Principal’s Message:

**Twilight Picnic on the Oval – Meet the Teacher.**
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.

**Volunteer Induction Training**
Very soon, there will be invitations from teachers and from support staff for volunteers to support student learning. All new volunteers will need to attend the Induction Workshop prior to working in the classroom and tuckshop. All experienced volunteers must attend annually for renewal, but may commence to support teachers in classrooms immediately with the understanding that participation in an Induction must occur by 13 March to be able to continue, as there are a number of updates and mandatory requirements that must be delivered annually.

**Volunteer Induction Dates:**
Monday 15 February 9:30-11:30
Wednesday 17 February 6:30-8:00

**PLAYGROUP IN 2016!**
Playgroup will be starting up again next Thursday 18 February. It will take place every Thursday in the Hall 9:30-11:00 and is free to all community members. This year, our Playgroup Co-ordinator will be Aimee Watson, supported by one of our teachers, Grace Herrera.

**SCHOOL LEADER INDUCTION CEREMONY**
Our school leader induction ceremony will be held in the Hall at 2:30pm on Tuesday 23 February. Parents of school leaders are invited to a special afternoon tea at 1:15pm in the hall before the ceremony. We congratulate our school leaders and wish them every success as they perform their roles.
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Our school’s P&C meets the second Tuesday every month at 7:00pm in the Seminar Rooms in our library, except when the school holidays coincide with this schedule. The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 March 2016.

Notice of AGM
Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Citizens Association for Collingwood Park State School, will be held on Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 7:00pm. At this meeting, all Executive positions and sub-committee positions will be declared vacant and a committee will be elected for 2016.

If you would like to be part of our community group, please fill out a nomination form for a committee position and come along to the Annual General Meeting. Nomination forms will be available on-line or at the Office from Monday 22 February.

Positions for election: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
If your child requires medication at school, a Request to Administer Medications form is required to be completed by a parent and the prescribing doctor. Over the counter medication requires the same approval. The departmental policy can be found at http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/management/Pages/Administration-of-Medications-in-Schools.aspx.

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health:
Collingwood Park is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school. Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child.

ON TIME, IN SCHOOL, EVERY DAY, LEARNING
Parents and carers, one of the biggest things you can do in support of your child’s learning is to ensure they are in school every day, on time (by 8:45 am), for the full day so that they do not miss out on any aspects of their learning program.

Late arrivals not only disadvantage your child because of missed information and learning opportunities, it may also impact on the learning of others as the teacher may stop to welcome in the latecomer.
WEBSITE AND QSCHOOLS APP
With the school year starting, it is important for families and staff to keep up-to-date with the latest information from their school. Our school website is regularly updated with news items and important dates. Our web address is www.collparkss.eq.edu.au. Also, the QSchools app provides an easy way to access vital school information, including latest news, events and newsletters.

In addition, the QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device, including emergency alerts and important updates.

Find out more on the DETE website, or download the app for your device:
• iPhone/iPad
• Android
• Windows phone
• Windows PC

Student Absences – Phone 3381 4333
All student absences must be explained by a student’s parent/carer. This can be done through a note delivered by the student or by a parent phoning the school office on 3381 4333. We are investigating the possibility of having a designated phone line for absences. As part of our Investing in Schools program, we employ an Administration Officer to contact parents of students who have unexplained absences.

Meridee Cuthill
Principal

Deputy Principal’s Message

Assembly
It’s always good to see lots of parents at our Wednesday morning assembly. This special weekly assembly is an opportunity for the whole school community to reflect on what it means to be part of our school, our local community and our country. Assembly starts at 8.30am and is run by our excellent student leaders. We begin by singing the National Anthem (two verses this year), share news and notices and then celebrate the achievement of our students with the presentation of certificates and small weekly prizes.

To signify the difference between our special Wednesday assembly and the quick messages given on other mornings, our Wednesday Assembly has a different structure. All teachers attend and all adults are encouraged to be seated. Teaching staff sit down the sides of the hall and in the central aisle in order to supervise the children. Benches and extra chairs at the back of the hall are reserved for parents, caregivers and family members.

If you need to speak to your child’s teacher, please do not do so during or immediately after assembly. During assembly we expect the children to sit quietly and give their full attention to the speaker at the front of the hall. As adults, we model this behaviour for students to show them what we expect of them. After assembly, classes need to leave promptly to get to class on time. If you do need to speak to your child’s teacher, please leave a message for them at the office instead or send them an e-mail. They will contact you as soon as they can.
We look forward to welcoming you to future assemblies and always welcome suggestions about how we can make further improvements.

Curriculum and Class Information
As outlined in last week’s newsletter, this year we have planned a change to our usual Term 1 Meet the Teacher evening. Instead of the usual classroom presentations, parents and caregivers are invited to come along to open classrooms next Tuesday before joining the school community on the oval for a twilight picnic and games. Check the Date Claimer section of this newsletter for times. This informal evening will be an opportunity for students’ families to meet class teachers and have a look at the things that the class is working on.

In addition, each year level will send home an outline of the Term 1 curriculum and provide suggestions about how parents can support their child’s learning at home. Year 3 sent home this newsletter last week. Other Year levels will send out their curriculum news next week.

Strong partnerships between home and school play a very important part in successful student outcomes so we hope that you can join us next Tuesday evening to help form or reinforce this partnership. New families to our school are especially encouraged to come along – we look forward to getting to know you.

Parents and caregivers will be invited to individual Parent Teacher interviews in Week 8. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss any concerns about your child, please contact their class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient meeting.

ICAS
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent, skills-based assessments with a competition element. Each year, Collingwood Park State School students are invited to participate in the ICAS tests. The tests offer parents an extra measurement of students’ proficiency in core skills and some parents use the results to support high school scholarship applications.

This year we will be offering the following:

Science: 31st May, 2016
English: 2nd August, 2016
Mathematics: 16th August, 2016

Last year the cost involved was in the region of $9 per test per student. More information will follow in future newsletters.

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!
Welcome to music in 2016! This is already shaping up to be another busy year for classroom music, choirs and Instrumental Music. Rehearsals started last week for Senior Band, and are starting this week for Piccolo Choir and Passionato Choir. Please note the following rehearsal times:

**Choirs**
Piccolo Choir (Years 1-3) – Tuesdays at first break
Passionato Choir (Years 4-6) – Thursdays at first break

**Bands**
Senior Band (Years 5-6) – Thursdays at 7:45am
Junior Band (Year 4) will start later in the year.

If you would like to see the music staff, Mrs Claire Hornagold is at school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Mr Scott Bignell is at school on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. Stay tuned for updates throughout the year on what’s happening in music!

Mrs Hornagold and Mr Bignell
Hi, for those of you who aren’t familiar with my name or face, I’m Louise Armstrong, the CPSS Student Welfare Officer. My role here at the school is to provide social and emotional support to students and the school community where appropriate. This may be achieved through one on one sessions, programs and projects. I am available Mondays and Tuesdays.

One of the projects I run is the CARE Crew. CARE Crew members are Year 6 students who receive 5-6 weeks of training before taking the lead as role models in all-inclusive play activities 1-2 days per week. In addition, CARE Crew ‘Roamers’ roam the school grounds to help other children with friendship and play. I look forward to working with these special students who will dedicate their time and energy to The CARE Crew. I will be lobbying for more applicants from Year six to join The CARE Crew this week.

Now that the school year is well under way, it is important that students are back into routine. This includes being prepared for school and any extracurricular activities e.g. swimming, and ensuring that uniforms, shoes, books, lunches and homework are all ready when it’s time for school departure. Your family’s routine may involve preparing some of these the night before. It is also essential that students have a night time routine whereby they have a designated time slot for homework, preparation for and wind-down time before bed i.e. games, phones, iPads etc. are turned off or handed over one hour prior to sleep. Children’s minds need this wind-down time to allow stimulated brains time to relax to permit sound sleep. Children also require the appropriate amount of sleep which varies according to age.

For your benefit, I have attached some information on desired sleep times for your children, as well as an example of morning and afternoon schedules administered by one of our parents; Sam Butler.

If anyone requires assistance with, or wishes to discuss any of these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me on: 3381 4333 (Mon & Tue).

Louise Armstrong
Student Welfare Officer (SWO)

SLEEP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHILDREN

3-6 Years Old: 10 - 12 hours per day
7-12 Years Old: 10 - 11 hours per day
12-18 Years Old: 8 - 9 hours per day

Before and After School Schedule example, kindly provided by Mrs. Sam Butler

BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR SCHOOL
HAVE YOU?

Brushed your teeth and hair?
Is your bed made and room tidy?
Got your lunchbox and water bottle in your bag?
Have you got your hat?
Do you have your communication diary?
Do you have homework to go back?
Any notes to be returned?
Do you need your library bag today?
Are you wearing the correct shoes?

HAVE A GREAT DAY AND REMEMBER...
WE LOVE YOU!

WHEN YOU GET HOME FROM SCHOOL HAVE YOU?

Put your lunchbox and drink bottle on the bench?
Put your shoes and school bag away?
Have you got any notes?
Have you done your homework?
Have you told us about how your day was?
AND REMEMBER... WE LOVE YOU!
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 fundraiser 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 form 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.

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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.
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.