Principal’s Message:

What an exciting term! From Athletics to Science Week to Eisteddfods to Literacy and Numeracy Week activities to Junior Picnic Games Day – we are certainly on fire at Collingwood Park. We have a lot happening across our school over the coming weeks. This newsletter also includes some very important dates to add to your calendar. Please read on-

Prep 2016
Our enrolments for Prep in 2016 are now open. If you haven’t already enrolled for next year, could you please assist us by filling out an enrolment form? This allows us to confirm how many students are ‘In zone’ for Prep 2016.

Playgroup – Here Every Wednesday
We have a fabulous Playgroup facilitated by Ms Nikki Elphinstone each Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00. Playgroup is a place where families can build long-term friendships as their children grow and transition to school. It provides opportunities for children to learn social skills as they negotiate with peers, resolve conflict, take turns, share and make friends. It also helps them to build resilience to enable them to cope with new situations and manage stress and adapt to change.

Playgroup is fun! There are many and varied activities, new children to play with and group activities your children may not experience at home. So come and join us!

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Our school is participating in this program which earns valuable resources to help our school. Please collect your earn & learn stickers from Woolworths and stick them onto the sticker sheet. Once it is complete pop it into our collection box located in the office. Thank you for supporting this program and helping to make a difference.
Principal’s Message Cont....

QSchools
Please download the free QLD government app called QSchools on your smart phone. Save Collingwood Park State School as your favourite school and keep up to date with our latest news feed and calendar events.

App of the Week: Fun With Directions
The ability to follow simple directions is a useful skill for children entering school for the first time and builds a strong foundation for successful learning. Fun With Directions (99 cents) is an app for iPads that helps children to comprehend simple one and two part directions and build receptive language skills, e.g. “Touch something that is green and jumps”.

Central District Athletics
Congratulations to all students who where selected to represent Collingwood Park State school at the recently held Central District Athletics Carnival. All students demonstrated fabulous sportsmanship and tried their very hardest.

A special congratulations to the students listed below who placed first second or third in their events and have now been selected to represent the Central District at the upcoming Regional Athletics Carnival to be held at the Queensland Sports and Athletics Facility (QSAC) on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th August.

Jarod Cowan 10 Years Shot Put
Taya Smith 10 Years Long Jump
Kaylah Nunn 10 Years Long Jump
Eleja Majok 11 Years 800 Meter Run

“We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, travel and live. We pay our respects to the Elders, their Ancestors and Future Generations”.

Meridee Cuthill
Deputy Principal’s Message

National Science Week 15-23 August 2015

“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.”
Albert Einstein

As we watch babies, toddlers and young children learn, their curiosity about the world around them is evident. They touch, they taste, they experiment with noises. They form and test theories: “I wonder what will happen if ….” Without realising, they are engaging in scientific process – honing their skills, extending their knowledge and then applying it through technological play “If I build my Lego tower wider at the bottom then will it stand up?” Young children may describe their activity as play, but this play teaches them about how the world works. In a world that is changing and evolving every more rapidly, many of our students are likely to grow up to work in jobs that don’t even exist yet. With this in mind, it is more important than ever, that children remain curious and develop investigative and problem-solving skills that are transferable to a wide range of situations. That’s one of the reasons that Science is so important in school. It encourages children to ask questions and to consider how their questions might be answered or their theories supported. It’s practical, hands on and fun!

To support our work in Science, we will celebrate National Science Week next week with an incursion on Monday and Tuesday and some Science Challenges for the whole school across the week.

There will be no assembly in the Hall on Monday and Tuesday as The Science Factory will be set up for two days of interactive, hands-on workshops for every class. School will cover the cost of this incursion for all students.

You may also like to take your children along to other Science Events in our region. Check out the link below to see what’s on. There are many free events and competitions for all ages.


Yarn Club
Just another reminder to anyone in our school community who may have a half hour to spare on Thursday mornings that Yarn Club now takes place on Thursdays at first break and is proving extremely popular! Over the last few weeks, children in Yrs 2 – 6 have enjoyed making pom poms, weaving and crocheting. Vicki Allen would be very glad of extra help to support the large group of keen Yarn Club members. If any parents, grandparents or carers are able to lend a hand on Thursdays (11.15- 11.50) then please contact me in the office. Thank-you to Ms Vicki Allen for leading this fabulous activity!

Jill Rutland
The Jump Rope for Heart initiative is now well under way with lots of keen skippers at Collingwood Park State School! The Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs.

If you haven’t already done so, you might like to “jump” on to the Heart Foundation website to register your child and raise sponsorship money. Simply go online to [www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope), click on the green ‘Kids Join Now’ button, and follow the prompts.

- A secure fundraising page will be created as soon as you register; all you need to do then is click the ‘Email Sponsors’ link to send your family and friends an email asking them for their support.
- This is an easy, safe way for your child to monitor their progress, receive bonus prizes and even receive sponsorship from family and friends who are further afield.

At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off, an event to celebrate and the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program. This will be held in Week 9 of Term 3 (7th – 11th September).

Let your teacher know when your child(ren) has finished fundraising online by writing this in your child’s Student Diary. You may also like to print out a copy of the donations received online.

Thank you to Maria Santiago for organising our involvement in this great initiative, and for running the Friday Skipping Club – open to all students from 11.15 – 11.50am on the Netball Courts.

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**2015 Yearbooks**

This year the Media Club is again working on a Yearbook to capture the memories of 2015 at Collingwood Park State School.

Expressions of interest will soon be sent home with your child(ren). This is NOT an order form. Please complete this form and return to the office if you are interested in purchasing a yearbook this year. This will assist in the ordering process to ensure that we do not order too many copies.
P & C Fundraising Update

UPCOMING EVENTS:
11th August – P&C meeting – 7pm in the seminar room
21st August – All money and unsold Chocolates due back.
28th August – Junior Disco (Book Week Theme)
11th September – Senior Disco & Karaoke

FUNDRAISING GOAL
This year the P&C is trying to raise $10,000 to assist the school in increasing the technology used by the children in the classrooms. This will involve the purchasing of iPad’s for the Prep to year 3 classes and laptops for years 4 to 6. So far we have raised over $4000 through the generous support of our staff, families and volunteers.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
The chocolate drive is now underway. Chocolates have been sent home with the eldest if you have not received chocolates please collect them from the uniform shop. All money and unsold chocolates are due back by the 21st August. There will be a prize draw each week for students who have returned chocolates in that week as well as a prize for the students who sell the most.

DISCO
There will be a junior and a senior disco again in term 3. The junior disco (prep-3) will be on the 28th August and will be a book week them, with students given the option to come dressed as their favourite book character. The senior disco (4-6) will be on the 11th September and will also include karaoke during the later part of the night.

WANTED
We are seeking empty 2L coke bottles if you have any could you please drop them at the uniform shop.

Reading Eggs

ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress are fun, interactive, online reading games and activities that are designed to support the teaching of reading. They can be accessed both at school and at home using a variety of devices (ipad, iphone, PC etc).

Throughout Term 2 we were lucky enough to participate in a whole school trial of the Reading Eggs program. Unfortunately this trial has come to an end for most classes. We have selected a few classes across a range of year levels to continue with Reading Eggs till the end of the year. These teachers have volunteered their time to attend professional development and provide feedback as to the success of the program.

So far both teachers and students have been excited about the program and as a school we will be looking into purchasing the program in 2016 by attaching a small fee to the class levy. This is a process commonly adopted by most schools and minimises cost to families.

If you would like to explore ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress please take a look at the website: http://readingeggs.com.au/
Online Ordering

If you are ordering tuckshop online please 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 can now order tuckshop but they CAN NOT purchase ice-blocks.

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Woolworths Earn & Learn

It's back! Woolworths Earn & Learn starts on Wednesday 15th July.
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program will earn our School valuable learning resources.

It's simple to participate.
Starting on Wednesday 15th July, when anyone from our school community - staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on sticker sheets (available from your Woolworths store or the school office). You will get one sticker for every $10 you spend*. Once the sticker sheet is complete, place them in the collection box located in the school office. If you don’t have a sticker sheet you can always drop your stickers directly to Desiree in the office.

Want to know more?
If you’d like to know more about Woolworths Earn & Learn, you will find all of the details at Woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.
Walk and Ride to School Day

Join us again for a morning with a difference! Walk and Ride to School Day is on again on Wednesday, August 19. As usual, meet at Banjo Paterson Park around 7:45 for a 8am start.

We will await you with a delicious, fruity breakfast 😊

See you on Wednesday!
Collingwood Park State School

ART SHOW

Come and see artwork created by Prep to Year 6 students.

THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2015
3:00pm — 7:00pm
HALL
Collingwood Park
State School

Gold coin entry at the door.
Purchase tickets in the Art Show raffle for the chance to win amazing prizes!

At the Art Show ...
- Help cover a table with dot stickers
- Make your own fingerprint cards
- Listen to students play their musical instruments
- Make a bid in the silent auction

Drinks, chips and chocolates will be available for purchase at the Art Show.
We look forward to welcoming you!

Collingwood Park State School
PREP 2016

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Collingwood Park.
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Enrol Now!
With the end of the school year fast approaching, Redbank Plains State High School is requesting parents and guardians of Year 6 students to begin organising their enrolments for 2016. The school has recently devoted significant amounts of funding and restructuring to their junior school, as to ensure students are able to make a positive transition into high school.

Enrolment packs can be picked up from either your primary school office or at Redbank Plains State High School’s office. Both you and your child must book and attend an enrolment session before your child commences school next year.

To further encourage student enrolment at Redbank Plains SHS, the school offers a series of scholarships for students, including scholarships in the sporting, academic and performing arts fields. Be aware however, scholarship applications close at the end of term 3. To book your enrolment session, or for more information about the enrolment process for your child or our scholarship offerings, please visit www.redbplaishs.eq.edu.au or call the school on 3432 1222.