Principal’s Message:

Co-operate   Attend   Respect   Excel

New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year
A new start date for the 2016 Queensland school year will see students return to the classroom on **Wednesday 27 January 2016** — the day after the national Australia Day public holiday. The previous Term 1 start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will now become an additional flexible staff professional development day.

Parent Suggestions for 2016 Class Placement
Last week, all students, except Year 6 students, were given a form for parents to complete and return to school by this Wednesday 4 November 2015. The form asks parents to provide vital information to guide decisions about forming classes for next year. Parents are asked to indicate if their children will attend Collingwood Park State School in 2016 and make suggestions regarding the class placement for their children.

If because of holidays or other reasons, children will not be attending for the first week of the 2016 school year, please indicate this on the form with the contact phone number of someone close to the family. In this way we will be able to keep places for those returning late and verify our enrolment numbers which have a bearing on the number of teachers allocated to our school.

Teachers also make suggestions regarding the formation of classes each year. Not all issues identified by parents and teachers are able to be resolved given the many, sometimes conflicting considerations and somewhat limited capacity to make changes. Therefore having your say does not mean having your way.

As in past years, draft class lists (not necessarily with teacher names) will be displayed from the last Wednesday of the school year, Wednesday 9 December 2015.

2016 Booklists Now Available
Booklists are now available at the office and on our website. Teachers will be sending home your child’s excess equipment prior to the due date of booklists, so that parents are able to order only those items their child requires for the 2016 school year.

TERM THREE
DATE CLAIMERS:

**Monday November 2**
- Year 5 Camp

**Friday November 6**
- Swimming — Year 2, 3 and 4

**Monday November 9**
- Swimming — Year 2, 3 and 4

**Tuesday November 10**
- Swimming — Year 2, 3 and 4

**Wednesday November 11**
- Walk/Ride to School Day

**Friday November 13**
- Swimming — Year 2, 3 and 4

**Monday December 7**
- Senior Farewell

**Tuesday December 8**
- Carols by Torchlight.

URGENTLY NEEDED!

We are seeking your assistance. We would like to provide smoothies for the Walk to School Day on Wednesday. For this to be possible we are seeking the use of some blenders for that morning. If you are able to assist please let the office know to arrange drop off.
Grandparents’ Day Celebrations
Last week, we celebrated the great contribution grandparents and other special people make to children’s lives by holding a Grandparents’ Day at school. It was absolutely fabulous to see over 100 grandparents and other special people at school. Ms Osborne and Ms Butterworth did a wonderful job of organising and timetabling activities. The children were so delighted to share their morning with a special person in their lives.

Farewell Year 6 Ceremony
We will hold our Year 6 Farewell on Monday 7 December 2015, commencing at 1:30pm in our hall. We will hold a disco for our Year 6 students that evening from 6:00-8:00pm. Invitations should be arriving home this week.

Transition to School
A positive start to school will help your child develop a lifelong love of learning.
A successful transition to school is more than a great first day. It is your child feeling welcome, safe and confident in their new school environment.
This journey begins well before your child starts school and only ends when they feel a sense of belonging.
Schools, early childhood education and care services and families all have a part to play in helping children successfully transition to school. We have started our transition to school program with our very successful Koala Joey program. It is being held every Wednesday morning in the hall, from 9:00-11:00. We have had over 25 children and their parents involved in this program. It will run until 2 December, so come and join in the fun.

Swimming
Swimming instruction commenced this week. The program consists of 6 swimming lessons over a two week period. Swimming days will be Monday 02/11/2015, Tuesday 03/11/2015, Friday 06/11/2015, Monday 09/11/2015, Tuesday 10/11/2015, and Friday 13/11/2015. As swimming is part of the school curriculum all students are urged to participate. A note went home last week with further information for parents/caregivers.
Up-to-date Parent and Carer Contact Details Essential

We are now into the storm and bushfire season and it is vital we prepare to ensure a safe and secure environment for all students, staff and volunteers. We must ensure emergency contact information for students and staff is accurate, so that in the event of an emergency we are able to contact parents/carers easily. Where an emergency situation arises during a school day, all students who are able to return safely to a supervised home will be asked to do so and the school will advise all parents before students leave the premises. Students unable to return to a supervised home will stay at school under the supervision of school staff until arrangements can be made for parents or caregivers to collect the child from the school grounds. If your emergency contact details have changed, please advise the office immediately.

School Maintenance Activities

A water tank for our fire hydrants has been installed at the back of Modular 5. Beautification of the front of the school has also occurred, with uneven pavers replaced with concrete and new seating installed. Lyle and Bob have installed linkblocks along the edge of the path to the bus shelter and placed barkchips in the garden beds. We would love some plants, shrubs like grevilleas, which grow wider than their height.

We have received designs for our Prep playground upgrade. The designs will go out to tender and hopefully by the start on the new school year, we will have a new landscaped playground in Prep.

Architects have drawn up plans to install walls in EBlock and ABlock, to separate the double teaching spaces. We are still waiting for quotes to come back for this work. This will be paid for out of Regional funding. Modular 1 (current Outside School Hours Care building) and Modular 2 (empty classroom) will be demolished over the holidays. Prior to that occurring, Modular 5 will be refurbished, with a new kitchen and art sink, as the new Outside School Hours Care facility. It is in an excellent location, with easier access for parents to the building. New playgrounds, seating areas and outdoor learning areas will be created in the vacant spots.

“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
Principal

Angels Ahoy!

Each year the Year 1 students put on a Christmas play. I would like to make some more angel costumes for future plays and I am looking for more white material. Material could be old white sheets or laces curtains. Anything while will be of great assistance.

If you can assist by donating white material please contact me so that I can arrange pick up.

Thanking you in advance.

Mrs H. (0402 494 401)
Deputy Principal’s Message

Collingwood Park CARE Values

Cooperate
Attend
Respect
Excel

Each day, during morning notices and Wednesday assembly, we have been promoting our school CARE values. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team have shared daily presentations over the last few weeks to remind students about our CARE values and what they mean. This week, the focus has been on “Attend”. For our students, this means being at school at 8.30am every morning and being ready and organised for lessons. It also means “whole body listening” – looking at the person who is talking, listening with your ears, keeping hands and feet quiet and still and thinking about what you are hearing.

The vast majority of our students are very good at “Attending”. However, our CARE values do not just apply to our students, but to all members of our school community – Teachers, Teacher Aides, Office Staff, Groundsmen, Cleaners, Volunteers, Visitors, Parents and Carers. Showing is always more effective than telling. If, as adults, we enact the CARE Values then children will see and understand what we value. Children watch and learn the behaviour of adults. They learn a great deal by copying. If we expect high standards from our children then we must strive to be models worthy of imitation. That doesn’t mean that we won’t mistakes – making mistakes is part of being human. However, children will also notice how we deal with our mistakes – do we own them? Do we apologise when necessary? Do we try to put things right? Do we look like we care?

At school Teachers and Teacher Aides have worked to construct a matrix for what Cooperating, Attending, Respecting and Exceling look like for ourselves as adults, in a wide variety of settings and situations in our school. This work will be extended over the coming months to include all members of the school community.

In the meantime, parents and carers can support this work at home by talking to their children about the school CARE Values.

Jill Rutland
Deputy Principal
From the Student Welfare Officer

The Buddy Club, now officially known as: “THE CARE CREW”, is now well under way, with our 2nd week of play under our belts. Both ‘CARE CROWS’ who provide the supported play and friendship assistance, as well as the multitude of attending students seem very enthusiastic about The CARE Crew. On cessation of games today we discussed ways that help the endurance of friendships such as; being kind, listening, sharing “treating others as you would like to be treated yourself” as declared by one of our clever Year 1 CPSS Students. Short discussions around the school’s CARE values and friendships will continue to play an integral role in The CARE Crew’s mission.

On Tuesday 27th October, Bunnings Springfield dropped off three ‘Buddy Benches’ as well as paint and paintbrushes, which they generously donated to Collingwood Park State School. The CARE Crows painted the benches in bright colours so they are easily recognisable to any students requiring assistance with play and friendships. These benches will be positioned in various spots throughout the school so that:

- Students seated on the benches can perhaps hook up and play with each other.
- Roaming CARE Crows can more easily identify students requiring assistance.
- By sitting on the benches, students can signal to others that they would like someone to play with and, in turn, others can invite them to join their games.

I’m very proud of the effort and energy the CARE Crows have dedicated to The CARE Crew and am sure that it is very much appreciated by others as well. GO CARE CREW!

Louise Armstrong
Student Welfare Officer (SWO)

School Dental News

The School Dental Service is currently at the Collingwood Park School Dental Clinic in Term 3. Medical/Dental consent forms have been issued to all students. If your child has not received or returned a consent form, or has not been seen by our service and you would like your child seen, please collect a consent form from the Collingwood Park School Dental Clinic.

We welcome children who have received a child dental benefit schedule letter, (CDBS). Under CDBS each eligible child aged 2-17 years are able to access $1,000 of dental treatment over 2 years.

All dental treatment will be bulk billed for your convenience.

If eligible, please bring your medicare card and CDBS letter to the initial appointment.
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 and can purchase ice-blocks.

TERM 4

Monday 9/11/15  Jessica Williams
Tuesday 10/11/15  Michelle Handyside
Wednesday 11/11/15  Courtney Flynn / HELP NEEDED
Thursday 12/11/15  Doreen Clement / HELP NEEDED
Friday 13/11/15  Doreen Clement / Michelle Handyside
Monday 16/11/15  Michelle Handyside
Tuesday 17/11/15  Courtney Flynn
Wednesday 18/11/15  Doreen Clement / HELP NEEDED
Thursday 19/11/15  Carol David / Michelle Handyside
Friday 20/11/15  Doreen Clement / Courtney Flynn

Last week of the term online Tuckshop orders are closed.
Last day, Friday 11th December Tuckshop is closed. Only open first break for Ice Blocks and Drinks.

Tuckshop arrangements on swimming days.
Students in Years 3 & 4 who are attending swimming may only order tuckshop for 2nd lunch on swimming days.
Students in Year 2 who are attending swimming may only order tuckshop for 1st lunch on swimming days.

HAST Walk/Ride To School Update

Thank you to everyone who entered their artwork on ‘Road safety’. While our school did not win any of the big prizes, we have quite a few people whose artwork was chosen to be included in the annual HAST calendar. Every student will receive a calendar at a later stage.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected:
Connor Holmes 1A, Sydney-Lee Lowe 1D, Crystal Swart 2B, Jorja Robbins 4A, Bianca Sunley 5D, Istella Kenyi 6B

Last Walk/Ride to School Day this year - Don’t miss it!
When: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 (Week 6)
Meet before 8am for an 8am start
Where: Meet at Banjo Paterson Park
Breakfast: OF COURSE 😊

See you there
Angela Schabrod
Collingwood Park SS Uniform Code – Shoes

Students are required to wear enclosed plain black shoes, with black laces (Velcro is also acceptable), suitable for all activities (joggers are encouraged) and ankle length white socks which are clearly visible above the shoe line at all times, unless directed by the teacher for a specific activity. There is to be no visible colour on the shoe or on the outside edge of the soles.

When choosing footwear for children, it is important to take into account the effects it may have on the healthy development of their foot structure. Unlike adults, their bones have not fully developed in their feet. This does not usually occur until they are well into high school. Poorly selected footwear can have a permanent effect on their development which can lead to lifelong negative conditions.

Please ensure when selecting shoes for primary school children that they are suitable for lunchtime and physical education activities. This will allow your child to comfortably and safely join in the activities.
BOOKLISTS 2016

Once again it is time for us to start getting prepared for Back To School in 2016.

With this in mind I would like to offer some suggestions that may benefit your family, the school and us at Redbank News.

The main thing is early orders, this has many advantages. I receive one opportunity before Christmas to make an order with my wholesaler. This order receives a rebate that is based on value and issued via us to the school. This has been done for the last two years, however it could be tripled if all orders came via the school. We do not penalize the parents as we still only ask for $20 deposit and final payment can be when you elect to collect your child’s box. Upon final payment of all orders placed at school will receive an additional deduction of 5%. We do understand the cost of Christmas and child care over the holiday period. The next advantage is the first order from the warehouse is almost guaranteed that it will have all the required items. My second and subsequent orders although still at the same price are in most cases up to 40% short on required items and do not receive the school rebate.

If the early ordering still does not suit your needs we are still most happy to accept your order at our shop at 59 Brisbane Rd Redbank. We still ask for the deposit of $20 and collection times will be agreed.

Finally all boxes are packed off site and filling orders at shop is impossible. Please note no order is too small.

THANKYOU FROM REDBANK NEWS

HAVE A GREAT END TO THE YEAR

GREAT HOLIDAYS & XMAS

AND

A GREAT BACK TO SCHOOL 2016
Carols by Torchlight
Tuesday 8th Dec 2015 4pm to 8pm

It’s almost that time of year again…..time for a wonderful evening of entertainment, rides, food and family fun!

This year at the Carols we have the twilight markets for you to browse... the kids can come and say hello to Santa in his cave... buy an armband and enjoy a night filled with unlimited rides... and when you need a rest – grab something yummy to eat and sit back to enjoy a great night of entertainment, Christmas carols and FIREWORKS!

- The Christmas Hamper Raffle is running again this year; letters will be going home this week seeking donations.

* Armbands are on sale now for just $25 and are available from Marg in the office. Armbands on the night will be $32, or rides can be purchased individually – prices range from $5 - $6.

4 WEEKS UNTIL THE CAROLS!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our great school!

REDBANK PLAINS STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Sports Development Program Trials

Trial Day 2 at RPSHS - 12 November 2015
3:00pm - 5:30pm (weather permitting)

Entering high school next year and interested in developing your rugby league, volleyball or soccer skills? We want you! Be part of our sports development program and trial for your place at Redbank Plains SHS.

Register your interest today!
Email: sportdevelopment@redbplaishs.eq.edu.au
Phone: 3432 1222
Collingwood Park State School
P&C Association
Outside School Hours Care

Hours of Operation
Before School Care       6.00am – 8.30am
After School Care        3.00pm – 6.00pm
Vacation Care            6.00am – 6.00pm

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

Learn to Play Basketball

Mini-FORCE
Girls & Boys – Under 8/10’s
Mondays - TERM 4
(Born 2006 – 2009)

Comprises Monday 12 Oct 2015 4pm – 5pm

Cost: $10 per session

For more information go to: www.ipforca.com.au

To register: contact Greg Fox on Ph. 0409 769 483
Enrolment Days
BUNDAMBA STATE SECONDARY COLLEGE
TRANSITION DAY
Tuesday 1 December 2015
8:45am – 2:50pm
15a Naomai Street, Bundamba

Students must:

- Be enrolled
- Wear primary school uniform
- Bring a hat, water bottle & snack
- Sausage Sizzle & Zooper Dooper provided

Be dropped/collected at the School Hall (Top of Naomai St)

Enrolment interviews available by booking an appointment on 38166333

Enrolment Packs (must be completed for interview, available at the front office):

Contact: Mrs Ona - 38166333