



Caboolture State School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY:

We have just received the results of the School Opinion Survey conducted with parents, students and staff. These surveys provide us with an overview of how our stakeholders believe our school is operating across a wide range of areas. I am very pleased to announce that once again respondents have indicated that our school is performing at a very high level. In many areas we gained a 100% satisfaction rating and in many areas we outperformed Regional and State satisfaction levels. Thanks for your endorsement of what we do at Caboolture State School.

2019 CLASS LISTS:

I am currently in the process of forming classes for 2019. To assist this process could you please let me know in **writing** if your child will be leaving us to attend another school in 2019. I would also ask that you let me know (**also in writing**) if you have a preference for a particular teacher for your child and also any preferences for placement with other students or students you would like your child NOT to be placed with.

We will be releasing class lists in the last week of this term. If after viewing these you would like a change of class please let the office know so that changes can be made prior to the start of the school year. Your

early advice and assistance in relation to this would be appreciated.

STATIONERY 2019:

Once again in 2019 we will be providing all stationery for our students. I am pleased to announce that AKD Softwoods Caboolture has made a commitment to providing all of our prep student stationery through a donation of \$3376.74. We would like to thank Greg Levinge, Manager of AKM Softwoods Caboolture, for his generous support for our school.

Should you wish to make a donation to the provision of stationery we will use this money to provide stationery in 2020.

CELEBRATION WEEK:

Once again this year we will be holding Celebration Week in the second last week of the term (3rd to 7th December). A full program of events across the week will be released shortly. Parents and community members are invited to attend all events.

YEAR 6 CAMP:

I would like to congratulate our year 6 students on their behaviour and participation at their recent camp. Feedback from the instructors and members of the public was highly positive. To our year 6 students I would like to congratulate you – you have done yourselves and your school proud.

CONGRATULATIONS:

I would like to congratulate Kasey 6A who won a gold medal in the 3 x 100 metre relay at the recent State Athletics Carnival. Kasey also performed well in the individual 100 metres but did not make the final. Well done Kasey.

I would also like to congratulate Shiloh (4A) for achieving a distinction in the English ICAS Competition. Harry (6C) and Harmony (4A) are congratulated also for achieving credits in Maths and English in the ICAS competition. What a super job!

Saying of the week:

“When you talk you are repeating what you already know! BUT if you listen you may learn something new” – Dalai Lama

DEPUTY'S CORNER

Year Six Camp

Congratulations to each and every student that attended year 6 camp at Currimundi last week. Reports from staff at the camp were extremely positive, Mr Kidston had a member of the public stop him to tell him how polite and well-mannered his group were. It was a pleasure to see our students enjoying themselves in challenging new experiences. Thank you to Miss Harmer for the hours and hours of preparation and for all staff who attended making the camp a success. Our year six cohort has set a very high standard for future years to uphold. Well done, everyone.



Tuckshop Day 2018

Tuckshop Day on Friday 2 November is a great chance for us to say THANKS to all the fantastic tuckshop helpers in our school. We love our tuckshop! <https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/health-and-wellbeing/student-health-wellbeing/tuckshop-day>



Does your child require medication during school hours?



If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you complete and sign an *Administration of medication record sheet* available from the school's office.

You will also need to provide the school with the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use. The school may request an accompanying doctor's letter for certain medications.

For more information visit the [Department of Education website](#).

Every second counts around water



Be a super hero and help prevent children from drowning with some tips from Olympic swimmer [Mitch Larkin](#) in the latest Queensland Family and Child Commission [water](#)

[safety campaign](#).

Sadly, tragedy can strike in just a few seconds, so make sure you provide active supervision when your children are near water. Children should be in the direct line of sight of an appropriate adult at all times.

Children under five are most at risk and make up 82 percent of child drownings.

There are a number of steps you can take to keep children safe around water.

For more information visit the [Queensland Family and Child Commission](#)

Reminder to be SunSmart



Summer means hours of outdoor fun and activities for our kids, and the need to provide sun protection is more important than ever.

With Queensland having among the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, the Cancer Council Queensland has a number of resources to help parents encourage their children to adopt SunSmart behaviours.

The resources include brochures, posters, postcards, a downloadable version of the Slip! Slop! Slap! song and an activity book, *Be SunSmart with Sid*.

This summer, don't sizzle like a sausage - take the five precautions to protect your child from sun damage:

- slip on clothing
- slop on sunscreen- check the expiry date to ensure the sunscreen still works
- slap on a hat
- seek shade
- slide on sunglasses

For more information or to check out the resources, visit the Cancer Council website at www.cancerqld.org.au

School road safety



Parents and carers are reminded to keep vigilant and slow down around our schools.

The State Government has implemented a range of initiatives to teach children about road safety as well as to reduce speeds on Queensland roads, including in school zones.

Parents and carers play an important role in teaching children about travelling safely to and from school.

You can help keep your child safe by:

- teaching them to look out for vehicles entering or leaving driveways
- discouraging them from playing with balls or toys when walking to school
- making sure they know the safest time to cross at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings or supervised school crossings
- ensuring they are familiar with the safest route to and from school, usually the way with the least traffic and fewest roads to cross
- accompanying young children until they are old enough to understand road safety

Student protection fact sheet: Information for parents

There is no higher priority for the Department of Education than the safety and wellbeing of students attending Queensland state schools.



This fact sheet provides information for parents about how schools respond to student protection concerns, including mandatory reporting responsibilities of Queensland state school staff.

Reporting student protection concerns in Queensland state schools

All school staff members must report reasonable suspicions of sexual abuse to the Queensland Police Service (QPS). Teachers, registered nurses and early childhood education and care professionals must also report reasonable suspicions of physical or sexual abuse to Child Safety when the child may not have a parent able and willing to protect the child from harm. These responsibilities are known as mandatory reporting obligations.

The department's [Student protection procedure](#) provides clear instructions to school staff on how to report student protection concerns in a way that meets their mandatory reporting obligations. On becoming aware of, or reasonably suspecting harm to students, school staff members must submit a written report to the principal.

It is the principal's responsibility to determine if the report meets the threshold for forwarding to Child Safety and/or QPS. The principal may make limited enquiries to determine if there is a reasonable suspicion of harm, and therefore that the threshold for reporting has been reached. However, it is not the role of schools to undertake investigations, or substantiate allegations of harm against a child.

If the principal determines that a report does not need to progress to Child Safety and/or QPS the school may offer a range of support options to a child and their family. One of these may be to refer the family to local support services such as [Family and Child Connect](#) (FACC), to assist them to receive any support they may need.

What happens after the school submits a report to authorities?

After the school has submitted a student protection report, Child Safety and/or QPS will investigate and assess the suspicions of harm and may take action to ensure the child's safety and wellbeing. During this time the school will monitor the child and report any new suspicions of harm to Child Safety and/or QPS. It is not the school's role to undertake investigations, or substantiate allegations of harm against a child.

Sometimes the school is notified of the outcome when Child Safety and/or QPS make a decision about whether to take action. If Child Safety and/or QPS do not take action (that is, if the report does not meet their threshold for intervention) the school will continue to monitor and support the child. School staff may also consider referring the child and their family to external local support services such as FACC.

What if you suspect a child is being harmed?

If you are a volunteer or visitor in a state school, and you suspect a child is being harmed, or is at risk of being harmed, you are required to discuss your concerns with the principal. All parents are encouraged to discuss any concerns regarding the possible abuse and neglect of students with the principal, guidance officer or the child's teacher. A report will be forwarded to Child Safety and/or QPS if the information meets the threshold for reporting under mandatory reporting obligations.

Any person has the right to make a report directly to Child Safety or the QPS.

Confidentiality

The identity of a notifier (a person who notifies Child Safety of suspicions of harm to children) is protected under the Child Protection Act. Any person who becomes aware of the identity of a notifier must not disclose the identity of the notifier to another person (with a few exceptions). Notifiers are also protected from liability for notification of, or information given about, alleged harm or risk of harm.

Further information

Members of the public can access information about child protection on [Child Safety's website](#).

Parents are being warned about a new online 'game', Momo



The Queensland Family and Child Commission are warning parents about a new online 'challenge' sweeping the internet through social media and online gaming.

The online game, known as Momo, has now spread over multiple social media platforms including Facebook, YouTube, WhatsApp and popular games such as Fortnite.

The game encourages children to communicate with an unknown number that sends the player images and orders for the player to complete. These orders can lead to dangerous activities and drastic outcomes.

Parents are encouraged to promote safe online practices with their children and have open and calm conversations with their children. Resources to help keep young people safe online are available on the [online safety resources](#) page.

STAFF PROFILE: Jane Palmer



My name is Jane Palmer and I work with the Year 3's on Tuesday's and Wednesday's. Although I have only been working at Caboolture State School for a short time, I am really enjoying getting to know the students, parents and staff.

I grew up on a farm in country NSW and moved to Queensland when I was in my last years of high school. I love the Queensland weather and enjoying being outdoors in the garden, in the pool and going camping. My most favourite thing is a good book. I could spend my entire day reading!

I am married with four children; a 14 year old scootering son, an 11 year old comic-writing boy, a booking-loving boy who is 9 and a cheeky little dancing daughter aged 4. We also have a black Labrador and two Guinea pigs. Life is always crazy, busy, fun and full of

memory-making moments. I wouldn't have it any other way.

STUDENT PROFILE: Nikita

My name is Nikita and I have attended this school since prep. This year I was chosen to be Border house vice-captain. I was very happy when I found out that I got chosen. I love to play Capture the Flag. I represent the school at Touch, AFL and Soccer on the gala days every term.



I really like coming to the school to hang out with all my crazy friends. When I go into class I like reading and learning new things. I love maths and a few more subjects.

When I'm outside of school I like to do arts and craft, draw and play a lot of sport. When my niece Soraya comes over we play around and when I hold her she likes to pull my hair. I like this school because it has so many new adventures and my next one is high school.

Chappy News



Breakfast Club – seeking donations of jam and honey

There are many children coming for toast and milo in the mornings. It is wonderful to hear them thank the volunteers for the hard work they put into running the Breakfast Club. If you have spare bottles of jam or honey at home, we would love some extras. Coles donate \$30 worth of supplies towards the running of the Breakfast Club and it

is almost enough for spreads and milo for the week.

Art Carnival

During Celebration Week we will again have the Art Carnival, celebrating the creativeness of our students. Many classes are currently making their creative piece to auction off on the day. We will again have the Art Gallery open in the hall for parents to admire the variety of artworks. This term I am opening up the art room at the school for children to paint and create an extra piece to display and to take home at the end of the week. Some students are working with volunteers to create their masterpiece. Watch this space for more details.

A green poster for a 'CAP money course'. It features the text 'budget. save. spend.' and 'A free course helping you to manage your money better'. It includes icons for a calculator, a piggy bank, and a hand holding money. The contact information is: Jenny Findlay 0403 856 955, City Heart Presbyterian Church, 13 Hasking Street Caboolture. The dates are 17 Nov 2018 & 24 Nov 2018, and the time is 9 am to 12 Noon. Registration is essential.

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Is your child enrolling in Prep at Caboolture State School in 2019?

**Please come and join in our Pre Prep
Friday mornings from 9 am to 10.30 am
every fortnight from 17 August, 2018**

Children and their parents will participate in a prep program to assist their transition to school.

They will need to bring their hat and a drink bottle
(a snack will be provided by the school).



Sessions will be held in the Ngara Room.

Please pop into the office for directions.

It would be great if children
could attend most sessions.

Information regarding full enrolment
will be provided at the sessions.

Session dates are 14/09, 19/10, 2/11, 16/11, 30/11



School Calendar

November 2018

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| | | | 1 | 2 <i>Pre Prep Session 9am</i> <i>Gala Day</i> | 3 | 4 |
| 5 <i>Year 6 QUT Visit</i> | 6 | 7 <i>Senior Assembly</i> | 8 | 9 <i>Last Day to pay for Yr 3 Twelfth Night Theatre</i> <i>Last Day to pay for Yr 4 CREEC</i> | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 <i>Whole School Beach Safety Talk</i> | 14 <i>Junior Assembly</i> <i>Year 5 Camp</i> <i>Year 3 Twelfth Night Theatre</i> <i>Year 4 CREEC</i> | 15 <i>Fluoride Treatment Program</i> <i>Year 5 Camp</i> | 16 <i>Pre Prep Session 9am</i> <i>Year 5 Camp</i> <i>Gala Day</i> | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 <i>Senior Assembly</i> | 22 <i>Fluoride Treatment Program</i> | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Junior Assembly</i> | 29 | 30 <i>Pre Prep Session 9am</i> <i>Year 3 Pets & People Workshop</i> | | |

December 2018

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| 3 | 4 | 5 <i>Senior Assembly</i> | 6 <i>Yr 6 Caboolture State High School Orientation</i> | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Celebration Week | | | | | | |
| 10 | 11 <i>Year 6 Graduation</i> | 12 <i>Awards Assembly</i> | 13 <i>Year 6 Rewards Day</i> | 14 <i>Last Day Term 4</i> | 15 | 16 |
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