



# THE NEWS



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**CALD PLAY GROUP**

A chance to meet other families and children

CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) mothers and fathers are invited to bring their children along to a free play group at the Community Centre's Childcare Centre, 22 Charles Street Pinalba, on Wednesdays (starting on the 26th April) from 9:30-11. For more information on how to register for a free play group please call Robyn on 4194 3077 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

**P&C MOTHERS DAY STALL**

The P&C will be running a Mother's Day stall from the tuckshop again this year on the 11th and 12th of May. Prices will range between \$0.50-\$6.00. Please get behind the P&C and support this stall and get something nice for your mum as well.

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## INFORMATION IN THE OFFICE

- Little Joeys Playgroup infant—Pre-prep in playgroup room, every Monday from 9-11am
- Hervey Bay State Schools and Early Learning Expo. Thursday 1st June 5-7pm at Hervey Bay RSL11 Torquay Road.
- Riverside Christian College is hosting the Interschool Equestrian Competition 23-25 August. Further information [www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au) or on FaceBook at Fraser Coast IEC.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### May

- 15th - Little Joeys Playgroup 9-11am
- 16th - Senior Choir performing at Kawungan SS
- 17th - USHS Parent Information Night 6pm
- 18th - Year 1 Wild Life Sanctuary Vist
- 19th - Maths Apex Enrichment Day HBSHS
  - - Indigenous Playgroup
  - - Parade—Senior
- 22nd - Little Joeys Playgroup 9-11am
- 24th - Under 8's Day Prep
- 26th - Fraser Coast Show Day Holiday

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Term 2 newsletter. A little reminder that parent's seeking a hardcopy of the newsletter can still collect a copy from the front office each fortnight. Congratulations to Cook House who are the 2017 Cross Country winners – narrowly beating Fraser House by 23 points. I am sure that Fraser will be keen to overturn this result in the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Additionally, well done to all our Hervey Bay Zone Cross Country runners who travelled to St James Lutheran School last week. What a fantastic effort by all runners, with many personal bests and two of our students qualifying to compete at the Wide Bay trials in Gympie later this term. Currently, our school has 481 students enrolled with two classes being at capacity. We have vacancies in all year levels and can look at enrolments outside of our catchment area for all year levels except Year 6.

A reminder to all members of our community of relevant school routines;

\* There will be a Junior Parade this Friday from 2:15pm onwards and a Senior Parade in Week 5.

\* There is another public holiday coming up; Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> is the Fraser Coast Show Holiday. Please be aware that there will be no staff at school on this day so please do not send your child to school.

\* Rewards Day Activities – this year the school is covering the costs of Rewards Days. As per last year, the criteria to be eligible to attend Rewards Day is no more than 2 Detentions, no suspensions, no outstanding resources and the Student Resource Scheme must be up to date ie. Paid at least \$90 or a payment plan in place by the end of the term. **Please note that due to a drop in our attendance rate, from this term onwards, students must also attend above the 92% mark to be eligible to attend Rewards Day.** Students who have long term absences for sickness and those on holiday with their parents will have these absences exempted from the data.

### ATTENDANCE:

Our school, like all others in Queensland, follow the mantra that "Every Day Counts". In other words, students need to attend as many school days as possible, to enable them to develop to their full potential.

Our school will again be carefully watching the attendance rates of every class with prizes for the top 3 classes from Weeks 1 to Week 9. The top class will receive a Subway Lunch Party, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive a \$50 resource being bought for the classroom and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive an Icy Pole for each student in that class. There is also a \$25 class resource prize given to the most improved class.

So far this term, we have the following leaders;

1<sup>st</sup> – 3/4S on 96.45%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3P on 96.16%, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2P on 96.03%, 4<sup>th</sup> – Prep/1U on 95%, 5<sup>th</sup> – 1S on 94.86%, 6<sup>th</sup> – 2S on 93.81%, 7<sup>th</sup> – 5P on 93.72% and 8<sup>th</sup> – 1U on 93.69%.

The most improved leader is 2P, who have increased their average attendance by nearly 3% on last term. Each week is vital, so keep

turning up and help the school strive for the 92% for the term.

***This year we have four Explicit Improvement Agenda target areas:***

- ***Whole school improvement in Reading and Numeracy;***
  - ***Increased number of students in the Upper Two Band in NAPLAN testing;***
    - ***Improved Attendance; and***
  - ***Increased performance for students with disabilities.***
- Additionally, this year we will be providing this Service Guarantee (ie. promise) to all parents and caregivers of our school –***
- "Every student will have a teacher read to them, every day."***

### HEALTHY EATING AREA TRIAL

This term, the school is trialling a different approach to students in their eating areas. Students are not taking their lunchboxes out the eating areas but are taking the food that they are eating instead. Those students with green friendly lunchboxes have been given permission to take their lunchboxes out with them and a new, small blue container has been provided for the students (located outside the admin area) to drop these lunchboxes in until the end of the play breaks. This will keep them safe from Ibis', kids using them as soccer goals or balls or being lost or possibly stolen. So far, the trial has been hugely successful with the feedback from staff and students very positive;

- Students are happy that they don't have to find and return their lunchboxes at the end of their play breaks;
  - Staff can monitor eating habits of students at each break and convey this information to parents;
  - Food temperature is controlled and therefore wastage and spoilage is minimised ie. reduced risk of bacteria;
  - Less Ibis birds; (bin chickens)
  - Less rubbish in eating areas; and Parents have commented that this will extend the lifespan of their purchased lunchboxes.
- I will be asking for further feedback on this trial later this term, before a decision is made whether to extend, modify or cease this process.

### NAPLAN TESTS

A massive thank you to Mr Fowler, Year 3&5 Teachers and all Year 3&5 students for their fantastic efforts over this week as they completed the 2017 NAPLAN Tests. As I have walked through each classroom, I have seen calm, happy and secure faces. Students have given their best and that is all that we can ask for. Well done all and we look forward to seeing the results later this year.

Have a great fortnight,  
Damien Gainsford  
Principal

Principal: Damien					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15/5 - 19/5	11.30-1.30pm Meeting Steve Case 11.45-12.45pm Meeting Andrew Nye (HOC) 3.30pm Out of office	10-11am Leadership Meeting 6.00pm Principals Business Forum	10.15-10.45am Meeting Leisa Staunton 3.30pm Principals Business Fourm  3.15-3.45pm Staff Meeting		8am-3pm Damien of Level 2 Behaviours  2.15pm Parade Senior School  6-9pm Corrinne's Art Show— ASD—Multi Sensory
22/5—26/5	11.45am—12.45pm Meeting Andrew Nye (HOC)	10-11am Leadership Meeting 11-12.30pm Indigenous Education Advisory Group Meeting	10.15-10.45am Meeting Leisa Staunton. 3.15-3.45pm Cluster Meeting		Show Day Public Holiday
DP —Mark					
15/5-19/5	11.30-1.30pm Meeting Steve Case 11-11.30am Camp Meeting 2-3pm Check in on 2U	10-11am Supervising Solid Pathways 10-11am Leadership Meeting 1.25-1.40pm Detention Room	9.30-11am Private Appointment 3.15-3.45pm Staff Meeting		8.30-1pm WHS network meeting Maryborough 1.25-1.40pm Detention Room 2.15pm Parade Whole School
22/5-26/5		10-11am Leadership Meeting 12-1pm Supervising Solid Pathways 1.25-1.40pm Detention Room	10-11am Development Plan with staff 11.15-11.40am Detention Room 12.15-1.15pm Development Plan with staff 3.15-3.45pm Cluster Meeting	Educational Change Makers— All day	Show Day Holiday

## MASTER TEACHER NEWS

There are a few important dates/events that our families with younger siblings may be interested in:

- Every Monday the Little Joeys playgroup runs from 9am to 11am. This is a great opportunity for children under prep age to engage in social play with other children and their parents.
- There will be a Hervey Bay State Schools and Early Years EXPO held at the Hervey Bay RSL on the 1<sup>st</sup> June from 5pm – 7pm. Representatives from Bay State Schools, early years learning centres and community organisations will have information relating to their setting. There will be give-aways, informative presentations on child development and educational curriculum information. This is a great opportunity to see what the Bay has to offer for the early years.
- Urangan Point will be hosting its PREP OPEN DAY on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September at 9:15am – 10:45am. If you have a child born between the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 and 30th June 2013 they can begin Prep in 2018. This day will inform parents about what our school can offer and provide the children with a 'taste' of Prep for next year. We are taking enrolments now!

## NEWS FROM YEAR 5

This year in grade five we have been learning a lot of cool new things.

In maths we have been learning lots of new things like interpreting data, unit fractions, decimal fractions and problem solving using division and multiplication strategies.

In English we have been focusing on narratives within the fantasy genre. Emphasis has been on language features used by authors, such as: metaphors, similes, personification, alliteration and imagery.

In science we are now investigating our place in the solar system.

In Art we had lots of fun designing and creating our Chinese opera masks.

Lote: we have learnt how to write, say and greet in Chinese and painted our authentic Chinese name scrolls

This week year 5 have worked very hard during NAPLAN testing, so well done year 5!

## STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

This week, student leaders' have been generously donating their time in the mornings to make toast and drinks for our NAPLAN students. Next week, Breakfast Club will resume as usual from Monday to Friday from 8.30am. Please remember it closes at 8.50am to allow time for our student leaders to prepare for their day.

Thank you to all those parents and students who have supported the Friday icy cup sales. It has been a very successful few months. The student leaders are preparing for a new Friday afternoon treat to offer students which will prove popular. There will be an update on this coming soon!

Thank you for supporting our Student Council

## CHOIR

Our Senior Choir will be competing in "Creative Generation Voices" at Kawungan State School on Tuesday 16th May starting at 1.20pm. Please have your child dressed in long black dress pants, black socks and black shoes and their choir shirt. Students will need to bring second break food and their drink bottle to the music room by 12.20pm. They will be leaving the school grounds by 12.50pm and returning by 3.00pm.

## CHAPPYS CORNER

Last term some amazing UPSS staff assisted in creating a Chappy Chill Out Lounge and students have had some fun exploring the space and realising they can come and see Chappy Brydie for support or fun. The room is a great place for lunchtime games and groups like J-Team, however it is also a great opportunity for children and or parents to come and chat if they are keen for some support. Feel free parents to pop in and say hello on a Monday or Wednesday, it would be lovely to have some parent coffee and chat afternoons happening soon.

This term Chappy Brydie is running an afterschool high school transition program with other Chaplains across the Bay, some UPSS children from Year 6 have been invited to this program. The program utilises action based learning and team benefit students prior to high school. The program has been supported by the Hervey Bay RSL, Hervey Bay Lions Club and Vanderfield. Glendyne College has also supported the program by donating resources and a venue. It has been great to see students eager to embrace personal growth and I am excited to watch their journey. It is anticipated there will be a group run in second semester also.

## **Are Our Children Safe??**

When your child thinks of people who might pose a risk, will they think only strangers fall into this category? I thought my children were well equipped until I learnt more on the subject. Did you know of all Australian child sexual abuse cases reported, in only 10% of these reports the perpetrators were strangers to the victim. When considering these statistics, it is staggering to realise that the majority of child sexual abuse situations involve perpetrators known to the victim. These statistics furthermore beg for questions to be asked, are our children safe with the people they know and how can we keep them safe?

Without sounding alarm bells, research calls for parents and carers to adopt tactics that might better prepare our children to deal with difficult situations they might encounter, in hope of preventing victimisation and to deter perpetrators. In the coming months I will be sharing some of these tips so hopefully we can all become more mindful of keeping our children safe!

## **Protective Behaviour Tips for Parents for this fortnight**

We all have a right to feel safe!

This is a basic Human Right that we can begin to explore within our schoolyard, classrooms and in the home. Teaching children their rights and responsibilities regarding keeping safe and respecting others rights to be safe is a major foundation in teaching children protective behaviours. We can teach children that they are the boss of their bodies and that they always have the right to feel safe in relation to their body/ personal safety bubble. How might this conversation be introduced into your home or our school community?

Have a great fortnight!

Chappy Brydie

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