PRINCIPAL’S PAGE

WELCOME:
On behalf of the staff I would like to welcome everyone back to the start of the 2017 school year. Throughout week one our students were very settled and this allowed us to have a very smooth start to the year. Our current enrolment sits at 583 students which is similar to our enrolment last year. This number includes over 100 students who are attending our school for the first time. I would like to extend a warm welcome to these students and their families. I trust your time with us is rewarding both academically and socially.

I would like to remind all parents/carers of the need to let us know if your child is experiencing any difficulties at school i.e bullying, school refusal, etc., that you need to let us know immediately. If we don’t know about issues we cannot do anything to resolve them. Once again welcome and I hope you have an enjoyable year.

NEW STAFF:
I would like to welcome our new staff in 2017. Miss Emily Young has joined our teaching team and will be teaching 5C. Mrs Kiri Bekkers was with us for a short time previously and re-joins us this year. Kiri will be teaching 2C. Sharon Kelly has commenced duties with our office administration team and will be responsible for staffing our health room.

Kim Kirk joins us as a language interpreter. Kim will be working through our special education team supporting students with hearing impairments. I would like to welcome these people to our school team. I’m sure their time with us will be enjoyable.

MAKING A COMPLAINT:
There will be times as a parent/carer that you wish to make a complaint about an issue that has occurred at school. We have published the process you need to follow when making a complaint on our school web site for your information. Your first port of call should always be the class teacher or a member of the admin team. Whilst I appreciate that what has occurred may have caused you to feel upset and/or angry it would be appreciated if you could approach the relevant staff member in a calm manner. None of the staff at Caboolture State School will do anything to intentionally harm a child and will always attempt to assist you to resolve any concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time in relation to any issue for your child.

ATTENDANCE:
Daily attendance is paramount in your child achieving to their best educationally. Therefore, it is vitally important that your child arrives at school on time every day ready to learn.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!!!!
ABSENCE CALLS:
It has been legislated that we must contact parents/carers every day that a student is absent from school if you do not let us know that they are absent.
To avoid a call from our office staff we recommend the following:
• Contact us on the absence number as follows: 54314560
• If you know of an absence in advance i.e appointment, holiday, etc., please let the office or class teacher know
• Please make sure you keep your contact details up to date.

BUS TRAVEL:
As you may be aware, Pumicestone State School has opened this year changing our catchment area. This can affect eligibility for the School Transport Assistance Scheme. However the government does understand that access to education is an important issue for our families. For this reason students at our school will maintain eligible for transport assistance under grandfather arrangements until the end of year 6. This arrangement is extended to siblings as well as long as they reside at the same address. These arrangements will continue to apply as long as there is no change to personal circumstances such as the school attended or change of address.

LEAVE:
I will be taking Long Service Leave every Friday for the remainder of term 1 commencing on Friday 10th February. I will be taking this leave to care for my elderly mother. During my absence Mr Kennedy will be Acting Principal and will be responsible for overseeing school operations.

HEALTHY EATING:
Students who have a healthy diet are much better prepared for engaging in the learning program. To this end I would encourage parents/carers to ensure that their child comes to school every day with foods that are considered to be healthy i.e. fruit, raw vegetables, sandwiches, etc. As a staff we discourage chips, roll ups, noodles (packet variety), etc. as these foods have limited nutritional value. As a school we always have fruit and sandwiches available for our students should you be unable to provide these for your child due to financial issues. Please contact me if you have any concerns in this area.

HELPFUL HINT:
To keep lunches cool use cheap dishwashing sponges soaked in water and frozen to put in lunch boxes. Place the sponge in a zip lock bag and then place one in your child’s lunch box. All items are cheap and reusable.

Saying of the month:
You can’t build a reputation on what you’re going to do!

DEPUTY’S CORNER
Welcome back everyone to a new year at Caboolture State School. It has been very pleasing to see all students so keen and fresh to start the new year and especially the preps in their uniforms and new hats.

HATS – DRINK BOTTLES
If you haven’t been around in the afternoon to pick your children up you may not have seen our HATS. It is wonderful to see soooooooo many of our students bringing their hats to school and wearing them out to play. With the sun so hot please remind students to pack their hats for school.

Also in this hot weather it is important for students to stay hydrated. Bringing a drink bottle that they can refill at the taps during the day goes a long way to keeping away heat stress.
Student Story

Robotic Gorillas Vs The Destroyer Zombies
By Cohen 4/5A

Chapter 1 The War Begins

Once upon a time there were two tribes, the Robotic Gorillas and the Destroyer Zombies. They were mortal enemies until one day they joined forces. They put all the centuries of fighting behind them. They put all of their hatred and anger aside, so they could see all the peace, happiness and beauty in the world.

Chapter 2 Betrayal by the Allegiance

Half of the gorillas and half of the zombies split from their tribes and mad their own tribes and instead of two tribes there were four. The Zombie King moaned, “What do we do?”

The Gorilla King said, “The only thing we can do, fight to the end!!!”

The Zombie King moaned, “I agree, this is the only thing we can do.”

Chapter 3 The War Starts Again With a New Hope

Suddenly something emerged from the water…

It was another tribe. They were called the Winged Octopi. The leader of the Octopi and all of his army joined the rebel Gorillas and Zombies, to finally take the kings

Chapter 4 Downfall of the Kings

The kings said, “Bring it on!” and charged all of their troops into battle. All of their troops were being slaughtered. Very soon all that was left was the kings. They were sentenced to one whole day to suffer in jail.

Chapter 5 Kings Forever

The next day on the battlefield before the kings execution, the troops questioned, “Wait, why are we taking orders from the Octopi King? They’re our kings.” Just before the swords were to cut through them, half of their troops stopped the swords and the other half freed the kings.

Chapter 6 Old Ruler Falls

Everything was going great until a guard killed the Zombie King. Not long after that, the evil king and the rest of his troops retreated to a small abandoned cave and shouted – “You haven’t seen the last of me!”

Meanwhile the Gorilla King was left very devastated knowing that the Zombie King was dead.

Chapter 7 Back From the Dead

With one great gust of wind the earth shattered in two, then a gorilla guard shouted, “What is happening?”

A zombie squire said, “The Zombie King controls half the world and since he’s dead, that half of the world will slowly crumble and fall till there is nothing left.”

TO BE CONTINUED……

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday 2nd March by msp photography. Further details will be available shortly.

Excursion Payments

We would like to advise all families that payment cut off dates for excursions, camps and activities WILL be adhered to without exception. This process ensures that we are able to manage excursions and activities efficiently as well as meeting necessary administrative requirements. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience but highlights the necessity for families to keep up to date with their student’s school activities. Information relevant to excursions and school activities can be found in the school newsletter and on our school website. Notes are also sent home with students well in advance of scheduled activities. If you experience financial hardship making the payment cut off time you are welcome to come in and discuss your options with the Business Services Manager before the final due date.

Parent/Carer Contact Details

It is vitally important that you make sure you notify us when your contact details change. Several times a week we attempt to contact a parent only to find that contact details have changed and we have not been notified.

The greatest danger arises when we need to contact you because of an emergency. Whilst this is a fairly uncommon event, it highlights our need to have up to date details.

We understand that folk get busy and simply forget so to assist you in notifying us, we have attached a
Student Change of Details form to each newsletter. You can download, complete and return this form to school either via email or with your student.

**Student Absences**

If your child/ren are absent from school, please call the school’s absence line 5431 4560 and leave the following details:

- Your name
- Contact number
- Student/s name/s
- Reason for absence.
- The date.

We are required to put a reason in the system for all student absences. If we do not receive a reason on the date of the absence, we will call you or send out a letter requesting a reason.

**Late Arrival/Early Departure**

If your student is arriving at school after the bell in the morning at 8.50 am it is necessary for them to call into the First Aid Room to be checked in and receive a late slip for their teacher. If you would like to collect your student/s early, please call into the First Aid Room and they will be checked out.

The school is responsible for the students under their care, therefore an accurate record of who is in attendance is necessary.

**Medication**

At school, we can only administer medications that have been prescribed by a doctor. These will be held securely in the First Aid Room and dispensed when required following receipt of the correct paperwork signed by a parent/caregiver. Any medication given at school is required to have a pharmacists label with the prescribing doctor’s name on it. Please call into the First Aid Room or phone for further information.

**Phones/Tablets & Electrical Devices**

When a student brings the above to school it is locked securely in the First Aid Room. This is for safety. The student checks it in in the morning and signs it out in the afternoon on their way home.

**Lost Property**

Lost property will be collected in the First Aid Room, please feel free to call in and have a look if your students have lost something.

**Chappy News**

Welcome back to all our families from last year and a big welcome to all the new families to our wonderful school. I had a relaxing time over the holidays with my family in the Bundaberg area. It is good to be back though.

This year started with two lovely ladies cleaning and remodelling the Chappy room. It looks amazing. The floor will be redone in the next few weeks and there are still some pieces of furniture to leave and some chairs to add. An extra two fans have also been put up, which makes it much easier to concentrate on creating.

I have some amazing parents and volunteers who are helping in the Chappy room at playbreak. It gives the children the opportunity to learn new skills and make new things. Last week children made pom pom caterpillars and this week they have used the stamps and made loom bands. All the cardboard boxes and recyclables have been used up. If you have a collection of bits and pieces that children can use for construction, please drop them off at the Chappy room.

Breakfast Club has started again for the year. It is on from 8:15 until the bell rings to go to class. Many of the volunteers from last year have continued to help out again this year. If you would like to help out, we need another person for Monday mornings. Let me know if you want to be part of this valuable program. Alternatively, you could donate UHT milk, juices or spreads to help us to keep the costs down.
HOME
INTERACTION
PROGRAM FOR
PARENTS AND
YOUNGSTERS

What is HIPPY?
The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a two-year, home-based early childhood learning and parenting program that empowers parents and carers as their child’s first teacher.

HIPPY is a free two-year early learning program.

HIPPY empowers carers as their child’s first teacher.

HIPPY helps children make a successful transition to school and beyond.

In the first year of HIPPY, the year before school begins, families learn skills to get their children ready for school.

In the second year, parents learn more about supporting their children’s learning and development at school and at home.

Families spend 10 to 15 minutes a day doing educational activities with their children.

A trained HIPPY Tutor meets with the family to practice HIPPY activities.

Families together on a learning journey.

Contact Program Coordinator – Cath 0467733811/ charbers@redcross.org.au
Fact Sheet for Parents/Carers/Guardians

What is Get Started Vouchers?
Get Started Vouchers is one of the funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government’s Get in the Game initiative to support sport and active recreation at the grassroots level.

Get Started Vouchers assists children and young people who can least afford, or may otherwise benefit from, joining a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people can apply for a voucher¹ valued up to $150, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club that is registered for Get Started Vouchers.

When will vouchers be available?
The following table provides round dates for the next two years.

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How do I apply for a voucher?
To obtain a voucher:
- visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthe game/
- view the list of registered clubs to find a new club or confirm that the club your child is interested in joining is registered
- contact the club to ask about any specific equipment required for the activity and any additional fees that may not be covered by the voucher
- click on the ‘apply for a voucher’ link on the department’s website and enter your details and the eligible child/young person’s details, including a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card number or referral agents details.

If you are eligible, a voucher with a unique reference number will be generated. Print the voucher and take it to the registered sport or recreation club the child/young person intends to join (prior to the expiry date) to receive up to $150 off the club’s membership/participation fees.

Need further information?
For further information about Get Started Vouchers, telephone 13QGOV, email getstarted@npq.qld.gov.au or visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthe game/

¹Vouchers will be distributed in two rounds each year on a first come, first served basis. Once the allocation for each round is exhausted, the program will close and no further vouchers will be offered for that round.
²Refer to the Get Started Vouchers Referral Agents Fact Sheet for information on referral agents.
Does attendance really matter?

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter.

School Starts at 8:40am

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but ................

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“EVERY DAY COUNTS”
BIRTH REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE DRIVE
The Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages Queensland

Do you need assistance with having your child's birth registered?
Do you require help with obtaining a Birth Certificate?

RBDM Community Liaison Officer – Victoria Bell will be located at:

Buranga Widjung Justice Group
Shop 5-7/20 King Street, Caboolture Q 4510
Murrumba Hub Arcade

The more identification you can bring the easier it will be to register and obtain a Birth Certificate on the day. Identification may include the following:

Driver’s License, Medicare Card, Centrelink Health Benefit’s Card,
Keystart, Letters from Centrelink and Government Departments

BIRTH CERTIFICATES WILL BE FEE WAIVED and PAID FOR UNDER THE PATHFINDERS NATIONAL ABORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR NEWBORNs TO 21 YEARS OF AGE
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FREE UNTIL THE 14TH FEBRUARY 2017

Community members are welcome to purchase a copy of a birth, death or marriage certificates

If you require further information about the services that the Registry provide to community please contact Victoria Bell, Community Liaison Officer on (07) 3033 6762 or, send me an email at:
Victoria.bell-lockel@justice.qld.gov.au or BDMCommunityLiaison@justice.qld.gov.au

Buranga Widjung Justice Group

Email: bwjustice@datawave.net.au
Contact Number: 07 54 994 133
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