From the Principal

Students, in general, have settled in well, and very quickly into their class routines on their return form holidays. The first of our whole school activities for this term is the Student Council run Anzac Day Ceremony on Friday 22nd of April. Information about this event which includes all classes in the school has been sent home. Parents and other visitors of our students are invited to take part in this important event on our school calendar.

Last Friday we held our Disco for Divi with Divi’s parents. You will have received a letter home about this from Jeff Watts, DP. It was a wonderful occasion, that involved classes of the CE program, and students form the Middle Junior Secondary and Senior School in celebrating and honoring the life of Divsimar Kaur who sadly passed away in the last week of last term. Thank You to Jeff Watts for organising this appropriate and wonderful event with Divi’s parents and well done to our students for the excellent way you involved yourself and listened and took part in this occasion.

This term sees teachers further developing literacy streaming. Through literacy streaming classes are divided up according to students needs of learning in targeted areas of literacy. Usually streaming occurs across a number of classes within a Stage of Schooling. At present all the Middle School classes have literacy streaming twice a week. Teachers are reporting that it is assisting students to have more individualised learning and that it is beneficial for the students to be acquiring and practicing their learning with different staff in different areas.

The Junior Secondary are going to start literacy streaming. This will occur for JS3 and JS6 at first and will be expanded across other classes once we have the first phase operating well. Extra staff are provided for streaming purchased with our Investing for Success Funding which comes to our school from the Department of Education based on the Gonski reforms and funding.

Yours in Partnership
Shauna

Middle School News

The first cycle of the NRSSS Instructional Coaching Program will start in Term 2. This is a great opportunity for teachers to participate in a process of professional learning to develop and increase awareness of their teaching practice as well as improve student learning outcomes through collaborative reflective practice with the Instructional Coach as facilitator. The program is intended to build teacher capability and support the school to achieve key goals for student learning outcomes.

Lisa Pedersen
P&C FUNDRAISER ELECTION DAY UPDATE

On Saturday 19th of March the P&C took the opportunity to have a sausage sizzle, sell cakes and raffle tickets to fundraise as part of the Election Day Voting as Nursery Road was a Polling Station. It was a successful day with the P&C raising over $1600.

The P&C would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to everyone for such a great response in helping both with baking and donating items and for parents/carers, staff, friends and Hillsong volunteers assisting on the day to run the stalls. It was a great team effort.

There will be another opportunity to fundraise again like this with another Election pending. The P&C will once again ask for your help and support with this day.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY…….FRIDAY JULY 29th

After the success of last year’s P&C Trivia Night with a dress up Halloween Theme we are keen to get everyone involved in our next Trivia Night Fundraiser!

We are changing the event from October to July to have it mid-year….so put the date Friday July 29th in your diary and watch this space for further information about the night and how you can get involved.

The next P&C Meeting is Tuesday 10th May from 7pm in the staff room. Come along and join us.

EPO News
RazzaMatazz Show 2016

Our school students and their families have the opportunity to attend the RazzaMaTazz show on Sunday 1st of May at 1.30pm or 3.30pm. The performance is being held at St. Laurence’s College at South Brisbane. These free tickets come to us via the Rotary Club of Ipswich and the Brisbane Business Community. Please note that there are still tickets available, so if you wish your child to attend do return the ticket request form as soon as possible.

NDIS and ECDP Information Session
To parents of the ECDP programs at Nursery Rd (both ECDP parent groups)

WEDNESDAY 27th April 9:30am

An information session about the transition to the NDIS and what it means for children attending the Nursery Road ECDP will be held on Wednesday next week, 27th April at 9:30am-10:30am, in the school’s Multi-Purpose Room on the main campus. Come to admin for directions.

Anna Brazier, Director of Disability NDIS implementation for the Department of Education and Training, will share information about the department’s support for children with disability in the ECDP as the transition to the NDIS gets underway.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any of your concerns following Anna’s information sharing. An invitation has been or will be given to all ECDP parents and also emailed to all ECDP P&C.
Banking

Banking is continuing this term. The rewards have expanded to include more themed choices. If you are interested in starting student banking please ask at the office for a paperwork package or call Wendy Windley on 3308 6333 for more details.

Wicket

Wicket had a restful break, but really missed being at school with his young friends. Wicket’s 5 Cent Challenge will be continuing until the end of the term, our tally so far is just under $800 in the full bottles and Election Day donations. A number of classes have filled their bottles and many more are almost full. Student Council will be practicing their counting and weighing skills over the next few weeks, getting ready to take our deposit to the bank.
Thank you to everyone for such a fantastic effort! Each class will receive a reward for their contribution.

From Administration

Late arrival and early departure procedure

If your child arrives at school after 9.30am or leaves before 2.55pm please notify our office first and obtain an early/late slip which needs to be handed to your child’s teacher upon arrival/departure.
The office must have accurate information about all student’s whereabouts to assist our staff with a smooth and safe transport process at the end of the school day.

Transport

Please note that in order to prevent errors all changes to transport including respite require written notification. This can be done via email or written in the communication book. To allow processing time any changes including respite requests need to be provided with at least 2 weeks’ notice. Any urgent requests will be dealt with accordingly.

Sunshine Buses

The Sunshine Bus Service has requested that if there are any concerns about the service they provide that you contact them directly. Their number is 3282 5400.
They have also requested that you keep them updated of any changes to your contact information as they are only provided with this information when the initial transport application is submitted.
I have spoken to them about what has to occur when the bus is running late. I have been informed that it is the responsibility of the driver to contact you if the bus will be 10 minutes or more later than the prescribed pick up or drop off time.

Important Medication Reminder

Reminder to all parents and carers that no medication is to be sent to school in students’ drink bottles. This is a safety issue for all students across the campus.
Any prescribed medication to be administered at school must be in a pharmacy labelled container with the current dosage.
Emergency medication must be accompanied by a doctor’s letter or health plan.
Thank you for your assistance in these matters.
Winter uniform order

For winter jumper orders please ring the office on 3308 6333 or email admin@nurseryrdspecs.eq.edu.au with size and quantity by Tuesday, the 26th of April latest.

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ANZAC Day School Service
Friday 22nd of April 2016

We will be having our annual ANZAC Day School Service on Friday 22nd April at 9.30am-10.15am. It will be held near the flagpole next to J Block and the Library.

The Student Council invites you, your family and friends to attend this Service, followed by a morning tea with ANZAC biscuits made by our Students. A flyer invitation is attached to this newsletter with a RSVP.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PAST STUDENTS POST SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

This is an opportunity for us to showcase what our past Students are doing since leaving Nursery Road......

Zoe Foster graduated from Nursery Road in 2014.
Zoe has combined her passion for animals, baking and meeting new people by starting her own dog treat enterprise. Zoe bakes fresh healthy dog treats every Wednesday and distributes them around Brisbane from the orders she gets.
She stocks at Pets Unleashed Morningside and Companion Petz Carindale Shopping Centre.
All treats are vegetarian with 3 options: regular, egg-free and wheat-free. A small bag consists of 10 treats for $2 or a large bag of 60 for $10.
Zoe has done very well with this business, maintaining some loyal customers as well as having a special Christmas Stall at the New Farm Markets last year.
We wish her continued success with this and we would like to continue to support Zoe by giving our families the opportunity to place an order for these fantastic dog treats. Zoe will deliver order forms to us at school which we will send home to you and if you are interested in purchasing some dog treats return the form and Zoe will freshly bake them for your pet.
Follow Zoe on her Instagram @zoesdogtreats or contact her directly on zoesdogtreats@gmail.com
Great work Zoe!
Carers Link FREE NDIS Forum & Expo
Understanding the National Disability Insurance Scheme
Tuesday 31st May, 2016 from 10am until 2pm
Kedron-Wavell Services Club, 21 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside

Are you ready for the NDIS?
The NDIS is coming to Queensland! The scheme will roll out from July this year, with more than 90,000 Queenslanders expected to eventually benefit. Carers Link invites you to hear from industry leaders about the NDIS, to understand what the scheme will mean for you and your family and how you can prepare.

Key Speakers:
Hon Coralee O'Rourke, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Seniors and Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland
Fiona Anderson, Assistant Director Engagement and Implementation, National Disability Insurance Agency
Belinda Hapgood, Special Counsel, Employment & Industrial Relations, ClarkeKann Lawyers
Ken Leigh, Barrister and Accountant

FREE
Advice on pre-planning, financial and succession planning
Advice on workforce options and industrial relations
Advice on transport issues from Transport Development & Solutions Alliance (TDSA)
Learn from a family's experiences • Network with other families • Morning tea and refreshments provided

TO REGISTER: 07 3901 1165
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Mother’s Day Stall – A Senior Enterprise Program

The Mother’s Day Stall will be open from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th April (week 3). All students will have the opportunity to visit the stall with their class group, and purchase a fabulous gift for Mum and/or Grandma to help them celebrate their special day!

Gifts will be priced between $1 and $5.

We ask that if you wish to make a purchase, please send along your money in a named envelope prior to week 3.

Check out some of the items we will have for sale...

Thank you for supporting our senior enterprise!