Principals Chatter

This week I am required to participate in a series of meetings and conference sessions for all principals in the Central Queensland Region.

On Monday the four special schools in our region met at Rosella Park Special School in Gladstone with Mr David Mantton, Assistant Regional Director, and Mr Peter Davis, Special Schools’ Principal Coach. This group is officially known as the CQ Special Schools Alliance and has the task of ensuring each special school is providing consistent high quality education for students within these schools. The group is highly skilled and passionate about equal access to best possible outcomes for every student. The result of the day included the groundwork for a project that will see some standard data collection across the schools, and an opportunity for teachers to engage in a moderation process. This process has been available for teachers in mainstream for many years but is new to special schools. This exciting opportunity will enable teachers from each school to develop a joint understanding of curriculum expectations with regards to students with disabilities which will lead to increased consistency in teaching practice.

Today all principals across the CQ Region heard from the Director General, Mr Jim Watterston. He spoke very clearly about the importance of quality teaching and maximising student improvement in every school.

For me, the most exciting thing about the opportunity to speak to other principals is that I realise what a great job the staff at Rockhampton North Special School are doing. Like all schools we have an absolute focus on improving our practice, but we are certainly seeing some real quality work in the school. It is also imperative that we continue to enhance communication between the school and the families of our students. I encourage parents and carers to contact any member of the Education Team should you ever have any concerns.

Laurelle Allen
Around the School

**DISCO NIGHT**

“*The only way to have a friend is to be one*”
*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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**Weekly Awards**

16th May 2014
Temperance, Max, Christine, Lily, Tiffany, Dakota, Rhiannon
Charlie M, Hannah, Kassidy, Brendan, Marley, Sharman,
Elizabeth, Sonny, Dougie

23rd May 2014
Cooper, Charlie S, Cody, Kiahna, Lachlan T,
Jaccob S, Justin, Letisha, Mitchell, Caden, Aaron

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**Happy Birthday**

**MAY**
Tiffany 1st
Rory 21st
Jamie 30th
Charlie S 9th
Temperance 27th

**JUNE**
Brihanna 2nd
Lilly 8th
Baylee 11th
Corey 4th
Brody 8th
P & C News

SCHOOL RECIPE BOOK
Has your child bought a recipe to school to be included in the School Recipe Book? This is a fabulous collection of favourite recipes from students and staff. Thank you to those who have already sent in their recipes. If you haven’t sent yours in yet, please send in a recipe or two in before Friday 7th June to be included in the Recipe Book.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FAIR
Christmas in July Fair is on Saturday 26th July, 10am until 4pm. There are now 30 stalls booked in to attend. Mark your calendars because it’s going to be great! Multi-Draw Raffle Tickets for the fair will be sent home in the next week.
If you are available to help on the day of the fair (even for an hour or two) please see Kathy Bailey, Toni Miller or leave your name and contact number at the office

CADBURY CHOCOLATES
The Cadbury Chocolates have been a great fundraiser. There are still a few boxes of chocolates available. If anyone would like some more to sell please see Toni Miller, Tricia Goody or leave your details at the office (including how many boxes you would like)

News from Admin
If you have any unwanted items for our Noosa Triathlon second hand stall at the July Fair they would be greatly appreciated. Please see Office.

Found-A pair of ladies prescription reading glasses, please see Kerrie in the office

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS WHOSE CHILD IS TRANSPORTED TO SCHOOL BY ROCKY CABS
As most parents are aware Rocky Cabs has been taken over by Yellow Cabs based in Brisbane. If your child is not going to catch the cab or if you have any queries or concerns in regards to your child’s transport (eg: has not been collected or is late getting home) you need to phone SHIREEN on 49249537 between 8:30am and 4:30pm. Outside these times you need to phone the 131008 number which will connect you to the call centre in Brisbane (only phone this number if you need to cancel a taxi pick up in the morning and you could not let them know the day before).

Class of the Week

16/05 Primary KH
23/05 Middle AR
Middle KL
This term in Middle KL we have all been working very hard. We have enjoyed using hands on activities to learn about different concepts in Literacy, Numeracy, Science and History. We have especially liked cutting up fruits into halves, making word webs about different features of landscapes, identifying numbers and matching them with words/pictures and looking at a wide range of imaginative and informative texts. Alongside our curriculum activities we have been focussing on our Individual learning goals and we are especially enjoying our cooking sessions each week. We have been making Jaffles with a range of different fillings.

We have also made some treats for special occasions throughout the term to go home for our families, which have required us to read a recipe, measure ingredients and best of all mixing!

Middle KL is a classroom where we are all active team players. We enjoy helping each other and learning from one another. Although, this term is already flying past and we still have so much learning to do!