STOP PRESS
There are a small number of laptops available. Please see the office for further details and costs.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

It is really great to be back at the College after a very enjoyable period of long service leave and I would like to thank Mr Jeff Barnett for his work as Acting Principal in my absence. In discussions with Mr Barnett, one of the factors that he told me that he was really impressed with during his time here was the whole College community commitment to improving student learning. Mr Barnett said that it didn’t matter what forum you were in, be it staff meetings, conversations with students and parents or P&C Meetings, the focus of the discussions was always about learning.

It is really encouraging to see the progress we are continually making at the College. As you would no doubt be aware, we have a deliberate and highly focused improvement agenda in the area of reading. This improvement agenda is not only for readers who are challenged by the reading process but for all students - to ensure they are equipped with the skills to access the many varied and complex texts that are required of them throughout their schooling and for their future careers.

Some of the initiatives we are currently implementing include increasing the rigour of the home reading program, particularly in the early years and the development of Individual Reading Plans for students. The Individual Reading Plans provide a great opportunity for parents, teachers and students to work together to develop strategies and establish goals to improve confidence, comprehension and fluency in reading. Our teachers have also been engaged in a range of professional development opportunities to ensure they are well prepared to support the needs of our young readers. Another exciting initiative involved our year 7-10 students participating in the selection and purchasing of readers for their home reading program.

As a College, we are also working hard at improving our communication with our parents and wider community. A growing number of our teachers are already producing class eNewsletters that are emailed directly to parents. Social media is now a primary means of communication and as such the College has now established the Capalaba State College Facebook page and Twitter account. These pages will provide parents, students and the community with the latest news and reminders from the College as it happens. I invite everyone to like or follow us so that you can be kept up to date anywhere, anytime from the convenience of your news feed.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ... (cont)

Capalaba College held an ANZAC service for the College community on Wednesday 24 April. Students and staff listened to stories of courage and valour. The College was honoured to have once again Mr & Mrs Murray representing the National Servicemen’s Association as our special guests. Lest We Forget.

Sadly, in conclusion, I would also like to convey to our community the tragic news that one of our current students and three past students of the College have passed away as a result of a car accident overseas. Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these young people.

Dion Coghlan
College Principal

PAYMENTS DUE

- Canberra Year 7 Trip
- Ski Trip
- Dance Team
- Lap Top Program

LOST AND FOUND

2 bicycles have been found. If you have lost your bike please contact the Junior Campus Office on 38239333.
Helping young people with the broad range of assessment tasks required of them can be a challenge for parents. I have so many conversations with parents who ask for advice about how to assist when some of the teaching strategies have changed since they went to school and they fear that they might suggest the ‘wrong thing’ when helping their young people. This can be a particular challenge when helping with written assignments.

To support parents/carers with this process we have provided a ‘Parent resource’ on our website titled – Helping Your Child with Editing. You can access this resource through the following link:


Helping your child with editing

When writers write, they check the finished piece to make sure that what they have written will:

- Be clear to the reader, and
- Do what they want it to, eg inform or persuade or over the reader

Really, there are two parts to editing a piece of writing:

- Revising the content;
- Proofreading for errors in spelling and punctuation.

When authors write for an audience they have four major questions in mind:

- What do I want my readers to know?
- How do I want them to know it?
  In other words - What information will I put in and what will I leave out? How will I link the ideas together? Which links will I make clear to the reader and which will I hide?
- What do I want them to think?
- What do I want them to feel?

When authors revise or edit their work, they check to see that they have been successful by again asking the same questions. When students have finished writing, they need to learn how to read their own writing through the eyes of a reader. Explain that a reader should be given all the information they need to understand what has been written. Most readers do not have the writer standing beside them so they can ask questions when they don’t understand.

To support your young person become an efficient writer and complete written assessment tasks you can use the suggestions in the Parent Resource which outlines step-by-step how you can assist with editing and proofreading at home. If you or your young person feel that they still are having difficulty completing the task, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher or Head of Department for that subject. Encourage your young person to put in a reasonable effort and take feedback constructively so that we can all work together to get the best outcome possible for all of our students.

Regards,
Linda Knight (Principal Teaching and Learning Prep-12)

Let’s go shopping!

Capalaba pupils have their say.

**Reading.** It is one of the most important skills students require if they are to continue to maximise their success at school and beyond. Capalaba State College has been seeking ways to reconnect our teenagers to reading in this digital age.

Students engage in reading for pleasure when they have access to diverse texts and are able to select the texts they wish to read. When students select their own reading material they are more likely to continue to build their comprehension and fluency.

Capalaba State College collaborated with Riverbend Books of Bulimba to provide our students from Years 7 to 10 the opportunity to select over 100 books for use in their classroom and at home. Our students made some intriguing and varied selections and were excited to share their preferences with their friends and peers.

Students will be able to explore the wide selection of books to read in class and as part of their home reading program.
Junior Secondary (YEARS 7—9) NEWS …

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEARS 7 AND 9

Students will sit 5 tests – Language Conventions, Writing, Reading, Numeracy (x2).
Tests will be spread over 3 days – Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May, Thursday 16 May.
Tests will be conducted during the first two lessons of each day; therefore testing will be finished by approx. 11am each day.
Friday 17 May will be used as a “catch-up” day for any student who was absent for tests.

Students should make sure they:
♦ Have a good night sleep and are well rested for each day of tests;
♦ Have a substantial, healthy breakfast each morning (eg. Cereal, fruit, toast);
♦ Arrive at school by 8:20am each day, to avoid rushing or being late for the tests.

Students will need to bring:
♦ A calculator for the first numeracy paper on Thursday 16 May

ALL OTHER EQUIPMENT (pencils, pens, erasers, writing paper etc) WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONES: ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE TESTS AND MUST BE LEFT AT HOME, OR HANDED IN AT THE OFFICE

Being A Learner
Since returning from the Easter vacation, Junior Secondary students have been reminded about staying focused on their learning to achieve the best they can for their end of semester report. Students were invited to reflect on their Term 1 Interim Report and identify areas where they could improve. All students have received a Term 2 Assessment Planner and teachers have outlined key assessment tasks for the term.

Just a reminder that Ms Murray runs a Homework Club on Monday afternoons in the Junior Secondary Block from 2:30 until 3:40pm. Students are welcome to come along and get assistance with homework and assessment tasks.

Cheryl Wilson
Head of Junior Secondary

Redlands Leadership Forum
On Monday 22nd April, seven of our College Leaders, including myself, attended the Redlands Leadership Forum. At this dinner we listened to several speakers as they told us about how they became leaders themselves. Speakers included Steve Davies MP, Ms Karen Williams Mayor of Redlands City, Mirusia, Steve Kefu and Jordie Duffy – a 19 year old successful businessman. The stories and tips we heard from these leaders have helped myself and my fellow captains develop as leaders. Also we met leaders from other Redlands schools and were able to find out what they do at their school and we shared with them what we do at our school. I am grateful I was able to attend the dinner as it opened my eyes and showed me that no matter how old you are you can achieve anything you put your mind to with persistence and effort. TRY, TRY and TRY again until you succeed!

Taylor, Kateryna, Summitt, Mr Duffy, Daniel and Mr Davies
Junior Campus News (Prep to Year 6)...

2013 NAPLAN

As we enter the month of May, we approach the annual National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy or NAPLAN as it is known. In a little over a week, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be asked to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in literacy and numeracy. This testing occurs across three days as follows:

- Tuesday, 14 May 2013: Language Conventions and Writing Test
- Wednesday, 15 May 2013: Reading Test
- Thursday, 16 May 2013: Numeracy Test
- Friday, 17 May 2013: Catch-up Test Day (or any students who missed the previous testing days)

It is very important that all Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students attend school on these very important days. If you know in advance that your child will be away on any of the three test days would you please contact us with this information.

Good preparation for the NAPLAN tests is very important for all students. Sufficient sleep, good nutrition and being on time are some of the factors that will help your child to focus on the tasks set for them in the tests so please consider such aspects on these days. Students have been doing literacy and numeracy preparations throughout the year at school, however parents may also wish to extend this preparation through their own work at home. Two great resources to help prepare for literacy and numeracy testing are the Mathletics and Reading Eggs websites which all Capalaba State College students have free access to. By simply supporting homework and daily reading with your children, you are also helping them to be ready for NAPLAN. Many thanks to you all for your assistance in this important task. NAPLAN results will be distributed to parents in September this year.

Winter Uniforms

The heat of the summer has passed by and we are all enjoying this very pleasant Autumn weather. It won’t be long however before the first cold snap arrives and we really appreciate the efforts of parents and carers in dressing our students in College uniform to look great throughout the winter months. We therefore urge you all to follow the College Student Dress Code when dressing your child this winter.

Another important aspect of clothing items is the naming of clothing items. It is quite normal for our winter mornings to be cold but our days to be warm. Jumpers and tracksuit pants being removed during the day, are running and becoming hot. It is at these times when uniforms can be forgotten, misplaced or even lost. Being well aware of the financial costs of student uniforms, we therefore urge all parents to name uniform items and discuss with their children the importance of keeping track of uniforms during school days.

School Banking on Junior Campus is now TUESDAYS.

URGENT- Capalaba Safety House Initiative at Risk of Closure

In recent years, the number of parent volunteers from Capalaba State College who work for the cause of Safety House has been declining. Sadly, this situation is now so acute that our local Capalaba Safety House committee may have to close down. This would end the promotion of safety house locations in our school zone. A significant number of safety houses continue to provide our students with a safe location to attend if they encounter threats in the community. But this becomes very difficult when there is no presiding committee to maintain the support and checks required for its operation. The organisers require just one or two parents who have a little time to help out. They are staging their Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm on Monday, 13 May at Capalaba Ten Pin Bowl. Please contact the Junior Campus office if you would like further information. This is an excellent cause which is very worthy of everyone’s support.

Regards
Brad French
Junior Campus Principal
### From the Guidance Officer ...

#### Career Events for MAY

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| 01 WED | **Queensland University of Technology** | Parent Information Evening at Kelvin Grove Campus, 6:00 - 7:30pm  
| 02 WED | **Brisbane Post School Options Expo** | for Students with Disabilities & Special Needs, Convention and Exhibition Centre, Plaza Level, from 9:00am - Alison 0418 740 205, Megan 0428 770 366 and Mary 0408 736 215.  
| 03 FRI | **University of New England – 02 6773 3638** | Open Day- Check Website for details  
| 03 FRI | **Queensland Studies Authority** | Estimated closing date for QCS Test Applications for Special Provisions  
Anese Tenisions 3864 0433 – have a stand at Tertiary Studies Expo |
| 24 & 25 FRI & SAT | **Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo** | Convention & Exhibition Centre, 9am-4pm (Fri) 10am-4pm (Sat)  
| 25 & 26 SAT & SUN | **UMAT** | Workshop package available for purchase through UQ  
| 31 FRI | **Australian Catholic University** | Brisbane Campus Experience, "Social Justice Youth Forum"  

### Building Relationships

- Give your teenager attention
- Have shared fun times
- Let them know that your approve of them and their positive choices
- Show that you understand their point of view
- Don’t try to change everything they do
- Avoid criticising
General News

Capalaba Student Defeats Chess Master
In what has become a tradition, the College chess championship kicked off again this year with a visit from chess master Andrew Fitzpatrick. Mr Fitzpatrick, who has an international rating of 1999 and is ranked 343 in Australia, played simultaneously against sixteen of this year’s entrants in the College tournament.

Last year the chess master was victorious in all his matches against our students. Many of this year’s games progressed to the endgame, giving evidence of the improving skills of our chess players. In a historic result, 2012 College champion Austen A scored a win over the chess master. A great achievement. As well, new member of the College’s interschool chess team Sam F had a checkmate position on his board but failed to see it and went on to lose his game. So close… Mr Fitzpatrick was impressed by the mature play of several other of our chess players too.

Next comes the College championship itself which will be contested over the next several weeks. This year’s series will see 2013 champion William T defend his title against the most competitive field ever. Regular progress reports will appear in this column.

Congratulations to Jack
Continuing on from last month, we are happy to share more of Jack M’s great successes. Jack received a Silver medal at the Australian Age Championships recently and a Gold and Bronze in New Zealand last weekend at the New Zealand Open Karate Championships. He is certainly on track for future successes in Karate.

Capalaba Junior Teams Narrowly Defeated in District Finals
Year 8 Boys Volleyball, Year 9 Boys Volleyball and Year 9 Girls Basketball teams all fought hard at the district finals this week. The Girls Basketball team ran hard and fought for every point. Team captain Summit V. led her girls and inspired them to rise to the difficult challenge of Redlands College.

Both boys Volleyball teams had close, hard fought matches that unfortunately did not go our way. Notable mentions to Year 8 player, Dylan G and year 9 player Taylor T who both led there teams valiantly. The teams are strong with future prospects looking promising. Congratulations to all players for representing the College. You did us proud!

Capalaba Kindergarten and Preschool
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- University trained Early Childhood Teachers
- Providing a unique 2 year Kindy program.
  - Children aged 3-5 years
  - Large natural shaded playground
  - Spacious room for a maximum 24 children
  - Accredited Centre offering CCB and CCR benefits.
  - Excellent child/staff ratio
Group 1 – Mon, Tues, Wed
Group 2 – Thurs, Fri. (vacancies currently available in this group)
ARTS NEWS ...

The 7th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT7)

Senior Art students, including selected students from Year 10 were invited to view the The 7th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT7) exhibition currently showing at the Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art on Thursday 21st March 2013.

It is the only major exhibition series in the world to focus exclusively on the contemporary art of Asia, the Pacific and Australia. APT7 continues the series’ forward-thinking approach to questions of geography, history and culture and how these questions are explored through the work of contemporary artists.

APT7 marks the twentieth anniversary of the APT, and presents an opportunity to reflect on the unprecedented transformations that have occurred in Australia, Asia and the Pacific over the past two decades. Key themes include transforming landscapes, varied engagements with the city, and the adaptability of local cultures in today’s globalised world.

All students represented their College well and had an enjoyable day. The excursion was aimed to inspire students to explore new dimensions within their own work.

ArtsFest

Get ready for a week of quality arts experiences when Capalaba State College launches ArtsFest from 17 June. Date claim Wed 17 June from 5:30pm for an art exhibition followed by a the film premiere of ?? . Just who will be walking the red carpet from Maths Block to the Cultural Centre for this world premiere??

The evening will include ‘the best of’ 2013 Film, TV & New Media documentaries and advertisements followed by the 12 Drama Comedy Opening Night....

ArtsFest will include lunch performances and ‘come and try’ workshops; Year 10 Drama will present?? . And the Yr 10 Dance company Eternity, will stage their class production.

Instrumental Music

The Senior Campus Concert Band put in a solid day of rehearsals at The Plantation on Friday 26 April. This important day of rehearsal prepares the students for future performance events. It was great to see our Senior Secondary students supporting the learning of our Junior Secondary musicians. Congratulations to our band members who attend weekly rehearsals from 7:15am as well as their in-school Instrumental Music lessons. Our students are learning commitment and perseverance as well as a love of music.

Instrumental Music Junior Campus

Beginner Music Week will be held this year from 3rd June to 7th June at the Sleeman Sports Complex. The times will be 8.15am until 2.30pm each day (except Wednesday finishing in the early evening). Parents will be responsible to transport their children to and from the venue. This week is aimed at students who have begun their instrument this year. The cost of the non-residential camp will be $90 payable at our office. However, do not pay this yet. Your child will receive a letter for this excursion soon. Unfortunately we are awaiting more information from the organisers before we can send an official letter home. We do apologise for this inconvenience but it is out of our control. In the past, students who have attended this camp have found it rewarding, educational and fun.
P&C NEWS ...

To Parents/Carers of Capalaba State College.
My name is Charlie Green.
As some of you may be not aware, I am the new P & C President.
I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the rest of the new committee.
Scott Spreadborough – Vice President
Jacqui Costello – Treasurer
Tiina Sassi – Secretary.

We hold our P & C monthly meeting on the 4th Monday of every month at 7.00pm sharp in the Senior Campus.
All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Kind regards
Charlie Green.

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Secretary: Tiina Sassi

Queensland Vintage Vehicle Association is holding its Annual Car Swap Meet.
At
Senior Campus Grounds of Capalaba State College
From
7.00am Sunday 26th May
Our P & C is catering for this event as this will be our major fundraiser for the year

Please spare an hour or more to assist on the day.
If you’re interested or have any questions, please contact either
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