Unbelievably, the end of the term is almost upon us. We have had a very productive and busy term, and Term 2 seems to be equally as busy. We will celebrate Harmony Day and National Day Against Bullying, with a number of special assemblies. My apologies for some confusion over the time of the annual Easter Bonnet Parade. When the information was uploaded on to QSchools, we thought the 9:30 assembly would clash with a Walk to School, which was actually 2 weeks ago. I understand there has been some confusion. The Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on Wednesday 23 March at 9:30 for Prep to Year 3 students. We have so many amazing excursions, programs and event rolling out this year so please ensure you keep updated via our newsletter, Facebook page and website. I will try to make sure the information on those sites is as accurate as possible.

On the weekend, Mrs Rutland, Ms Mulcahy, Mrs Everton and I attended a fabulous night and day of professional learning. The facilitator of the workshops was Tony Ryan. We all came away very inspired and excited about education and our students’ futures. We also have a number of teachers undertaking professional learning this week in Reading to Learn. Tony Ryan says: “Teachers’ own learning determines their quality of teaching. If teachers are helping others to learn, then they need to be obsessive learners themselves. This keeps them at the forefront of their field of expertise, and they can then best support their students with their extensive knowledge and wisdom. Teachers who are great learners are great teachers.”

We need your help – Election Day BBQ Sat 19 March
We would love to hear from parents and friends who can donate some of their time to help at the P&C sausage sizzle to be run at the school hall on the local government election day Sat 19th March.
P&C AGM – Tuesday 22 March 2016 – 7:00pm
We will be holding the P&C Annual General Meeting next Tuesday 22 March. I encourage as many parents as possible to be involved, as this is a fantastic way for you to have input into school decision making, and also to ask any questions or provide valuable feedback to our staff. Membership application forms are available from the office.

Safety around the school
We have recently had a number of near misses (where children narrowly missed being hit by a car). This has been particularly evident at the back gate. Some parents are sitting in their car and calling their children across the street. This is particularly dangerous, as many of our students are shorter than many of the 4WD vehicles and can’t be seen. Please get out of your car and walk your children across the road, rather than calling out for them to cross.

GETTING OUT THE DOOR ON TIME - By Professor Matt Sanders
For many families the morning rush hour is the most stressful part of the day. So how can you and the kids get out of the door on time? The key is organisation.

Get yourself ready first, before your child. To avoid last minute rushing prepare some things the night before and go to bed at a reasonable hour so you’ll wake-up early enough.

I also advise against having the television on in the morning. Better to make sure the children are dressed before breakfast. Perhaps when they are fully ready you can turn the television on then.

Let your child know ahead of time that you’ll be going out and explain exactly what the day’s activities will be and their time requirements.

Younger children can learn the importance of organisation by doing things for themselves. Teaching children to get dressed by themselves is a chance to practice independent skills and it also saves you time.

You may like to try the “beat the clock” game. Your child’s goal is to be ready before the alarm clock sounds off. If your child wins, he earns a small treat or reward, such as a favourite snack in his lunch box.

Tell your child exactly what tasks he must do to be ready to leave and thus win the reward. Make sure you set the timer for a reasonable amount of time and avoid giving repeated instructions or nagging your child to hurry up. Often it will only take a two-week period of beating the clock before the rewards and the clock are phased out. Remember to always praise your child’s achievements in learning better organisation.

Professor Matt Sanders is founder of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®. To find out more about Triple P in Queensland go to: www.triplep-parenting.net
Triple P is for every parent!

Meridee Cuthill
Principal
At CPSS we work hard to recognise and meet the individual needs of all students. Classroom teachers differentiate teaching, student tasks and the amount and type of support provided in order to support or challenge every student to excel. In addition we have a team of fabulous SEP teachers who work with both students and class teachers to ensure that all needs are being met. This applies not only to those students who are currently working below the expected year level standard, but also to those who have potential for advanced learning.

In addition, at CPSS we provide opportunities, outside the classroom, for those students who enjoy more challenge.

ICAS:
Each year, the University of New South Wales conducts Australia-wide and international testing. This year our school will again participate in three of these competitions – English, Mathematics and Science. Letters will be sent home with all children who have taken part in these competitions in previous years. If you would like your child to take part this year and do not receive a letter then please collect one from the school office. The letter can also be found on the school’s website. Entry is $8.80 per child for each competition. Registration for entry will need to be returned to school by the end of Term 2, Week 1 (Friday 15th April).

OPTI-MINDS:
This year, for the first time, CPSS will take part in the Opti-minds Challenge. This six week challenge process is held in Term 3. Participants work in a team and select one of three challenges to solve and present their most creative solution in a ten minute dramatic performance to a panel of judges at a regional event. More details will follow early next term.

STEM:
Last year, CPSS took part in the Kids’ STEM Convention for the first time. This Metropolitan Region initiative challenges students in Years 5 – 9 to undertake projects in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics. We are currently awaiting confirmation that the Kids’ STEM Convention will continue in its’ current format this year. Look out for more details in the newsletter next term.

Opportunities outside school:
In addition to the opportunities provided or organised by CPSS, the Department of Education provides other opportunities for students with advanced learning potential.

STEM:
If your child is interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, then you may be interested in checking out the following Department of Education website for parents and students:  
https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/file/5da759ed-285d-4132-b8e8-58198109fb03/1/html/resources.html  . This website has lots of information about STEM education and STEM opportunities including links to Science and Maths games, Robotics videos and games and Coding and Computer programming resources that children can use at home. These resources are all high quality and accessible to students from home.

Queensland Academies Young Scholars Program:
You might also be interested in exploring opportunities offered by the Queensland Academies. The Queensland Academies were created as an innovative educational program for highly capable high school students (Year 10, 11 and 12). There are three Queensland Academy Campuses: The Science, Maths and Technology Campus at Toowong; Creative Industries Campus at Kelvin Grove and the Health Sciences Campus on the Gold Coast. To support and extend younger students, the Queensland Academies’ Young Scholars Program provides highly capable school students in Years 5 to 9 with challenging enrichment opportunities which include exciting and practical Saturday workshops throughout the year. To find out more about the Young Scholars Program, follow the link below. http://qa.eq.edu.au/young-scholars/

Jill Rutland
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

Positive Behaviour for Learning is a behaviour support framework that clearly defines expectations for student and school community behaviour. The framework includes the explicit teaching of expected school behaviours, routines and procedures and frequent acknowledgement and reinforcement of positive behaviours.

Next week, students will receive behaviour awards for achieving our school expectations this term. Students who have achieved these expectations will receive a certificate and letter on Wednesday, March 23rd. This letter explains the criteria met for each award.

End of Term Awards

Term 1

Your child _______________________ has received an award for achieving our school C.A.R.E. expectations this term. They will receive a special reward on Thursday 24th March.

Gold Award
- I consistently achieve our school expectations (no major and no more than 1 minor behaviour recorded on OneSchool).
- I have earned a CARE wristband – navy CARE Band Term 1
- If I collect all 4 CARE bands (different colour each term), I will receive a unique 2016 Crow Pin at the end of the year!

Silver Award
- I am mostly achieving our school expectations (no major and no more than 2 minor behaviours recorded on OneSchool).

Bronze Award
- I am working towards achieving our school expectations (no major and no more than 3 minor behaviours recorded on OneSchool).

Improvement Award
- I have made a conscientious an effort to improve my behaviour without any major incidents and no more than one minor since mid-term check in.

Yours in education,
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Students achieving Gold, Silver, Bronze or an Improvement Award will also receive a special reward on Thursday, 24th March. These students will receive a “Cold Rock” style ice-cream treat. Permission notes to participate in this event will be sent home with your child’s behaviour certificate and letter.

Students receiving these awards will also be acknowledged on Assembly in Week 9. Mrs Cuthill will personally visit each classroom to award Gold Award students with their Term 1 CARE Bands.

If your child has not met the criteria for a Gold, Silver, Bronze or Improvement Award, they will receive a letter stating two individual behaviour goals for Term 2. Your child’s teacher will work with your child in Term 2 to help them meet these goals.

Attendance Awards

Our school’s attendance target this year is 95%. If your child has missed no more than 2 days this term, they have achieved 95% and above attendance rate. Your child will receive a special certificate acknowledging their attendance this term. End of term attendance certificates will be sent home on Wednesday, 23rd March.
From the Student Welfare Officer

- **Friday 18th March** – National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
- **Monday 21st March** – Harmony Day

Leading up to the aforementioned days, classes will participate in activities related to this year’s theme; ‘Our Diversity is Our Strength’. Special assemblies will also be held on the following days:

**Monday 21st March – Harmony Day.** Signified by the wearing of anything ORANGE (shirts, socks, hats, hair ties etc.) for the day. Please note however, **THE USUAL BLACK SCHOOL SHOES MUST STILL BE WORN.** The day will commence with a special assembly including:
  - EALD Performance with Kay McNamara
  - Senior Choir – “Different People” lead by Claire Hornagold
  - Redbank Plains State High School - Mana Toa Performance

Harmony Day will also be celebrated with a classroom multi-cultural shared lunch. Notes sent home this week with students. If you have any queries, please discuss with your child’s classroom teacher.

**Tuesday 22nd March – National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.** This day will also commence with a special assembly including:
  - The CARE Crew – Skit
  - Junior Choir – “RESPECT” lead by Claire Hornagold
  - Guest Speakers from Redbank Plains State High School - talk about their bullying experiences
  - The CARE Crew – ‘Power of One’ Pledge with the school

This year’s theme; **‘Our Diversity is Our Strength’** extends to diversity in all areas, not just multiculturalism. Community members come from differing socio-economic circumstances, family situations and social upbringings. Sometimes these differences are used by bullies to single us out but we must embrace the diversity and challenge behaviours of bullying, violence, racism and discrimination. We all deserve to be treated with respect.

Louise Armstrong

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**Year 3 & 4 Technology**

Students in Years 3 and 4 have been working on a unit of work titled “Re-purpose it!”. Students are required to take an item of clothing and give it a new purpose. To enable this to happen students are asked to please **bring one item of clothing from home to re-purpose. Please DO NOT send more than one item.**

**This item of clothing should not be new and should be something which is able to be destroyed as it will be cut up and turned into something new.** Students are very excited about this task and look forward to starting their designs in week 9. Should your child not be able to supply an old item of clothing one will be provided for them.

All items of clothing should be brought to school on your child’s technology day next week (Week starting 21st March, 2016). It would be fabulous if these could be placed in a zip lock bag or shopping bag clearly labelled with your student’s name and class.

Thank you for your assistance in this endeavour.

Mrs Smith
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 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 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.
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 or purchase ice-blocks.

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Woud you like to be a CPSS Parent Representative?

Parent Reps provide a supportive link between the classroom teacher and parents.

As a Parent Rep you would...

- Assist the teacher with getting information to the parents during your rostered day
- Organise informal class gatherings for the students and families
- Promote communication between the school and parents/teachers
- Help to make the Parent Rep coordinator and school soc恐 meetings where possible to keep up to date with what’s happening around the school.

If you think you would be interested in being a Parent Rep, or would like further information please speak to your child’s classroom teacher or contact Tracey Bjuker - 0414075925
QUEENSLAND CRICKET EASTER CUP CARNIVALS

✓ Girls and boys 7-13 years
✓ Meet Queensland Cricket players
✓ Equipment and umpires provided
✓ 2 days of action-packed cricket
✓ 7 guaranteed preliminary rounds for every team + Grand Final round
✓ T20 Blast rules and equipment

WHEN: 2016 Easter Holidays (dates vary)
WHERE: Brisbane North, Brisbane South, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast
TIME: 8am-3pm (times may vary)
COST: $89/player (includes Brisbane Heat bag, shirt and hat)

REGISTER: For further information and registration, head to www.playcricket.com.au, click ‘where can I play’ and enter QLD Cricket. Queensland Cricket contact: Matthew McEwen at matthewm@qdcricket.com.au
For more information, e-mail:

Please bring your donation to school by

Eggs & Chocolate
Easter basket, Easter plush toys, sugar candy
Easter craft activities, Easter wrapping paper

Items to donate: Easter eggs,

Office
child's classroom or to the school
Please bring your donation to your

EASTER BONNET PARADE
ON ASSEMBLY
DRAWN: Wednesday 23/03/2016
our upcoming Easter Raffle

EASTER RAFFLE

Please help!!

To the local Election,
Sausage cake stall for Coin)
Sausage building & sausage

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VOTE 1
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School Hats

Our school is a uniform school. Part of our uniform policy is that all students must wear a broad brimmed hat (brim no less than 6 cm wide) in school colours.

School bucket hats are available from the uniform shop for $14.50. The school hats are embroidered with the school logo and are reversible (house colour on the inside) so students can wear these with their sports house colour showing for sporting events.

Please support us and encourage our students to wear a school approved hat as part of their school uniform.

**PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD’S HAT IS CLEARLY NAMED.** If your child’s hat is not named our teachers will name the hat for them.