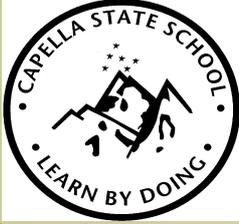


## Capella State School

### NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY 2ND JAN/FEB 2016



#### CALENDAR

Wed 3rd Feb	Meet & Greet at the high school 5.30-6.30pm
Monday 8th Feb	Instrumental Music
Monday 8th Feb	Parent Morning Tea after Parade—all welcome
Tuesday 16th Feb	P&C Meeting 7pm staff room

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Capella SHS P&C Community meet and greet

All community members are welcome to attend and meet the two new Principal's, Mrs Jackie Sinclair from Capella State High School, and Mrs Amanda Mobbs from Capella State School at Capella State High School this coming Wednesday the 3rd of February at 5:30 pm. A sausage sizzle and refreshments will be available.

#### Tuckshop

Please call Lorraine on 0407 529 630 if you can help in the Tuckshop on any Friday this term.

#### Food Allergy Alert

Just a reminder that we have children in the school that have serious food allergies. These include a nut allergy and a tomato allergy. Even though we are not a completely nut or tomato free school, it is asked that you be mindful when packing your child's lunch to not include these products if possible.

## Students of the Week

**Lilly:** For displaying great manners during group discussions, putting up your hand to give your wonderful ideas. Keep up the great work Lilly!

**Ainsley:** For always offering to help her peers in the classroom.

**Blayde:** For being organised and ready to learn all week long.

**Charlotte:** For always having your listening ears on while sitting at your desk.

**Kobie:** For being persistent with analogue and digital time during Math this week.

**Grace:** You have embraced year 4 by sharing your ideas confidently in class. You're following instructions and giving everything your best effort! Keep up the great work!

**Will:** For displaying a persistent effort in all work. You made a great start to the year—well done!

**Logan:** For demonstrating resilience by not reacting to negative comments.

**PE Sportsmanship Award: Trey:** Trey displayed enthusiasm and leadership qualities in our first PE lesson of the year. Keep up the great work T rey!

## Welcome!

Welcome to our continuing families and staff. A special welcome to our new families and particularly our new students most of whom are starting their schooling journey in the Prep this year. As I shared on parade last Wednesday I have been driving through Capella for many years, potentially 25+, but have never had the opportunity to actually work within this community. This is an experience I am looking forward to. I have recognised some faces as I taught at Dysart SS during the '90s and then at Distance Education in Emerald in various roles, most recently at Denison SS where I have been Deputy Principal for some years. Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome. Welcome also to our new staff for 2016, Miss Renae Kermond on Prep/1, Miss Amy McMahon on year 2 and Ms Gemma Tavita sharing year 5 with Ms Linda Flohr as well as filling our specialist PE role. Classes have started their learning programs from day 1 and I have been visiting classes as I intend to do every week!

## New in 2016

This year we will be trialling various routines in the school to ensure we are being efficient and responsive. The first thing you will notice is that we will only be producing a newsletter every fortnight. With the advent of Facebook and the school website our capability to reach our audience has changed. Information will be shared as is appropriate for each medium eg Students of the week will only be seen in the newsletter, short timeframe information will be posted on Facebook.

## Student Enrolments

We have confirmed the enrolments of **180** students for the start of 2016. This Friday we submit our student numbers to Regional Office to confirm our staffing in what is called 'day 8'. Thank you to parents for your patience as we reorganised classes to stay within guidelines of class sizes. It is important to keep class sizes to agreed targets, to ensure equitable access to all students.

## Learning Focus

On the pupil free days staff met to review the Capella State School updated behaviour policy. This year we will be introducing a behaviour learning focus in classrooms framed around the YOU CAN DO IT elements. These areas are CONFIDENCE, PERSISTENCE, ORGANISATION, GETTING ALONG and RESILIENCE. You will hear these words being used in classrooms and see reference to these on classroom posters as well as the poles in the parade area.

A further strategy is the introduction of a Reflection Room at first lunch play. Students whose behaviour has not corrected after redirection and 2 warnings will attend the Reflection Room during first lunch. Miss O'Kane will be managing this space for term 1. She will guide attending students through a reflection process which students will record on a form that will be sent home. This system will help to build student ownership of their behaviour and give them opportunity to strategize better choices for the future. This reflection form will be sent home to ensure you are informed and are part of the process.

Cheers  
Amanda Mobbs  
Acting Principal



At parade the Year 6 cohort stood together in front of the whole school and pledged their responsibilities as leaders of the school and their commitment to all students, staff and the Capella community. It is an exciting year for these year 6 students enjoying their last year before moving onto high school. We wish them all the best and look forward to their great leadership.

## School Captains

HOME READING – ALL Parents

HOME READING needs to be a positive, worthwhile experience for both you and your child.

Following the P&C morning tea on Monday, there will be a meeting for all parents about Home Reading. Last year we empowered parents with the skills to be able to teach their children reading strategies while working with them in Home Reading sessions. Their results were incredible.

**The program that I helped parents with last year has been refined and simplified.** There are four basic steps you can learn to help make a huge difference to your child's reading levels. These steps are the same whether your child is in Prep or Year 12. (You may even find that you can improve your own reading by using these steps.)

If you have already done some training last year, please bring along your purple folders so we can update the information. All parents who attend, will receive their own purple instruction folder.

Be excited! Reading is so important and you can make a huge difference to your child's learning.

If you can't attend during the day, I will be holding a second session for interested parents on that same evening from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Regards

Wendy Dowling



Welcome back to Capella State School 2016! And a big welcome to all the new families including preppies to our great little school! We hope you all had a great and safe holiday with your families and friends and are enjoying getting back into routines. Thankfully we had a short week to ease back into it!

Over the holidays we were busy with a couple of projects. Thanks to Justin Robinson the Prep play area has been enhanced - the fence is all fixed, with a beautiful new huge sandpit, and equipment repaired, and the Preps have just loved it. Thanks also to his team of helpers Simon Roebig, Jared Peet, Naomi Randles, Jess Robinson, Phil Flohr and Carla Langtry and special thanks to Minchin's for the sand donation. We greatly appreciate all your efforts.



Linda Flohr and Carla Langtry have also worked hard beautifying the Anzac Garden. We look forward to the rosemary plants making a lovely hedge along the staff room in due time. Mitre 10 Emerald donated very generously allowing us to buy pots, plants, and potting mix. With the work the Shilvock and Finger families did last year in providing the beautiful seat and statue, it really is a special place in our school grounds. Bunnings Rockhampton and Mackay have both also donated monetary vouchers so we will be able to make some more improvements with time too.

The P&C was able to kick off our fundraising at the Australia Day breakfast at the pool on Tuesday. It was a great morning full of wonderful community spirit and delicious bacon and eggs! Thanks Amanda Grogan, Langtry Family, Amanda Stutz-Grimmond, and Laini and Georgia Anderson for your help.

I, the teachers and the students, really do appreciate all the time and efforts everyone makes in our school community. These 2 projects have really enhanced and beautified our school and that helps to make it a happy place to learn and grow!

Things to look out for:

Parent morning tea following parade in week 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> February. A great time to mingle & chat

First P&C meeting of the year Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm.

Working Bee – date to be advised

AGM meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm

Enjoy the start of term 1 and we look forward to seeing you all at the parade morning tea and also on the 16<sup>th</sup> for our meeting!

Bev Cowan

P&C President