What’s On

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| Tuesday 7th February | • Year 6 Senior Shirts Payment Due  
• Parent Information Sessions  
3:20-3:30 meet in the undercover area.  
Each class will hold 3 sessions 3:30 - 4:00, 4:00 - 4:30 and 4:30 - 5:00 |
| Monday 13th February | • 2017 Student Leader Investiture 9:00am in the assembly area  
• P&C Meeting 7pm in the Staff Room |
| Monday 27th February | • 2017 Cross Country Carnival (more details closer to the date) |
| Monday 13th March  | • P&C AGM followed by a General Meeting 7pm in the staff room |
| Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th March | • Year 4 camp - Notes will be sent home to Year 4 parents by the end of this week |
| Wednesday 15th March | • School Photo Day (keep an eye out for your payment envelope closer to the date) |

Be an All Rounder  
Be the 4 B’s
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

To all our new families welcome to the Capella State School family. To the returning families, welcome back. I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic start to 2017. The students have settled well into their new classrooms and are being learners, respectful, responsible and safe. The positive behaviours displayed by students throughout Week One had been exemplary. Students have been engaged and learning in the classroom and being safe and respectful in the playground. What a fantastic way to begin the school year.

Communication Protocols
This year we have implemented new ‘Communication Protocols’ to ensure that parents are kept well informed re classroom practices and school events. We ask that you provide your respective classroom teacher/s with your email address at your earliest convenience, so that they can provide you with weekly email updates. These emails will be a brief overview of what the students will be learning during the week and also any events, notes due etc. There shall also be an individual class newsletter sent out at the commencement of each term that will provide more details re upcoming events, teaching and learning focus, specialist lessons etc. Our ultimate aim is to keep you up to date with all school information and important dates/events.

Induction of School Leaders
The 2017 School Leaders shall be presented with their badges on a special parade on Monday 13th February. The parade will commence at 9.00am and there shall be a celebratory morning tea to follow. School Leaders and their parent/s are invited to attend the morning tea being held in the Computer Room, immediately following the parade.

Parent Information Session/s
In Week Three of Term One there will be a Parent Information Session held at Capella State School. This will take place on Tuesday 7th February from 3.20-5.00pm. All parents are asked to gather in the assembly area at 3.20pm for a meet and greet with the Principal (approximately ten minutes). Parents will then be offered three 30 minute rotations in each class. This will ensure that parents who have a number of students at Capella State School can rotate between classes. A bell will be rung manually from the office at 3.30, 4.00 and 4.30pm. We hope that you can attend one of the sessions with your child’s teacher/s so that we can ensure all parents are kept well informed re classroom practices.

New Homework Policy
Parents please note that Capella State School has a new Homework Policy document for 2017. Teachers will further discuss what ‘Homework’ entails in their classrooms, during the parent information sessions being held on Tuesday 7th February.

Commencement of 2017
A reminder to parents that there is 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.

Attendance – Everyday Counts
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 ten minutes late each day this equates to fifty minutes per week that adds up to 1.5 weeks per year. This time over 13 years of schooling totals nearly ½ a 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 1 & 2 is to be an “All Rounder” and follow the 4 B’s of:
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be a Learner

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

Meet our new Master/Booster Teacher Miss Katie Moore
I am very pleased to be working at Capella State School in the role of Master/Booster Teacher for 2017. What a lovely school! My main role this year is to support students learning, with a focus on developing vocabulary in reading and writing through the STRIVE program. My office is located next to the Principal, so feel free to pop in if you have any questions.

Our new Year 4 Teacher
Mr Bruce Robinson

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
Prep: Samantha Shaw - Samantha has settled into Prep really well and has had a fantastic start to the year. She has done a great job at ensuring she is concentrating within class, using her manners and displaying a positive attitude towards her learning. Keep up the great work Samantha!

Prep/1: Stetsen Doyle - For consistently being ready to learn, using appropriate manners and always having a smile! Great start to the year Stetsen!

Year 1/2: Sophie Blackley - For always being on her best behaviour, trying her best and never giving up.

Year 2/3: Kelsey Percival - For demonstrating the 4B’s in the classroom. Kelsey, this week you have been organised and demonstrated on task behaviour. It is fantastic to see you being positive towards your peers. Keep up the wonderful work!

Year 3: Darcy Comiskey - Darcy you have shown fantastic organisation skills this week. You consistently have your equipment and workbook organised for learning. Great work!

Year 4: Dustin Finger - Being a mature, keen responsible learner.

Year 5: William Mills - trying your best in every subject and having a go even when the work is tough.

Year 6: Talen Luhrs - for modelling all school behaviour expectations in the classroom and on the playground.

PE Sportsmanship: Dallas Seeney - For determination in the playground and in PE! Enjoy your year of sport Dallas!

The Arts: Harley Becker - Being a vocal student in Drama and contributing to class discussions throughout the lesson!
Can parents please check the name on your child’s hat that they bring home. We have had a number of hats disappear that have been clearly named. If you find your child has brought home the wrong hat or an extra hat it can be returned to the office.

Thank-you
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: _________________________________

Preferred email address for electronic newsletter __________________________________________

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Search “Capricornia School Sport” to stay up to date with the latest news & events

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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2017
Round 1 – Available Now!

Local organisations are invited to apply to Council’s Community Grants fund for programs or equipment/facilities in the following categories:
- Community Assistance up to - $5,000
- Sport and Recreation Assistance up to - $5,000

Applications close 5pm, 28 February 2017

Application forms and guidelines are available from Council’s website, libraries, offices and rural transaction centres.

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Fact Sheet for Referral Agents

What is Get Started Vouchers?

Get Started Vouchers is one of the funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's Get in the Game initiative to support sport and active recreation at the grassroots level.

Get Started Vouchers assists children and young people who can least afford, or may otherwise benefit from, joining a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people can receive one voucher valued up to $150 per calendar year, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club that is registered for Get Started Vouchers.

Who is eligible?

Eligible applicants are Queensland children and young people aged from 5 to 17 (inclusive) who either:
- hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with the child’s name on it, or
- are identified by a registered referral agent.

Children and young people who require financial assistance to join a club but do not have access to a suitable card may be eligible for the program if they are recommended by a registered referral agent.

When will the program open?

The following table provides round dates for the next two years.

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1 The funding will be distributed in two rounds each year on a first come, first serve basis. Once the allocation for each round is exhausted, the program will close and no further vouchers will be offered for that round.

What are the referral criteria?

Vouchers are aimed at those who without this financial assistance would not be able to join a sport or active recreation club.

Referral agents assist with identifying children and young people who would not be able to participate in sport/active recreation without financial support.

Referral agents may refer a child when the following criteria are met:
- referral agent must have known the child/young person in their professional capacity for a period of 3 months or longer
- child/young person cannot be an immediate family member
- child/young person cannot be referred to a club where the referral agent is involved as a member or employee
- referral agent must be able to justify the reasons why the child/young person has been referred.

How can I register as a referral agent?

To register as a referral agent:
- visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegeame/getstarted/refer/
- complete the registration form
- you will be contacted by the department when your registration has been confirmed.

There is no closing date for registrations (registrations can be made at any time until the program closes).

Children and young people who hold, or whose parent, carer or guardian holds, a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card should apply using their registered card.

Need further information?

For further information about Get Started Vouchers, telephone 13QGOV, email getstarted@nprr.qld.gov.au or visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegeame/