

19th February, 2016

Dates to Remember

Junior Parades – Friday Even Weeks

Senior Parades – Friday Odd Weeks

All welcome to attend
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22nd February

School Banking

23rd February

P & C Meeting- Resource Room –

9.00am

All welcome

24th February

Coffee Connection – 2.15pm

Resource Room- All welcome

26th February

Senior Parade – 9.00am

School Banking

29th February

School Banking

1st March

Ditto Show – Prep – Year 3

4th March

Junior Parade 9.00am

7th March

School Banking

11th March

Junior Disco P-2: 5pm-6pm

Senior Disco 3-6: 6.30-8pm

from the Principal

Wow! Almost half way through Term 1 already! Remembering that Term 1 is just a 9 week term.

We have always known that we are stars at Caboolture East and that we do an amazing job. Now all of Australia know as we have just featured in the Australia Educator magazine with a huge spread and pictures of our amazing Pedagogical Coach teaching some of our last year's Year 4 students. This feature highlights our tremendous academic achievements through programs we have put into place using the Gonski Funding (Greater Results Guarantee money). This extra money has enabled our school to invest where our needs are and has allowed us to employ extra staff with expertise to focus on data informed needs areas.

I will continue to keep you updated with how we are investing these Gonski Funds (now called Investing For Success) to provide your children with an exceptional educational platform of learning experiences. Keep up with these innovative learning programs by meeting us for coffee and a chat at Coffee Chats every second Wednesday afternoon in the Large Covered Area or at our next P&C meeting next Tuesday morning 23rd February at 9.00am.

Thank you for your support with the afternoon parent information sessions held last week. It was great to see many parents take advantage of these classroom presentation sessions. I understand that many were still unable to attend, so teachers are making contact with these parents to discuss their child's learning experiences and expectations for that year level.

Information sessions are a wonderful opportunity for parents to get firsthand knowledge about how their child's classroom runs, what curriculum areas are being focussed on and what the expectations are for that year level.

If there is some other way we can make it easier for you to attend, please don't hesitate to let us know. It's important that the children see that you value and understand what they do in their classrooms.

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Every Day Counts

Every Day Counts is a statewide initiative addressing the issue of student attendance at school. The initiative is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes to school attendance. It requires the support of both parents and the community if student attendance is to be successfully addressed.

Every Day Counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truancing can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

[Research](#) shows that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement.

To encourage students to come to school 100% of the time we have put in place some reward incentives. On Assembly we will be acknowledging the class with the *'Best Attendance.'* This class will receive a Principal's Attendance Reward and for students who attend 100% each term, they will receive a very special Principal's Award and take part in a special morning tea in the teacher's Staff Room. This was a huge hit in 2015! So the 'race is on!'

P&C Meeting 2016:

We started this year with just 4 classrooms yet to be air-conditioned. I have negotiated with the P&C to support my plans to have these rooms air conditioned in the next few weeks. This means that much of the fund raising for 2016 will be focussed to this end. We will then be a totally COOL SCHOOL! So we need your support in the P&C.

The first P&C Meeting this year is on Tuesday 24 February at 9.00am in the Resource Building. I would suggest you come along and see what it is that the P&C does in our school. We also need some new people to support us this year.

At the end of the day, if we don't have people to put their hand up to help out, we can't run some of the fabulous activities we are famous for. If you are interested in helping out or joining Caboolture East State School's P&C, please contact our President Mrs Karren Carr by email pandc@caboeastss.eq.edu.au

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-up:

Unfortunately, I need to remind parents once again, **to wait for their children** in the **Large Covered Area** or the **Small Covered Area**, so that **uninterrupted learning** can occur right up to the final school bell. **Standing or sitting** outside classrooms is a distraction for many of our children.

Also once again thank you for supporting us, **in caring for our gardens**, by **not walking through them**. Those extra few steps needed to walk on the paths provided, sets a great example to your children.

I look forward to working with you all in making Caboolture East a great community learning precinct.

Julieanne

PREP, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3 NEWS!!

It is hard to believe we are almost half way through Term 1. It has been an extremely busy few weeks for both teachers and students and this will continue throughout the coming weeks. This week saw our Prep Classes commence lining up in the morning in the Large Covered Area. A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** goes out to all our Prep students for lining up so beautifully in the morning. Well done!

MORNING LINE UP:

This year we have Year 1 and Year 2 students lining up in the small covered area in the morning, and our Year 3 students lining up in the courtyard area just outside their classrooms. I would like to remind all students that when you arrive at school in the morning, you need to be sitting behind your class 'witches hat'. It would be helpful if parents could support this and please encourage your children to sit with their class as it can become very chaotic when they are roaming around these areas. We encourage parents to drop off their children in the line-up area knowing there is always someone on duty to watch over them. This is also a fantastic opportunity for students to learn to become more independent and responsible.

CONTACT DETAILS:

I would like to really stress the point to parents about keeping your contact details up to date. There are an increasing number of phone numbers disconnected or incoming call restrictions. We need to be able to contact you, especially in the case of an emergency. Please let the office know if your contact details have changed and we can amend this immediately.

ABSENCES/ATTENDANCE

Remember the importance of being at school all day, every day! If you are going to be away please call the absentee line on 5431 6160. Any unexplained absences will result in you receiving a text, or a phone call to explain this. Please contact the office, if you have any concerns about the details. We had our first Attendance Award this week on Junior Assembly and we will continue to look at the data around which classes have the Best Attendance.

CLASSES:

I have spent quite a lot of time chatting with teachers and students in classrooms. There is definitely lots of amazing work going on in classes and it is fantastic to see so many of our amazing students engaged during their learning time.

EVENTS:

Keep an eye out for some of our Early Years event that will be occurring. Our famous Easter Bonnet Parade for Preps to Year 2 will be happening soon; more details about this will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

I spend lots of time walking and talking with our parents during the day. If you see me 'out and about' I look forward to a chat along the way. Until next time☺

Karen Herburg
HOD – Early Years

Positive Behaviour for Learning - Our Year's Start

Across the school teachers and staff have revised and introduced students to Caboolture East State School's rule set of:

BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL BE A LEARNER

Underlying this rule set are the expected behaviours of students in all areas of the school - **Learning, Play and Socialisation.**

Students are taught the 'how to behaviour' within across the school by explicitly teaching students the routines and expected behaviours of the class and school. Students have begun participating within lessons teaching toilet use, before school routine, lining up, moving between locations and their learning spaces and general teacher routines of their classroom.

As the year progresses, further routines and lessons will also be taught throughout each of the school terms and previously taught lessons reviewed.

An important part of this initial 2016 process has been the evacuation processes we have across the school. These are designed to evacuate students safely from their respective learning areas away from potential harm and danger to our school meeting point on the back oval.

As part of our whole of school reward processes students 'Earn' their way through 3 Behaviour Levels to Gold. These levels being **Bronze, Silver and then Gold.** Our program is called:

'My Pathway to Gold' - Earn Your Way!

School and Class Expectations:

Students follow the expected school behaviours in all aspects of the school throughout the term and accumulate 'behaviour points' to earn their way to a Gold Certificate. This is a cumulative earning model of behaviour support where points are earned for continuing to meet school behavioural expectations. Points earned cannot be lost or taken away.

Students earn daily and or weekly points for their efforts in their *Pathway to Gold*:

- **Being Safe** (1 point per day/or up to 5 points per week)
- **Being Respectful** (1 point per day/or up to 5 points per week)
- **Being a Learner** (1 point per day/or up to 5 points per week)
- **Playground Behaviours** (1 point per day/or up to 5 points per week)
- **Bonus Points** (1 point per day/or up to 5 points per week)

An equally shared emphasis is placed upon the 3 rules of the school, playground behaviour and a bonus point system. At the end of this 9 week term, certificates will be awarded to students on the following "points" basis.

- **Gold Certificates** - 201 to 225
- **Silver Certificates** - 176 to 200
- **Bronze Certificates** - 150 to 175

At the end of the term students across Years 1 to 6 will receive a certificate recognising their level of attainment: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Those students attaining **Gold and Silver** Certificates only, will also earn the end of term reward. Year levels have been finalising their Term 1 Reward for the students.

Caboolture East Behaviour Processes still remain in place. Teachers will share their specific **Classroom Management Plans** with parents during the parent information sessions in week 3. These plans outline each class's management structure and response to behaviour with positive and negative consequences.

Important aspects in our 'Earn Your Way' implementation:

- Students collect and store their points using their GSB (Gold/Silver/Bronze) book
- 'On Our Way', Bronze, Silver and Gold posters are visually on display in classrooms. Students' names begin the term on the 'On Our Way' poster and progress as points are earned
- Bonus Points are awarded at the discretion of the classroom teacher. They may be individualised according to student needs and behaviour expectations. Example areas include: Specific individual classroom expectations, specialists, peer assistance, behaviour 'above and beyond expectations' etc.
- Specialist teachers may be involved in awarding bonus points through class interaction
- Student earning four Gold Certificates (at the '250' point level) for the year (1000 points total) will be awarded a **Pure Gold Katyburra Pin** to recognise their long term Gold Behaviour
- Throughout the first two weeks of term, teachers 'flood' students with additional points to positively kick-start the term
- The last week of terms 1, 2 and 3 are being used as the first week of point collection for the following term. We are encouraging and expect student behaviour to remain positive during the last week of each term and for students to be rewarded for their continuing efforts. (i.e.: Week 9 of term 1 are the points for the first week of term 2.)

Starting the School Day

Our before school routine includes being **SAFE** for the start of the school day. Our parent body can assist with morning routines in many ways. This will include: having students at school on time, organising school bags and the necessary equipment and lunches for the day, having students in full school uniform to help commence the school day successfully. By reviewing and reinforcing our morning routine with students, parents can assist to ensure that students have a clear understanding of the start to the day routine.

ENRICHMENT CENTRE NEWS

The Enrichment Centre is in full swing, opening for business at 8.15 each morning with a range of quiet activities and board games to keep students occupied before school starts. **There is no playground use or running around permitted.** A number of our students and parents are using the verandah as a calm area to sit until the bell goes at 8.45am.

During week 3 a number of staff completed the final part of Diabetes training. Staff were given information and training in the management of blood glucose levels in students with diabetes.

Julietta Heywood

WHAT IS DIABETES?

What is diabetes? Diabetes is a disease in which the body is unable to properly use and store glucose (a form of sugar). Glucose backs up in the bloodstream causing a person's blood glucose (sometimes referred to as blood sugar) to rise too high. The pancreas is not making any insulin (a hormone) or does not produce enough insulin to react to these glucose levels. Insulin is a hormone that acts as a key to let glucose from the food we eat, pass from the blood stream into the cells to provide energy.

There are two major types of diabetes. In Type 1 diabetes, the body completely stops producing any insulin. People with Type 1 diabetes must take daily insulin injections to manage this disease. This form of diabetes usually develops in children or young adults, but can occur at any age. Type 2 diabetes results when the body doesn't produce enough insulin and/or is unable to use insulin properly (insulin resistance). This form of diabetes usually occurs in people who are over 40, overweight, and have a family history of diabetes. Today it is increasingly occurring in younger people, particularly adolescents.

Treatments: There are certain things that everyone who has diabetes, whether Type 1 or Type 2, needs to do to be healthy. They need to have a meal (eating) plan. They need to pay attention to how much physical activity they engage in, because physical activity can help the body use insulin better so it can convert glucose into energy for cells.

Everyone with Type 1 diabetes, and some people with Type 2 diabetes, also needs to take insulin injections.

Some people with Type 2 diabetes take medications called "oral agents" which help their bodies produce more insulin and/or use the insulin it is producing better and other people with Type 2 diabetes can manage their disease by appropriate meal planning and adequate physical activity.

Information provided by *Diabetes Australia*

CHAPPY NEWS

Hi my name is Mandy Williamson and I am the new School Chaplain. I started at Caboolture East at the start of term one. I have spent the last 2 years studying with SU Qld completing my Cert IV in youth work and my Diploma in youth work. I am married and have 3 children of my own, 2 girls and 1 boy.

I am looking forward to what 2016 brings for our school community. I have been spending time over the last few weeks getting to know staff, students and parents in our school community. My role as School Chaplain is to support, encourage and empower the students and their families.

Breakfast Club is also on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning in the school hall.

I work Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. My room is in the old blue building (Mod 3). Please come to my room and say Hi. It would be great to meet as many of the families in our school.
Thanks

Chappy Mandy
C.E.S.S School Chaplain

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More information is available from the ABS website.
Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR POSITION



Applications for the above position are available from the

School Office. Applications Close 20th February, 2016.



JUNIOR AND SENIOR DISCO !

When: Friday 11th March, 2016
Times: Junior P-2: 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Senior 3-6 : 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Cost of Entry \$4.50

Food – DJ – Video Clips

GREAT DOOR PRIZES FOR BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR DISCOS!

Make sure you put the date in your Diary!