Principal’s Report

As Semester One comes to an end, we can proudly look back over the last six months and celebrate the great achievements of our 140 students, their teachers, teacher aides and support staff and your support as parents and carers. The last two terms have simply flown by. Never-the-less, we as a school have worked solidly to keep a sharp and narrow focus on the school priorities — communication for learning, literacy, numeracy and senior secondary education.

Student reports will come home today or tomorrow reflecting the school’s focus on ensuring all students have an effective communication system, are developing literacy and numeracy skills, and that our senior students are on a pathway to meaningful post-school options.

Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings with their child’s teacher in early Term 3, to discuss semester one progress and goals for the student’s Individual Curriculum Plan for Semester Two.

Bus Conversion
Earlier in the term P&C made application through the Commonwealth Community Grants Program, to fund half of the costs of converting one of the school buses into a wheelchair accessible bus. We have recently had correspondence from the program that the application was being looked at favourably. I am very hopeful that the Commonwealth will provide $7,500 towards the conversion and we will hear in time to have the work done over the school holidays. Having a wheelchair friendly bus is a necessity for us to include all students in as many activities as we can.

Big Day In
Thank you to Townsend’s Bus Company for sponsoring last Thursday’s Big Day In. It was a very successful day with the students really enjoying the activities.

New Building Update
The fortnightly briefing session, held last Thursday was very positive with all planning and civil works on track. Last weekend’s rain may delay groundworks this week, however the relocation of K Block is on track to occur over the holidays.

K Block has to be moved, as does the bus shed to allow for the new building to be sited in the best possible position.

Staff and Click Vacation Care will not be able to attend school over the holiday period, as electrical cabling will be laid and heavy machinery will be in use, making it unsafe to be here. Click has an alternate site ready for the holidays.

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Parent Pick-up Area
Parents are asked not to drop their children off before 8.45am in the parent pick-up area as staff may not be rostered on to supervise and escort students to class until this time. The gate should not be opened until then, as rolls needs to be completed when staff are there to ensure everyone is safe. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

Strategic Plan 2016-2019
The school’s strategic framework for the next 3 ½ years has been finalised. I am very pleased that we have such a useful document to guide the school’s direction up to the end of the 2019 school year. Copies of the plan will be provided on the school website when endorsed by Andrew Hawke, Lead Principal Special Schools. Hard copies will also be available on request.

The School Annual Report for last year has been completed and is available on the front page of the school’s website. Printed hard copies are available on request.

Calamvale Special School Principal Position
I am delighted to have been appointed permanently in the position I have been relieving in for the past 18 months. Thank you all so much for the support and encouragement you have given me since I have been here.

Tom Byrne
Principal

Gotcha Awards
Students who received Gotcha Awards over the last two weeks are:
M2: Samuel
M7: Lewis, Mason, Christopher, Nyalok
JS2: Lachlan, Hayley, Kaeden
JS3: Shakira, Kyle
JS4: Elias, Paige
JS5: Kristen
JS6: Chantelle
SS1: Georgia
SS2: Daisy, Michael
SS5: Morgan, Trent, Leticia, Aidan
Positive Behaviour for Learning
It has been a successful Semester for the PBL program at our school. Recent behaviour data shows that instances of challenging behaviours have decreased during both classroom times and play times. A job well done to students and staff! The students also seem to be enjoying the Gotcha system and are always very excited to show their completed charts to the principal. This Thursday, the 23rd, is our PBL Disco. Two students from each class who have completed their Gotcha charts are invited to attend this event to celebrate their success. The disco will run from 1:45 to 2:30 and snacks and poppers will be provided. Remember, the PBL philosophy understands that challenging behaviour serves a purpose for students. The fastest way to turn challenging behaviour around is by teaching them acceptable and appropriate ways to get what they need. By focusing on positive behaviours, and explicitly teaching behavioural expectations, we increase learning time and foster a positive climate in our school. Have a great break!

Assembly Awards:

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P&C Report
The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Thursday 27th July at 9.30am. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend. The meeting format will be a short business meeting followed by morning tea and discussion.

Uniform Shop: Most uniform back orders are now available. If you have not received uniforms you have ordered previously, please send a note through to P & C with your child’s teacher.

Dream World Ticket Purchase: A big thank you to all the families who purchased the discounted Dream World tickets through P&C. This has been a good fundraiser with $10 for each ticket being paid back to P&C.

Entertainment Book Fund Raiser: This P&C fundraiser is happening again. 20% from every book sold goes to P&C. We have books for pick up at $65 covering Brisbane, Sunshine coast and surrounds. Pay at the office or online on link below:

After School Dance: This coming Friday the after school dance program, that has been offered by Miss Bridgette’s “School of Spark”, will end as Bridgette is moving. However, the dance sessions of a Friday after school will continue from Friday 15/7/16. The new dance provider is “Inside Outside Theatre”. Dance classes will be taken by a qualified Hip Hop Dancer, Sherry and assistant Tara. Classes will be from 3:00-4:00pm in the Undercover Area. Families participating will be invoiced by the provider, with each class costing $10.00. A separate flyer is included with the newsletter.

Free Dental Treatment
The School Dental Service still provides free dental treatment to all school students up to Yr 10, as well as those in Yr 11 & 12 who are holders of Health Care Cards or recipients of the Child Dental Benefit Scheme. (We can also see children younger than school age where they are holders of Health Care Cards or recipients of the Child Dental Benefit Scheme.)

We have a large number of clinics in the local area and our clinics are open and available to all eligible children.
See separate insert.

Coming Events
24/6/16 Middle Year’s Excursion to QCPA
24/6/16 Term 2 ends
11/7/16 Term 3 begins
29/7/16 NAIDOC Celebrations
3/8/16 Darling Point Fun Run
10/8/16 Ekka Show Holiday
12/8/16 Sport’s Day and Meal Deal Day
17/8/16 Showman’s Guild Middle Years
23/8/16 Carers Link NDIS Workshop
25/8/16 Kuraby Tri-School Dance-a-thon
1-2/9/16 Father’s Day Stall
School Watch
Keep a watch on our school these holidays:
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

Holiday Program
Ginger Sports
Attendance is absolutely FREE. Families intending to participate are invited to complete a registration form, available on our website here: [https://www.ginger.com.au/ecea-every-child-every-ability/?tab=2](https://www.ginger.com.au/ecea-every-child-every-ability/?tab=2)

The event will take place on Sunday 9th July from 1:30pm-3:30pm, at Roma Street Parkland’s, Brisbane.

Oral Health Services
Call 1300 300 850 to MAKE AN APPOINTMENT at a LOCATION NEAR YOU

Beaudesert State Primary School
Beaudesert Hospital
Browns Plains State Primary School
Browns Plains Community Dental Clinic
Jimboomba State Primary School
Regents Park State Primary School
Park Ridge State Primary School

Not all clinics are open every day.

Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like $500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

To be eligible you need to:
• have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
• have a child at school now or starting next year
• have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email info@saverplusbelconnen.com.au

Your whole family could be eligible for FREE dental care

Who is eligible?
• All children age 4 through to grade 10
• 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule
• Adults & children who hold a current:
  • Centrelink card
  • Health care card
  • Pension concession card

1300 300 850

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WE ARE NEARLY SIX MONTHS OLD

As term two draws to a close, we have been reflecting on our story to date and we think that around 100 students at six venues is a pretty good start. As with all new ventures we have had a couple of teething problems but we have worked hard to fix them and are confident that we have a strong base to build upon going forward.

We were also delighted to be selected as a finalist for our first award – the Longman Award for Business Achievement.

In Term three we will have several new venues opening including Calamvale, Mitchelton, Redcliffe, Woolloongabba and Oxley and will be issuing new timetables shortly.

As you all know, we are committed to making our classes inclusive and would love to keep all classes free. However, due to such fast growth in the numbers of students this will no longer be possible. From Term 3, we will be introducing a nominal fee of $10 per week per student ($8 for a second student in the same family with or without disability).

For that fee any student can attend as many classes as they wish to at any of our venues. If this is difficult for anybody please contact Angela or Rosanne to discuss in confidence and we will help where we can. All students will be invoiced over the holidays with fees due by the end of July. Please complete the form attached separately to book your classes - classes above those you are already attending will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

MEMBERSHIP

Due to our new charitable status, we now have a membership scheme and all students need to become members at an annual cost of $30. This will be invoiced shortly and is due within 14 days of issue.
Dates for the diary

All students:

Term 3 starts week commencing 11 July at all venues except for Caboolture which begins week commencing 18 July. It will be a 10 week term.

Saturday 19 November, end of year showcase, CBD venue to be confirmed (all classes)

Performance Group:

Saturday 23 July – two performances (group is split):

- Multicap Southside Festival, Eight Mile Plains 9am-2pm
- All Ability Ball, Hervey Bay (evening)

Friday 19 August – Big Night Out, Northside (tbc)

Thursday 29 September, workshop with international dancer and choreographer, Marc Brew (by invitation), Judith Wright Centre

Friday 21 October – Big Night Out, Northside (tbc)

Saturday 3 December, Access Arts end of year event (pm), State Library of QLD.

Meet Sheru

A huge welcome to Sheru, our newest teacher, who has taken over the Ipswich classes on Monday and Wednesday and will also be taking our new class at Calamvale on a Friday.

Sheru was born in Berlin, Germany, and moved to Australia in 1983. He grew up living an active lifestyle filled with sports and music, before finding his real passion for dance in 2015.

Sheru has trained under some of the world’s teachers including Electric Boogaloo legends Mr Wiggles, Suga Pop and Poppin Pete.

In 2012 Sheru was chosen to star in Southern Comfort’s television commercial where he plays ‘Mr Pop’. In the same year, Sheru and his crew Swagamama were contestants on the popular television series Everybody Dance Now. In 2013, Swagamama reached the grand finals of Australia’s Got Talent, making Sheru a two-time Australia’s Got Talent grand finalist.

Recently, Sheru has been focusing more on corporate dance work with Swagamama. Since its inception in 2012, Swagamama has grown to a lineup of 15 dancers, and is one of Australia’s most successful street dance based acts. Sheru also regularly judges national and international level events such as Hip Hop Internationals and World Supremacy Battlegrounds.