Congratulations to Jayden Elder who has been selected in the Metropolitan West 11 years rugby league team. This follows Jayden’s selection in the Ipswich and district schools 11 years rugby league team earlier in the year. Jayden also showed his sporting talent in being placed 4th in the 11 years district cross country championships on Monday this week.

**NAPLAN TESTING TIME AGAIN**

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 13–15 May (next week).

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website [http://www.nap.edu.au/](http://www.nap.edu.au/). At Collingwood Park State School all year 3, 5 and 7 students will sit the NAPLAN tests. Parents have a right to exclude their children from the testing, but need to contact the school urgently if this is to be done, as there are forms to be completed and signed for children to be excluded from the tests.

The timing of the NAPLAN assessment tasks will require us to make some minor adjustments to the regular school routine on Tuesday and Thursday. We will have two breaks in the morning, a snack break from 10:00-10:20am and morning tea from 11:30-11:50. All year levels will have two breaks on these two days.

Second lunch will be at the normal time of 1:00 – 1:50pm.
Parents of all students are asked to pack a snack for children, as well as their normal morning tea and lunch. The tuckshop will operate as normal, apart from providing morning tea at the changed time.

Normal breaks will occur on Wednesday as there is only one test and it fits neatly into the first session of school.

**ORGANIZATION: IT HELPS WITH NAPLAN**

NAPLAN testing can be a nervous time for students. Helping children organise themselves for NAPLAN can help alleviate stress. Throughout classes, teachers have been working with students this term and last, familiarising them with the NAPLAN test format, so that there are no surprises for students.

Organisation in the home can support what is happening at school. Parents can help their children produce their best results by following the guidelines below:

- Ensure that children have a good night’s sleep each night prior to testing. Sleepy children cannot concentrate or think clearly.
- Ensure children have a good breakfast on each test morning and are provided with sufficient morning tea and lunch.
- Also send some snacks with them each day as children will have a short snack break at the end of each test each day.
- Have children at school before 8:45am each morning so they don’t miss anything and are not stressed about being late.
- Be calm when talking with your child about the testing, encouraging them to do their best. Try not to create anxiety. Rather, play down any nervousness by reassuring your children.
- Do not put pressure on them by promising rewards for good results or negative consequences if they do not do well.

**NAPLAN IN CONTEXT**

It is important to see NAPLAN within the context of a bigger picture, to remember that NAPLAN is intended to provide a snapshot of how each child and each school is achieving specific literacy and numeracy standards. But the results are just one gauge at one point in time of the success of the child and the school. NAPLAN results need to be viewed in the context of the achievements of the child across the whole year. They play just one part in gaining a complete picture of the child’s academic successes and the child’s achievements across the whole curriculum.

NAPLAN results are also used by education authorities and state governments to gauge the literacy and numeracy standards and levels of improvement across state education systems and to compare the standing of those systems. These tests are the only nationally common assessment tool available to do this. In the past few years, some non-state schools have been using NAPLAN results as one method of screening the children they enrol.
Principal’s Message Cont...

WHAT DO WE DO?
Our school uses the NAPLAN results diagnostically to determine what needs to be taught to individual students and to determine the areas of whole-school focus in literacy and numeracy. We set annual targets such as having 40% of our students in the top two bands of NAPLAN reading and develop plans to achieve those targets by differentiating learning and teaching in classrooms. We also see NAPLAN in the context of learning and teaching across the whole year in all classes. For example, NAPLAN doesn’t start in year 7. Preparation for the year 7 NAPLAN test starts in PREP and continues through the subsequent years so that by the time children sit the year 7 tests, they will be prepared for them. Year 3 and year 5 NAPLAN results gauge our success in achieving established goals for each child and at the school level.

Because we believe that the major factor in the success of the child and our school is the quality of the teaching and learning, we as teachers and as a school are continually striving to improve. More about this in subsequent newsletters.

P&C MEETING
The next general meeting of the School Parents and Citizens’ Association is scheduled for Tuesday 13 May at 7.00 pm. Agenda items will include ratifying the new P&C constitution, financial statements and an update on committee finances plus a fundraising update. All adult members of our school community are invited to attend.

Jon Simpson
Principal

School Attendance - It’s Not Ok To Stay Away

Too many students across Australia and at our school are missing their best chance to do well in life because they are allowed to miss days of their education. Some students are allowed to stay home for an ever increasing number of excuses including:

• a day off for their birthday
• a day off because relatives are visiting
• a day off to be with parents at home
• a day off to look after younger brothers and sisters
• a day off to go shopping.

Students should only miss school for genuine illness or for serious domestic reasons. All absences must be explained within 7 days (earlier is even better), by phone, email or note. If you are having trouble getting your child to school, please talk to your child’s teacher, Mr Simpson or Mrs Cuthill.

After love and care the most important thing that we, as parents, can give to our kids is an EDUCATION. Every day a child is away, they are losing a learning experience. Over time, missing school leaves a big gap in their learning. They become keener to spend less and less time at school and they influence younger brothers and sisters. Allowing your child to stay home becomes the easy way out.

If you require support in saying NO to your child on their attendance or any other issue, please contact someone at our school. We can work together to make a difference to your child’s future.

Be on time. Be at school. That’s the rule!
Music News

Extension Music Programme
Choir and Band Rehearsals

Ipswich Eisteddfod
The Chorus and Chorale are practising for the Ipswich Eisteddfod on 21 and 23 May. Please attend every rehearsal so that we can have our pieces practised and ready to go. Next week, so that we can put the parts together, both Chorus and Chorale will need to attend ALL rehearsals. Notes will go out this week with the information.

All Choir and Band rehearsals are in the Music Room.

Deian Ping  Scott Bignell
Music Specialist Instrumental

Rehearsal Times

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Accompanist
The choirs are looking for a skilled pianist to accompany them at the eisteddfod. This would entail attending a rehearsal for each choir (so attending twice during the week). If anyone is able to offer themselves please email dping1@eq.edu.au for further information.

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

Rasberry and Peach Iced Tea is now available - 250ml for $1.50.
Organic Yoghurt is now available—$1.50

School Uniforms Wanted
Our school sick bay is running low on spare uniforms (particularly smaller sizes). If you have any old CPSS uniforms at home and are wondering what to do with them… Please consider donating these to the school sick bay. You donation will be greatly appreciated.
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: nhum1@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
Parents and Citizens Association News

Next P & C Meeting:
Tuesday 13th May 2014
7.00pm – Seminar Room (Library)
All Welcome

Have you ever wondered “how can I find out what goes on at my child’s school”? Then please, come along to a P & C Meeting - Share and Create Ideas “Make it Happen”.... Get Involved
Telephone 3381 4333 for more information.

Mother’s Day - a Mother’s & Other’s Day Stall will be held in the Hall on the 8th and 9th May. Gifts will range from $1 upwards.

Movie Night - Thursday 15th May @ 6pm. Come in your PJ’s. Refreshments will be available.

Film: Disney’s Frozen

ORDER TUCKSHOP ONLINE - available by clicking on the “order online” link at the facilities section of the school website www.colparkss.eq.edu.au.

BREAKFAST CLUB 2014
Breakfast Club runs on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8am to 8.30am in the Hall. It is important that children have a good breakfast to get their learning day underway.
Breakfast Club is funded entirely by donations (monetary or non-perishable groceries) and volunteer workers. This allows breakfast to be provided free of charge. Can you help?

Donations are kindly accepted at the Tuck Shop or Uniform Shop.

Thank you to Kmart Redbank, McDonalds and Springfield Tavern for supporting our events.

UNIFORM SHOP

School Hats are now in stock.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2014

Monday 8.30am to 11.30am – 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am to 12.30pm
Thursday CLOSED
Friday 8.30 to 12.30pm

For uniform orders please collect an order form from the office, fill it out and attach payment. The office will then pass your order onto the Uniform Shop and they will fill your order and send home the order and the receipt with the eldest child of your family.

Please note all Layby’s now incur a $2 Non-Refundable Fee.

Winter Madness

- All Long Sleeve Polo Shirts $30 or 2 for $50.
- 5 Pairs of School Socks $20.

Hair Accessories – are available for purchase in the Uniform Shop. Prices start from $3.00 each. Current stock includes 10 piece Hairbands, Scrunchies, Ribbon Bows and Alice Bands. All come in the school colours of either Blue or Maroon.

A-Mart Allsports Community Kickbacks Program

Our school has joined this program so next time you shop at AMART ALLSPORTS be sure to join yourself and receive preferred pricing, exclusive offers, VIP shopping nights and member only competitions. Let them know you are from our school and our school will receive 5% back on member purchases.

Contact Us
OSH 3381 4317  OSHC Fax  3381 4355
Uniform Shop 3381 4336  School Fax  3381 4300
Tuckshop 3381 4335  School Office  3381 4333
Rewards Day - Thank You!

We would like to thank the parents and grandparents who helped with rewards day activities on Friday 4th April. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated by the students and staff.

Upcoming Events and Fundraising Update!

The Easter Raffle was very successful with lots of families turning out for the end of term Easter Parade where all prizes were drawn. Thank you to all who supported.

The next event for fundraising will be the MOVIE NIGHT – THURSDAY MAY 15 AT 6PM following the end of NAPLAN testing – DON’T FORGET FRIDAY MAY 16 IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

Following this will be a Disco on Friday June 13 at 6pm. To avoid the backlog of children trying to get tickets on the night, we encourage children to purchase pre-sale tickets at school via the Uniform shop – any queries please email cpss-pnc-admin@bigpond.com.au or call Karen on 3381 4336.

Mother’s “and Others” Day Stall

We will be holding a Mother’s and Other’s Day stall on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th of May. This gives children the opportunity to choose a small gift for their Mum or their special someone. Information has been sent home with students.

DATE CLAIMER: Thursday 15th May Frozen Movie Night
Parent Class Representatives 2014

The role of a class parent representative is to promote parent engagement in our school community. This may include making a year level contact list, welcoming new parents, assisting all parents to get to know each other, organising class social activities, assisting teachers with parent involvement in class activities/excursions, assisting with school events and initiatives.

If you are interested in becoming a class parent representative, please contact Miss Polomski (Junior C) on 3881 4333 or apolo4@eq.edu.au.

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PH: 33814333

We’re on the Web........

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