Principal’s Message:

Attendance – Every Day Counts

I have spent time in many classrooms and I am delighted with how quickly all classes have settled into productive learning routines. There is so much learning and teaching to be done, that time cannot be wasted. I have included in this newsletter the charts showing the amount of time lost to a student when they are continually late or when there are repeated absences. It is absolutely not okay for students to be late to school and it is absolutely not okay for a child to miss school for any reason other than illness.

Parents/carers need to focus on getting medical and dental appointments outside of school time when the need is not urgent. Family and birthday celebrations and shopping outings need to be after school, on weekends or during the holidays. As adults we need to model the desired values for our children. It is harder for children to place a high value on school if parents do not uphold this within family routines.

Our goal is to improve our attendance from below 90% to 95%. We also have had a huge number of absences classified as ‘unexplained’—around 65%. We are trying to reduce the number of unexplained absences to 0%. One of the strategies we are implementing is the employment of an attendance assistant who will call parents to check why children may have been away with an unexplained absence. If your child is away, could you please let office staff know the reason for their absence.

Monday’s attendance was 97.8% - so great work everyone!!!

Parent Information Sessions

Short 30 minute information sessions will be held by teachers in Week 3 (next week), as shown in the table on the next page. The sessions are intended to provide parents with some basic information about class procedures and routines, the curriculum of the year level and behaviour management strategies. Our teachers have organised these sessions outside of business hours in the hope that as many parents as possible are able to attend. I encourage parents to take advantage of this opportunity.
The sessions are not intended to provide one-on-one discussion time around individual children and parents who require a discussion about an individual student should seek an interview with the class teacher at another time.

Inevitably, there will unfortunately be some clashes of time for some parents. Where clashes occur, parents may choose the session time for the younger child and make a time for a chat with the other teacher.

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Parents & Citizens

We have a highly productive, hard-working P&C and I would like to invite all parents and carers to participate in each monthly meeting. The meetings are a wonderful way of having input into school decisions and to gain information first hand. The meetings are always held on the second Tuesday of each month with the first meeting for 2015 on next **Tuesday 10 February**. Meetings are held in the school library commencing at 7:00pm. Please see your class teacher if you would like to be the class Parent Representative. Agenda items for the next meeting include approval of the Annual Improvement Plan and budget and the Great Results Guarantee strategies.

**Great Results Guarantee**

It is anticipated that Collingwood Park State School will receive an additional $230,000 in 2015 to improve student performance with a focus on the early years of Prep to Year 2. The actual funding amount will be determined by our enrolment numbers on Day 8.

To receive the funding the school must complete an agreement that commits them to guarantee that every student will either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning difficulties.

The agreement will outline how each school will use the additional funding to improve student performance with schools having the flexibility and autonomy to decide how the funding should be spent.

Come to the next P&C meeting to contribute to and discuss Collingwood Park’s plans for the guarantee.

Meridee Cuthill
Principal
School Starts at 8:50am!!

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day? Try to get your child to school every day.

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1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but........

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but........

What Time of Start

Is Your Child Getting

A Chance to Succeed

Ask us about help with getting your children to school every day!!

Every Child Matters, Everyday
At Collingwood Park State School

Collingwood Park State School

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Deputy Principal’s Message

Date Claimer:
Science Week: Term 3 - 17th – 21st August

It’s been wonderful to walk around the school this week and see the students so engaged in their learning. As adults, we know that it’s always easier to work hard at things that interest us. All children have favourite subjects at school. One of the challenges for teachers is to find ways of increasing students’ interest in all subject areas.

With a view to increasing interest in Science, we shall be celebrating Science Week, in Term 3, with various exciting Science Activities. These will include a visit to school by “The Science Factory”. Every student (Prep – Yr 6) will take part in 90 minute workshops including exciting demonstrations and 40+ hands-on activities. The cost per student will be approximately $5. Further details will be sent home nearer the time.

Jill Rutland
Deputy Principal

Resource Fees Scheme

Notes have been sent home regarding the Resource Fees Scheme.

Your contribution of $50.00 towards your student’s education will provide:

- Maths and English materials;
- Equipment and resources to support literacy and numeracy activities;
- Funding for a variety of activities such as craft, cooking, art & science experiments;
- Information Technology resources including – software and web based personal licences;
- Reproduced learning resources to support personalised learning;
- Relevant teaching and learning resources.

The scheme supplements the teaching and learning for your child / children at Collingwood Park State School by enhancing instruction, through the provision of resources that enable challenging, interesting and differentiated programs and resources that might not otherwise be available.

A payment scheme is available; should you require a different payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact the school and arrange this with administration.
Music News!

I am grateful for the opportunity to teach classroom music this year and am looking forward to working with your child to develop their music skills and understanding. We have lots of exciting events planned for 2015 so keep checking the newsletter for performance dates.

2014 Choirs
The Year 4, 5 and 6 Choir rehearsal is every Wednesday morning 7:45am – 8:25am.

The Piccolo Choir (Years 1, 2 and 3) rehearsal is every Friday morning 8:00am – 8:25am.

All choir rehearsals are in the Music Room.

Why Music Matters
The ancient Greek philosopher Plato said: "Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and happiness to life and to everything."

This is one of Don Spencer’s favourite quotes. For the former Play School presenter and founder of the Australian Children’s Music Foundation, this quote forms the basis of the message he is trying to put across – that music should be an essential part of a child’s education.

"We know that music brings joy and solace, and makes us feel happy," Spencer says. "But research has also discovered music plays a powerful role in the cognitive development of children. Music inspires creativity, imagination and self-expression. It also builds self-esteem and is good for memory skills."

The Power of Music
Much research supports both Spencer and Plato. A Stanford University study found that musical training improves the way the brain processes the spoken word. It showed that musical experience can help the brain improve its ability to distinguish between rapidly changing sounds, a key skill in understanding and using language.

Research from Canada found that children aged four to six years old who had music lessons had better memories, as well as higher literacy and maths levels.

Another study, from the US, showed that children aged five to seven years who had been lagging behind in their school performance caught up with their peers in reading, and were ahead of them in maths, after just seven months of music lessons.

Source: Body & Soul Sunday Mail

Anna Polomski
Music Teacher

Scott Bignell
Instrumental Music Teacher
Parents and Citizens Association News

Next P & C Meeting:
10th February 2015
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.

Breakfast Club 2015
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-pensionable 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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note the changes to the Uniform Shop opening times;

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Year 6 Shirts – order forms have now been sent home. Please return with payment as soon as possible.
Winter Uniforms – letters will be going home this week. These are on an order only basis. To avoid disappointment please order at your earliest convenience.

ORDER TUCKSHOP ONLINE – available by clicking on the “order online” link at the facilities section of the school website www.collparkss.qld.edu.au.

- Online orders close at 8.50am.
- Tuckshop is CASH only - no EFTPOS available.
- No phone orders.

A big thank you to the parents who helped at the Election Day Sausage Sizzle on Saturday. As always it was greatly appreciated. 😊

A-Mart Sports Community Kickbacks Program
Our school has joined this program so next time you shop at any of the AMART SPORTS 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.

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Uniform Shop 3381 4336
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Tuckshop 3381 4335
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OSHC Fax 3381
School Fax 3381
School Office 3381
WANT TO GIVE HOCKEY A GO?
COME AND TRY HOCKEY WITH
HEARTS

FEBRUARY MONDAYS 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd
5pm – 6pm
The Springfield Anglican College,
63 Springfield Greenbank Arterial, Springfield

FEBRUARY SATURDAYS
10am – 11am
FEB 7th @ Redbank Plains Recreational Reserve, Redbank Plains
FEB 14th @ Stallard Park, Yamanto
FEB 21st @ Ebbw Vale Park, Ebbw Vale
FEB 28th @ Briggs Rd, Raceview (IHA Grounds)

YWOU CAN COME TO ONE OR YOU CAN COME TO ALL – ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

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STUDENT ABSENCES
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Playgroup

As part of the commitment to our school’s Parent and Community Engagement initiative, we will be hosting a weekly playgroup in our school hall each Wednesday from 11th February (Week 3).

Each session is themed and offers parents and children under 5 a variety of activities including arts and crafts, music, movement, reading, games and more.

Playgroup is a great opportunity to meet other parents and children in our area, make friends, enhance your child’s learning and development, and familiarize yourself with our school, staff, and local community.

DETAILED

WHAT: Weekly playgroup
WHEN: Every Wednesday 9:15 – 11:00am
WHERE: School Hall
WHO: Parents and children under 5
COST: Gold coin donation per child

For further information please contact the school on 3381 4333.

We’re on the Web........

www.collparkss.eq.edu.au