### What’s On

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### Be a Learner

**In all settings**
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The new before school procedure has been in place for a few weeks now, and students are adhering to the new policy re sitting in the undercover area before school commences. When the bell rings at 8.40am students are entering classrooms in a calmer manner and as such are ready to begin their day of learning. Your support in ensuring this program continues to be successful would be greatly appreciated.

It has been a busy start to Term One. Students attended the Peak Downs Netball and Soccer Trials on Thursday February 9th and I was informed by Ms Tavita that all students represented Capella State School with pride and dignity, trying their best and displaying manners and sportsmanship throughout the trials. The students exemplified the 4 B’s of Being Respectful, Being Responsible, Being Safe and Being a Learner. Well done to all students that participated in the trials.

There are new ‘Communication Protocols’ in place at Capella State School for 2017. It is our aim to ensure the parents are kept informed re student learning areas and school events. A weekly newsletter is being emailed to all parents from their child/s respective classroom teacher. We have also commenced a term newsletter that provides an overview of what lays ahead during the term in each classroom. If you have not received either of the above items please see your child/s classroom teacher.

Please continue to read through the fortnightly newsletters emailed out from the school as changes do occur re dates and times.

Parent Information Sessions
Parent information sessions were held on Tuesday 7th February. There was a meet and greet at 3.20pm, which many parents attended. For those not able to make this time I have listed below items covered.

Attendance – remember that everyday counts and that the school day commences promptly at 8.40. The importance of students arriving at school on time so that no valuable learning opportunity is missed was also discussed.

PBL – please discuss with your children what the Positive Behaviour Learning Focus is for the week and check in re stamps on their 4B’s Achievement Cards. At Capella State School we maintain the four areas of:

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe
Be a Learner
Communication Protocols – parents should be receiving weekly emails from their child/s classroom teachers and should also have received a Term One overview from their child classroom teacher. If these have not been received please speak with your child/s teacher.

Labelling of students items – can parents please clearly label all their students belongings (especially uniforms – shirts, hats etc.) with their child’s names as we have had some issues over lost hats, and if no name is written on the item it is hard to prove ownership.

Uniform Policy – the 2017 Prospectus is available on the School Website at www.capellass.eq.edu.au. On page 15 of the Prospectus it refers to School Uniform and states at the bottom of the page:

The school community, together with the P & C Association, are striving to ensure the highest possible standards at this school. We are seeking your support to maintain these standards by encouraging your child not to wear such items as bicycle pants (unless worn for a particular activity as specified by the teacher), jeans, thongs, makeup, fingernail polish and jewellery such as necklaces (sleepers/studs only in pierced ears), bracelets and rings. These items can be easily lost and may also be hazardous during play and sporting activities. Students who repeatedly wear non uniform items will be required to change into spare items at school.

Parents were asked to ensure that their child/ren only wear sleepers or studs, no other jewellery items and no nail polish or make-up to school. Our aim for 2017 is for all children at Capella State School to wear their designated school uniform with pride.

P&C Annual General Meeting is on 13th March – we have a number of Executive members stepping down and therefore we need lots of new P&C members to fill these positions for 2017.

Induction of School Leaders
The 2017 School Leaders were presented with their badges at the Investiture Assembly held yesterday, Monday 13th February. It was wonderful to see our leaders receiving their badges and a big thank you to all the parents that were able to attend the parade and the morning tea that followed.

The Badged Leaders are working with their classroom teachers re roles and responsibilities for the year ahead, relevant to their leadership position. I am looking forward to working with the Badged Leaders throughout the year to ensure that Capella State School is a school that promote opportunities for students to learn and achieve.

New Homework Policy
Parents please note that Capella State School has a new Homework Policy document for 2017. This was outlined in the Parent Information Session held in Week Two. If you were unable to attend please see your child/s classroom teacher re what this entails.
Attendance – Everyday Counts

Our current Attendance Rate for 2017 is 94.3%. As a school community let’s make an effort to increase this rate as much as we can. A reminder to parents that “Everyday Counts”. 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 twenty minutes late each day this equates to one hour forty minutes per week that adds up to 2.5 weeks per year. This time over 13 years of schooling totals nearly one year of absence. Lots of missed learning time!!

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 3 is to be a ‘Learner in all settings’ this includes:

All Settings
I will approach tasks confidently and positively ‘have a go’!
I will take pride in my learning
I will accept that mistakes are a valuable way to learn

The behaviour focus for Week 4 is to be a ‘Learner in the playground and in the classroom’.

Play Times
I will follow the rules of the game
I will encourage others
I will be a gracious winner/loser

In Class
I will be an active learner and allow others to learn without disruption
I will complete all tasks to the best of your ability

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.

I look forward to working with the Capella community throughout 2017 to ensure that every child learns and succeeds.

Kind regards
Trish Wilmott
Principal
Managing excessive heat in schools – QLD Government Department of Education and Training

This week Capella is experiencing high temperatures and it’s imperative that our community is aware of how to manage this for the safety of our children.

Capella State School encourages students to apply sunscreen before arriving to school and to bring a water bottle and hat each day. Sunscreen is reapplied during PE lessons, water bottles are refilled and hats are provided if they’re forgotten. PE lessons are delivered on the undercover multipurpose court and moved inside to the HPE/Arts room if temperatures are extreme and/or if students are showing signs of fatigue due to the heat.

QLD Government guidelines suggest to avoid heat stress keep hydrated by drinking water consistently throughout the day, stay in the shade when possible and avoid exerting yourself when involved in physical activity.

Stay safe in the heat.

Gemma Tavita
Capella State School

Farewell from Chappy Averal….

Thank you for a wonderful entertaining filled year working at Capella State School. I’ve really enjoyed working within the school community over the last year. I have had a lot of fun participating in classroom activities, sports days, swimming carnival, camps, sleep overs, graduations and in class helping. The before school and lunch time activities have been a great way to build relationships with the children and have definitely been fun, we enjoyed the Christmas decorations and playdough activities lots.

Next week I commence work as Chaplain at Emerald High School, it’s with mixed emotions that I move into this role as both the staff, students and the Local Chaplaincy Committee have supported me so much over the past year. Lots of students have made a special impact on me and it will be sad to not see them regularly.

I wish you all well for a great 2017 school year and hope that you are all truly blessed throughout this year in whatever it is that you do, and that we receive some much needed rain.

Keep Smiling
Chappy Averal

Instrumental Music

Welcome back to another busy year for the Instrumental Music Program. This year, student’s will have the opportunity to perform at several school and community events including parade, end of year concert, Central Highlands Festival of Bands and the Central Highlands Eisteddfod to name a few.

Please remember to pay your invoice and return all paperwork as soon as possible so that your child can take their instrument home (school instruments). If your child is new to the program this year, please ensure that you purchase the equipment on the equipment list asap (we do not have a music shop in the district so you will need to order from Mackay/Rockhampton etc.). It is also important to name all equipment as books etc. are often left behind and can not be returned to their owners if not clearly named.

As I work across six schools I find the best form of communication to be email. If you have any questions or would like to follow up on your child’s progress throughout the year please email me at hild7@eq.edu.au.

Thanks
Leanne Hilder
Instrumental teacher
Prep: Shea—Shea always displays a positive attitude at school. She works cooperatively with her peers and follows the classroom expectations and rules. Keep up the great work Shea!

Prep/1: Lilly—Displaying outstanding behaviour at all times. Lilly is polite, attentive, cheerful and hard-working. Lilly is achieving great things academically as a result of following all class and school and school rules.

Year 1/2: Harry—Working very well in class and always following the school rules. Great job!

Year 2/3: Ainsley—for helping your peers stay focused when completing tasks. You are a great role model for our class! Keep up the wonderful work!

Year 4: Kobie—Being a mature, hard working learner, who starts every lesson quickly and never hinders anyone else’s learning time.

Year 5: Riley—for modelling all school behaviour and learning expectations in the classroom and in the playground.

Year 6: Lilah—For consistently displaying leadership qualities in and out of the classroom, by demonstrating our school expectations.

PE Sportsmanship: Owen—Displaying focus and determination during your HPE lessons.

The Arts: Lara—For displaying engagement and energy and stepping out of your comfort zone.
Students of the Week

Week 3

Prep: Henry - Henry has been a successful learner within the classroom. He has been a role model for active listening during learning time and completing all set tasks confidently with a positive attitude.

Prep/1: Brooke - For a wonderful transition to Prep. Brooke has shown responsibility in all activities and lessons as well as meeting all classroom expectations. You are a delight, Brooke!

Year 1/2: Makala - For working hard in class this week, trying to stay focused and be a learner.

Year 2/3: Kevin - Kevin you have been a great learner this week. You have demonstrated on task behaviour and completed new tasks with confidence and focus. Fantastic job!

Year 3: Callum - Callum, you have shown great organisation skills during class this week, taking initiative to complete all tasks promptly. Well done!

Year 3: Amity - Amity, you were a safe learner following instructions during art, and demonstrated creativity and personal expression in your artwork. Well done!

Year 4: Tamzin - Being a mature and responsible learner. Tamzin was engaged and completed all lessons with accuracy and deep thought.

Year 5: Hannah - Always having a go, taking pride in your work and being an excellent role model.

Year 6: Hamish - Having the confidence to participate in challenging tasks and being a role model for the rest of the class.

PE Sportsmanship: Sarah Flohr - Displaying outstanding determination and adaption skills during your first Peak Downs Netball trials. Great effort Sarah!

The Arts: Kabe Pretlove-Mullings - Engaging the audience during your performance in which you played an interviewer. Great job Kabe!

Language Learners: Talen Luhrs, Kyran Andersen, Sjaan Auld and riley Rowe - for giving their best in Japanese lessons.
Contact Kelly-Anne Paragreen on 0400377739 if you are looking for someone to print your child’s sporting house onto their sports shirt at a cost of $7 each. Alternatively, you can drop the shirt into the office and Kelly-Anne will collect.
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The 2017 Capella State School Cross Country carnival will be held at Capella State School on Monday 27th February 2017. Please see below for the carnival details.

Venue: Capella State School Oval (start and finish) and surrounding streets including: Crinum St, Burn St, Malvern St, Huntley St, (Prep-Yr.6) Yan Yan Rd, bush track to Retro St, Retro St, Slider St (9, 10, 11, 12 yrs.).

Date/Times: Monday 27th February 2017
9:00am commencement (following parade).

Supervising Teacher(s): All Capella State School Teachers and Teacher Aides.

Dress Code: Students must be in school uniform and have appropriate clothing and footwear to participate in the carnival. Please remember to apply sunscreen before school, wear a hat and drink plenty of water following the event.

Training: Training will be held during PE lessons leading up to the carnival (weather permitting).

Peak Downs


Carnival expectations:
The carnival is part of the PE program and involvement is encouraged for maximum participation. If you do not wish for your child/children to participate in the carnival for medical reasons, a note will be required. Non-participating students are required to be at school on the day of the carnival so that they can be involved in the carnival and support their friends.

Peak Downs Trials Update

Congratulations Bailey and Hamish for being selected in the Peak Downs Soccer Team

Congratulations Phoebe and Georgia for being selected in the Peak Downs Netball Team

Fantastic effort to all who participated in the trials in Clermont

and good luck to those participating in Middlemount for the

Rugby League and Rugby Union Peak Downs Trials next week.
Staff Profile

Name: Mrs Wilmott

1. How many years have you been a Principal?
   1 year

2. How many schools have you been a Principal of?
   Two

3. What’s your favourite part of being a Principal?
   Talking with students and seeing them engaged and loving learning.

4. What would be your most preferred class to teach be?
   All!

Thank you to everyone who came and helped us celebrate at our investiture ceremony yesterday. We are all looking forward to working in our different roles for this year.

School Life

Play this puzzle online at: http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/37/

Happy Valentine’s Day!
A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

For those of you ordering online, you will notice a new, improved version this year. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log onto www.msp.com.au to enter your child’s shootkey.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents, blended families and grandparents. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write “Mum’s order” or “Dad’s order” on top of your envelope.

To order a sibling or friends photo, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school.

If your child has been photographed in a special group (e.g., sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day. Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.

Keep smiling!!!

msp photography
Capturing Great Moments
Dear Principal,

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for students and school staff

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

With Office 2016, students and staff will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and note-taking, and much more.

Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. The subscription lasts for as long as they are a Queensland state school student or school-based staff member.

It is important to note that Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the Department or part of a school network. Errors and conflicts will occur if Office 2016 is downloaded on departmental devices, as these devices already have a licensed copy of Microsoft Office.

To download Office 2016 to a PC or Mac, visit portal.office.com, log in using your school email address, click through to install and follow the on-screen process. For tablets and smartphones, download from the app store and sign in with your school email address. Detailed instructions are available at education.qld.gov.au/office2016.

Enclosed are posters to display around your school to encourage students to take advantage of this offer.

If you have any questions about the Office 2016 offer, I invite you to contact Karen Edwards, Director, Business Systems Maintenance on telephone 3034 5269 or by email at karen.edwards@det.qld.gov.au.

Warm regards,

JEFF HUNT
Deputy Director-General
Corporate Services
Ref: 91410385

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**BINGO FUNDRAISER NIGHT**

2017 SUNFLOWER QUEEN ENTRANT

JACINDA FEHLHABER

WHERE: Emerald Bowls Club
(Hospital Road)

WHEN: Saturday, 25th February 2017

TIME: Doors open 6.00 pm for 7.00 pm start
Bar operating on the night

$5 Fancy Dress

$5 Extra tickets available for sale on the night $$$

Raising funds for the Emerald State Emergency Services

Contact: Wendee on 045 823 5003 to register and pay for your $25.00 pack.
EMERALD INTERMEDIATE BAND

When: Mondays 5.30-6.30pm (Starts 13th Feb)

Where: Emerald Town Band Hall - 61 Roberts St.

Rehearsals are held every Monday with the exception of school holidays. Students must have been playing their instruments a minimum of 1-2 years before joining or have completed approximately song 100 in their Standard of Excellence or Tradition of Excellence book. Please bring your own instrument or drumsticks, a display folder for storing sheet music, pencil and 2 clothes pegs. Stands are provided. A water bottle is recommended.

Central Family Support and QDN invite you to a
PLAN AHEAD workshop
& start your journey towards the National Disability Insurance Scheme

- Learn about the NDIS and eligibility
- Learn what you have to do to get ready
- Discuss how to make an NDIS plan
- The workshop is led by people with disability, for people with disability

I liked the fact the workshops were friendly and welcoming, you felt comfortable. They helped me learn more than I knew about the NDIS.

Katy, Baraldaine

When: Thursday 20th April 2017 10:00am – 3:30pm
Where: Uniting Church Hall, cnr Borilla & Yamala St, Emerald 4720
A parent or carer is also welcome to come along as a support person

TO REGISTER:
Call Central Family Support on (07) 4987 7933
Email yumbabimbi@cfsgld.com

An NDIS Participant Readiness activity funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

FOR YOUR ASSEMBLY
Thank you for taking the time to read this message to your students and their parents.
We highly appreciate your support!

SHARE YOUR AUSTRALIA
Host an Exchange Student

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation offering Australian families the opportunity to host an overseas exchange student. Volunteer host families come from all walks of life. You may live in an apartment, a town or in the country. You might be a single parent household or you might be packed to the rafters.
WEP gives priority to families who are curious and keen to share their Australia with an eager young student.

WEP students are wonderful role models. They are aged 15-18 and attend school full-time. WEP students arrive in February and July of each year for short term, semester and year programmes. There’s a duration to suit every family!

For more information or to request a free information pack, head to wep.org.au/host or SMS HOST to 0408 246 833

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Open your home and heart to an exchange student and gain an international family member!