Today I'm writing my newsletter article from Shanghai! Last week and this week I’ll be in China to attend my brother’s wedding. Shane Hoy will be Acting Principal while I'm away. During the remainder of the term Greg Tagg will also be on leave and Karen Herburg will be Acting Deputy Principal. If you have any concerns in the next fortnight please contact the office on 5431 6111.

Prep team sharing best practice

Did you know our Prep team have participated in an action research project focusing on Age Appropriate Pedagogies? Our school hosted a sharing event with 23 teachers from other schools. This demonstrates the commitment of our teachers to use the best teaching strategies to improve student achievement.

World Teachers Day Friday 28 October

Take time on Friday to let your child's teacher know you appreciate everything they do! Friday is our community's opportunity to thank teachers for the important role they play in teaching and learning our students.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner

In recent weeks students have taken up a ‘bottle flipping’ game which is risking student and staff safety. Bottles have been caught in rafters and nearly hitting ceiling fans. From this week this game is banned in school grounds. Please support us in reminding students to use their water bottles appropriately at school.

Parents make the difference!

One of the many fabulous things I've noticed since arriving is the strong support the P&C provides through the Tuckshop, uniform shop and fundraising events. The air conditioning and fridges in the classroom is a significant benefit for our school community. The P&C are looking for new members and volunteers to help in the tuckshop, disco in week 7 and at the Christmas Carols on 2nd December. If you can help out please see Chelsea at the tuckshop.

Amanda Wicks
Principal
Welcome to Week 5

Over the past few weeks it has been great to see so many parents having interviews with teachers and SEP case managers. This time of year is very important for parents to know how their child is achieving at school. Some parents have or will be contacted regarding their child’s ICP planning and endorsement prior to the reporting period opening.

Swimming Program: Swimming for 2016 starts next Monday 7 November. If your child has difficulty getting into the pool or around water can you please let the Case Manager know beforehand so discussions can take place prior to the lessons commencing and support is allocated.

PREP INTERVIEWS: If your child is attending the Prior to Prep program and has been attending the ECDP can you please make contact with Julietta Heywood at the Enrichment Centre.

Staffing in 2017: If your child is not returning in 2017 it is important to let the office know or Mrs Warby (EC) so we are prepared when organizing staff and students in the case management process for 2017.

Auslan Parent Classes: Auslan Parent classes are continuing in the Resource Building, Tuesday afternoon 2.15-2.45pm. Our new Auslan Language model, Trudi is following on from Lisa’s great work. All Welcome!

OUT OF BOUNDS: Please be aware that the Enrichment Centre Kiss and Drop driveway is NOT a pedestrian thoroughfare. Parents and students are requested to use the pathways at all times. It is disappointing to see that some parents still think this practice does not apply to them; not only are you causing concern for vehicles accessing the Kiss and Drop zone, you are also endangering the safety of yourself and your children.

Children waiting for their pick-up will remain behind the yellow line until the vehicle is completely stopped. This practice will ensure all our students are safe. We thank you for your co-operation.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION: Students in Year 6 are half way through their transition to high school program. The transition program continues each fortnight until the end of term. All students will attend a full day at both schools in early December. Students have participated in number of activities e.g. Home Economics, Woodwork, the Agriculture Farm and Science activities.

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MARK YOUR DIARY – CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – FRIDAY 2/12/2016

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.................................
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS UPDATE

What a very busy term it is! We have a number of celebrations still to come such as Carols by Candlelight, Year 6 Graduation and break-up day at Kings Beach, Red and Green Day for Prep to Year 2, Gold and Silver Ceremonies and Reward Activity, and the Volunteer’s Morning Tea just to name a few. Continue to check out our Facebook page as these events begin to unfold.

As part of our Health and Physical Education Program the school “Learn to Swim” Program will commence next week for Years 1 to 4. All students need to make sure they have their swimming essentials (togs, towel, goggles, hat) each and every day. Swimming payments and numbers of students have now been finalised and completed. Unfortunately, due to bus numbers we will be unable to accept any late payments.

I was very privileged to join our Students Leaders for a fun filled day at Wet’n’Wild. This event happens every year as a thank you to the students who give up their free time throughout the entire year to work with our younger grades, as well as all the extra responsibilities required of them. THANK YOU for an amazing day; all of you followed our school rules, you were very respectful, responsible and supportive of each other and we are so proud of you all.

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day. They learn better, make friends, they are happier and they have a brighter future. Our school attendance target is 92% and currently it is 90.5%. Whilst this is a fantastic improvement, there are a substantial number of students who are arriving to school late. Learning time in class starts at 8.50 am and every time a student arrives late, they are missing key learning moments. Please ensure your child is arriving on time every day.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Karen Herburg - Deputy Principal

Snippets from Student Services ...........

It has been a very busy term as usual, with so many extra events happening for our students!

Last Friday, many Year 4-6 students participated in Gala Day. The sports included Rugby Super 7s, AFL, Touch Football and Soccer. A great day was had by all and our students represented our school proudly at different sporting venues around the district.

This Friday 4th November is Enrichment Afternoon. Thanks to our amazing and dedicated teachers and teacher aides, there are some wonderful activities happening in the afternoon session that students have chosen to participate in. Some of the activities include: painting, science experiments, playdough, origami, art and craft, and outdoor games.

As part of Enrichment Afternoon, Chaplaincy and P & C have organised for a Subway lunch, which can be ordered by the students to enjoy at first break. If you wish for your child to enjoy Subway lunch, orders must be handed into the box in the school office by the end of Wed 2nd November.

Lisa Crocker – Head of Student Services
Term 4 has started at a hectic pace with our sports commitments taking up a great deal of our coaches time. We recently kicked off with the Warrigal Cup which was held on Bribie Island. We took three teams away to compete (Senior Boys Rugby League / Senior Girls Rugby League / Year 3 Rugby League).

The day was a huge success with the boys achieving fourth place overall and our girls competing against Tullawong in the Grand Final. The Grand Final was a torrid affair, Tullawong had some big girls competing but our girls refused to take a backwards step and took it right up to the opposition. In the final wash up the game was a draw with 3 tries apiece. The final ratings came down to the highest aggregate which saw our girls on top, subsequently Caboolture East were crowned the inaugural Warrigal Cup Girls Champions for 2016. Great effort girls.

A special mention has to be made of our year 3 Development Squad Team. We were informed prior to the competition that all year levels would be competing, consequently Caboolture East entered our Year 3 Development Squad. On arriving we discovered that the format had been changed and the competition was now a ¾ composite which left us as the youngest team in the competition. This did not phase our boys they stepped up to the challenge and took on all comers, they did us proud.

Congratulations to Jaydah Tofae and Chase Gittens awarded Players of the Day Warrigal Cup 2016. A special mention for Dom Filipo, Zyhon Pompey-Ngaika, Jayden Lowe, Jonah Richardson and Eli Snars just some of the stars in our Year 3 Development Squad Team.

I would like to congratulate all teams for their sportsmanship and effort throughout the carnival, job well done.

Development Squad Boys 2016

2016 Warrigal Champions

Parents can you help us out - We are in desperate need of second hand uniforms for our sick room. If you have any that are in reasonable condition and you no longer require them, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send them along to us.

Many thanks – Office Staff
Middle Years highlights

With Term 4 well underway and the end of the year fast approaching, it is important to reflect on the understanding that all students will still be actively learning right up until the end of term. Regular attendance from 8.50am is incredibly important to enable students to get the most out of school. We want all of our students to have the best possible chance at success and appreciate your support in achieving this. Congratulations to 6NH for the best attendance figures (91.9%) in the Middle Years so far this term. Well done!

This term, swimming lessons for Years 3-4 are happening over Weeks 6 & 7. Look out for details coming home soon if your child is participating in this activity. In Week 4, Year 5 students participated in a drama workshop with the Shake & Stir Company. Feedback from staff and students was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to offering this incursion again in the future. Year 6 students are working steadily towards their end of schooling and we urge you to support them to finish strong! The finish line is close but we still have a lot to achieve. Graduation is also looming and the Year 6 teachers have been striving to ensure that this event is a success.

In Week 8, the whole school is participating in a Math Fiesta. Double classes or year levels have been allocated times to come to the hall to engage in a wide variety of fun and interesting math based activities. Parents are welcome to come and help out with the fiesta – no experience necessary. Please let your child’s teacher know if you are available to assist or alternatively you can email me at bcart123@eq.edu.au. Class times will be posted on Facebook closer to the date.

Finally, a couple of important thank you messages:

Year 4 would like to thank the QUT Dance Faculty and QUT Dance students for their expertise and support during our Semester 2 Dance Unit.

Year 6 would like to thank Miss Tonia Gosney (2G) for her leadership and talent in opening their Dance unit so successfully.

Belinda Nash - Head of Curriculum – Middle Years

Early Years Curriculum Newsflash !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Early Years team is humming away and everyone is working very hard as the end of the year quickly approaches. In Prep we have just had the pleasure of hosting a number of schools in our region who are also participating in Age Appropriate Pedagogies (AAP). Our school has been a part of this fabulous project since the beginning of the year and we have had the opportunity to share our amazing journey with many other schools in our region. It was a great experience to be able to host these schools for the final AAP Cluster Meeting and share our school’s journey with them. A big thank you to Annette MacMahon for organising this and to the tuckshop for catering this event.

Our entire Prep team, Jules Young (STL&N) and I will be presenting our final report of the project at the Sunshine Coast University to other schools in our region and the team from Griffith University and The Department of Education and Training (DETE) on November 16th. We are so excited to share the amazing work our Prep teachers do every day.

As part of this exciting project we have been using Kath Murdoch’s ‘Power of Inquiry’ model to plan our units of work. Our Prep team had the opportunity through AAP to attend one of Kath’s inspiring workshops on Saturday at the Sunshine Coast. The teachers who attended said that it was very inspiring and that they took a great deal away from the day which is fabulous!

In other news, our Book Week commission has come in and due to the generosity of the many families who purchased books, we have been able to fulfil every class’s wish list and purchase many new books for the library too. Thank you so much for supporting our Book Fair, it not only fosters the love of books and reading, but has provided our classrooms and school with so many new books for all of our students to enjoy.

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Karina Walls - Head of Curriculum – Early Years
Music Notes!

A huge THANK YOU – We are very grateful to the Caboolture Sports Club who at the end of last term provided us with the funds to purchase a “MIMIO” interactive whiteboard technology system for the music room. This will greatly assist learning and delivery of the music curriculum across the year levels for the future.

Class Work – Students across the school have been working on songs from Disney for our assembly performances. Years 3-6 worked on providing a rendition of “Belle” from Beauty and the Beast, sharing out the multiple parts throughout the classes. Years P-2 delivered an excellent rendition of “I Just Can’t Wait To Be King” from The Lion King and are currently working on “I’m On My Way” from Brother Bear. In class students have been composing music this semester and it has been very pleasing to hear the variety of tunes being played.

COUNT US IN 2017 – Thursday 3rd will see the entire school get together for the singing of this year’s song “Let It Play”. You may have noticed us in the local newspaper who came out to interview myself and take pictures of students in preparation for this event which is now in its 10th year. We have been participating for the last four of these and it is always an exciting time. This one should be a visual spectacular!

Band – A lot of hard work has been going on with the band behind the scenes as they prepare to accompany us during Count Us In. Some challenging components in the score this year have pushed students along in their studies.

Choir – KIDSING at the end of last term was awesome and our kids did a fantastic job, well done to them all. The choir is busy preparing for the upcoming Carols night as they will kick the night off with a rendition of three carols that were massive hits in the UK in the 80s for Chris De Burgh and Cliff Richard.

Before School Music Program – Students have started private lessons in the mornings on keyboard and guitar as part of the P&C program. Slots are full but you are always welcome to put a form in (avail. From the office) to put your child on the waiting list. Great value and very convenient!

Look forward to seeing you at the remaining assemblies this term and the Carols night!

Mr Goldsmith - Music Teacher

IMPORTANT INFO FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO CATCH THE SCHOOL BUS

Could all parents of children who catch the school bus please make sure that all their details are up to date with the Bus Company to make sure that your child will be eligible for bus travel in 2017. For any enquiries please contact the relative Bus Company.