**TERM FOUR**

**DATE CLAIMERS:**

2nd December  
Free Dress Day—Gold Coin Donation  
Volunteers afternoon tea

5th December  
TUCKSHOP CLOSED  
Year 6 Farewell Ceremony — 1.00pm to 3.00pm  
Year 6 Farewell Disco — 6.00pm to 8.00pm

6th December  
Swimming Carnival @ Goodna Pool  
Carols by Torchlight - 4.00pm to 8.00pm

7th December  
9:15am—Prep to Year 3  
Christmas Concert Followed by the presentation of Academic Awards and Crow Pins @ Hall  
12:00—Years 4 to 6  
Presentation of Academic Awards and Crow Pins @ Hall  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE P & C

8th December  
Prep to Year 6 Rewards Day  
1:45pm  
Collingwood Park’s Got Talent Finals @ Hall

9th December  
LAST DAY OF TERM 4  
TUCKSHOP CLOSED

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“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.”

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**A SPECIAL P & C MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE SEMINAR ROOMS ON WEDNESDAY THE 7TH DECEMBER AT 5.30 PM**

An agenda has been forwarded to registered members  
ALL WELCOME

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**Prep Enrolments 2017**

If your child was born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012, they are due to commence Prep in 2017.

**AS OF 2017**

**PREP IS COMPULSORY**

We are currently drafting class lists for Prep 2017.  
If your child is eligible to start school in 2017 ....

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**PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO**

*ENROL YOUR CHILD TODAY.*

*Must meet enrolment management guidelines*
Are we there yet?
As we come to the end of another busy and successful year, we still have a lot of exciting events and work to complete.
Next week will be very busy, with our Year 6 Farewell celebrations on Monday 5 December. Tuesday will see some of our students compete in the Swimming Trials at the local Goodna pool, followed by our mega event, The Collingwood Park State School P&C Carols by Torchlight, on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning, we will hold a Junior School Concert in the hall, followed by the presentation of Academic Awards and our inaugural Behaviour Pins for students achieving Gold Awards for all four terms.
In the middle session on Wednesday, our students in Years 4-6 will receive their Academic Awards and Behaviour Pins. We will also be announcing our 2017 School Student Leaders at this assembly. A special P&C meeting will be held 5:30pm on Wednesday, in the library.
Thursday morning, a huge number of our students will be attending the cinemas as a reward for their exemplary behaviour this year. Students will be travelling by bus to the cinemas. Thursday afternoon, we will showcase our talented students in the annual CPSS Has Got Talent. Friday – last day of school for 2017!! Phew!! A visual timetable is included in this newsletter for the fridge.

School will resume on **Monday 23 January 2017**. The first week will include a public holiday for Australia Day on Thursday 26 January.

Staffing for 2017
We will have very few changes to our staffing in 2017. Our Music teacher, Mrs Claire Hornagold will be with us for the first 3 weeks, before going on maternity leave for the remainder of 2017. I am unsure at this stage, who our new Music teacher will be. Mr Andrew Downes (our Health and Physical Education teacher) will be on long service leave for the first two weeks of 2017. We currently have enrolled sufficient Prep students to create 4 Prep classes in 2017. This will mean some relocation of classes, but we are hoping to keep the moving of classrooms to a minimum.

2017 Student Leaders
Recently, I was very proud to attend the speeches of our 2017 School Captain candidates. We will be announcing all school student leader positions next Wednesday, in the middle session. Parents are not required to attend, as we will invite them to the special Badge Ceremony in early 2017.

Farewell 2016 Year 6 Ceremony
We will hold our Year 6 Farewell on Monday 5 December 2016, commencing at 1:00pm in our hall. We have a number of special guests attending, including our local Ipswich City Councillor, Ms Kerry Silver and our local Federal Member, Mr Milton Dick. We will hold a disco for our Year 6 students that evening from 6:00-8:00pm.
Report Cards

Please ensure your email address is up to date as report cards will be emailed by close of business on Thursday 8 December.

Please also ensure you add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure report card emails aren’t sent to the Junk folder.

These reports are designed to provide parents with a clear account of their child’s progress against the expected standards for the year level. Report cards have a number of features, including:

- an A to E (or Very High to Support Required for the Early Years) grading of the student’s progress against the expected state-wide standards
- areas and strategy for improvement
- details about the level of the student’s effort and their behaviour in class
- details about attendance.

The A to E grades carry the same meaning at all schools, where:

- A indicates a child is well above the expected standard
- B indicates a child is above the expected standard
- C indicates a child is at the expected standard
- D indicates a child is below the expected standard
- E indicates a child is well below the expected standard

C.A.R.E. Expectation – Respect

As part of our explicit teaching of the school expectations – Co-operate, Attend, Respect, Excel- we have been focusing on Respect this week. Showing respect for others is one of the most important values in the world. It means showing care for another person or thing, like the environment.

Without respect, everything around you would be less peaceful. There would be more wars, more problems and less happiness.

You show respect in many ways everyday that you may not even realize! Respect occurs when you:

- Listen to others
- Play fair
- Use good manners
- Wait your turn
- Compliment someone
- Being respectful is one of the key ingredients to being the best person you can be.

Meridee Cuthill
Principal
Positive Behaviour for Learning
As the end of term approaches, we look forward to presenting Term 4 CARE Bands and, for some students, the first of our Collingwood Park CARE Crow Pins. These very special metal pins will be awarded to students who have earned a CARE Band for all four terms.

We continue to reinforce our CARE values through regular, explicit teaching – both in classrooms, assemblies and during Reflection or counselling following behaviour incidents. We also reinforce these values through the awarding of CARE Cards when students demonstrate these values and through incidental conversations with students. Students are aware of what constitutes “Major” and “Minor” behaviour incidents. In 2017, parents will also have a ready reference guide to Major and Minor behaviours in the students’ Communication Diaries. These will be taken home for parents to see on a regular basis.

Definition of Bullying
Consistent use of terminology in our school community is helpful for all concerned when addressing behaviour issues.

Whilst students now use the terminology of our Positive Behaviour for Learning system, there is still occasional confusion about behaviours that constitute bullying. Some parents and carers also understand “bullying” to mean something different to the definition taught in school. With this in mind, I hope the following information will provide useful clarification.

In Australian Schools a national definition for bullying was developed by the Safe and Supportive School Communities Working Group. This national group includes all state, territory and federal education departments, as well as national Catholic and independent schooling representatives. The definition of bullying has been developed as part of the National Safe Schools Framework. This national definition states that:

“Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.”

If you are interested in reading more about the national definition or viewing National Definition videos then follow this link to the Bullying No Way website: https://
This government website offers further clarification about behaviours that do not constitute bullying:

**Bullying is not:**
- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

That is not to say that such incidents are acceptable. They are taken seriously at our school. Teachers and administrative staff spend time on a daily basis to work with students and communicate with parents in order to address and resolve such issues. We also help students to recognise whether their experiences constitute instances of bullying by referring to the national definition.

**Jill Rutland**  
Deputy Principal

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**Library News**

**OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS**  
There are a large amount of library books borrowed by students that are now overdue. You may have received a letter/s posted home regarding the book/s or more recently, SMS messages have been sent to parents as a reminder. Please contact the library if you require information as to the title of the book or the replacement cost.

**2016 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**  
The Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates have arrived and will be distributed to students later this week. Either Mrs Cuthill or Mrs Rutland will present the certificates to the students,

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ISSUE 8**  
The orders from this issue will be distributed to students on Friday 2 December. If your child is absent this Friday, the book/s will need to be collected from the library next Monday. (A reminder to those parents who wish to use the books ordered as Xmas presents. Please contact your child’s class teacher or the library staff before Friday so we are aware the books are not to be given to your child.)

Mrs Harrington  
Teacher Librarian
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Fortnightly Expectations Focus

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 9 and 10 will be the following:

- Following directions in all settings

This expectation will be reviewed each morning when we assemble in the Hall and in the classroom.

VOTE NOW FOR YOUR FAVOURITE CROW NAME

WE WOULD LOVE OUR COMMUNITY TO VOTE FOR OUR CROW NAME BY COMPLETING OUR SURVEY MONKEY ONLINE AT https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XGGL263
Positive Behaviour for Learning

2017 Student Communication Diary

We have some very exciting news! The PBL Team has developed our very own CPSS Student Communication Diary for 2017. This professionally published diary is not only a place for daily communication between classroom teachers and parents / carers, but also a beautiful keepsake record of your child’s year. The diary includes an explanation of our school’s expectations and positive reward system, a calendar outlining important dates, a daily home reading log and a record of your child’s daily behaviour.

The 2017 Student Communication Diary will be distributed to your child’s classroom teacher, ready for their first day of school in January next year. Parents / carers will be invoiced for $7.50 to cover the cost of the diary. If your child misplaces or requires a new diary throughout the year, a replacement diary will need to be purchased through the office.

2016 Yearbook

If you ordered and paid for a yearbook, your copy has now been sent home with your child. If you ordered a yearbook but HAVE NOT PAID, please visit the payment room and see Marg, who will be able to assist you.

If for some reason, you forgot to order a year book, THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER of additional yearbooks that are available for purchase at the payment room for just $20.00. Limited yearbooks are available so please get in quick.

DON’T MISS OUT ON THIS AMAZING PUBLICATION OF CPSS IN 2016!
Carols by Torchlight

Collingwood Park State School
P&C Association Presents

**Carols by Torchlight!**

Arm Bands ON SALE... now $25

Please see Mrs Simpson in the office

*Sale Ends Monday 5th December - $32 on the day of the Carols.*

Rides Include – Sizzler, Mini Jeep, Jumping Castle and much more!

P&C BBQ - Burgers, Hotdogs, Market Stalls, CPSS performances, Local Community Performances and FIREWORKS!

Get your armband tickets for $25.00 each up until Monday 5th December. This entitles you to unlimited rides at the carols from 4.00pm to 8.00pm.

On Tuesday 6th December 2016, armband tickets will still be available for purchase for $32.00 each.

2017 Booklists

Redbank News
59 Brisbane Road,
Redbank (near the Redbank train station)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Orders received by the 7th December get totalled up and our school receives 10% of the total. This money comes from the supplier on the 1st order only.
- If you get your booklist in by Wednesday 7th December, you will receive a 5% discount off the total.
- You can come in and see us anytime to pay some money towards your booklist so that when it comes time to collect the bulk of your booklist order, it will already be paid for.
- You support a Collingwood Park State School family owned and operated business. Local business = Local jobs.

Thank you for your continued support.
The next facet in the “You Can Do It” (YCDI) Program is “The Keys to Your Treasure Chest” which focuses more in depth on the five keys to success: Confidence, Organisation, Resilience, Persistence and Getting Along. I have also been working with some classes to positively integrate ‘Getting Along’ strategies (independent of the YCDI program), that will hopefully iron out a few friendship issues.

Whilst interacting with a diversity of students lately, I have recognised a need to concentrate on and educate our students on resilience.

Resilient kids are; Independent, Problem Solvers, Optimistic, Successfully Adaptive, In Control Emotionally and Socially Connected.

This includes having the ability to:
- Stay calm or be able to calm down in a timely manner
- Be politely assertive
- Bounce back
- Control behaviours such as: aggression, fighting, tantrums, withdrawal
- Ignore inappropriate behaviours
- Resist drama
- Put things into perspective
- Resolve trivial issues without the need for adult intervention
- Do their best to overcome or deal with nerves

Although resilience is a natural virtue to some children, others require guidance in this area. To assist your child/children to be successful and happy, resilience is best reinforced at home as well as school.

Louise Armstrong
Student Welfare Officer (SWO)
**WEEK 10 TERM 4 2016—EVENTS CALENDAR**

Please like our official Collingwood Park State School Facebook page for up to date information about upcoming events. [www.facebook.com/CollingwoodParkSS](http://www.facebook.com/CollingwoodParkSS)

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Dear Year 5 Parents/Care Givers,

Deposits are now being taken for 2017 senior shirts. Although the shirts are extremely popular with students they are not compulsory. However, if you are interested in purchasing a senior shirt please pop in to the Uniform Shop where we have some sample shirts to try.

Please note that all shirts need to be paid for in full before the order is placed with our suppliers. This will not be placed until next year to allow for new students arriving and some students leaving.

Order forms will go out to students at the start of next year. Designs are yet to be finalised but as in previous years, 2017 senior shirt will be in the school colours.

If you are wanting to get in early and start paying of your shirt, please see Karen in the Uniform Shop. The cost of the shirt will be $40.

Thank you.

2017 Seniors

Friday 2nd December
Enclosed shoes to be worn with appropriate choice of clothing

Please give gold coin to your teacher.

**All money raised will go towards our School Year Book**

Collingwood Park State School

Pathway to Knowledge

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E-mail: admin@collparkss.eq.edu.au

STUDENT ABSENCES
PH: 3381 4333

Is your child absent from school today?
Please phone the school office on 33814333 before 10am to notify us of the reason your child is absent OR reply to the text message you receive at 10am, notifying you of the absence of your child at roll marking time. PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SCHOOL STAR APP FOR FREE to receive and send messages to school at NO COST to you.

EVERY DAY COUNTS ... MAKE SURE YOU LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT.

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

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