Principal’s Message:

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Thanks to parents who attended the parent/teacher meetings last week. 146 parent attended on Tuesday night and 120 attended on Wednesday night, a total of 266 parent/teacher meetings. There were also meetings outside of the Tuesday and Wednesday timeslots.

Teachers were very appreciative of the opportunity to meet with parents to gain further insight into how to help children’s learning and development, to inform parents and to further develop that partnership so vital to student progress.

Thanks also to all of our wonderful teaching staff on their dedication to the parent/teacher discussions, an out of school hours effort which provides just a small insight into their professional commitment. Teacher feedback about the meetings was very positive and helped fire their enthusiasm for providing the very best for each student.

NO EKKA HOLIDAY

Our school is an Ipswich school and as such does not observe the public holiday for the Brisbane Exhibition. We had our show holiday for the Ipswich show in May when so many families enjoyed an extended long weekend and our school had record absences either side of the three day weekend.

Therefore there is no holiday for the Ekka. It’s school as normal. Please attend school every day during the Ekka period as our attendance records are already dismal.

In previous newsletters, the need to improve our attendance figures has been highlighted. If children aren’t at school they can’t be taught and they can’t learn. Poor attendance leads to poor results. Further strategies are being implemented to address this vital issue.

Every day counts!

This term our whole school attendance is sitting at 90% which is very low, however yesterday, Wednesday 6 August our attendance was fabulous with 97.2%
VALUES BECOME EXPECTATIONS

In last week’s newsletter I mentioned that through broad consultation within the school community the values from the values survey had been narrowed to three main ones - respect, being your best and safety - values that we as a school community value above all others.

These values have now been translated into expectations. The question is, from the three values, what do we as a school community expect in terms of student behaviour. Behaviour is more than bad or negative behaviour. Behaviour is everything a child does at school in terms of their school involvement, interactions with others and the participating in curriculum activities.

The expectations are obviously “respect”, “being your best” or “excel” or “strive” or “achieve” or any other synonym you might choose, “safety” and one other expectation that results from our dismal attendance figures - “attend” or “attendance”. The challenge now is for our school community to deliberate about these expectations and decide the actual wording of the expectations. The intent or meaning is just about there. How these expectations are presented is yet to be decided.

P&C MEETING

As a result of this week’s P&C Meeting, Mrs Theresa O’Connell was elected P&C President. This role is very familiar to her, having been a very successful P&C President at our school in the past. With Theresa’s experience in the role, personal enthusiasm, strength of character and organizational ability, we know that our P&C leadership and direction is in good hands.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 09 September at 7.00 pm in the seminar rooms of the school library. All parents are invited to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR SENIOR CLASSES

Mr Hodgkinson will continue to provide religious education classes for year 5 classes and Senior F for a further two weeks. From week 5 he will take religious education in Senior A, Senior B, Senior C and Senior D for six weeks. This is the sum total of religious education for years 5, 6 and 7 students.

Religious education is conducted at our school through a cooperative agreement of the churches of the district. Under the Education Act schools are obliged to allow religious representatives to conduct religious education classes for 30 minutes per week. If you do not wish your child to take part in these religious education lessons, please notify the school in writing.

11 YEARS RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Collingwood Park State School 11 years rugby league team on their 16-12 win in the BPSRL Metropolitan quarter final over Stretton State College last Friday. The team coached by Mr Garrard will now play a semi-final of the Brisbane Primary Schools Rugby League Metropolitan Finals this Friday at a date and time to be confirmed. This is an elimination competition involving all the premiership teams of the Metropolitan sporting regions.

If the team wins this Friday they will progress to the grand final at Suncorp Stadium on Monday 18 August.

GIRLS IN FINALS

Congratulations to Olivia O’Neill, Chloe Cooper and Siobhan Va’ai who have been selected in the Central District Open Girls rugby league team. As the team has won their semi-final on a forfeit, the team will play in the grand-final at Suncorp stadium on Monday 18 August.

Jon Simpson
Principal
Enrol for Prep 2015 Now!

Enrolments are now being taken for Prep for 2015. Children are eligible to enrol in Prep in 2015 if their birthday falls in the period 01 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

The school would like parents to enrol their children eligible for Prep in 2015, as soon as possible, so that forward planning can be undertaken. We will then contact parents about our information sessions and transition program in order to provide each child with a smooth entry to our school.

If you have a child who will commence Prep in 2015 or know of anyone in the area who has an eligible Prep child, we would like to have them enroll as soon as possible.

Although our school is enrolment managed, we currently have space in Prep. Each year a number of children from outside our catchment are enrolled in Prep to keep our total school enrolment at an optimum size.

Maintaining our enrolments at the current level assists the school to provide the many enhancement programs for each and every student and maintains staff numbers to support the many curriculum initiatives and programs of excellence for which our school is renowned.

Annual School Opinion Survey:

Annual School Opinion Survey – Extended until 8 August
The annual School Opinion Survey is being conducted between 21 July and 3 August 2014. All families (previously a sample of families), school staff, and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home with students—these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

The on-line survey will be available until Friday 8 August.

If you haven’t received any survey access details, please contact Meridee Cuthill on telephone 3381 4333 or email mcuth2@eq.edu.au

ICAS Competitions

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Mathematics competition will take place next Tuesday 12 August 2014 for students who have registered for this competition.

This test assesses students’ skills and knowledge in the five strands of: Algebra & Patterns, Chance & Data, Measures & Units, Number & Arithmetic, Space & Geometry.

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION RESULTS

Awards for the recent ICAS Science Competition will be presented next week (Wednesday 13 August) to students at our morning assembly.
Tuckshop News.

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

Please Note:

- No watermelon until Term 4 (after September holidays).
- Payment by CASH ONLY - NO CARDS
- Online Ordering closes at 8:50am. Orders received after this will NOT be processed.
- If your child has no lunch at school they will be sent to the tuckshop and will be provided with a jam, vegemite or cheese sandwich and a piece of fruit for both lunches. The cost to the parent will be $4.80 and must be paid for the following day.

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MEDIA CLUB CAKE STALL

Country Market Day
Saturday August 30th

All proceeds will assist in reducing the cost to purchase the school yearbook.
The stall will be manned by members of the Media Club.

If you are able to assist with donations of baked goods (fudge, cupcakes, sweet or savoury) please complete the form below and return it to the school office. For further information please contact Mrs Smith msmith631@eq.edu.au

All donations will need to be dropped off to the school hall on Friday afternoon (August 30th) for packaging. Please ensure that your items are clearly marked with a list of ingredients.

Yes I will donate an item or items to the Media Club Cake stall for the Country Market Day on August 30th.
Name: ____________________________
Contact number: ____________________
I will donate the following item(s): __________________________________________
________________________________________
DISCO NEWS

We wish to apologise for incorrect information included in the last newsletter. The disco will continue to accept at-the-door payments at this point in time. Also at this point in time the disco will remain one disco from 6pm-8pm for all students of CPSS. The cost remains $3 entry or $8 for entry and meal deal. Please continue to read your newsletters for the most up-to-date information. Any changes will be advised via this method.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has commenced and will continue each Friday from 8am in the hall. New accounts can still be opened. Account deposits can be from as little as just $1.

With every account that is opened, the school will receive money, which will go back into the school to support your children. School banking is available for existing Commonwealth Bank account holders also.

The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program that encourages students to get into the habit of saving regularly. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.
Triangram Cricket Club is based in the Eastern suburbs.

Plaint
Redbank Plains Rd, Redbank
1st Thursday of each month (6pm - 6.30pm)
2nd Tuesday of each month (6pm - 7pm)

Sign on Days

Triangram Cricket Club
Eastern Suburbs

Rugby League Clinic
Ferngrook Ridge

Your Inviation to the Free
Thank you to those who have already donated. Some items still remain.

Please consider donating goods!

Team Shop - Support Our Team

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Koala Joey Program

We are again offering our Koala Joey program to families with students eligible for Prep in 2015. The Koala Joey program is run each week in our school hall. The Koala Joey program is a free Early Intervention and Early Literacy program focusing on singing traditional and contemporary rhymes and songs and playing simple singing games which help both children and adults to learn oral literacy and other school readiness skills. It is a fun, interactive, capacity building parenting education program to help parents develop an understanding of early literacy, early numeracy, emotional intelligence, social skills, gross and fine motor development and the importance of play and laughter in the early years.

Our Koala Joey program will commence on **Thursday 14 August 2014 9:30 - 11:30am**. We only have **20** places, so please **RSVP by Monday 11 August** by telephoning 3381 4333 or email admin@collparkss.eq.edu.au

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We’re on the Web........

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