Deputy Principal’s Message:

I am writing on behalf of both myself and Mrs Cuthill this week. Unfortunately, Meridee was unexpectedly admitted to hospital on Wednesday. She is likely to have surgery during the school holidays but is expecting to be back at school for Term 2. I’m sure you will join me in wishing her a full and speedy recovery.

I know that Meridee is disappointed to be missing the end of term at school. This week has been particularly busy!

Harmony Day

On Monday we celebrated Harmony Day with a fabulous assembly organised by Ms Louise Armstrong – our Student Welfare Officer and Ms Kay McNamara – our EAL/D Teacher. They were ably assisted by other teachers and students in a sea of orange clothing to mark the occasion. There was a performance by dancers from Redbank Plains High School, some of our students shared stories about their cultural backgrounds and, back in class, students enjoyed a shared cultural lunch.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Tuesday we held another extended assembly to mark the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Ms Armstrong organised speakers from St Peter Claver and Redbank Plains High School to talk about their personal experiences of bullying. The choir performed beautifully and the CARE Crew also performed a sketch to demonstrate that when we stand up to bullies we take away their power. I acknowledge, however that this is not an easy thing to do.
When I talk with children about friendship problems, the theme of power is something we often discuss. I explain to children that they each have control over their own bodies – their own words and own actions. They can’t control what others do, but they can control how they react to others. Sometimes others try to provoke us, “push our buttons” or deliberately “wind us up”. If we become angry or upset to the point that we lose control of ourselves then we have, in effect, given another person power over us – enabling them to manipulate our behaviour. I talk to children about the importance of holding on to their own power and not to giving it away to others. At Collingwood Park State School, we tell children that if someone says or does something mean to them then they should do three things:

- Try to ignore it / walk away. If the behaviour continues....
- Tell the person to stop. If the behaviour continues....
- Tell an adult – a teacher, parent or other trusted adult.

If the behaviour is dangerous or serious then students should report it straight away.

One off nasty remarks or hurtful behaviour are unacceptable at our school but do not constitute bullying. The term “bullying” is used to describe repeated or on-going behaviours which may include verbal, physical or emotional behaviours which are intended to hurt. This includes on-line behaviour (cyber-bullying).

We take bullying very seriously at our school and work with students to find resolutions to ensure that every student feels happy and secure.

In addition, we work proactively to prevent bullying, both through on-going education and through initiatives like the Buddy Benches and the CARE Crew.

**P&C Annual General Meeting**

On Tuesday evening, the P&C held their Annual General Meeting. There was an excellent turn out with around thirty members (new and old) in attendance. I would personally like to thank the outgoing Executive Committee for their work over the last twelve months. Theresa O’Connell and her team have done a fabulous job both raising money and running wonderful community events for our school. All this work has helped to fund a wider variety of projects to support or enrich student education than the school could otherwise afford – thank-you!

I would also like to congratulate Tracey Boyter on her appointment as our new P&C President and look forward to working with Tracey and the new Executive Committee over the coming year. I’m sure they can count on the continuing support of our many volunteers. If you are interested in helping in 2016 then look out for information in future newsletters.

**Behaviour Awards**

On Wednesday I had the privilege of drawing the end of term CARE Card Prize winner from a truly enormous pile of CARE Cards! The first prize was four movie passes and the second prize, two movie passes. Another set of four movie passes was also awarded to the winner of the Student Resource Levy Draw. All students whose levy had been paid were placed in the draw for this prize.
Deputy Principal’s Message

Later in the day I enjoyed the very great pleasure of visiting classes to deliver the Term 1 CARE Bands for Gold Behaviour Award recipients. It was fabulous to see that the majority of our students received CARE Bands. This means that the majority of students enact our CARE Values: Co-operate, Attend, Respect and Excel, the majority of the time. The students were absolutely thrilled – as was I! At home time, lots of students came to thank me for their CARE Bands. It was wonderful to see that students recognised the symbolic value and prestige of the bands but I made a point of congratulating and thanking them too for the behaviour that had earned them their band.

Next term, all students will again have the opportunity to earn a CARE Band. Over the course of the year we hope and expect that many of our students will earn a full set of 2016 CARE Bands.

Easter Concert
Our Prep – Year 3 students enjoyed performing in their annual Easter Bonnet Concert on Wednesday morning. The hall was bursting with excited children and proud parents and teachers. As always, it’s wonderful to see so many parents and carers coming along to enjoy and celebrate their children’s performances.

Happy Holidays!
As I write, the last day of term is about to start. Students are looking forward to our Harmony Week incursion – Mana – The Spirit of Polynesia which will be a wonderful final celebration of our cultural diversity. Also today, students who have earned a Gold, Silver, Bronze or Improvement Award will enjoy an end of term behaviour reward of a “cold rock” style ice-cream treat. Congratulations to all those students who have earned these rewards.

Jill Rutland
Deputy Principal
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 1 of Term 2. 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 in Week 1 of Term 2. 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

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**KRUGER EASTER FESTIVAL**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**27 MARCH 3-5PM**

FREE!

Bucking Bull, Super Slide, Obstacle Course, Jumping Castles, Animal Farm, Easter Egg Hunt, Music, Sausage Sizzle, Food and more..

Kruiger Parade Baptist Church
Corner Henderson St & Kruiger Parade, Redbank
Force NATION Basketball Camp

Mon 4th April - Tues 5th April
Cost: 2 day camp $60
1 day camp $30

Girls & Boys
7yrs to 15yrs

Includes Force Nation training camps (online prices only)
Experience Coaching Staff
Over the counter payments will incur a processing fee

Register Today!
Beginner / Intermediate
Limited places available

Cotton Foundation Stadium (Booval)

For more information contact:
Lynne Forrest on mobile: 0409 785 883
For more information contact:
James Legge - Ipswich Force Games
William Rees College (NH)

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

WHEN: 2016 Easter Holidays (dates vary)
WHERE: Brisbane North, Brisbane South, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast
TIME: 8am - 3pm (times may vary)
COST: $69/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@qldcricket.com.au

Kids can create their own cricket moment
PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU
At CPSS, we purchase Reading Eggs as an additional online reading program to enhance student reading development. This purchase is partly funded through our Student Resource Scheme (SRS) monies. From the beginning of next term, only students who have paid the SRS will have access to Reading Eggs at home. All students will continue to have access to Reading Eggs at school, but passwords will be changed to limit access at home to those students who have contributed to the scheme. If you have not contributed to the scheme, but would like to, you can pay the $60 contribution either in one payment or by instalments over the remainder of the year.