Principal’s Message:

Year 6 Farewell
A note will be coming home shortly to all Year 6 students regarding this year’s Year 6 Farewell. It is hard to believe how quickly the time has flown. I have lovely memories of many of them as little Prep students joining our school community. The Year 6 Farewell will take place on Monday 5th December. We will hold the formal ceremony during the day, as we did last year, with a special disco for students that evening. We are looking forward to our school community celebrating our students’ successes. We sure will miss our current cohort of students.

2017 Class Placements
It is that time of year where we are beginning to form classes for 2017. Please let us know if you will not be attending Collingwood Park State School in 2017. A survey form (purple) was sent home recently asking you to indicate anything that would assist us in placing your student in a class next year. As always, this is not the opportunity to ask for a specific teacher, but your chance to indicate specific information about your child.

Student Report Cards
Collingwood Park State School is moving towards distributing student report cards via email this year. Upgrades to the functionality of the school’s computer management systems allows student report cards to be emailed to parents.

Emailing of report cards improves the timeliness of report delivery, and the surety of parents receiving the reports. In addition to a printed report card, this year, the school will also be emailing reports to parents of students in Prep to Year 6 at the end of this semester. Please contact the school office if you are not receiving emails or have

“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”.
changed your email address recently. In preparation for emailed report cards, can parents please ensure the following email address is made acceptable and is not blocked by their email account or internet service provider - application.oneschool@dete.qld.gov.au

We look forward to the smooth introduction to the electronic transfer of student reports to parents/carers at the end of the semester.

**Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development Day**

On Monday this week, our staff was involved in a professional learning day. We had a number of our fabulous teachers share some of their brilliant classroom practices. It was so wonderful to watch these professionals inspire each other. Already, there is evidence of teachers trying out some of the strategies they learnt about. For example, Mrs. Boundy shared her practice of getting feedback about what students have learned in her lessons. One of the ideas she shared, was the use of ‘Plickers’. Plickers is an app used for quick checks for understanding to know whether students are understanding big concepts and mastering key skills. It uses an app on the teacher’s phone and cards for each student. Students are asked a question and they hold up their card (each is unique) indicating whether the answer is A, B, C or D. The teacher scans the room and the app detects who has the answer correct and who doesn’t. Today, 4A tried the strategy and they loved it.

**Jacaranda Festival – Saturday 29 October**

Good luck to our Senior Concert Band students as they perform on **Saturday 29 October** in the annual Jacaranda Festival Primary School Band competition. The event will be held next Saturday at Evan Marginson Park, Goodna. We wish our team well as they compete against other local schools under the direction of our instrumental music teacher – Mr. Scott Bignell, with assistance from Miss Polomski. Good luck students.

**Breakfast Club Need Volunteers**

We are very lucky to be able to offer breakfast to our students three days per week – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. We need some more friendly helpers from 8:00am to 8:30am on one or more of these days. Your reward is the smile from our students. We are
Scholastic Book club Issue 7

Issue 7 Scholastic Book club leaflets were handed out to all classes on Monday & Tuesday of Week 2. Parent Loop orders need to be made online by Friday 21 October.

Books ordered from each issue are usually received at our school within 2 weeks of the close of ordering. If you have any queries about your order, please ring Scholastic Customer Service on 1800 021 233.

Library Borrowing

If your child has received a reminder that his/her book is overdue from Term 3, could you please assist in locating the book as soon as possible?

Meridee Cuthill
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Message

Digital Technologies

On Monday, at the Staff Professional Development Day, teaching staff enthusiastically explored and unpacked the new Australian Curriculum subject of Digital Technologies. As its name suggests “Digital Technologies”, along with “Design and Technologies” falls under the umbrella of the Learning Area “Technologies”. The new subject of Digital Technologies is all about creating digital solutions – teaching our students the skills they need to help shape the world for a better future.

At Collingwood Park State School, Digital Technologies will be implemented and reported on from Semester 2, 2017. Students from Year 2 upwards will undertake 20 week units of work from the beginning of Term 3. Over the course of their primary school education, students will learn about hard ware, digital systems, software, data and coding. ICTs (Information Communication Technologies – hard ware and computer software) are already integrated into other learning areas at CPSS, but Digital Technologies goes beyond this. Digital Technologies is about teaching students the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to solve problems with digital solutions. For this, they need to be able to do more than use computer programs – they need to be able to design and code their own.

Coding is often referred to in the media as the literacy of the 21st century and parallels are easy to draw between learning to code and learning to read. When you learn to read, opportunities open up to learn many other things. Similarly, when you learn to code, you are also learning about how computers work, developing a deep understanding of concepts from other learning areas (particularly Science and Maths), and finding unique ways to express yourself.

Whilst formal teaching and assessment of Digital Technologies at CPSS will not begin until Year 2, students in Prep and Year 1 will continue to use tablets and other ICTs to support their curriculum work. In addition, they will also learn Digital Technologies concepts, skills and processes through their classroom work with relevant emphasis and elaboration made in the context of other learning areas – particularly in Maths and Science. Students’ skills, knowledge and understanding in Digital Technologies will be monitored against a checklist throughout Prep and Year 1.

For those parents who would like to encourage or support their children in beginning to learn to code, there are lots of on-line resources available – many of them free. Scratch 2 is used in many Queensland schools and is likely to be the visual programming option used at CPSS. Scratch 2 can be installed for free on home computers and tablets and you will find instructions, inspiration and ideas on You Tube and on links to the Scratch website. Children (and adults) can use the coding blocks to build their own video game…. interactive greeting card…animated story…virtual construction kit… interactive art work…. the possibilities are limited only by the imagination of the creator.

If you are interested in finding out more about Scratch and giving your child a head
Problem Solving

Your child will face many challenges as they grow, whether it is starting school, joining a sporting team or going to their first sleepover. The ability to make decisions and solve problems develops as your child learns to cope with daily challenges. Young children are not expected to sort through every issue on their own, and it is likely that they will require lots of guidance from their family. The good news is encouraging your child to take part in problem solving will help them develop this skill over time.

There are steps that may be a useful guide to teaching your child about problem solving. This week we will cover step 1: Identify the problem. Encourage your child to take part so that they can slowly learn to do it for themselves.

Remember, it is best to begin when your child is feeling calm and relaxed. Start with an issue where you know they are likely to experience some success. If your child is very anxious or angry, help them to calm down first (e.g. having some quiet time, taking some deep breaths) or leave problem solving for another day or another issue when you know your child is ready to participate.

Step 1: Identify the problem—This step can be difficult as children do not always have the words to tell you how they feel or know exactly what the problem is. Finding a quiet space where your child feels comfortable and relaxed may help them to start talking about it. Using your active listening skills will also help your child to feel understood and supported in talking to you. (For more information see the Starting School Understanding behaviour information sheet at https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/node/2640 ). Your child will benefit from your help in trying to understand what might be happening, particularly when they are having difficulty identifying the problem. Remember to step back and not jump in to solving the problems for your child at this stage. Next week: Step 2: Find solutions and try them out.

Jill Rutland
Deputy Principal

Student Leaders—2017

The process of selecting student leaders for 2017 has commenced. To be eligible for consideration as a student leader, a Year 5 student has to achieved, consecutively, a Gold Care award in Terms 1, 2 and 3 of this year.

Eligible Year 5 students met with me at lunch last week to listen whilst I outlined the responsibilities and benefits of being a student leader in 2017. Any students who decided they were interested in applying for a 2017 student leadership position were invited to take an application form for 2017 Student Leadership. The application forms have to be handed in to me by next Monday.

The next step in the process will be a meeting of Year 5 teachers, administration, specialists and any other interested staff to look at the applications and shortlist school captain candidates. More details in next week’s newsletter.

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Reading Matters

Reading is something that many of us enjoy and a skill that we all need to be able to do. Every day we are reading. We read signs, labels, directions, newspapers, books and even instructions for a new appliance like a washing machine. Letting your children see you read lots of different things like emails, cards and letters, recipes, and newsletters gives them a purpose and a positive message about the need to read.

Each fortnight I’ll be including some tips for reading for enjoyment with your children. Practising the skill taught at school through home reading is essential for reading development and progress but reading enjoyment is just as essential. For me there is nothing better than a good magazine and a cup of coffee to relax after a busy week at work.

Let’s consider some of the basics when it comes to reading enjoyment with our children:

⇒ Find a relaxing spot with minimal distractions. Just before bed time is the perfect opportunity to read a book together and it can help relax busy little brains so they can sleep soundly.
⇒ Don’t turn story time into a reading lesson. It is time for sharing, relaxing and having fun. Don’t forget it is special to have stories read to you no matter how old you are.
⇒ Help children choose books of interest or share a favourite story from your childhood.
⇒ There is nothing wrong with reading a book more than once, many children (and adults) like to return to old favourites from time to time. It’s just like watching a movie more than once you always see things you missed the first time.

Sally-Anne Everton
Master Teacher

Positive Behaviour for Learning

All students at Collingwood Park State School are expected to behave in a manner that reflects the four values of our school: Co-operate, Attend, Respect and Excel. Positive Behaviour for Learning is a behaviour support framework that clearly defines expectations for student and school community behaviour. The framework includes the explicit teaching of expected school behaviours, routines and procedures and frequent acknowledgement and reinforcement of positive behaviours.

Each fortnight this term, our students will be reviewing expected behaviours and procedures that will help them achieve our school’s expectations. The focuses for Weeks 3 and 4 will be the following:

Moving around school
Appropriate use of the toilet facilities
Eating Areas

Help Name Our Crows

This week on Assembly, we invited our community to help name our crows. Please encourage your child to submit name ideas to their classroom teachers by the end of Week 4 (October 25th).
**NEXT MEETING:**
8th of November
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 are looking for volunteers for Term 4 – if you can spare just a few hours please contact
Karen ☎️ - 0439830078

**NEW HEALTHY OPTION MENU WILL COMMENCE FROM THE 18TH OF OCTOBER**

**TUCK SHOP**
**CLOSED MONDAYS FOR BAKING**

Tuckshop Online Ordering
If you are ordering tuckshop online please make sure that you have updated your student’s class

**Uniform Shop**
Expression of interest are being sought - for senior shirts 2017
Monday & Thursdays
8.30 am – 10.30am

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

Breakfast Club
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the hall
from 7.30am – 8.20
Sponsored by the Goodna RSL!!

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**CPSS P&C Association News!!**

Email us: cpss-pnc-admin@bigpond.com

**Sub Committees**
- Volunteers Welcome

Events Committee – meeting date TBC
Please join us to plan upcoming events 😊
Email: cpss-pnc-admin@bigpond.com

OSHC Committee – meets every 1st Friday of the month
at 1630 @ OSHC – Next meeting – 4th of November

P&C Meeting – 8th of November in the Library 7.00 pm
ALL WELCOME

Fundraising taking place by the P&C

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**Upcoming Events**

**NEON DISCO!!** All year levels
Friday 25th November 6pm - 8pm
Entry $3 Entry & Meal Deal $8

**Carols by Torchlight**
6th of December 2016
4.00PM – 8.00PM
$25 armbands available now!
RIDES / FOOD / ENTERTAINMENT

**OSHC**

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

We are open Monday to Friday
6 am – 6 pm
Please book in advance to avoid disappointment!!
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: ___________________________

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**STUDENT ABSENCES**

As previously advised in correspondence sent home with your child/ren in term 3, our new SMS notification system has now commenced.

If your child has been marked as absent on the class roll and you have not telephoned the office to advise us of the reason, a message will be sent to the mobile phone of the primary parent listed on our records, to advise you of the absence of your child/ren from school.

Should your child arrive late to school (after 8.45am), please ensure that they obtain a late slip from the office.

If our school has not heard from you (the parent/s) by 1.55pm, the attendance officer will attempt to phone you between 2pm and 4pm to obtain a reason for the absence of your child/ren from school on any given day.

You can reply to the absence SMS received (for the cost of your provider SMS costs) or **download the school star app** from Play Store or App Store to send and receive absence messages for free.