Principal’s Message:

Co-operate    Attend    Respect    Excel

Staffing

We have only a few changes to our staffing in 2016. In 2016, we will welcome Leanne Walsh (an upper school teacher) from Leichhardt State School. We will also welcome a new music teacher Mrs Clare Hornsgold. She will work 3 days per week at our school. Congratulations go to Ms Stephanie Butterworth, who has been appointed to our school as a permanent staff member. Mr James Garrard has also received a permanent appointment, which he will take up at Kruger State School in 2016. A huge congratulations to Mrs Rutland, who has been permanently appointed to our school as Deputy Principal.

2016 Student Leaders

Recently, I was very proud to attend the speeches of our 2016 School Captain candidates. The prospective student leaders gave engaging speeches, despite some nervousness. I was particularly struck by the difference a year has made to the level of confidence and skill of our current School Captains. This growth and development is largely due to the expert tuition of Mrs Glenys Harrington. Interviews took place last week. Student leaders for 2016 will be announced at next Wednesday’s assembly.

Special Visitors

Last week we had some special visitors come to school. Mrs Cardinal dropped in to say hello to us all and especially 1C. Mrs Cardinal looked well and very relaxed. We also got to ‘ooh and ahh’ over the gorgeous Evie who came to visit us with her mum, Mrs Walker.
Principal’s Message Cont....

**Transition to School – Prep Orientation**

Prep Orientation mornings have been organised for Week 8 and 9. Students enrolling in Prep in 2016, received a letter this week inviting them to participate in this valuable program. We currently have sufficient enrolments to create 3 Prep classes in 2016. The orientation mornings for these students will be: Prep White – Mondays; Prep Red – Tuesdays and Prep Blue will be on Thursdays. Prep students (2016) will be supervised by a teacher and teacher aide and will be introduced to a range of Prep activities. Parents will be invited to the seminar rooms in the library for short information presentations.

**Student Resource Scheme**

Each year, parents are invited to participate in the Resource Scheme by completing a Participation Agreement Form, which is sent out to all families. The purpose of the scheme is to enable the school to purchase learning resources for curriculum areas. The scheme operates under the policy and guidelines of the Department of Education and Training FNM–PR–018: Student Resource Scheme. It is managed by the school and operates in accordance with Section 51ofthe Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. Although the Student Resource Scheme is voluntary, parents who adopt the option not to participate will be responsible for providing their child with the same resources covered by the scheme. This expectation simply enables all students attending Collingwood Park State School with all curriculum areas. Participating in the Student Resource Scheme includes these benefits:

- Minimize resource expenses to parents when providing children with their school requirements for instruction
- To maximize teaching and learning opportunities so that all children have access to the same resources for instruction
- In 2015, a number of incursions were provided to students at no additional cost to families, eg Maths World and our Science Fair
- Access to digital subscriptions for use by students both at school and at home eg Reading Eggs/Eggspress

**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.

**Year 6 Canberra Trip**

We farewelled 53 very, very excited Year 6 students as they left on the trip of a lifetime to Canberra. Even the teachers were excited, despite the prospect of a long bus trip. By all accounts, the trip was a huge success. Our students even got to meet the Governor-General and had a photo taken with him! I am sure there will be some great stories told over the coming weeks. I think our fabulous staff have almost recovered from the trip. It is a huge undertaking for teachers, a week away from their own families and the responsibility of caring for our students 24/7. Thank you to each of them. A huge shout out to Mrs Simpson for making everything happen so efficiently. I congratulate all of the children on their exemplary behaviour on the trip.
Principal’s Message Cont...

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.

C.A.R.E. Expectation – Respect
As part of our explicit teaching of the school expectations – Co-operate, Attend, Respect, Excel- we have been focusing on Respect. Showing respect for others is one of the most important values in the world. It means showing care for another person or thing, like the environment.

Without respect, everything around you would be less peaceful. There would be more wars, more problems and less happiness. You show respect in many ways everyday that you may not even realize! Respect occurs when you:
• Listen to others
• Play fair
• Use good manners
• Wait your turn
• Compliment someone

Being respectful is one of the key ingredients to being the best person you can be.

Amy McCready’s new book is "The ‘Me, Me, Me’ Epidemic: A Step-by-Step Guide to Raising Capable, Grateful Kids in an Over-Entitled World."

We all have them: the "What were we thinking?" parenting moments. We let our kids sneak in after curfew because we don't want another battle. Or we stock our purse with candy to make it through errands. Or maybe we've been cleaning the forgotten guinea pig’s cage — every Saturday for two years!

Guilty as charged? In fact, most of us have probably gone to similar extremes rather than trying to actually change our kids’ behavior.

There's nothing wrong with helping our kids out every so often — but when our "helping" and "allowing" become a way of life, we're walking the slippery slope of the entitlement epidemic.

In fact, more and more parents are recognizing the signs of entitlement in their kids. We see kids who won't lift a finger to help out, who think the world revolves around them, who rarely show gratitude and empathy and who demand more...more...more!

But the seeds of entitlement are sown over the years in a million little parenting decisions — all made in the name of love. Sometimes a few tweaks in parenting style can make all the difference. I will be including some of the most common entitlement-prone parenting styles, as well as a few proven fixes, over the next few weeks:
The Rescuer

This might be you if: Your child can’t remember his homework, permission slips, gym shoes and lunch unless you remind him every single morning. You’ve had the sense for a long time that your kids could remember their soccer cleats by themselves, but they never seem to — and then they feel entitled to your personal delivery service when they forget. The truth is, whether you’re frantically helping your child finish a science project the night before it’s due or negotiating grades and football starting positions, you might need to back off and let your child face the music when it comes to his own effort (or lack thereof) and forgetfulness.

The fix: Institute The No-Rescue Policy for repeated forgetfulness (anyone can make a mistake from time to time). Tell your kids in advance that you’ll no longer be rescuing them. Be clear about your expectations, and help them brainstorm strategies to keep track of their responsibilities. Let the situation play out — even though it’s tough — and soon your kids will make a giant leap in following through.

“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

I’ve enjoyed a wonderful 2015, getting to know the wonderful students, families and professional, hard-working staff and volunteers who make up the Collingwood Park State School community. I’m thrilled to have been appointed to the permanent position of Deputy Principal with effect from January 2016. I look forward to many more years working at this fantastic school!

Carols by Torchlight: Tuesday 8th December
Just a reminder that Carols by Torchlight is fast approaching. This will be my first experience of what, by all accounts, is a wonderful community event. Arm bands are on sale at the Money Room (Administration Building) for $25. They can also be purchased on the night for $32. See you there!

Canberra
Last week, I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 to Canberra. My only regret is that, having now got to know these fabulous students so much better, they’ll all be leaving in a few weeks’ time!

School camps are always interesting! Spending so much time together, you can’t help getting to know each other better. I witnessed beautiful manners, kindness, consideration, and great willingness to help. I was extremely impressed (as were our guides) by the knowledge, understanding and intelligent questions asked by our students wherever we went – particularly in Parliament House and the National Dinosaur Museum. Parents might also be interested in learning how amazingly tidy the students kept their rooms. We gave out prizes for the tidiest rooms and the standard got higher and higher each day – beds smoothed, shoes lined up, towels folded with military precision. No excuses for untidy bedrooms at home now!

It was also a pleasure to work closely with Mrs Elaine Falconer, Mr Ben Powell and Miss Stephanie Butterworth. I’d like to thank them all for their dedication, hard work and good humour. Great team work ensured that the trip was a great success.

Every day was packed with excursions. Highlights included meeting the Governor General at Government House, increasing science knowledge through hands on exploration at Questicon, the Discovery Zone at the War Memorial and role-play at Parliament House where the students got to sit as members of the House of Representatives and debate a bill.

The attending teachers took lots of photographs during the trip. Some parents have already asked about having copies of these photographs. A letter will be sent home separately to Year 6 parents about this. In the meantime, here are a few highlights:

Jill Rutland
Deputy Principal

CLASS LIBRARY BORROWING
Class library borrowing has now finished for 2015. All books borrowed by students need to be returned by Monday 30 November.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The certificates have arrived and will be handed out on assembly as from Wednesday 25 November.

Glenys Harrington
Teacher Librarian
Last week our Care Crew were featured in the Queensland Times. The article can be seen below.

School buddies get bench looking beaut
5th Nov 2015 10:00 AM

BRUSH UP: The CARE Crew at Collingwood Park State School have been painting their new buddy benches. Inga Williams

Collingwood Park State School has introduced a buddy system to make sure lonely kids don’t miss out on all the fun.

Student welfare officer Louise Armstrong said the CARE Crew was introduced to help identify students that were having troubles and give them a morale boost.

Fourteen of the school’s Year 6 students were given six weeks of training during lunch times, where they were taught to recognise social issues and address them through basic sharing, compromise and resilience.

“The ‘CARE Crows’ will now provide support to those students in need and assist in friendship skills education, incorporating the CPSS CARE values,” Ms Armstrong said.

Ms Armstrong was also able to get Bunnings Warehouse on board to supply three “buddy benches”, which students can sit on if they need to speak to the CARE Crew.

The kids had fun giving the new benches a coat of paint recently.
Tuckshop News.

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.

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Walk and Rider to School Days finished for the year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s Walk and Ride to School Days. I hope I speak for everyone when I say that the students, parents and staff enjoyed the relaxed meetings in the park (and or the coffee), the walks, guided by our Adopt-a-cops and the healthy breakfast spread that was provided each time.

A huge ‘Thank You’ goes to Vickie Allen, who put an enormous effort into the breakfast preparations this year, making sure it was delicious and nutritious.

Let’s make it just as successful next year and Stay Healthy and Active!

Angela Schabrod
Year 5 Teacher
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
A huge thank you to our wonderful

Parental volunteers for your hard

work.

We hope you all enjoy the book and drink that you
drank.

Thank you so much! It will be

closed this week.

A chocolate drive is going on as

Tuckshop Closing.

Chocolate is only from

Cadburys.

No other chocolate will be

allowed.

Pay is available.

Friday
Closed
Wednesday
Closed
Tuesday
8.30am - 10.00am
Monday
Closed

Thank you for all your help.

Spring Time

Meeting 7th November

Next P & A Meeting:

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November

$5 Meat Deal

Ingredients:

1st Lunch Only

Chicken or Vegetarian

All Welcome

Order from the following:

Chicken Hamburger

Cheeseburger

Cheese Hamburger

Chicken or Cheese

Take Away

Call the office

or ask the

Cashier.

Parents and Citizens Association News

Uniform Shop Opening Times

Monday
8.30am - 10.00am

Tuesday
8.30am - 10.00am

Wednesday
8.30am - 10.00am

Thursday
8.30am - 10.00am

Friday
Closed

School Uniforms a necessity.

Chocks away!

We hope you enjoy your chocolate.

Chocolate is

Cadburys.

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allowed.

Order online at

CHOCOLATEONLINE.COM

Please see our vegetarian
choices on page 2.

Clearance now on all

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(Translation to English)

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A HUGE Thanks to all those students, families and community members who gave so generously towards that Operation Christmas Child Appeal over the last two months. As a school we’ve been able to fill 41 boxes that will now be sent around the world to children who are in great need. This year, they will have a Christmas gift to love and enjoy, all thanks to your generosity! Thank-you too to all of the people who gave financial donations towards the shipping costs ($9 per box), which was

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**SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE!**

We are nearly at the end of another great term of banking! This term our enthusiastic savers have earned our school over $1000!

Next Friday 4th December will be our last banking day for the year. Banking will continue in 2016 every Friday as normal.

Thank you to our fantastic banking ladies, they do a great job each week and thank you to everyone for supporting our school banking program!
Carols Countdown!

CPSS Carols by Torchlight

Tuesday 8th Dec from 4pm

* Thank you for the donations we have received so far! If you would like to help, bring your items along and put them in the Christmas box in the hall or office.

* Armbands are on sale now! Only $25 and available from Marg in the office - remember that armbands purchased on the night will cost $32. Rides can be purchased individually, prices range from $5 - $6 ea.

* Raffle tickets have gone home. 50c per ticket or $5 per book. Extra tickets are available from the office.

🔹 FIREWORKS🔹 MARKETS
🔹 VISIT SANTA🔹 RIDES

ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO!!
With a high volume of vehicles competing for limited drop off and pick up areas, many school zones experience illegal parking behaviours associated with congestion. **Going against the road rules in school zones puts all children at risk.**

**Five tips for safer school zones:**
1. Allow enough time to take your child to school safely and without rushing.
2. Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
3. Talk about parking signs, traffic lights and school crossings with your child. Identify and discuss places where it’s safe to get in and out of the car and cross the road.
4. Teach your child to cross the road where there are traffic control lights or at a designated pedestrian crossing, where generally there is a crossing guard supervising traffic.
   - Park a few streets away and walk the rest of the way – its great exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

**Loading Zones - If we work together, they will work!**

At drop off times, students should be ready to get out of the car and if possible
Enrolment Days
BUNDAMBA STATE SECONDARY COLLEGE
TRANSITION DAY
Tuesday 1 December 2015
845am – 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

We’re on the Web........
www.collparkss.eq.edu.au or
https://www.facebook.com/CollingwoodParkSS/