Welcome back to Term 2 of 2016. Even though Term 1 was a very short term of just 9 weeks, the heat did seem to take its toll on many of us, so the two week Easter vacation break was very much appreciated. We’ve had time to relax and enjoy family time and now we are looking forward to the very busy eleven week term ahead of us.

We have two long weekends coming up this term- ANZAC long weekend with Monday 25th April being a public holiday and the following weekend which is also a long weekend due to the public holiday for Labour Day on Monday 2nd May.

Our teachers are in full flight with the National Curriculum programs up and running, resourced with C2C resources and with Parent Interviews in Weeks 2 and 3. If you are unable to meet with your child’s teacher in the next 2 weeks, please ring to arrange a more convenient time. This year the response from parents has been fantastic, showing us that the teacher/parent/student relationship is very strong and that our parent community are very well informed as to what educational experiences are being offered to their children. Well done Mums and Dads!!

Last week we enrolled 9 new students bringing our school numbers up to 707. As you can see the word is out about the fabulous staff and great learning opportunities being offered here at Caboolture East State School.

**NAPLAN:**
We are continuing to work hard to prepare our children to achieve their best results in the NAPLAN testing in Week 5. This Tuesday we had a practice session from 9.00am and were supported greatly by all the classes with a very quiet morning session. Great job everyone!

NAPLAN this year will once again involve Years 3 and 5 children on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May. Last term we had an afternoon parent information session which parents found very valuable and informative.

This week (Thursday 21st April) we will presenting another parent information session in the resource building at 5.00pm. This session explains how parents can best support their child during these testing days. **If you are unable to attend and would like any information, please contact our STL&N, Ms Jules Young.**

The children will receive a NAPLAN bookmark next Tuesday. This can be placed on the fridge and will remind families on how to support children participating in NAPLAN. Writing practice sessions in class will run in weeks 2 and 3, so as to prepare students and avoid anxiety.
**Anzac Day Ceremony:**
We will be having two school ANZAC Ceremonies on **Friday 22nd April** – a short Junior Ceremony at **9.00am** and our official Senior Ceremony at **1.45pm**. The Years 3 to 6 students will be participating in this very solemn ceremony in the afternoon, led by the school leaders. This year we have been fortunate to have many special guests attending. Mr Goldsmith has been practising a song which we will sing during the proceedings. At Caboolture East, we place great pride in this ceremony, so put it into your diary for this week as there will be limited seating.

Please note that there will be no Senior Assembly this week. All awards will be presented at the next Senior Assembly.

**Hats:**
Please remember that we have issued every child with a brand new bucket hat over the past few years. If your child has lost their hat a new replacement hat must be bought from the tuckshop at a cost of $15. All newly enrolled students receive the new sport’s coloured reversible bucket hat.

**Winter Uniforms:**
With the cold weather starting to peek through now, I would like to remind you of our School Dress Code Policy. It is important to maintain the high standard that families here at Caboolture East have worked so hard towards. The winter uniforms are now in stock. Royal Blue jumpers ($25) and jackets ($35) with the school logo are the only jumpers/jackets permitted as per the School Dress Code Policy. Please arrange with the tuckshop if you are keen to layby the winter stock.

Only black shorts, skorts or tracksuit pants are to be worn. Some girls are starting to wear tights and their school shirts. These only can be worn under their black shorts or skorts. Staff will be vigilant in maintaining our high standards of dress and your support with this is paramount.

I ask that you help your child to be organised each day by wearing the correct uniform. If there are any concerns, please don’t hesitate to see me by making an appointment.

**Before and After School Parking:**
Once again I will remind parents about parking around a school zone as this requires everyone to be highly vigilant of the road and parking rules. The parking on footpaths and in the driveway of houses in McCool Street is unacceptable as our neighbours, who are very supportive of our school, are being taken advantage of. This week we have had a phone call from the bus company as parents have been parking in incorrect areas causing the bus to not be able to complete their turning circle safely.

In the coming weeks I have been advised that traffic police will be making random patrols to ensure that our children are safe when they arrive and leave our school. It is still surprising that our students have the potential of being involved in an accident due to illegal stopping and parking by parents.

Please follow the road rules to ensure that our school children are safe at all times.

**School Photographs:**
Last week notices re school photos went out to every student. Please place in your diaries that School Photographs will be on Thursday 26th May for Years 3 to 6 and Special Groups and Friday 27th May for Preps to Year 2.

**School Resources Management Scheme:**
Parents and Caregivers, who have signed up for this scheme in Prep to Year 6, please note that payment for Term 2 is now overdue

At the end of Term 1, invoices for outstanding balances were sent out. Prep is $22.50 and Year 1 to 6 is $25.00.

Thank you to those people who have promptly paid their balances. This service is the best in the district and provides your child with the equipment for their daily learning needs.

If you have outstanding balances please pay immediately as the due date has passed and teachers are wanting to issue further supplies so that their students can engage in their everyday learning activities.

**Absence Letters:**
Absence letters were also sent out at the end of last term, and we ask that you complete the forms and return to the office by this Friday. Please contact the office, if you have any concerns about the details.

*Julieanne*
U2B Kids at The University of Queensland

Last term our Cab East Allstars attended the University of Queensland for the ‘Big Day Out’. They had a great day of learning mathematics, music and ancient history.

Our students have done an amazing job as they participate in the online course. They are well into the projects and are gaining new knowledge and skills in thinking and applying problem solving strategies.

Our Critical thinking students have been challenged with questions such as “Is it right to lie?” Looked at fact and opinion by focussing on the concepts of idea and reason. They have explored the three types of fairness (need, sameness and deservedness) and how to apply this to a variety of scenarios. Most importantly they have explored effective techniques when constructing an argument such as reason, justification and rebuttal (Watch out parents as they try them on you!)

Booster maths students have been working on the PPW or part-part whole strategy and learning how to apply this to problem solving questions. They have also looked at benchmarking which involves finding a common starting and ending point to measure. The MAD triangle is another effective strategy for multiplication and division problems and they have also worked with geometrical shapes discovering their properties and being able to identify the shape from a top, side and front view.

Shane Hoy – Deputy Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Day will be on the following days:-

Thursday 26/5/2016 – Years 3-6 and Special Groups (School Captains, Active Leaders, Band and Choir).

Friday 27/5/2016 - Prep to Year 2. Envelopes have been handed out to all students. If more are required you can collect from School Office. Family photos will be done between 8.00 and 9.00am on both Thursday and Friday. Family photo envelopes can also be collected from School Office.
APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

What is Autism Spectrum Disorder? Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a developmental and lifelong disability that affects how a person learns and interacts with other people and their surroundings. Autism occurs in both boys and girls across all cultures and communities.

The term ‘spectrum’ is used to indicate that no two people with ASD are the same. The differences depend on the combinations of social ability and understanding, communication level, cognitive ability, age, personality and many other factors.

Autism was previously divided into sub categories, such as Asperger’s Syndrome, Pervasive Development Disorder not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Rhett Syndrome. Now under the DSM 5 it all comes under the umbrella of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

What are some of the characteristics of autism? People with autism often have problems with communication skills, social situations, restricted/repetitive interests and behaviour, coping with their environment (sensory issues) and learning.

Communicating: People with autism may have problems understanding others; talking about their own feelings; following instructions; or maintaining a conversation.
Socialising: People with autism may like to play alone or may have problems making and keeping friends. They may not know how to join in a game or activity with others so they find social situations difficult.
Behaving: People with autism may have problems behaving appropriately in certain situations and environments. They may dislike change, have a strong interest in one topic or repeat actions or movements over and over again.
Coping with the environment: People with autism may have problems coping with noise, touch, certain smells, certain tastes, movement or people and objects around them.
Learning: People with autism may find learning difficult at times due to problems with attention and concentration, planning and organisation, understanding what is expected and staying motivated.

Symptoms of autism can sometimes be subtle and may not become obvious until a child starts school or moves into adulthood. People with autism have strengths and skills and with regular, consistent support, progress can be made.

In the next newsletter I will cover teaching strategies that we at Caboolture East State School use to support our students with ASD.

Julietta Heywood – HOSES

MATESHIP DAY UPDATE:
Hot Dog orders need to be handed in as soon as possible so that the Tuckshop can organise the orders.

ANZAC DAY MARCH UPDATE:
If marching on Monday 25th April, please have students return their “intention to march” permission form to the Office by Friday 22/4/2016. We would like to be able to outdo our 2015 student representative numbers of 122 ……………

DON’T FORGET:
When: 9.10am for the 9.30am march
Where: MEET US AT THE WATER TOWER AT THE VETERANS HOME IN KING STREET.
What to Wear: Clean School Uniform with school Bucket Hat
Finish Time: 10.00am in the Carpark across from the Caboolture-Morayfield and District RSL Sub-Branch
See you all there!
MATESHIP DAY 2016! – Thursday 21st April

For those new to our school and those now in Year 3 we wanted to let you know about a very special program that we run here at Caboolture East for the Yrs. 3-6, it’s called “Mateship Day” and it happens in conjunction with our ANZAC Day Ceremonies. The day has students engaged in activities around the school that involve team building and problem solving whilst they learn about the very essence of what makes our diggers famous throughout the world – the spirit of mateship mixed with our Australian larrikin fun.

Our Active Leaders from Year 6 play a very important role in this program by running the various activities that students rotate through. They also engage students in historical and real-life information from those who have given their lives in service to our country. This year the Australian Army Cadets will also be joining us in uniform to bring some authenticity to the program and run a couple of the activities students will participate in.

Students are encouraged to wear non-uniform clothing that represents the defence forces (Army greens, camouflage shirts and pants, etc) to really get into the spirit of the day. Please be aware that the nature of some activities has students crawling along the ground and getting dirty, out in the sun, etc. therefore appropriate attire should be worn (i.e. no singlet tops).

We look forward to another successful event, now in its fourth year, and the participation of our senior student body.

CABOOLTURE ANZAC DAY MARCH- 2016

Each year students from Caboolture East State School march in the Caboolture Anzac Day Parade, the annual commemoration of the Gallipoli landing, and Legacy of the ANZACs. This march continues to grow each year and we again encourage all students to attend on the day! This year ANZAC DAY falls on Monday 25th April, 2016. It is an important part of our school culture and we take great pride in marching as a school. In representing the school all students must wear the following:

- Full school uniform with School Bucket Hat
- Carers need to bring a water bottle for them after the march

This year children will assemble at the water tower near the War Veterans Home along King Street at 9.10am, where teachers and staff will be standing with the school banner. The parade commences at 9.30am. Students must be collected by parents from the car park on the corner of James Street and Beerburrum Road immediately after the march – approx. 10.00am. Students do not stay together for the official ceremony, however, can do so if in the care of parents or carers.

This is a great opportunity to show pride in our history, our community and our school. Please encourage your child/children to march with the school.

Greg Tagg – Deputy Principal