Principal’s Report

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**Commencement of 2017**
At the commencement of 2017 there will be a new process for students when arriving at school in the morning. Please note that there is no supervision for students provided prior to 8.30am. When students arrive at school they shall be instructed to sit in the Senior Undercover area with their bags until the bell goes at 8.40am. The teacher on duty (from 8.30-8.40am) shall dismiss one class at a time when the bell rings. It is hopeful that this will ensure that students enter the classroom in a calm manner ready for learning. Your support in implementing this process would be greatly appreciated.

**Principal’s Assembly Term 4**
The Principal’s assembly for Term 4 shall be on Monday 28th November commencing at 8.45am. The students receiving certificates at this parade, and their parents are invited to attend a morning tea following the assembly, being held in the staff room.

The criteria for receiving an award on the Principal’s assembly is:

- Major improvement in all areas of the student’s work. He / she have made a significant contribution to the class or subject area.

**Transition Assembly**
A transition assembly shall be held on Monday 5th December at 8.45am. At this time class rolls for 2017 will be announced and students will accompany their teachers to their respective classrooms. This will allow students to know what classes they are in, who their teacher is and where their class is located for 2017. It is hoping that this will alleviate any anxiety over the holidays.

**Prep-Year 6 Swimming Carnival**
The Prep-Year 6 swimming carnival was held on Friday 11th November and what a spectacular day was had by all. The weather was kind to us, if a little warm. The students all actively participated in the activities and races on offer. There was lots of cheering and words of encouragement given to swimmers and this went a long way in ensuring a successful outcome for all attendees.

**Attendance – Everyday Counts**
A reminder to parents that “Everyday Counts”. This is a vital part of the year as students have commenced assessment tasks for Semester Two report cards that shall be distributed later in the term. Our attendance from Semester One was 93% and it would fantastical to be achieve a higher percentage in Semester 2. Can parents please ensure that students are at school prior to the bell at 8.40am and ready to learn? Your support in raising our attendance rates would be greatly appreciated.
Interesting Fact Re Attendance
If your child is 20 minutes late each day this equates to 1 hour and 40 minutes per week that adds up to 2.5 weeks per year. This time over 13 years of schooling totals nearly 1 year of absence. Lots of missed learning time!!

Parking Concerns
There have been lots of reports re parents parking in ‘No Parking’ and ‘Bus Zones’ that are clearly signed at the front of the school. Can you please ensure that you park in the appropriately signed areas at both the front and rear of the school? Your support in this matter will ensure the safety of all of our students, which is paramount.

Student Enrolments for 2017
Class rolls for 2017 are now being completed. I would like to ask parents to let the office staff know if their child/children are not returning to Capella State School next year. This will ensure that we have accurate class numbers for 2017.

If you have a child/children commencing Prep in 2017 could you please complete enrolment forms (available at the office) at your earliest convenience. We shall be working on class lists for 2017 over the next few weeks and it would be invaluable to have an idea of student numbers.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a comprehensive, integrated whole school approach to student wellbeing and behaviour. PBL is a process that supports school leadership teams to create positive learning environments that enable student learning and wellbeing.

The behaviour focus for Week 7 is to be ‘Responsible in the Classroom’ and includes:

In Class

I will organise my belongings ready to learn
I will put effort into keeping my work neat and tidy
I will be the boss of my body and my brain
I will follow the class rules
I will lead by example and always try my best

The behaviour focus for Week 8 is to ‘Responsible in the Playground and Before and After School’ and includes:

Play Times

I will make sure that I PAUSE and think before I act
I will interact positively with others
I will be kind with my words and my actions

Before and After School

I will arrive at school ready to begin learning at 8.50am
I will be an appropriate role model at all times
I will behave appropriately before, during and after school
I will be prompt when leaving class to report to the bus line

Teachers shall be discussing these ‘Behavioural Expectations’ with students in the classroom and it will also be addressed each week on parade. The process of following up with students after assembly is a vital link in ensuring that the children are aware of the focus and what that entails. Parents can assist by talking with their children re what the Behavioural Expectation is for the week (please check in after assembly on a Monday) and then revisit what role your child/children play in assuring a successful outcome.

Your support in this matter will ensure that we have a clear message re behavioural expectations both at home and at school.

Kind regards
Trish Wilmott

Crazy Hair Day
At Capella State School on Friday the 25th of November, the student council will be running a fundraiser for CQ Rescue Helicopter. Everyone is encouraged to have crazy hair for crazy hair day. It is a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards helping the CQ Rescue Chopper continue their work, saving lives. Thank you in advance for your support with this fantastic and worthy cause.
Students of the Week

Prep—Rachel—For increased focus during writing tasks. Rachel your writing is improving so much—keep up the great work!

Prep/1 — Archer—Showing respect in the classroom, he is patient and kind to his peers. Well done Archer!

Year 1/2 — Kelsey—Being respectful in the classroom by following instructions quickly and with a smile. Great work Kelsey.

Year 2— Sidney—Being respectful in the playground. It was great to see you listening and following the rules of the soccer game. Great job, keep it up!

Year 3—Mitchell—Mitchell, you have shown initiative this week by seeking extension challenges during Mathematics, adding and subtracting four and five digit numbers using the Split Strategy. Well Done!

Year 4—Samantha — Having enough respect and courage within yourself to participate in challenging tasks. Your dedication at the swimming carnival was to be commended.

Year 5—Phoebe—Being respectful both before and after school and during playtime. Phoebe, you are inclusive, encouraging and consistently follow school and game rules. Fantastic effort, Phoebe!

Year 6—Dusty—Demonstrating focus and resilience during lessons. Dusty has shown improvement in his ability to justify a response to a question.

Year 6—Rhett —Demonstrating focus and resilience during lessons. Rhett worked to the best of his ability in his English assessment. He explained his preference and tried to persuade and audience.

Prep—Sterling—Being a responsible class member, always ready to learn and ignoring those trying to distract you. Great job—keep up the focused work!

Prep/1 — Sarah— Always being responsible in the classroom trying her best and never giving up.

Year 1/2— Jade—For being responsible for your learning by keeping your bookwork neat and tidy. Keep up the great work.

Year 2— Callum—Being responsible in the classroom. Callum, this week you have demonstrated on task behaviour in all subject areas. It is fantastic to see you applying yourself to your learning. Keep up the wonderful work!

Year 3— Erin—Erin, you were very responsible during Lockdown Drill, following instructions quickly and quietly. Well done!

Year 4— Hannah— Displaying responsibility in all school situations in and out of the classroom. Amazing work Hannah!

Year 5— Shiloe—Improved focus and attention during lessons and for being respectful both within the classroom and in the playground. Great job Shiloe!

PE Sportsmanship— Ainsley—For being a helpful and enthusiastic PE student throughout the swimming program. Well done Ainsley!

Student Council News...............

Well done Capella State School!!

You raised $239.20 from our Pink Day which has been donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation and $170.60 from Day for Daniel which has been donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

What an amazing effort!!
2017 Lunch Boxes

From Term 1, 2017 all students will be required to keep their food in the fridge during school hours, this ensures food is kept at a safe temperature. In order to keep food out of the food danger zone we are asking for all students to have a **plastic lunch box** to place in the fridge. Insulated lunchboxes are ineffective and counterproductive when placed into the fridge. As student health is a priority, students will be required to take their food out of insulated lunchboxes when placing their food in the fridge.

We look forward to working with you to keep our students healthy and safe.

Kind Regards -
Capella State School
Health and Safety Team

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THANK YOU

Thank you Cinaed Finall from Capella SHS for photoshopping the poles out of the new cover photo for the Capella SS website.
2017 potential Capella State School Captains—

This week on parade our 6 potential school captains for 2017 delivered their speeches. They were very well prepared and did a fantastic job. We wish them all success in their 2017 leadership positions.

2016 Swimming Carnival

Congratulations Macarthur House on winning the overall points at our 2016 swimming carnival. A further congratulations to the 2016 swimming age champions.
Milo In2 Cricket Skills Program:

Last week Regional Cricket Officer, JOE MARSH visited Capella State School and delivered fun, skill based whole class cricket lessons. Years 2, 5 and 6 were involved in the program and they loved it. The lessons consisted of rotational activities and focused games. Next year Capella State School can look forward to all classes being involved in the program.

Swimming Program

Thank-you to the following parent volunteers for your assistance with our 2016 swimming program:

Tabatha Kamerling and Michael Pratt

Thank-you to our Swimming Instructors who assisted with delivering our 2016 Swim Program:

Alison Seeney, Tara Christensen and Kelly Wells

Thank-you to our devoted Chappy for your assistance with our 2016 swimming program:

Averal Woodham

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Electronic Newsletter Only in 2017

In 2017 the school has made a decision that newsletters will only be available via either e-mail or from our website. Please return the slip below with your preferred e-mail address. Our newsletter is also available from our website https://capellass.eq.edu.au.

For those who are unable to access our newsletter at all you may come to collect a paper copy from the office on newsletter days (Tuesday afternoon weeks 2-10 of each term).

Thank - you
Surname: _______________________________ Student/s: _______________________________

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