Principal’s Message:

A special welcome to the many new families who have joined our school community in 2016, as well as a warm welcome to our returning families. We welcomed almost 80 new Prep students this year. The start of the year has been very calm and smooth. This is a credit to the parents for having their children so organised; and to our school staff, many of whom were here over the holidays preparing for the new school year.

It was very impressive to see the students wearing the correct uniform, including plain black shoes and white ankle socks. The students look so smart, setting a wonderful tone for the year and reflecting the high standards and expectations of our school. The P&C is supporting the school and families, by conducting a weekly draw of receipts for correct school shoes purchased by our families. The first week has been drawn and we have one very happy family. To enter the draws, simply bring (send with responsible child) your receipt with your name on it, to the office and it will be placed in the draw. If your receipt is drawn out, you will be reimbursed for the purchase of your school shoes.

Each year, schools must return their enrolment numbers on Day 8 of the school year. These numbers are used to determine the number of teaching staff, teacher aides and office staff for the forthcoming year. We have added an extra class this year with an increase in our student enrolment numbers. I am expecting that our student enrolment will be 581 on Day 8 (Friday 5 February), which will entitle us to 23 classroom teachers. I am very proud that so many families are happy and confident in the learning environment provided by our school.

We have a number of children at our school, who for a variety of reasons have vulnerable immune systems. This means that if they contract any contagious disease, they could become extremely ill.

We ask all parents and carers to notify us urgently if their child has measles, chicken pox or any other highly contagious disease, so that we can protect these children.
We welcome a number of new staff to our school in 2016. Ms Leanne Walsh has been permanently transferred to our school from Leichardt State School. She will teach Senior A in 2016. We also welcome Ms Emily Simpson on 1C, replacing Ms Kirsten Bailey while she is on maternity leave for the remainder of 2016. Ms Claire Hornagold is our new music teacher and we welcome back Mr Shaun Gordon, who is teaching 4C in 2016, replacing Mrs Jared while she undertakes her role of Key Teacher – Engagement. We also welcome Mrs Lisa Delaney who has recently qualified as a teacher and replace Mrs Katie Walker who is currently on maternity leave.

Over the holidays, a number of refurbishment projects have been undertaken. Both A and E block have had new walls installed in each of the double teaching spaces, to lessen the background noise for students, making learning easier. Each of the rooms has had new carpet, fans, lights and paint work. New cabinetry will be installed on weekends over the next few weeks. We have also bought brand new furniture for these 8 classrooms, which should be delivered by the end of February.

As you have probably seen, our Prep playground is also receiving a massive make-over. The site has been levelled, making it safer and providing more areas for our youngest students to run around. The landscaping is almost finished, with Astroturf and rubberised softfall to be added in the next couple of weeks.

You are Invited!! Twilight Picnic on the Oval.

On Tuesday 16 February, we will be holding a Twilight Picnic on the oval. Instead of our traditional Parent Information Sessions, we will be having a less formal approach to meeting the teachers and welcoming families to a great school year. Classrooms will be open from 4:30-5:00pm and parents are welcome to visit their child/ren’s classrooms. From 5:00pm, teachers and families will move up to the oval for a picnic, with picnic games. Parents are welcome to BYO picnic fare, rugs etc. The P&C will have food and drinks available for sale.

Meridee Cuthill
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Message

I hope you all enjoyed the long break from the school routine and had fun with family and friends.

It’s been an exciting start to the year at CPSS with renovations completed in A and E block and the Prep Playground almost complete. Doesn’t it look fabulous? With the Prep Playground out of action, the Prep children have staggered their break time in order to enjoy B Playground on their own. All the other Year levels are back to normal break times and they are enjoying all the fabulous space we have at Collingwood Park. There are indoor and outdoor play options and lots of activities to choose from each day at first break.

Ask your children what they like to do at break time. The table below shows what’s available in Term 1:

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<td>Prep will enjoy their own special play space when it’s finished very soon.</td>
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<td>Toys and games available to all – dress-ups, pretend games, board games and more</td>
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<td>Come and enjoy the cool and the calm. Computers, games and lots of books!</td>
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<td>Join the fun in the Hall with Miss Polomski.</td>
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<td>Fancy a go at being one of our very own CPSS journalists?</td>
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<td>See Mrs Smith about joining Media Club in the Media Centre</td>
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<td>Lego Club: Year 1 – Year 2 (3A’s classroom – C block)</td>
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<td>Can you build something with Miss Butterworth?</td>
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<td>Lego Club: Year 3 – 6 (3C’s classroom – C Block)</td>
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<td>Because Mrs Clarke and older students love Lego too!</td>
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<td>Art Club: Year 4 – 6 (Venue to be confirmed)</td>
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<td>Come and learn some new Art Skills with Mrs Rutland.</td>
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<td>Construction Club: Year 2 up</td>
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<td>Build something amazing with Miss Waddell</td>
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<td>Finish your homework before you get home! Ms Fisher is here to help.</td>
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<td>Colour my World: All welcome in the Media Room</td>
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<td>Love colouring? This is the place for you! Get creative with Ms Fisher.</td>
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<td>On your own or in a group, skipping is fabulous fun! Come and learn some new skipping skills with Mrs Santiago.</td>
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CARE Crew with Mrs Armstrong will also start again soon – lots of fun and games in the Large Covered Area. More details to follow.

Don’t forget that Running Club also happens each Tuesday and Thursday morning. Meet Mr Powell in the Large Covered Area at 7.45am.

We are pleased to offer so many play options to our students but are always open to new ideas. Do you have a skill you’d like to share? Would you like to come and support one of the activities already on offer? Whether you’d like to come just once or twice or commit to something more, I’d love to hear from you.

Jill Rutland
Positive Behaviour for Learning at Collingwood Park

Welcome back!

Our school staff have been very busy preparing for the year ahead to ensure a consistent approach to behaviour across the whole school. Positive Behaviour for Learning is a behaviour support framework that clearly defines expectations for student behaviour. The framework includes the explicit teaching of expected school behaviours, routines and procedures and frequent acknowledgement and reinforcement of positive behaviours.

All students at CPSS are expected to behave in a manner that reflects the four values of our school – Co-operate, Attend, Respect and Excel. Students are encouraged to be self-monitoring and take responsibility for their actions. Each student is also expected to be at school every day wearing the correct uniform including black shoes.

The information explaining how behaviour is supported and rewarded across our whole school can be found on our school website at this location:

https://collparkss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Behaviourmanagement/Pages/Behaviourmanagement.aspx

We will also be providing information updates each week in our school newsletter.

We are CARE Crows and we are going to make 2016 the best year yet!
Resource Fees Scheme

The aim of Collingwood Park State Primary School is to achieve the best learning outcomes for all students. Each year, the school asks parents to contribute to the payment for classroom consumables and other resource items as deemed necessary by the teacher and school.

From 1 January 2012, the scheme has operated under the policy and guidelines of the Department of Education and Training FNM-PR-018: Student Resource Scheme. The scheme is still supported and approved annually by our Parents and Citizens Association (P & C), is still managed by the school and operates in accordance with section 51 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

Our Student Resource Scheme is not a fund raiser for the school. Its purpose is to provide you, the parent, with a cost effective, value for money alternative to purchasing textbooks, resources, consumables and materials from elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from the school’s bulk purchasing processes.

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

Items provided by the scheme could include: reproduced class workbooks, additional art and craft supplies, stationery, writing and drawing equipment, consumables and cooking materials.

The scheme is voluntary. However, please be aware that books, materials and consumables required under this scheme are not funded by school grants. Therefore if you do not wish to join the scheme you are still responsible for providing your child with the items that would otherwise have been provided by the scheme as detailed below to enable your child to engage with the curriculum.

*Each child who has paid by the closing date will go into a draw for a prize of 4 movie passes to Limelight Cinemas which will be drawn on Wednesday 23rd March.*

*The participation fee for 2016 will be $60.00 per child for Prep to Year 6.* To ensure that the operation of the scheme is consistent with legislative and policy requirements a standard Participation Agreement Form is attached for Parents/Caregivers to complete and return the form and payment to the school office before Friday 18 March 2016.
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.

Newsletters in 2016

Each week our school distributes a newsletter to keep the school community informed of the happenings within the school. To ensure as many families as possible receive the newsletter we offer three options for distribution. Please complete the form below and return to the school office to indicate your preference.

Your options for receiving the newsletter are:

Access online via the school website or Qschools App.  www.collparkss.eq.edu.au
Have a copy emailed to you
Receive a paper copy

________________________________________________

Child’s name: _________________________  Class: _______________________

Please tick your preferred choice (√)

☐ I will access the newsletter online

☐ I would like a copy emailed to the following address:

________________________________________________

☐ I would like a paper copy sent home with my child
Loading Zones – Drop off/Pick Up areas

The success of loading zones requires cooperation from all motorists using it to ensure quick movement of vehicles through the area.

Please observe any time frames on the sign (see example) and only stay in the area for as long as it takes to get the children in to or out of the car within a two minute timeframe. The driver must not park the car in these signed areas and go into the school with the children or to pick up their children.

This area is designed to keep the vehicles moving. It is there for the convenience of ALL motorists.

Please do:

- Plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times
- Pick-up or drop-off children via the car’s kerb doors
- Drive out safely
- Talk to your children about what time to be there and not to stray or wander away
- If your children are not at your arranged spot, go around the block and try again

Do not:

- Get out of your vehicle
- Double park
- Stay more than 2 minutes
- Arrive early in the afternoon and sit in the zone
- Use staff parking areas

Road Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility. If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone your local Road Safety Office on 1300 360 135.

Parking at the convenience store

It has been brought to our attention that parents are using the convenience store (on Collingwood Drive) carpark in the afternoons from 2:30. Please refrain from using this carpark as it is for customers of the store only.
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 not order tuckshop and can purchase ice-blocks.

Tuckshop arrangements on swimming days. (15th, 17th, 19th, 22nd, 24th and 26th February)

Students in Years 4 & 5 who are attending swimming may only order tuckshop for 2nd lunch on swimming days.

Students in Year 3 who are attending swimming may only order tuckshop for 1st lunch on swimming days.

2015 Yearbooks Available

There are still a few copies of the 2015 yearbook available for purchase.

If you missed out on purchasing a yearbook in 2015 and would like to buy one now, please visit Marg in the money room.

Yearbooks are $17.00.

THE MEDIA CLUB LOOK FORWARD TO PRODUCING THE 2016 YEARBOOK.
Parents and Citizens Association News

Winter Uniforms are available to order.

Fri - 3pm - 5pm
Thurs - 3pm - 5pm
Wed - 3pm - 5pm
Mon - 3pm - 5pm

Winter Uniforms Opening Times

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday and Thursday during term time.

To place an order, please see the Uniform Shop Coordinator in the office.

Term 2:

Prep’s, Games or Order Uniforms until...

Class Year Review and Review of Uniforms

Please order online or contact the Uniform Shop Coordinator for more information.

Working conditions throughout our school is broken.

For more information, contact the school.

Next P & C Meeting:

Parents and Citizens Association News
This year students in Years 3 and 4 will be engaging with the new curriculum in Design Technology which will be taught by Mrs Smith. As part of their studies students will be repurposing items of clothing and learning about design processes. Students will design and produce a useful item from an item of clothing which will be provided.

Mrs Smith is seeking donations of other items to assist with this process. If any families would like to donate any of the following items it would be greatly appreciated by Mrs Smith and the students in Years 3 and 4.

WANTED:
- Cotton (various colours)
- Sewing needles
- Cross stitch thread
- Dressmakers chalk
- Ribbon
- Buttons (various shapes, colours, sizes)
- Old Zippers
- Velcro
- Elastic

Please DO NOT send in donations of old clothes unless asked directly by Mrs Smith.

If you have other items you think might be useful to the Year 3 and 4 classes please contact Mrs Smith via email (msmit631@eq.edu.au) to see if these items are required before sending them into school.