Principal’s Message:

Co-operate  Attend  Respect  Excel

Fathers’ Day Stall
A big thank you to those students and families who supported the P&C Fathers’ Day Stall last week. We hope all the fathers (and other significant males) had a great day on Sunday and were suitably spoilt. On behalf of the P&C and the school, I would like to thank the local community for their continued support provided to our school.

Recognition of Achievements
The weekly recognition of achievements in a number of aspects that are presented at our school assemblies continues to impress me. Our strong focus on Reading and Literacy across the school is certainly having a huge positive impact on our students and particularly those in the younger years. The number of students receiving awards/certificates for spelling, sight words, reading and other elements is outstanding. Well done students and keep up the great work.

Attendance – Lunch with the Principal
Invitations to this event will be sent home next Monday. Due to the high level of sickness this term, we have decided to invite all students who have met the school target of 95% over the year so far, rather than the 100% for this term we had initially planned to celebrate. I am pleased to say that there are quite a number of students in this category. We are investigating 5 week cycles rather than 10 week and I would be grateful for any feedback from parents. You can email me on mcuth2@eq.edu.au or call the office with your ideas.

Junior Picnic Games Day
Just a quick reminder that we will be holding our Junior Picnic Games Day next Thursday 17 September. We will upload the program to our website by the end of this week. We would love to see our parents, grandparents and other family members attend this fun day. Students in Prep—Year 3 should not order tuckshop on this day. There will be a canteen on the oval to purchase lunch items.
Prep Enrolments
We are now taking enrolments for our 2016 Prep classes. If you haven’t completed your enrolment or you know someone who is considering attending our school in 2016, could I encourage you to complete enrolment forms. We will be conducting Parent Information Sessions in Week 3 Term 4 and our fabulous Koala Joey program will also commence early in Term 4. The Koala Joey program aims to develop your child’s school readiness.

Operation Christmas Child
This year Collingwood Park State School is again 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 (plus $9 for shipping). All gifts must be in before the end of term (18th Sept) so they can make it to their destination in time. https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/operation-christmas-child/

“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

**Book Week Inspired Reading**

What a fabulous turn out! It was wonderful to see so many students, almost every member of staff and even some parents dressed up to celebrate Book Week at our Parade on Wednesday. For many children, special events like this are highlights in the school calendar so the effort, imagination and ingenuity that went into the costumes is especially appreciated – thank-you!

Whilst we hope that the children had lots of fun, the main reason we celebrate Book Week is to promote Reading and encourage our students to read more. In a world that’s full of text, it’s vital for children to be able to read well. In the first few years of school, a great emphasis is placed on learning to read. However, from Year 3 upwards, whilst we still teach children how to read, the school curriculum relies more and more heavily on students being able to read in order to learn. Our role at school is to teach all children the skills they need to engage in the curriculum. However, parents have a very important role to play too – both through supporting children as they practice their reading skills at home and, just as importantly, through conveying positive messages about books and reading to their children.

With the holidays just around the corner, it’s a good time to reflect on how reading fits into family life, take stock of how your child feels about reading and what you might be able to do to encourage and support them in their reading journey. Some children love to read. If your child is more reluctant, what can you do to encourage them?

First of all, think about how reading fits into your home routines. Try to find a regular, unhurried time each day for your child to read to themselves and to read to someone else. Just as important, make time for your child to listen to you reading. By reading aloud, you demonstrate all the things a good reader does and you also give your child the opportunity to experience books that are too difficult for them to read for themselves. You could start with the book that your child’s Book Week Dress-Up character came from or try sharing favourites from your own childhood. If you too were a reluctant reader, try making a regular visit to the library together, to choose new books that appeal to you both.

Many a reluctant reader has learnt to love reading when they find the right book or the right author. If your child has enjoyed one book but is struggling to find another, help them to analyse what it was about the first book that they enjoyed. It could be the genre or topic of the book that appeals, but often it’s the style of writing or the structure that is relevant. Does your child enjoy books where the action starts on page one rather than with a long descriptive passage to set the scene? Are graphic novels more interesting? Books with lots of conversation? Perhaps they prefer non-fiction?

Your local librarian will be able to help. They will be familiar with authors’ writing styles and will also be familiar with new authors’ work. They may know the perfect book: about dragons, written with action on page one, lots of conversation and an eight year old girl main character that would be the perfect fit for your child.

Remember that all reading counts. Children’s magazines and computer based text provide valuable opportunities for children to practise their reading skills too. The more children read, the better they will become at reading. However, it’s really important to make reading a pleasurable experience. We can model this for our children by ensuring that they see us reading. Whether it’s the newspaper, a book, a magazine or website – when our children see us read they learn that we value reading.
What if none of this helps?
Rather than having your child reading their home reading book to you, take it in turns to read a page. If your child is very reluctant they could read the first sentence or two and then you could read the rest of each page. Your child will hear your intonation and fluency and will experience the book at the right speed. If it’s a short book you can re-read it several times with a change each time of who reads what. When your child enjoys success they’re more likely to persevere.

With older children, try reading their books too. If they have enjoyed a book, why not read it yourself so you can talk about it together. You’ll get a better understanding of their reading experience and taste and as they head into their teenage years you may even find a new common interest.

Happy Reading!

The Kid’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S.T.E.M) Convention
Our Year 5 and 6 STEM participants are almost at the end of the three part 2015 Kid’s S.T.E.M. Convention, which began in Week 1 with their excursion to the University of Queensland for a student conference. Since then, they have worked hard on extended investigations and next Thursday they will showcase their work at the Queensland Academy of Science, Maths and Technology and compete against students in Year 5 – 9 from other schools all over the Metropolitan Region for prestigious awards.

Good luck students!

Lost Property
As the weather warms up, we have an increasing number of jumpers filling the labelled lost property bins at the back of the Hall. Please ensure that your child’s jumper is labelled so that if it does get taken off and left somewhere at break time we can return it to its rightful owner. If your child has lost something then do check out the lost property collection in the Hall.

Jill Rutland
Deputy Principal’s Message

Sporting Schools Funding
Our application for funding from the Sporting Schools Program has been successful and we have received $6800 from the Australian Sports Commission to promote the active participation of our students in local community sports programs. Our school will use these funds to provide AFL development lessons as well as some merchandise that will be distributed to students in all grades during Term 4. The AFL development officers will provide activities at the Junior Picnic Games Day. In Term 4, gymnastics will be offered to students in Years 2, 3 & 4 in Weeks 1-4 inclusive.

Mr Downes
HPE Teacher
“Buddy Club” training is now well underway. We had applications from a number of Year 6 students who expressed their interest in assisting with school playground friendships and play. It’s been great to work with such enthusiastic and dedicated trainees. They have already displayed leadership qualities, commitment and displayed positive and exemplary behaviour.

Each of the trainees has been provided with a Buddy Club Handbook to address the topics and skills we’ve been working on to become great play mentors. The Collingwood Park State School CARE Values and the Five Keys to Success are the basis for our Buddy Club training: CO-OPERATE, GETTING ALONG, ATTEND, RESPECT, EXCEL, ORGANISATION, CONFIDENCE, PERSISTANCE and RESILIENCE.

Last week Mrs Rutland joined us in the training room as we discussed the roles of our Mentors. We had a lot of fun with role play as we explored different scenarios and how the Buddy Club trainees can work proactively to help other students with their play, promoting a playground where everyone feels important, valued, accepted and can play happily.

Buddy Club trainees will “graduate” soon and Buddy Club will be launched, possibly with a new name, in Term 4, Week 2. Stay tuned for further updates....

Louise Armstrong
Student Welfare Officer (SWO)
If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress please contact your child’s teacher.

**Activities to do with your child**

Here are some simple yet effective activities you can do with your child to help apply the numeracy skills they learn at school:

- use numeracy decision-making opportunities in everyday life, such as a car trip — calculating how much fuel is required, estimating travel times and distance travelled/remaining, interpreting maps to calculate distances and the shortest route to take in planning a trip
- when out shopping, estimate the final cost of discounted items, for example, the cost of an item with a 25 per cent discount
- help your child plan and create a budget and discuss how to maintain it — you could focus on saving for a particular item that they would like to purchase
- when choosing a family holiday destination, ask your child to analyse a brochure or advertisement for the destination — discuss the type of language used in the brochure and get your child to compare or calculate the cost of the holiday, including air, bus or rail fares, petrol, accommodation, food and entertainment to see if it fits within the family budget
- play card and board games together.

For more information about how you can help your child with numeracy visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map) or contact your child’s teacher or school.
**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.
Collingwood Park residents and business owners are invited to a free sausage sizzle and drinks to celebrate the official Neighborhood Watch launch.

Where: Goupong Park
Date: September 26th
Time: 2pm to 4pm

Collingwood Park State School
P&C Association
Outside School Hours Care

Hours of Operation
Before School Care 6:00am – 8:00am
After School Care 3:00pm – 6:00pm
Vacation Care 6:00am – 6:00pm

Phone: 3381 4317
E-mail: cpss-oshc@outlook.com
General Information

Each day children will be required to bring/wear:

* Enclosed shoes  * Hat  * No Singlets or Thongs
* Water Bottle  * Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea (Morning & afternoon tea will no longer be supplied by the Centre)

* Strictly no energy drinks, chocolates or lollies are allowed. If your child/ren bring them they will be sent home with a note in their lunch box.

Electronic devices will be allowed. No Phones.

each day we will provide:

* Sunscreen  * Breakfast between 6:30 & 7:30

* All resources for activities as shown in the program unless otherwise stated.

**Themed Days** Child/ren are invited (and encouraged) to participate with the spirit of the different days and are more than welcome to wear the themed dress days noted in the program.

**Permission Forms** It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian who signs in the child/ren each day, to ensure that any relevant permission forms are signed. Unfortunately, if this form is not signed, child/ren will be unable to participate in the relevant activities.

Cost: Permanent bookings for Vacation Care are $50.00 plus incursion and excursion costs. Casual bookings are $55.00 per day.

Casual Bookings: All families are able to make casual bookings through the co-ordinator, who will then document the requested session in her diary.

Cancellations/Absences: All cancellations will be recorded as an absence and you will be charged for the day.

Excursion and Incursion Cancellations/Absences: Cancellations for excursion/incursion will forfeit any excursion fees charged as numbers for the excursion/incursion will have been confirmed with providing bus company and excursion/incursion provider.
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<td>Movie at the Drive In&lt;br&gt;Yes you heard right we are off to the Drive In. Movie on the big screen, hot dog, popcorn, soft drink and ice cream cone.&lt;br&gt;Cost: $5.00 p/c</td>
<td>Teddy Bears Picnic&lt;br&gt;If you go down to the woods today your cure of a big surprise. Bring your teddy along and let’s have a picnic.&lt;br&gt;Cost: $5.00 p/c</td>
<td>Itty Bitty Animal Farm Incursion&lt;br&gt;The baby animal farm is coming to OSHC for 2hrs of feeding and cuddling baby animals. There will be pigs, lambs, ducks, chickens &amp; goats.&lt;br&gt;Cost: $5.00 p/c</td>
<td>Super Hero Day&lt;br&gt;Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it’s superman or woman and tonight on the menu and there will be plenty of wax, hair, soap &amp; shampoo things to do so come dressed as your favourite superhero or come as yourself cause you’re pretty super too!</td>
<td>Picnic in the Park&lt;br&gt;We are off to Ventnor Park to play a game of hide and seek, soccer or cricket and then have chip sandwiches for lunch.</td>
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<td>Back to Nature&lt;br&gt;We will be making soap, bees wax candles &amp; doing some wood burning. Going for a nature walk.&lt;br&gt;Cost $2.00 p/c</td>
<td>OSHC Safari&lt;br&gt;We are going on an adventure into the jungle and the open plains to see what we can find.</td>
<td>Spring Carnival&lt;br&gt;Let’s have a carnival catch the rubber ducky, knock em down, too for apples, fairy floss and dagwood dogs</td>
<td>Let’s Recycle&lt;br&gt;We are going to build a master piece out of junk! Get your junk together and get creative.</td>
<td>Electronics Day&lt;br&gt;Today we’re just chillin’ playing some games. So bring along your ipods, ipods etc. and have fun.</td>
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**Booking Form**

**Parent's Full Name:**

**Signature:**

**Child 1 Name:**

**Child 2 Name:**

**Child 3 Name:**

**Child 4 Name:**

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**Vacation Care Costs**

$50.00 per day<br>(CCB eligible)<br>Plus Excursion/Incursion costs which are indicated for the applicable days<br>(Not CCB eligible)

Collingwood Park State School Parents & Citizens Association<br>Outside School Hours Care

Bunel Street<br>Collingwood Park<br>QLD 4091

Phone: 07 3303 4317<br>Fax: 07 3381 4355<br>E-mail: cpacs-ocsk@outlook.com
Purchase your tickets to the Monster Trucks through the school and our school will receive a 20% kickback to help our fundraising efforts.
P & C Fundraising Update

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- 3rd & 4th September – Father’s Day Stall
- 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.

**FATHER’S DAY STALL**
The Father’s Day stall will be on the 3rd and 4th of September. Each child will be able to attend the stall with their class. Items will range in price from $1 to $7. There will be a 2 item limit per child during their class scheduled visit excluding gift bags, gift cards and lollies. This limit is to ensure all children are given the opportunity to purchase something. Any children with left over money are welcome to shop on Friday during playtime.

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**
The chocolate drive is now finished for 2015. We still currently have 125 boxes outstanding; if you have not yet returned your money please return it now.

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**DISCO**
The junior disco was a great success and everyone looked amazing. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all the volunteers who helped out.

The senior disco (years 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.