Principal’s Message:

The CPSS staff would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents/carers for making the start of 2015 our best ever.

We thank you for:

- Having your children in our uniform. To see the sea of navy and maroon every morning is heart-warming.
- Having children’s book requirements here in Week 1, so they were able to start engaging in learning.
- Having students at school ready to learn by 8.45am

2015 Numbers

Our Day 8 enrolment number submitted last Thursday was 559 students. We are able to maintain all 22 classes and staff, which we began the year with. Our enrolment is down from 640 last year, as both our 2014 Year 6 and 7 cohorts went to secondary school this year. We have already enrolled another 3 students since Friday lunchtime. We have quite large Year 2 and Year 4 classes, which we will support with additional teacher and teacher aide time throughout the year.

Religious Instruction

Religious Instruction 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 instruction classes for 30 minutes per week. An ecumenical program will be provided to years 1,2,3,4 and 6 using approved commercial materials called “Connect”. Year 5 classes will not have any classes until after NAPLAN in May. Classes for the other year levels will commence next week.

If you do not wish your child to take part in these religious education lessons, please notify the school in writing.

Permission to Administer Medication

Parents and Carers are advised that staff CAN NOT administer medication to students unless the medication is clearly labelled by a pharmacist with the child’s name and dosage details.
Principal’s Message Cont....

Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 10 February 2015 was Safer Internet Day!

The theme for 2015 was 'Let's create a better internet together'. Last week, all staff participated in a professional learning activity run by the team from the Department of Education’s Cybersafety and Reputation Management team. It was fantastic – although a little scary. It is amazing who can see what from your FaceBook page!! With this in mind Cybersmart has a number of resources for the whole community to use. [http://cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx](http://cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx)

Traffic around the school
Please be aware that both the Police and Ipswich City Council constantly patrol around our school. Please avoid parking across driveways and on footpaths. Parking is also available on Collingwood Park Drive, with just a short walk to the school’s front gate.

Please remember that a bus zone has been designated outside Collingwood Park Dental Clinic on Burrel Street. This means parents/carers cannot park in that area between 2 and 4pm.

I appeal to all parents to be careful when driving around our schools, please obey road rules and demonstrate patience. There have been a number of incidents reported to the office regarding driver behaviour on Burrel Street in the afternoon.

**Please do not exit your vehicle or stay longer than two (2) minutes in the drop off zone.** Staff on duty are concerned for the safety and well-being of students. Please do not abuse staff who ask you to move on or obey road rules. It would be disastrous if any of our children were to be hit by your car.

**Please see the attached map which clearly identifies the Loading and Bus Zones.**

Meridee Cuthill
Principal


Deputy Principal’s Message

Australia – The Story of Us

Last week, I told the students about this exciting competition for primary school students aged 9 – 13 which began this week.

“Australia – The Story of Us” is a new television series about the people, places and events that have shaped Australia from its first inhabitants to the present day. Watching the series will support students’ learning in History and taking part in the competition offers the chance of prizes for students and their schools.

To take part and win:

Watch “Australia: The Story of Us” on Channel 7 every Sunday.


- Students sign up with their name and school details (with parent / guardian consent)
- Each correct answer contributes to the final score.
- Minor prize winners will be announced on the website each week.
- Five finalist schools in each state will be invited to explain why they should win the $10,000 grant for their school.

The series started on Sunday 8th February. If you missed the first episode, you can view it at www.Yahoo7.com.au/StoryOfUs where all future episodes will also be available after their broadcast.

Good luck!

ICAS

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent, skills-based assessments with a competition element.

Each year Collingwood Park State School students participate in the ICAS tests. Last year we had a record number of participants with some “High Distinctions” achieved.

This year we will be offering the following:

Science: 3rd June, 2015
English: 28 July, 2015
Mathematics: 11th August, 2015

There is a cost involved for these tests. More information will follow in future newsletters.

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. These are due back to the office by Friday, February 20th.

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.

Get involved in the School Banking program.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youth saver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program. When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.
Music News!

Congratulations to 2A who received the Junior Music Award for Week 2 and 2C who received the Junior Music Award for Week 3. Congratulations must also be extended to 6A who displayed sensational team skills and was presented with the Senior Music Award for Week 2.

Choir Performance Wednesday 25th February
The Passionato and Piccolo Choir will be performing on Assembly on Wednesday 18th February at 8:30am. We hope you are able to be there to watch our first performance for 2015.

2014 Choirs
The Passionato Choir (Years 4, 5 and 6) rehearse every Wednesday morning 7:45am – 8:25am.

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

All choir rehearsals are in the Music Room.

Instrumental Music

The 2015 CPSS Instrumental Music Program is now up and running! Last week we had our first lessons for beginner students. I was really impressed with everyone’s enthusiasm and behavior. Last week we also had our first Senior Band rehearsal for our continuing students. It was great to see almost everyone in attendance. Thank you also to those parents who were able to purchase an instrument for their child over the holidays. A reminder to parents whose children will be hiring an instrument this year that the Hire Form and $100 (or $60/semester) hire fee needs to be returned to the office before instruments can be sent home. Looking forward now to a fun and music-filled year!

Anna Polomski
Music Teacher

Scott Bignell
Instrumental Music Teacher

Running Club

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

Running Club is for students in Years 3-6.

Students will be collected from the LCA at 7:45am and taken up to the oval to participate in fun running activities to get their bodies and minds started in the morning. Late arrivals can go directly to the oval.
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

PLEASE NOTE: Prep students are NOT able to order tuckshop until Term 2.
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.

DETAILS

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.