Principal's Report

In the last two weeks our students have had two really exciting days of learning and participating in the life of the school and broader community. Friday 29th July the school celebrated NAIDOC Day with guests from Ngatana-Lui Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cultural Studies Centre and school activities. I was sorry to miss the day, as I have been away with a terrible influenza virus. Winter in Brisbane is just great, but it has its downside! I understand from staff and student feedback that it was a wonderful day, culturally rich, engaging and fun for all.

Yesterday the majority of our Middle Years to Senior Secondary students travelled to Wynnum for the Darling Point Annual Special Schools' Fun Run. It was a hugely successful day with great participation and enjoyment in the event from all of our students. Congratulations to Chase who came 3rd in the Over 12 Boys and to Amanda who was second in her age group, the Under 12 Girls.

Mrs Cotton tells me that two of her students Mitchell and Summer completed the whole course with no help. We are very proud of how all the students participated in giving their all yesterday.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to access community events, travel and meet other students in a non-threatening yet personally challenging learning environment. We are enormously proud of the achievement and participation of all of our students who participated.

A big thank you goes to Mr Josh Dickson, Mrs Liz Rogers, Mrs Mandy Stewart-Murphy for their work in organising the day and Townsend’s Bus Company for providing transport.

Individual Curriculum Planning (ICP) Meetings are coming to end for parents and carers of students in Prep to Year 10. If you haven’t made an appointment to talk with your child’s teacher regarding Semester One reports and the curriculum plan for Semester Two, please do so. As ICPs are developed, a draft will be sent home with a letter outlining what you need to do and a return slip to say you are happy with the plan. Once this slip is returned I am able to sign and approve the plan and record its endorsement on the Department’s system.

Parents of senior secondary students also have the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher to review last semester’s report and plans for Semester Two.

Review of Disability Education
The Minister has recently announced that Deloitte will be leading a comprehensive review of Disability Education in Queensland. The Minister has advised that the review will take an honest look at what we are doing well and areas in which the department can better support special education. It will engage with families, peers and members of the school community as well as staff in schools. It is expected to be completed by the end of October. I’ll advise parents and carers as more information becomes available.

School Opinion Survey
Thank you to parents and carers that completed the 2016 School Opinion Survey. When results are received I’ll publish the in the newsletter.

NDIS Workshop
Just a reminder that the Getting Ready for NDIS Workshop being conducted by Cares Link will be held in the Hub on Tuesday 23rd August. This is a 3 hour workshop, designed for our school community. Registrations need to be made by 16th August, by contacting the school office to leave your name.

Art Show Date Claimer
Please add to your diaries the date and time for this year’s Art Show: Thursday 15th September. The students and staff cordially invite all parents and carers to attend from 6.00pm – 8.00pm to view our students’ work and participate in a fun-filled evening.

Remember, next Wednesday 10th August is a public holiday for Brisbane being People’s Day at the EKKA and our school will be closed for the day.

Parking on Service Road
Whilst the staff carpark is being constructed access to the school grounds is not possible. The consequence of this is that staff need to park on the service road. We are trying to reserve parks for parent drop off and pick up. I am aware that there is limited parking space. We are in negotiation with Brisbane City Council, to alter parking times. Please be aware that Council Parking Inspectors will be monitoring the area. Avoid parking in no parking areas. In the morning staff will assist students from the footpath to speed up drop off time and free car spaces. Treat the area as a drop and go to keep the traffic moving. I appreciate your patience with this.

Tom Byrne
Principal
Gotcha Awards
Students who received Gotcha Awards over the last two weeks are:
JS5: Amanda, Kristen & Lachian

Assembly Awards:

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Free Playgroup Queensland membership offer
Queensland families who register with Playgroup Queensland before their child’s first birthday can now receive a free 12-month membership as part of the Queensland Government’s Play Stars initiative. Playgroups provide fun experiences that support children to learn and grow through play, and help parents connect. To find out more and register, visit the Playgroup Queensland website (http://www.playgroupqueensland.com.au/become-a-member/play-stars/).

Every day counts at school
The Department of Education and Training has developed a range of free resources to promote the importance of going to school, every day. Research shows that school attendance leads to positive student outcomes, and can help children to build social and emotional skills.

The new Every day counts resources, developed with the input of Solid Pathways (www.indigenous.education.qld.gov.au/school/Pages/solid-pathways.aspx) students, includes an animation, comic book, posters, as well as tips to help encourage students to go to school every day. Check out the new resources and see if you can spot some of your favourite NRL footy players — visit the Every day counts website (www.everydaycounts.eq.edu.au).

P&C Report
The next meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 24th August in the Hub, commencing 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.

Coming Events
10/8/16  Ekka Show Holiday (school closed)
12/8/16  Sport’s Day and Meal Deal Day
23/8/16  Carers Link NDIS Workshop (9.30-12.30)
24/8/16  P&C Meeting
1-2/9/16  Father’s Day Stall
15/9/16  Art Show (6.00pm – 8.00pm)
16/9/16  Last Day Term 3
NDIS FREE
Pre-Planning Workshop

Getting Ready for the NDIS

For parents and families who support someone with a disability, the prospect of transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is both exciting and daunting. To help you understand the planning and assessment process, Carers Link invites you to attend our interactive workshop to learn about:

- General overview of the NDIS
- The NDIS planning and assessment process
- Getting plan ready and how to prepare for the planning conversation
- Reasonable and necessary supports
- Identifying informal, community and mainstream supports currently used
- Identifying supports needed to achieve your child’s goals and aspirations

Workshop Details

DATE: Thursday 1st September 2016
TIME: 6:00pm—8:00pm (light refreshments provided)
VENUE: Forest Lake Community Hall
       60 College Avenue, Forest Lake
REGISTER: Registration is essential by 25th August on:
          3901 1165 or marketing@carerslink.com.au

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Carers Link
Calamvale Special School

ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS QUEENSLAND
Special Olympics Queensland is a state branch of Special Olympics Australia. We bring the benefits of regular sports training and competition to children and adults with an intellectual disability in communities across Queensland.

OUR ATHLETES
Participation in Special Olympics programs is available to individuals with an intellectual disability from age 6 (children cannot compete in Special Olympics competitions until age 8). To be eligible for Special Olympics individuals must be diagnosed as having an intellectual disability by a recognized medical practitioner.

TRAINING & COMPETITION
Special Olympics training programs operate year round through accredited Special Olympics Clubs. All athletes have the opportunity to advance through Special Olympics competition pathways - from local training and competition to international events such as National and World Games!

SPORTS PROGRAMS
Training program information:

Special Olympics - Logan Club

Aquatics (swimming)
Venue: Logan North Aquatic Centre, Underwood
Day: Mondays (PM)
Basketball
Venue: Logan Metro Ipswich Aquatic Centre, Crestmead
Day: Thursdays (PM)
Futsal
Venue: Logan Metro Ipswich Aquatic Centre, Crestmead
Day: Tuesdays (PM)
Ten Pin Bowling
Venue: Amf Loganholme, Logan Hyperdome
Day: Wednesdays (PM)

Special Olympics - Brisbane Club

Aquatics (swimming)
Venue: Dunlop Park Memorial Pool, Coninda
Day: Saturdays (AM) & Wednesdays (PM)
Basketball
Venue: Jindalee State School, Jindalee
Day: Saturdays (AM)
Cricket
Venue: Dunlop Park, Corinda
Day: Mondays (PM)
Football
Venue: Ipswich Knights Football Club, Booval
Day: Mondays (PM)
Golf
Venue: Centenary Stormers Football Club, Darra
Day: Wednesdays (PM)

Special Olympics - Gold Coast

Tennis
Venue: Fig Tree Pocket State School, Fig Tree Pocket
Day: Fridays (PM)

FLIPPA BALL FOR ALL GALA DAY

Designed to teach children the basic skills of water polo in a fun, safe environment and then progress into friendly modified games. Modified equipment is used (soft balls) with flotation options available for children requiring extra security in the water. The program is for boys and girls of all abilities aged 10-14yrs (must be able to stand with head above water in 1m deep pool). It is suggested schools nominate groups of 5-10 students.

Time: 10am -2pm
When: Select a date from the following options
Thursday 15 September 2016
Thursday 10 November 2016
Where: Dipadees, 983 South Pine Road, EVERTON HILLS (indoor heated venue)
Cost: Free

Water Polo Queensland will be running the program with assistance from Life Stream Australia, qualified Learn to swim coaches and qualified water polo coaches.

Spaces are limited so get in fast! For more information and to make a booking:

Contact Joanna Main Email: clubs@waterpoloqld.com.au
Water Polo Queensland
Ph: (07) 3367 1661