 8:45 each day. Rolls are marked each morning by 9:00am. Students who arrive after this time and do not sign in at the office will be marked absent.

From 4/10/16, parents will be informed by mobile phone Short Message Service (SMS) each time their child is away from school.

At Collingwood Park SS, student attendance and safety is a high priority.
We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful and safe at school.

To improve our attendance procedures, we will be informing parents/caregivers about any unexplained absences for their child.
The school expects parents/caregivers to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent.

From 4/10/16, an SMS text message will be automatically sent to the mobile phones of parents explaining that our records show that your child is absent from school. The message will read as follows:

CPSS records show Jenifer Smith is absent MON 24/10/16. Please reply School Star or SMS student name/absence reason/ abs date

The message will arrive on the phone displaying the number, “0427016460“. Parents should store this number in their mobile phone under “Collingwood Park SS” so that when the message arrives, the parent is aware the message has come from the school.

Parents can then reply by pressing the reply option on your mobile phone when you receive a message from the school and add your son or daughter’s name, year, date of absence and the reason they are absent or late.

e.g. Steven Scott, Year 11 was sick yesterday (Tuesday 15th November)
    Text version = “Steven S yr11 sick tues 15 nov”

OR by phoning the school office or sending a note explaining the absence.

Once we fully implement Messageyou for absences, some of the other uses could include notification of:
* Announcements or reminders of meetings or forthcoming events
* Band/Choir/Music lesson Reminders
* Broken down or delayed School bus
* Reminders to volunteer workers

Until our text messaging system is operational, the school will contact parents/carers by phone on the day of an absence if you have not made contact with the school. It is important to ensure your contact details are up to date. Thank you to the parents/carers who have sent their contact detail forms back to school.
A letter clearly outlining all the details will be sent out this week.
Every day at School Counts

Missing even 1 day can make a difference. Each day’s learning builds on what has been learnt the days before.

1 day off school each fortnight = missing more than a year of learning over 12 years.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9iIBeJ5CUs

Spine Society of Australia

August is the recommended month every year to check your daughter’s spine. Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 per thousand are at risk. Information and a brochure on self-detection for scoliosis is available at www.scoliosis-australia.org

Lunchtime Activities

We have such dedicated staff here at Collingwood Park State School, who offer so many extra activities at lunch times throughout our school that I would like to share. Students can join in at:

- Games Room
- Colouring-in Club
- Teachers playing sport on the oval
- Computer centre
- Library
- Media Club
- Dancing in the hall
- Lego Club

Long Service Leave

I will be taking 6 days long service leave, beginning 9 September. I will be travelling to Paris (I have been wanting to go there since I was 17, so a very, very long time) with my husband. I was a Rotary Exchange Student and lived in Germany for a year as a 17 year old, so, I am also very excited to be visiting my ‘German’ family while I am away. Mrs Rutland will be Acting Principal while I am away. I will be back to start Term 4.

Meridee Cuthill—Principal

“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”.

Issue 6 – Orders due Wednesday 31 August

Scholastic Bookclub Issue 6 leaflets have been distributed to all students. Our school is trialling a cash free Scholastic Book club during this semester so parents will need to place their orders online via the Parent Loop by Wednesday 31 August.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has now finished. All reading record sheets had to be handed in to your child’s class teacher or Mrs Harrington by Friday 26 August. All students who successfully completed the challenge will have their names entered online and certificates should arrive by November.
Science Week: Drones Challenge
Last Friday afternoon, local businessman Ben Del Fabbro, came to school to help Year 5 and 6 complete their Science Week Challenge. He brought his drone and filmed while the Year 5 and 6 students organised other students from the whole school to spell out “CPSS CARE” on the oval. It was quite a challenge! Students turned their hats to display their house colours and managed to contain their excitement while they were gradually placed into position. The adults stood back and everyone waved at the drone as it circled around the assembled crowd.

Ben will forward the footage to me this week so I look forward to sharing with the school community in due course.

Opti-MINDS
On Sunday, four CPSS teams attended St Peter’s Lutheran College, Indooroopilly to compete in the 2016 Opti-MINDS Challenge.

Since the beginning of term, students have been working hard to prepare for this Challenge Day. Each team chose between one of three challenges: “Social Sciences”, “Language and Literature” or “Science and Engineering”. They worked on a solution to their selected challenge over the last six weeks and presented it to a panel of judges on Sunday. They also had to respond to a “spontaneous” challenge – spending 10 minutes to come up with a solution to a given problem.

This was the first time these students had taken part in Opti-MINDS and, though we didn’t win any prizes, I was extremely proud of their efforts and feel privileged to have worked closely with them and watched them grow in confidence and skill.

I met with the students today for a de-brief and most students confirmed (with great enthusiasm) that they would love to take part again next year. I look forward to working with them again in 2017!

Goethe Verse
Other CPSS students were also busy at the weekend – competing in the annual Goethe Verse Competition at the University of Queensland. The students had worked hard to learn and recite German poetry under the tutelage of Frau Smith. Frau Smith was very disappointed to be unable to accompany the students on the day due to injury. However, many thanks are due to Ms Schabrod, who volunteered to accompany them instead.

Congratulations to Anastasia S., Mia T., Alison H., Alex R., Macy M., and Sadiqua A., who placed third and our school placed 2nd overall. A great achievement – well done!
Successful Bike Education in Year 4 (HAST program)

Many people learnt how to ride a bicycle. For what we know, most people had a great time. All children at one stage participated in this fun activity each Wednesday for 5 weeks. Some kids did not know how to ride a bike but Emma, Elaine and Peter helped us develop some easy skills. They taught us ABC checks on our bikes. ABC check means Air, brake and chain. They taught us how to put on our helmet. We learnt how to ride safely.

By Ella Horner and Dalu Adighibe 4C

Healthy Active School Travel

Walk and Ride to School Day

When: Wednesday, 7 September
Where: Banjo Patterson Park
What time: Walking starts at 8am

COMPETITION TIME

Can you guess what will be waiting for you after the walk? Enter the draw for a surprise pack by placing your answer, your name and class in the HAST box at the park.

TUCKSHOP ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL SWIMMING DAYS

School swimming will take place on Monday 5th & 12th, Wednesday 7th and 14th and Friday 9th and 16th September for Year 2, 3 and 4 students.

Year 4 students will be able to order both lunches at the tuckshop as normal.

Year 2 and 3 students will only be able to order 2nd lunch.
Three Healthy Food Activities For Kids

Hassle-Free Healthy Lunch Box Tips with Belinda Smith.

One of my favourite things I love about being a Health & Wellness Coach is seeing the lightbulb go on in the heads of children when they get a simple message about healthy eating. Children love to learn when it’s fun, so this week I’ve included 3 Healthy Food Activities for your children.

1. A Thinking Activity
Find a word, crosswords, join the dots, they are all activities children love. The beauty of thinking activities is they can create little messages in the mind of the child when they completing them.

2. Make Something Yummy To Eat
A fun way to get kids involved in healthy eating, is to have them create something to eat. When they make something, they always try it.

3. Experiments
One of the best ways for children to learn is through testing things to see how they work out.

These Hassle Free Healthy Lunch Box Tips are brought to you by Bel Smith, Health & Wellness Coach. For more lunch box inspiration and a FREE eBook, subscribe via email at therootcause.com.au.

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**HEARING HEALTH PROGRAM**

Our school is participating in the Kambu Hearing Health Program. Kambu will visit our school on the 12th, 13th and 14th September 2016.

If your child is eligible for this service, a letter will be sent to you soon.

Please contact Mrs. Fisher for further information about this valuable program.

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**One Sight Vision Services**

Keep an eye on this newsletter for information about One Sight Vision Services.

One sight vision services will be visiting our school in the future and eligible families will be sent more detailed information.

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**Staffroom for Improvement**

Thank your teachers with the ultimate token of appreciation!

Show your appreciation and get your school in the running to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover.

Competition launches Tuesday 23 August 2016.

Visit staffroomforimprovement.com.au now to register your interest.

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**Please support your school by registering at www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au and voting each day.**

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**Leaderboard**

Track your school’s position on the Staffroom for Improvement leaderboard below.

The leaderboard is updated every hour, on the hour. Be patient if you don’t see changes straight away!

**My School:**

20th Collingwood Park State School

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**You are doing great!**

Send out the rally cry and get your friends and family in on the fun.

[SHARE]
A recent Media event seems to have generated some apprehension about students walking and riding to school unsupervised and whether or not Parents may be subjected to penalties. Knowing this was of concern to a number of parents, I contacted our ‘Adopt a Cop’ for Collingwood Park State School; Paula Owens, who provided the following advice.

Yes, it is correct that under s364A of the Criminal Code Act, it is an offence to leave a child under the age of 12 years unsupervised.

**s364A: Leaving a child under 12 unattended;**

1. A person who, having the lawful care or charge of a child under 12 years, leaves the child for an unreasonable time without making reasonable provision for the supervision and care of the child during that time commits a misdemeanour. Maximum penalty—3 years imprisonment.

2. Whether the time is unreasonable depends on all the relevant circumstances.

Each investigation however, would be on a case by case basis, dependant on if Police have concerns for the child’s welfare and safety and Miles is a different policing community to Ipswich.

In the full article, the Miles Sgt outlined further...

*Miles Sergeant Benjamin Wiltshire told 2GB, “There’s a different expectation for 11 year olds than there is for a five or six year old - that’s common sense - and a lot of this comes down to what’s reasonable.”*

“It actually says in the legislation that whether the time or distance is unreasonable depends on all of the relevant circumstances

“So if you’re riding across the road or 100 metres to the school on a pushbike with a group of 11 year olds is certainly a different case to a five or six year old walking across town completely unsupervised.”

I can’t say Yes, we would prosecute, or no we wouldn’t, if an allegation was ever made we would investigate each matter to determine the appropriate outcome.

So, on the information provided by Paula Owens, it appears that a ‘common sense’ approach should be taken. However, if any of you are unsure, the Goodna Police Station has assured me, that you are welcome to contact them or Police link on: 131 444 for advice.

**THE CARE CREW**

As well as our usual Monday play with hoops and skipping ropes etc., Tuesday’s activities were drama based & focused on empathy and recognition of emotions and reactions. It’s important for children to learn that individuals may react differently to situations and it is therefore imperative that they have the skills which enable them to interpret people’s verbal and non-verbal cues.

If you think these activities would be of benefit to, or may appeal to your child, please encourage them to attend CARE Crew or let the school know and we can follow up with them.
NEXT MEETING:
13th Of September
7.00 pm in the library

TUCK SHOP

CAN YOU HELP??

For the tuckshop to run smoothly
we would love to have at least 2
volunteers each day. We need
some more help on the following
days –

Wednesday 31/08/16
Thursday 01/09/16
Monday 05/09/16
Tuesday 06/09/16
Wednesday 07/09/16

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.
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
Monday & Thursdays
8.30 am – 10.30am

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

Breakfast Club
Mon/Tue/Thurs and Friday in
the hall from 7.30 am – 8.20
Sponsored by the Goodna RSL!

CPSS P&C Association News!!
Email us: cpss-pnc-admin@bigpond.com

Sub Committees
- Volunteers Welcome -

Events Committee - meets Friday the 2nd of September
at 3pm – email cpss-pnc-admin@bigpond.com if you
want to come along!

OSHC Committee – meets every 1st Thursday of the
month at 1630 @ OSHC

Fundraising taking place by the P&C

Upcoming Events

Father's day Raffle
22nd of August – 2nd of September

Father's Day Stall
1st to 2nd of September in the hall

Car boot Sale
10th of September – on the oval

Carols by Torchlight
6th of December – 4.00PM – 8.00PM
$25 armbands
RIDES / FOOD / ENTERTAINMENT
Get yours from the 25th of July onwards

VACATION CARE IS TAKING BOOKINGS!!

Please enrol your children for vacation care at OSHC to
avoid disappointment.

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

Vacation Care will be on from 6am – 6pm throughout the
holidays. Lots of fun is planned and programs are
available from OSHC.
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### Queen’s Birthday/School Holiday

- **Mon, Sep 5**
- **Fri, Sep 9**

### 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.
- [ ] I would like someone to phone me to discuss my options.

NAME: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Tuckshop News

**Term 3—Volunteer Roster**

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**SCHOOL BANKING IS ON FRIDAY**

Banking is in the school hall, from 8.00am to 8.30am.

*We’re on the Web........*

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