Principal’s Message:

As we near the end of another busy term, it is time to focus on the many happenings of next term. It is hard to imagine that year 6 and 7 students have just over eleven weeks before they finish primary school. This time will pass very quickly. Planning is already underway for a smooth start to school next year for all of those children who will be with us in 2015 and all the new Preps who will start in the new year.

ENROL PREPS URGENTLY

For some time now, we have been accepting enrolments for 2015 Prep. Some parents of current students have Prep age students but have not yet enrolled them. Please do this urgently so that the school can plan for the new intake of Preps. Once Preps are enrolled, we are able to make contact with parents about our information and transition sessions. Then the 2015 Preps can come to school for a short period, experience Prep in the “big” school and be ready for a productive first year of school in 2015.

Children are eligible to enrol in Prep in 2015 if their birthday falls in the period 01 July 2009 and 30 June 2010.

ANTICIPATED ENROLMENT FOR 2015

Given that our school will lose two whole cohorts when the year 6s and 7s go to high school, it is important that our anticipated enrolment for 2015 is as accurate as possible as it will affect the number of classes to be formed and the number of teachers to be employed. If the usual number of Preps enrol, our total enrolment numbers will only drop by about 20 children. However we need to know if children at other year levels will not be with us next year.

Parent suggestions for class placement will be sent home in early term 4. By returning these forms, parents can help by advising if their child will not be attending our school next year. Parents will also be able to provide information that will assist in class placement decisions for 2015.

MUSIC NEWS

The Senior choirs have re-commenced rehearsal. For the final week of term the Chorale and Chorus both will come on Monday at 8.00 a.m. and again at 1.15 p.m.

Wednesday rehearsals will re-commence next term.
Principal’s Message Cont...

BE READY FOR YEAR 5, 6 AND 7 CAMPS
In just over five school weeks, Year 5s will spend a week on camp at the Maroon Outdoor Education Centre and 7s will go to Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre. Their camps are from 03-07 November. Permission notes will arrive home before the holidays.
In just over seven school weeks, Year 6s will travel to Canberra, departing on Sunday 16 November until Saturday 22 November. This week, parents have received an information update about the trip. Permission forms will be sent home in term 4.
Thanks to parents who have already paid in full. All other parents need to pay according to the schedule in the information notes already provided. Some parents have not as yet paid the deposit for the camps. Please attend to this urgently. If you have financial issues, please feel free to contact me. Sometimes solutions can be found so that children are able to attend.

OTHER PAYMENTS
A reminder that parent contributions are also overdue. All parents know that education is not totally free. There is a cost to parents for children's materials and those extras such as sport and excursions. The school does its best to limit the cost to parents.
One of the strategies is to remove the need for parents to purchase text books which can be very expensive. No one text will suit every child anyway. Instead, teachers photocopy parts of texts and test materials, prepare their own materials and download from the internet so that children have materials and worksheets for learning.
To offset this cost which the school absorbs, parents are asked to provide a $40 per year contribution. If you have not yet paid this, could you do so as soon as possible. Any shortfall needs to be taken from other budgets which has a roll-on effect in reducing the enhancements we would like to provide for student learning.
Our school is a great state school because we provide for everyone. Please help us to do this by supporting the parent contribution scheme.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY
The Junior Sports Day for Prep-Year 3 students will be held next Wednesday on the oval from 9.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m.

As one of the activities, children will be involved in the Fun Run for which they have been asked to find sponsors. The Fun Run will be held on the multi-purpose courts where in small groups they will run around a small marked course.

Prep-Year 3 children will not be able to order tuckshop on this day. The Canteen will be open on the oval in the sports sheds for all students and spectators. Volunteers are required for the canteen on this day. If you are able to assist, please contact Diane at the tuckshop.

SENIOR FUN RUN
The Fun Run for years 4-7 will be held on Friday 19 September in half hour blocks 9.00-year 4; 9.30-year 5; 10.00-year 6; 10.30-year 7. Morning tea will be as normal.

FREE DRESS DAY
The last Friday of school is a free dress day. Children are able to wear free dress if they bring a gold coin donation. As there is a fun run for years 4-7 on this day, the free dress day has a sports theme. Students in free dress could wear sporting gear or come dressed as a sport star.

ASSEMBLIES NEXT WEEK
Assembly will be held as normal in the hall on Wednesday morning before children go to class. A senior assembly (years 4-7) will also be held on Thursday afternoon at 2.00 pm to present sports and music awards. Parents are invited to attend these assemblies.

Class Library Borrowing
This is the last week of class library borrowing. All books borrowed by students need to be returned by the final day of term i.e. Friday, 19 September.

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.

They’re Back....

Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on human for 10 000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than Collingwood Park State School!

Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:
- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair.
- They detect vibration and can hide - (conditioner will help fix this problem)
- Head lice can ‘hold’ their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead.
- The eggs are attached to the hair with a ‘glue’ like substance. Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the ‘glue’ showed nothing would dissolve it.

The good news...
We know where they live and we know how to find them.

If you follow these steps, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

**Step 1** Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;

**Step 2** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;

**Step 3** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;

**Step 4** If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;

**Step 5** Treat your child’s hair using the conditioner and comb method (described above) every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice.

Headlice is continuing to cause concern and frustration for some families. We ask that parents and carers to be vigilant and work with the school community to detect and treat head lice effectively.
Playing with Word Sounds: Stretch and Shorten

When beginning readers sound out words, they slowly say each sound in a word (c-a-t), and then say the sounds quickly together to “read” the word (cat). In reading, teachers often refer to this as blending. Blending (combining sounds) and segmenting (separating sounds) are phonological awareness skills that are necessary for learning to read.

Developing your child’s phonological awareness is an important part of developing your child as a reader. Many research studies indicate that kids who have weak phonological awareness also have weak reading skills.

There are lots of ways families can work to develop a child’s phonological skills. Most activities require no paper or pencil, which makes them perfect for those times when you’re stuck waiting for a table in a restaurant or at the doctor’s office. All you need is a little bit of silliness and a willingness to play with sounds.

Ask your child to listen as you stretch out sounds in words. Have your child say the word at regular speed. Start with short two-sound words, and work your way up to longer words. Try to keep the atmosphere fun and game like. If a certain word is too difficult, try using a word with fewer sounds. Once your child has gotten some practice saying the word at regular speed, switch roles. Have your child say a word slowly, stretching out each sound, and you guess what word is being said.

Here are some words to stretch and shorten:

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Helpful information about learning brought to you by Reading Rockets
**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

**JUNIOR SPORTS DAY**

Junior Sports Day will be held on the last Wednesday of term (September 17). Students in Prep—Year 3 CANNOT order tuckshop on this day.  
Canteen will be open on the oval in the sports shed for all students and spectators.  
Food available: pies, sausage rolls, potato pies, drinks, muffins, cookies, chips, jam & cream donuts, tea & coffee.  
Volunteers are required for this day. All help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Diane in the tuckshop if you can assist.

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**WALK TO SCHOOL DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Our walk to school day, last week, was a huge success with many of our students joining us at the park for a lovely stroll to school.

On arrival at school our students were treated to a fantastic breakfast supplied by our wonderful parents. As last week was multiculturalism week our families donated some wonderful delicacies for our students to try. These included Pretzels and Sticky Rice. What an experience for our students.

**THANK YOU** to our fabulous families for their contribution to our school breakfast. This gesture is greatly appreciated by our school community.
P & C News

Junior & Senior Fun
We will be conducting a Junior and Senior Fun Run as a fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. The Junior Fun Run event will be held on Wednesday 17 September 2014 during Sports day. And a Senior Fun Run event will be held on Friday 19 September 2014 in the first session. Family support is most appreciated.

Funds raised will provide additional resources for the students throughout the school.

Students have received a sponsorship form with a selection of over 70 prizes to choose from such as Nerf, Sony, Hot Wheels, Razor, iPods Shuffles and more. If you have misplaced your sponsorship form, please pick another form up from the Uniform Shop.

We ask you to seek donations on a $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Students who receive only $10 or more in donations will be entitled to a prize of their choice.

WIN A FAMILY HOLIDAY TO THE GOLD COAST OR HAMILTON ISLAND OR FIJI – each student/family has the chance to win a family holiday simply by raising $10 or more. For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view page three of the Sponsorship Form or go to www.myschoolathon.com.au

Once the fundraising form is complete, please cut out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the sponsorship form and return along with your monies to the Uniform Shop. Junior Fun Run monies are due on the 10 September 2014, and the Senior Fun Run monies are due on the 12 September 2014. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Happy fundraising, and we look forward to seeing you at our FUN RUN to cheer on the students.

DISCO NEWS
We have another Disco coming up on Friday 22nd August 2014.
Pre-paid tickets are available at the Uniform Shop. We encourage you to purchase pre-paid tickets to help keep queues to a minimum. Single Entry tickets will be available on the night for $3.00, with food available from the canteen.
We will set up a table at the hall on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning prior to the Disco.
Time 6pm – 8pm, as previous Discos.
(We will be trialling a Junior and Senior Disco for the next Discos, so keep your eyes and ears open for news on that in the near future).

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking is in the hall on Friday mornings, starting at 8.00am.
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.

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.
This year Collingwood Park State School is getting behind the shoebox appeal to help kids who otherwise won’t get a gift at Christmas. Fill a box as a family or bring gifts to your class so that each class can fill at least 2 boxes each. All gifts must be in before the end of term (19th Sept) so they can make it to their destination in time.

Chocolate Drive - Please Return Chocolates ASAP

Could all families please return their unsold chocolates or money for sold chocolates as soon as possible.

We have families waiting on more boxes to sell so the return of any unsold chocolates would be greatly appreciated.
The end of the year is fast approaching and our Media Club members have been working extremely hard to meet the deadline for the first ever Collingwood Park State School Yearbook.

This year students were given the opportunity to design the yearbook cover. Entries were then shortlisted and the Media Club members selected the basic design and compiled multiple designs together. This design was then sent off to be tidied up and a few colour options provided.

A vote was conducted at the recent Country Market Day and also at lunch time at school, resulting in the school community overwhelmingly selecting the design below as the cover for the yearbook (This colour design can be seen on the posters around the school).

It is now time to start taking orders for the yearbook. Cost of the yearbook is $15 per book (each book comprises of 70 full colour pages plus cover). Please complete the form which will be sent home today to ensure that you do not miss out on this fabulous souvenir. The Yearbooks are due to arrive in about Week 7 of Term 4.

Return the completed form and payment to Mrs Simpson in the office BY OCTOBER 21 2014. Orders received after this date cannot be guaranteed, as the number of yearbooks ordered and printed will rely on the number of orders placed by the due date. Please only complete one form per family (your yearbooks will be given to the student listed on the order form).