From the Principal
I hope you all stay dry and safe this weekend if we do get the forecast bad weather tomorrow. We have some families and staff including me, taking part in the Mt. Gravatt Rotary Club Challenge this Sunday so I do hope that the weather clears enough for this event to proceed. We have some very keen students taking part in this and they have been very excited in the lead up to Sunday. Thank you to Angela for the organising within the school community for us to take part and support our local Rotary who in turn are looking to build a partnership with us and other local schools.

It’s report writing time at school so teachers are busy doing final assessments in class in order to report on each students’ progress in Units of Work in English and Maths and in other Key Curriculum Areas as well as each students’ Individual Curriculum Goals. Reports will go home in week 11, the last week of term. Class programs remain on track and focussed through to the end of the term, so please ensure your child is here each day to continue to maximise their learning program every day.

Coughs colds and other minor illnesses and bugs
Some of our students are extremely vulnerable to catching infectious illnesses. Their immunity is such that they are at risk and may become very ill from a seemingly mild illness. Please keep your child home if they are unwell and the new QParent app is an easy way to keep us informed of your child’s absences. Please check our Facebook page for instructions on how to join QParents.

Lunchtime Clubs are still running strong. Some of the photography is very clever, the food coming out of the cooking club is delicious and a hot favourite for purchasing by staff. Please remember Senior Café operates every Thursday, if you need to catch-up with your child’s class teacher this is a good place to do so over a wonderful cup of coffee and snack.

As we head to the last weeks of this term, a number of exciting student activities are going to be taking place. In the Junior School the D Block Juniors have an amazing video to share of their learning in literacy over this past semester. They also have an excursion planned to Out of The Box, the Early Childhood Arts Festival running at South Bank. D Block Juniors (Karen, Kelly and Elena’s classes) are the older Junior students, so their activities are different to the H Block Junior classes. H Block will wait until Semester 2 to have an excursion. They will, however, be working on the arts infused aspects of their program next semester with Karen Tytherleigh leading them through some of the planning involved in infusing some drama or other arts elements into their literacy programs.

Some of the Junior Secondary classes are going to South Bank in Week 10 as a concluding activity to their Science program this Semester. Last Friday Antoinette’s Senior class did the outdoor adventure stream of their Duke of Edinburgh program. We have a teacher aide who is a film and photographic expert and she kindly went to Wivenhoe with the class and filmed the amazing feats of this class of young adventurers as they tackled the gruelling outdoor
challenges of canoeing needed for gaining this certificate within their Duke Of Edinburgh. The students’ achievements on this day were just wonderful.

Other classes across the school have Celebrations of Learning occurring, parents will be informed of these by class teachers.

Thank you for partnering with us through your child’s education program, we have many parents meeting regularly with teachers or stage leaders about their child’s program and ways we can work together. I can speak for all teachers involved to say how much we appreciate being able to build shared understandings and planning to assist in the work with your children.

In partnership
Shauna

Middle School News
The students in Middle School have had a great first semester and have started planning for the next chapter of Project Based Learning (PBL). PBL offers the students an alternative to the classroom and engages them in real world learning experiences. It also offers them opportunity to develop and practice their communication and social skills through collaboration on projects with their peers. The focus of PBL in Semester 2 will be team work and communication. The Middle School students have decided that they want to create a sensory garden and have explored different suitable areas of the school. They have used their pencils and alternative pencils to write a letter to Shauna asking which area to develop into a garden. The students play an active part in the planning process and student voice and choice is a key element of Middle School PBL. All students have contributed with ideas and shared information with their peers across the five Middle School classes. We are all excited about this new way of working and the students have made great progress with both their communication and social skills. We look forward to keeping you updated and sharing some of the great student work.
EPO News

School Banking
There is a lucky draw running between now and the end of term for students involved in school banking. Each time a student banks money they will receive an entry to the draw for a prize sent to us by our area coordinator. At the end of this term a winner will be drawn.

Free Tickets to Brisbane Gang Show

Brisbane Gang Show is a variety show performed by youth members of Scouts Australia and Guides Queensland. The cast of 120 rehearses from February to June and the performances occur during the June –July holidays.

There are free tickets available to a community performance for Brisbane Gang Show on Thursday the 30th 7.30 at the Schonell Theatre St. Lucia. Please contact Wendy Windley at school on 3308 6333 for tickets and directions or return the request slip below. Ticket information sent home week 11.

The 2016 Brisbane Gang Show “Shipwrecked!” tells the story of some travelers, opening on a cruise ship which becomes endangered in uncharted waters, most passengers stay with the ship, however a group of intrepid explorers head off into the jungle to scavenge for supplies.

After a storm and a stampede of wild animals, each group split up finding themselves with different mysterious civilisations who are fighting over their strange ideologies. The explorers meet the people and learn their ways, culminating in an epic final battle defused at the last minute by a special parade.

Brisbane Gang Show Tickets

Yes – We would like to attend Brisbane Gang Show on the 30th of June at 7.30 p.m. at the Schonell Theatre, St Lucia.

______________ Tickets (one per person)  ________________ Family
Student Council Team 2 have been busy making decisions about their FUN DAY EVENT. They chose to do this during QUEENSLAND WEEK (6-10th June). There will be several activities running over the week that classes can access from making yummy Lamingtons, a pineapple treasure hunt, thong-throwing and a FREE DRESS DAY which will be on Friday 10th June. Wear maroon or yellow for sunny QLD or your favourite outfit!

Fundraising update: Last few weeks for Wicket fundraiser

Since the beginning of this school year we have been collecting and filling water bottles with 5c pieces for our Education Support Dog Wicket. This money helps to look after him with his special food, visiting the vet, his medicines when he needs them and special equipment he may need as well as his insurance. Thank you to all the families and friends of the school who have donated their 5c pieces. It has been an amazing fundraiser with everyone fully supporting this.

We have a couple more weeks to go before this fundraiser ends. On Wednesday 15th of June the Student Council Team will count all the coins so we have a grand total amount to announce to you all.

If you have any more 5c pieces please send them in before Wednesday 15th June.
UnitingCare Community Holiday Program (Vacation Care)

2016 Dates

Welcome to the UnitingCare Community Holiday Program (Vacation Care) a community-based program for children aged 5-15 years with a minimum stay of 3 days. The program is funded by the Department of Social Services and provides engagement through a range of indoor and outdoor activities including: activities, cooking, sports, craft, creative play, sensory play, outdoor play and themed days.

This year the Holiday Program will run during the following dates:

- 21st of March until 3rd of April 2016
- 3rd of June until the 12th of July 2016
- 14th of September until the 30th of September 2016

Christmas TBA

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any enquiries or would like to make a booking.

Contact Details

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Program Coordinator
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Michelle Whelan
Co-ordinator
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Holidays Program

- Mt. Cotton Special School - Capital Drive, Mt. Cotton
- Hornby High Special School - Hornby Road, Inala Park
- Highfield School - Highfield Road, Logan Central

Hours of operation

The hours of operation at all venues are 8am to 5pm. Staff will be here earlier and later in the week to accommodate drop-off and pick-up times.

Fee structure

- Fees for Vacation Care are $20.00 per day for Child Care Benefit (CCB) and/or Family Care Rebate (FCR) where applicable.
- Excursion fees will be charged to your account unless otherwise arranged.

Child Care Benefit/Childcare Rebate (CCB/FCR)

Some families may be entitled to receive Child Care Benefit or have a CCR, to help pay fees. In this case your fees will be deducted.

Locations

The cost of childcare is dependent on your family’s circumstances. To find out if you are eligible, families are required to register with the Family Assistance Office on 136 153.

The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is funded jointly by the Federal Government, with the states providing half of the cost. The Child Care Rebate covers 50 per cent of out-of-pocket childcare expenses for approved children up to the maximum legislated amount per year per child approved care.

To learn more information about CCR visit www.fahss.gov.au.

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UnitingCare Community Holiday Program Mt Gravatt June/July 2016

- Mon 27th
  - Welcome Day!
  - Come along and meet up with your friends today!
  - Messy and Sensory play

- Tue 28th
  - Jump & Bounce Day
  - Today is all about bouncing!
  - Come in ready to jump
  - Trampolining, big bouncy balls and a JUMPING CASTLE

- Wed 29th
  - Off to the Movies!
  - A trip to the cinema to see a movie.
  - There will also be cooking, water play and karaoke

- Thu 30th
  - Circus Sensory Fun!
  - There are sensory activities that includes Elephant craft, bubble blowing and painting. Join the circus parade!

- Fri 1st
  - Lollipops' Playland
  - Fun with rides, slides, jump, and spin

- Mon 4th
  - Snow Day in July
  - Fun in the snow
  - Make snowman, have a snowball fight, wear a beanie to keep out the cold

- Tue 5th
  - Superhero Day & Pirate Day
  - Come dressed as your favourite superhero or as a pirate.
  - We will also be doing some face painting and collages

- Wed 6th
  - Excursion Day
  - Mt. Cotton Playground.
  - A picnic and fun activities.
  - At the centre we will be exploring and learning about animals through art.

- Thu 7th
  - Sports Day
  - Sports day games with balls and buckets and bats.
  - Egg and spoon races
  - AND a visit from the Fire Engine

- Fri 8th
  - PJ’s and movie day
  - End of holiday party
  - Movies, Popcorn and wear your PJ’s

Please note:

- Child/Staff ratio is 3:1. If your son/daughter requires 1:1 support you can still apply however approval will depend on activity, staff rostered and other children attending.
- Registrations for excursions must be finalised no later than Friday the 3rd of June.
School Notices

The Rotary Club of Mt Gravatt

MT GRAVATT CHALLENGE

ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION AT THE STARTING POINT
6 JUNE 2016
STARTING AT 9AM
THE ANNUAL MOUNT GRAVATT CHALLENGE
• HIKING UP THE MOUNTAIN WITH YOUR FAMILY FINISHING AND GIVING A DONATION TO CHARITY
• THIS IS A FANTASTIC EVENT TO PROVIDE FUN AND FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITY
• TIMES VARY AT 6AM FOR THOSE WHO CAN’T MAKE THE HULL
• ACTIVITIES AT THE TOP WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 1PM
Come Join us for a morning of Hiking and fun with stalls where you can buy food and coffee while watching the beautiful view from the top.

96.5 FM FAMILY RADIO STREET MACHINE WILL PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE TOP

See our Facebook site at https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofmtgravatt/ for more details

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

2016

Term 2

5th of June
Mt Gravatt Challenge

P & C meeting

14th of June
7pm

National Reconciliation Week

30th May – 3rd of June

Qld Day

6th of June

Qld Week

6th – 10th of June

24th of June

Last day of term

Holidays

25th of June to 10th of July

First day term 3

11th of July

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2016 Sony Camp for children with special needs
Hosted by Stuartholme & St Laurence’s

- The Camp will be held at Stuartholme School from Saturday 17 September 2016 to Monday 19 September 2016.
- Any child between the ages of 5 – 14 is welcome to apply for a place on our camp.

If you are interested in applying for a place on the Sony Camp at Stuartholme School, please contact NRSSS school office for the information package. Alternatively, please contact Mrs Kerri-Anne O’Neill on 3010 1115 or sonycampapplications@slc.qld.edu.au.