Principal’s Message:

The **Teaching and Learning Audit and Discipline Audit** were very successful with many accolades. The auditors suggested that we continue on the path we are taking in our unrelenting quest for school improvement. There were also helpful recommendations for refinement of some practices. The auditors stated that they had a very pleasant two days in our school and were appreciative of the friendliness and co-operation shown towards them. They particularly enjoyed their discussion time with the student leaders and were impressed with their enthusiasm for and pride in their school. They made special mention of the fact that the students singled-out the school grounds officer Mr Kluck, the cleaners and teacher aides for special mention as people in the school that they really valued for their efforts and hard work.

The auditors also made mention of the outstanding commitment of teaching staff and specialist staff to their students and to the school improvement agenda. In two weeks or so, the school will receive reports on the audit which I will share in detail through future newsletters.

**COUNTRY MARKET DAY**

The P&C Country Market Day is happening this Saturday from 8.00 am until 1.00 pm. I would urge all families to support this day by either helping with the conduct of the day or dropping in for a while. Funds raised from the day will go towards enhancing the educational offerings for the children of our school.

**P&C MEETING**

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.

**MID YEAR SPORT**

As mid sport was rained-out last Friday, mid-year sport continues this Friday with the part-day of finals. Three boys’ basketball teams are in the finals at Bundamba Stadium. All girls’ basketball teams and the remainder of year 5 boy basketballers will play social games at the Redbank/Collingwood Park Sports Complex.
Principal’s Message Cont...

SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF WEEK
1 - 5 September, 2014 is the week of recognition for School Support Staff.
Business service managers, administration and schools officers and many other team members
play important roles in the smooth running and safe operation of schools in Queensland. With-
out school support staff hundreds of thousands of young Queenslanders would not have such
a quality education.

These fantastic team members ensure that schools function! Their contributions are vital in the
area of maintaining student records, answering phones, greeting at the front desk, providing
first aid for children, booking buses for excursions, maintaining and ensuring the safety of the
grounds and buildings, paying the bills for almost everything including electricity, water,
phones, computer maintenance, school resources and the wages of some staff. Put simply, by
doing their jobs, they enable teaching staff and administrators to focus on teaching and learn-
ing.

School support staff are in many ways the unsung heroes of our school system. Please join me
in showing your appreciation for these special people by saying thanks during the coming
week.

This year the Director General of the Department of Education, Training and Employment has
joined with us in supporting this week and encouraging celebrations and finding opportunities
for acknowledging you. It’s great to see such important support and recognition from the De-
partment.

NAPLAN Reports
Student NAPLAN reports for year 3, 5 and 7 students are being sent home this week.
If you are the parent of a student in Years 3, 5 or 7 you will be receiving an individual report of
your child’s results for the tests they sat in May. These tests in key areas of literacy and nu-
meracy provide parents and educators with a snapshot of how students are progressing — in-
dividually, as part of their school community and as a nation. Individual student reports pro-
vide information about your child’s performance on each of the NAPLAN tests.
NAPLAN performance is reported in ‘bands’:

• Year 3 - bands 1 to 6
• Year 5 - bands 3 to 8
• Year 7 - bands 4 to 9

It is important to remember that the NAPLAN test gives the results of your child’s performance
on one given day and may not be the most accurate indicator of overall skills and knowledge.
Some children do not react well to the testing situation, or there may be personal illness or
family circumstances that can account for variations in results.

Children sit for the NAPLAN test in May but the reports are only available now, some months
later. It is probable that your child has made progress in this time and some of the information
may no longer be relevant. The report you receive twice a year from the school will provide ad-
ditional valuable information about your child’s achievement.

The NAPLAN report is not meant to be used to compare your child with classmates or others in
your circle of family and friends. What the report does provide is a framework for discussion
with your child’s teacher, or the school leadership team, about your child’s learning needs.

Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and explanatory notes, and
contact your child’s teacher if you would like more information.

More information about NAPLAN tests and the National Assessment Program can be found by
visiting the NAP website (www.nap.edu.au).

Jon Simpson
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.

Celebrating Speech Pathology Week: 24 - 30 August 2014

Speech Pathology Week raises awareness about the 1.1 million Australians who have difficulty communicating, as well as the work of speech pathologists. The department’s speech language pathologists play a key role in state schools by supporting teachers to provide high quality instruction in oral language, a critical skill for literacy success.

Communication is vital to life
Communication disorders limit a person’s ability to participate fully in family life, their community, education and the world of work.

Communication professionals make a critical difference
Without access to key services, people with communication disorders are at a lifelong disadvantage.

Early intervention is key
Research shows that early identification and intervention programs create positive results over a lifetime for people with communication difficulties and society as a whole.

Communication disorders affect more than you think
The negative impacts of communication disorders are well documented and include a higher risk of literacy problems, lower academic achievement, low self-esteem and mental health problems.

Walk to School Day

It’s time again to put your walking shoes on.
WALK/RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY is on again on Wednesday, September 3.

This time we are hoping for our talented families to provide a new, healthy, interesting breakfast from other countries.
All costs will be covered, we just need your time and amazing cooking skills.
The smoothie bike will also make a special appearance again. More details in the next newsletter.

HELP US MAKE THIS BREAKFAST EVEN MORE SPECIAL.
Please contact the office or Ms Angela Schabrod in 5A.
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

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

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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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FATHER’S DAY STALL

In the hall on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September.

Come with your class and buy something special your dad will love!
DISCO NEWS
The last Disco was a great success, Thank You to all those who attended. Also a big THANK YOU to those volunteers who gave up their time to help on the night it was very much appreciated.

The next Disco will be November 7th 2014.
We will be trialling a Junior and Senior Disco.
And it will be the very last Disco for the Year 6 & 7 students, as they will be off to High School next year. So keep your eyes on the newsletter for news regarding the next Disco.

SCHOOL BANKING
Don’t forget that FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.
For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool 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.

FATHERS DAY STALL
We are holding a Fathers Day Stall on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd of September. All students will come down with their class.

Running Club
Running club will now occur on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45-8:15am.

Running Club is for students in Years 3-7

Students will be collected from the LCA and taken up to the oval to participate in fun running activities to get their bodies and minds started in the morning.
Thank you for your Turner Elementary Auction support. We have had a fantastic response so far and we are sure it will be a huge success.

**Country Market Day**

Yes! And many more!
- Ocean Front Cones
- Ears Of Corn
- Flowers
- Baked Goods
- Sandwiches
- Drinks
- Posters
- Flowers
- Stuffed Animals
- Pets
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The Koala Joeys programme is aimed at children who will be attending our school for Prep next year. Parents and children come along from 9:30 - 11am on Thursdays, to participate in singing, dancing, telling stories and rhymes, and socialising with other pre-prep students. Families will also have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school and its operations, with visits to important areas like playground, library, and prep buildings. Also, families will meet staff that the children will interact with during their school day, such as the Principal, Deputy, music teachers and more.

The programme is run by licenced Koala Joeys facilitators, who are also members of our school community.

If you or someone you know has children attending Collingwood Park State School next year for Prep, please contact the school to reserve your place in the Koala Joeys programme.

WHEN: Thursdays 9:30 - 11am
WHERE: Collingwood Park State School Hall
WHO: Parents and children attending Collingwood Park State School next year for Prep
RSVP: Collingwood Park State School office on 3381 4333 or email admin@collparkss.eq.edu.au

PLEASE NOTE: Children currently attending Kindy may still attend the Koala Joeys programme, as parents are able to drop their children at Kindy after the session, at 11am.