**Principal’s Message:**

This year and next are historical milestone years in Queensland schooling. 2014 is the last year that Year 7 children will attend primary school. From 2015 all primary schools will be Prep to Year 6 as Year 7 is introduced into all secondary schools.

A major implication is that all current Year 6 and 7 students will be commencing high school in 2015. Parents of Year 6 and 7 students need to start thinking about their child’s transition to high school now. I am aware that many parents have this process underway. However, past experience shows that parents leave decisions about high school and enrolment of their children until the last minute. Because of the increased numbers who will be starting high school, these decisions cannot be left until the last minute this year.

One of our great local high schools, Redbank Plains State High, has this process of transitioning well underway and plans many activities for parents and students throughout this year. Increasing numbers of students from our school are enrolling at Redbank Plains State High School as awareness grows about the excellent programs now in place and the improved ethos of this excellent state school. Some of our best past students now attend Redbank Plains SHS.

So far this year there have been media reports about how state schools overall are doing better than the other sector schools in NAPLAN. This week there is a report that enrolments at state high school is outstripping those in the non-state sector. Why this is so is debatable. The fact that it is happening is undeniable.

I am a great supporter of state schools. My five adult children all attended state primary and secondary schools. The youngest three attended Collingwood Park State School for their primary years before attending their local state high school. Why not have children attend their local high school? It makes sense in every way.

In this newsletter there is a notice about a BBQ, Talk and Tour event on Thursday 08 May at Redbank Plains State High School’s Performing Arts Centre. A reminder flyer will arrive home with every student of 6 and 7 early next term. This is an opportunity to see and hear at firsthand about your local high school and make an informed decision.

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**TERM ONE**

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The Uniform Shop will be open in the Easter Holidays as follows;

**Monday & Tuesday (both weeks) 10am – 2pm.**
CONGRATULATIONS
On Thursday this week the Regional Basketball Trials will be held at Bundamba Stadium. Of the ten players in the boys' team, five are from Collingwood Park State School. Congratulations to Bayley Cooper, Beni Hortle, Tasesa Luaipou, Jakob Luaipou and Zac Greenall on their selection in the Central District basketball team.

CROSS COUNTRY
Last week's planned inter-house cross country was postponed until Wednesday this week, weather permitting. Only Year 4 -7 children are involved as only those born 2004, 2003, 2002 and 2001 will progress to the district cross country on Friday 02 May in Week 2, Term 2. Competitors who finish in the first ten places in each age divisions will be invited to train for the district cross country. Only six of these will then be selected to represent our school based on their training and fitness. There are safety reasons for doing this as children who do not train should not be sent to compete in an endurance event. Those who finish in the top ten places will be urged to train during the holidays so that they have four weeks training prior to the district event.
Those in Year 4 who are born in 2005 will be involved in a fun run as the first event of the day. They will not progress to the district cross country or be involved in further training.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR REPORTS
When Term 1 behaviour report arrives home this week, parents will be able to see how their children are going in achieving the indicators or expectations of our school and their classroom. Parents will be able to identify what it is that their child needs to do to improve their behaviour. If a child is not consistently achieving an indicator or expectation, that indicator becomes the behaviour goal for the child.
In the advice to parents section of the report, children are assigned behaviour support levels based on the number of indicators they consistently achieve. Those who achieve Level 1 are considered to be sufficiently responsible for their own behaviour. Those at Level Two required two people to support their goal of self-management, the teacher and themselves. In summary this can be shown as:

Level 1- In general it requires only one person to manage the child’s behaviour, the child.
Level 2– It requires the child and the teacher working together on the goals. This is not to say that the parent can’t be involved, but this is not an expectation.
Level 3- Three people are required to support the child’s behaviour, the child, the teacher and the parent. Parent involvement is vital for improvement and good communication needs to exist between the parent and teacher.
Level 4- Children at this level of support require a fourth party to help them reach self-management. This could be the administration, a guidance officer, behaviour support teacher, special education program teacher or a combination of these persons. Children requiring level 4 support will have a behaviour support plan which identifies the actions to assist them to reach self-management. All persons need to work together to bring about changes in the child’s behaviour.
Please discuss your child’s behaviour report with your child. From the beginning of term 2, please support the school in attempting to provide the best possible opportunities for your child to be the best he or she can be. The success or otherwise of all of our efforts will be seen in behaviour reports at the end of Term 2.

SPECIAL P&C MEETING
The next general meeting of the School Parents and Citizens’ Association is scheduled for Tuesday 14 May at 7.00 pm. This meeting will go ahead but there will be a special meeting of the P&C at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 22 April, the first Tuesday of next term.
Agenda items will include ratifying the new P&C constitution, financial statements and an update on committee finances plus a fundraising update. No reports will be required at this meeting apart from a fundraising report and financial reports of the P&C, tuckshop, uniform shop and OSHC. All adult members of our school community are invited to attend.

Jon Simpson
Principal
Music News

Extension Music Programme
Choir and Band Rehearsals

Chorus
Because of the Cross Country there will be no Chorus rehearsal this Wednesday morning. Chorus members will need to come to the lunchtime practice with the Chorale.

All Choir and Band rehearsals are in the Music Room.

Deian Ping Scott Bignell
Music Specialist Instrumental Music Teacher

Rehearsal Times

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Chorus and Chorale
Because of the Easter Monday holiday both Chorale and Chorus are called for an 8.00 a.m. rehearsal on Wednesday, 23 April and again at 1.15 p.m. the same day.

Library News

Class library borrowing has now finished for Term 1, 2014. All books borrowed by students need to be returned by the last day of term i.e. Friday, 4 April. If your child is having difficulty locating a book/s, please contact the teacher librarian, Mrs Harrington. Contact details:
Phone - 33814333; Email - gharr24@eq.edu.au

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Our school Anzac Day ceremony will be held on Thursday 24 April at 10:30 a.m. The venue will be outside the administration block. However, if the weather is inclement, the ceremony will be held in the school hall. All members of our school community are welcome.

Glenys Harrington
Teacher Librarian
Year 6/7 Student Leader co-ordinator

Competition

Competition to help design Red’s kennel - PRIMARY SCHOOL ONLY
The Queensland Red’s new junior mascot, Red, a red healer puppy needs help to decorate his new kennel. Primary-aged students can enter the competition via the Queensland Red’s website to get a chance for Red and players from the Queensland Reds to visit their school. The competition closes on Wednesday 30 April.
**Tuckshop News.**

**Online Ordering**
If you are ordering tuckshop on line can you make sure your student/s class are correct.

**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.

Dianne: (07) 3818 0687
Mobile: 0403 945 014
Tuckshop: (07) 3381 4335

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**P & C Fundraising Update**

The Disco and Free Dress day for Harmony Day was very successful with the hall almost filled to capacity and the children really seemed to enjoy it, for all the teachers and parents that stayed back to volunteer we appreciate all the help and thank you for the support. Parents to avoid the backlog of children trying to get tickets we really do encourage pre sales where the children bring the money to school and purchase their tickets via the Uniform shop – any queries please email cpss-pnc-admin@bigpond.com.au or call Karen on 3381 4336.

Our next two events will be the Easter Raffle details will be in this newsletter and in Term 2 we will begin with the Mother’s Day Raffle and Mother’s Day Shop, details will be in the first newsletter of the term.

Easter Raffle Donations – Could all parents of Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 please send in donations for the Easter Raffles, these can be left at the Office or the Uniform Shop.

**Breakfast Club**

For many, many years Goodna RSL Club through its wonderful officer Mrs. Vivienne Stanbury has been our school’s number one financial contributor. Carols by Candlelight, the Breakfast Club and other events would not have been possible without this valuable support.

The January 2011 flood resulted in the RSL Club being closed for a long time. High insurance premiums meant that the club was uninsured and the flood caused enormous damage and financial embarrassment.

Since then the Goodna RSL Club has been able to donate $100 during some months in 2012 – $200 every month during 2013 and now $300 in 2014, and has also agreed to sponsor our Carols by Candlelight again this year. The cost of running our Breakfast Club is over $300 per month. Goodna RSL Club sponsors 8 schools in our area at a cost of around $30,000 per year. No other clubs in Ipswich sponsor any schools.

It is a fact that one in four students in most Ipswich State Schools come to school without having had breakfast at home. Independent studies have shown that students who do not have breakfast suffer from attention lapses which impacts upon their performance at school. Not only does this reflect on their ability to absorb lessons, but it sometimes also result in bad behaviour, distracting teachers and other students.

Unpaid volunteers help run our Breakfast Club 4 mornings a week and we are looking for volunteers. How can you as a parent or grandparent help with his program?

- By committing to help one morning a week from 7.35am to 8.40am.
- By donations of Aldi’s 2 litre Apple or Apple & Mango juice – vegemite – jam or Milo. Milo is used for warm drinks during the colder months and large tins of Milo will be much appreciated.

*Andy Brodersen*
Breakfast Club Co-ordinator/P&C Vice President
Who Am I at CPSS?
I played soccer for 20 years.
I love Winter.
I work part-time.
My favourite colours are red and black.
I have 4 children.

Who Am I at CPSS?
I have 3 children.
I am secretary of a local cricket club.
I’ve been at CPSS since 2008.
I have two cats.
I love camping.

Who Am I at CPSS?
I went to the State Titles for the 400m when I was in year 12.
I was a Rotary Exchange Student to Germany for a year.
I get sea sick but I own a boat.
I’ve been at CPSS for 9 years.

Last Week’s Answers:

I am in my 5th year of teaching.
I live in Brisbane.
I have no children or pets.
This is my second year at Collingwood Park State School.
I work in the early years.
I am Miss Laura Rodger - Year 2 Teacher

I was the sports captain at my high school and LOVED any type of sports. I was champion at hurdles and long jump but stopped high jumping after breaking my arm @ home practising for my next mammoth jump (no supportive foam mats then).
I own and ride a jetski (who would have thought?)
Our family fosters dogs for the RSPCA and we currently have a beautiful RSPCA Bequest dog, Ms Zoe - a 13 and 1/2 yr old blue roan cattle dog, that we decided to adopt last year.
I was going to become an occupational therapist until my dad’s friend (who worked at Churchie) told him I would just be a "glorified masseur". (I don't regret choosing teaching as my career pathway.)
I am Mrs Glenys Harrington - Teacher Librarian
JUST A REMINDER THAT THE LAST DAY OF THE TERM FRIDAY 4 APRIL IS A FREE DRESS DAY.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR GOLD COIN DONATION AND THAT YOUR EASTER RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT THE EASTER BONNET PARADE THURSDAY 3 APRIL SO IF YOU HAVE TICKETS TO RETURN PLEASE GET THEM IN TO THE UNIFORM SHOP BY WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL.
Redbank Plains State High School invites parents, carers and students who want to know more about Junior Secondary School (Yr 7, 8 & 9) to our…

**BBQ, Talk and Tour**

**Date:** Thursday 8th May

**Time:** BBQ at 6pm, 6:30pm-7:15pm session

**Location:** Redbank Plains State High School
Performing Arts Centre

**RSVP:** Wednesday 7th May
To Natalie via email: nuhlm1@eq.edu.au or phone: (07) 3432 1222

We warmly welcome all parents, carers and students to attend our BBQ, Talk and Tour night. Our Junior Secondary School team will provide answers to many questions you may have about your student starting high school in 2015. With the arrival of Year 7 to our Junior Secondary School there will be changes to the structure of these year levels. This is the perfect opportunity to hear for yourself what is in store for students next year.

**Come along, meet our staff and tour the facilities!**

For more information please phone (07) 3432 1222

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**EASTER RAFFLE**

Tickets for the Easter Raffle have now been sent home with your children. Please ensure all your details are clearly written.

Tickets are 50 cents each and each child has a book of 10 tickets. Prizes will be drawn on Thursday 3 April.

3 Major Prize Baskets and Assorted other Easter Themed Prizes

*Terms and conditions apply.*
Parent Class Representatives

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