

4th May, 2016

5th May
District Cross Country – 9.00am

6th May
Senior Assembly 9.00am
School Banking

13th May
Junior Assembly 9.00am
School Banking

16th May
School Banking

18th May
Coffee Connection 2.15pm

19th May
Year 6 SEP Excursion – Rural
Discovery Day

20th May
Senior Assembly 9.00am
School Banking

24th May
P & C Meeting 9.00am

26th May
Under 8's Day
School Photo Day – Senior
School and Special Groups

27th May
School Photo Day – Junior
School
No Junior Assembly today
School Banking

from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you all had a couple of relaxing long weekends and the opportunity to enjoy some valuable family time together. I am excited to be Acting Principal at Caboolture East State School and honoured to have the opportunity to work with staff, students, parents and community during the next 8 weeks. I am looking forward to continuing the great work Mrs Wilson has established at our wonderful school with students, teachers and families. Working together with the leadership team and staff at Caboolture East State School, I hope to inspire students and support them in their endeavours to achieve academic, sporting, cultural and personal goals.

I have been visiting classrooms over the last week and have been noticing the exciting and wonderful things happening and the students' engagement and enjoyment in learning. When students are engaged in their learning they are making decisions and developing skills that will accompany them into adulthood and help them to achieve their goals. Another important factor in student achievement is attendance. When students miss a day of school they are missing out on learning a number of important fundamental skills. Ensuring your child is at school gives them the best opportunity to achieve their goals. Our attendance rate for term 1 was just under 92% just shy of the target set by Mrs Wilson of 93%. I would like to continue to focus on student attendance this term. Let's hit that target of 93% for term 2!!

A reminder to parents that if your child is away you are required to inform the school and provide an explanation for the absence. Open communication with the school about your child's absence is a great way to prevent attendance issues from escalating. Remember, Every Day Counts!

Finally we are pleased to announce that over the past term as a community we have supported the people of Lawaki Village after Cyclone Winston devastated their township in late February. As a school community the Free Dress day raised \$506 and the Raffle raised \$392. This totals \$898 in support for Lawaki Village. A big thank you for supporting the needs of a group of people who have been impacted by a terrible disaster. This money will go towards rebuilding homes and lives as one of our teachers at Caboolture East State School delivers donations of clothing, furniture, toys and supplies over the next week. Great work Caboolture East State School!

Shane Hoy
Principal



CHAPPY NEWS UPDATE

Welcome back to all our families for term 2. I trust that you have had a lovely break spending time with loved ones. Term 2 is a long one with 11 weeks. There are lots of great things happening in our school community. Cross country just around the corner. I have settled in well and getting to know the wonderful families, students and staff of Caboolture East. If you have not met me feel free to come and see me in the Mod 3 building I would love to meet you.

Week 5 of this term is Chappy week. Keep an eye out for more information about this. There are some great camps coming up in the next school holidays. For those that did Day camp last year. GUESS WHAT? It is coming around fast. Keep your eye out for the information.

The students have been enjoying coming to the Chappy room at break time and doing craft and other activities. If you would like to help donate craft supplies to the chappy room to help keep the craft supplies up it would be very much appreciated.

Thanks
Chappy Mandy



SCHOOL BANKING NEWS!!!!

There have been a few changes to the School Banking System. After due consideration the P & C has decided to go back to the original School Banking Day **FRIDAY**. After children have placed their school banking into the Banking Bag this will then be taken to the P & C room for processing. The change is due to the fact that some children are getting confused about which day is the specific Banking day. **KEEP ON BANKING.....**

SO DON'T FORGET SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS FRIDAY!!!



P&C NEWS UPDATE!!!

Uniform Shop – JUMPERS ARE NOW HERE!!! \$25.00 each and available from the Uniform Shop Monday to Friday 8.30am – 1.00pm. See Jodie for more information if required.

SENIOR SHIRTS have arrived and will be distributed to students once accounts for same are finalised. Final payments can be made at the Uniform Shop Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 1.00pm



AUTISM AWARENESS (April was Autism awareness month)

Continuing on from the previous newsletter, some of the Teaching Strategies used to support students with ASD at Caboolture East State School are described below:

1 COMMUNICATION:

- offering a variety of alternative communication modes eg photos, line drawings, symbols
- reinforcing messages with visual information
- Understanding that disruptive behaviours often have a communication function such as indication feeling or need
- Ensuring the student is attending before talking to them
- Minimising distraction. (Students with ASD have difficulty processing information and picking out relevant cues from irrelevant ones.)

2 SOCIAL IMPAIRMENT:

- Use the student's chosen high interest topics to assist with learning and motivation
- linking behaviour management and social learning to the curriculum
- Promoting social learning through natural interactions and opportunities throughout the day.

3 RIGIDITY AND INFLEXIBILITY:

Rigid and inflexible behaviours often are the result of students with ASD preferring to have structure and predictability in all areas of their lives. If routines are disrupted, there may be an intense emotional reaction, which could be misinterpreted as tantrum but is really more like a panic attack caused by anxiety and stress.

Teachers may use some of the following teaching strategies:

- Allowing students to indulge in repetitive actions but only as a reward for doing prescribed tasks, e.g. use of trampoline
- Teaching the student with ASD to cope with change by preparing them in advance and offering explanation and support
- Designing programs which encourage more acceptable actions and better means of coping with stress, anxiety and tiredness eg I need a break card
- Encouraging students to engage in alternative and more socially acceptable activities-modelling /roleplaying alternatives
- Using the key interest areas as a basis for academic skills.

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