FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL ...

Congratulations Year 6

Our Year 6 students celebrated the completion of their education on the junior campus. It is a day for us as a College to be proud of their success and the legacy they leave behind. Importantly, it is also a day for their parents to be proud. Mums and Dads will remember all too well their first day of school, watching them learn and grow. Today is their day to be proud, optimistic for the future and to celebrate this achievement with the year 6 class.

Next year, our year 6 students will enter high school on the Senior Campus and enjoy all the opportunity specialists subjects, clubs and programs have to offer. This is an exciting time that also brings more challenges. We are fortunate as a College to have one set of expectations. Be safe, be respectful, be responsible, be positive and always be a learner, our College expectations can be guiding pillars for our year 6 students as they transition onto the Senior Campus.

My wish for all students is that they keep an open mind. Allow yourself to try new things and find out what you are good at. You are all unique and you all have something special to share with the College. You have all you need to be successful right now! You can; imagine more; do more; learn more. You control the outcome of your education.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Junior Campus leaders Erin, Claire, Bailey and Connor. They have shown maturity beyond their years. They have strived to lead through service, from presenting certificates, hosting the barn dance to representing the College at special events. They have done so respectfully, generously and humbly. They will continue to serve as role models as they enter the Senior Campus.

Congratulations Year 6

Community Spirit.

After reading an article on Steve Brady’s National inspiration teacher Award, Mr Doheny contacted the college and offered to donate art supplies that belonged to his late wife Lorraine. Lorraine Doheny was an Australian Artist living bayside, South East of Brisbane, in Queensland Australia.

Her canvases portray her impressions of the Coastline, Heritage Buildings, Flowers, People and especially young children at play. On occasions there are Contemporary Works that portray her love of colour, transformed from the mind’s eye.

Lorraine achieved a Diploma of Fine Art at Phillip Institute (now RMIT University) in 1984 and has been painting for over 45 years.

In September 2011 Lorraine was Feature Artist at The Old Schoolhouse Gallery where she was a Member and the immediate past President. She painted daily in her studio and says the joy of painting sustained her because the mind is so engrossed with the work in progress, it is like meditation.

Her work in the Queensland Maritime Museum is a painting of Lorraine’s Great Great Great Uncle ... Matthew Flinders the Explorer. It was painted for the 1999 Bi-Centenary Celebrations of Matthew Flinders, for his circumnavigation and his naming of Australia.
Her work has been exhibited widely in many galleries in Victoria before coming to reside in Queensland and has achieved many awards. Her work has been collected Interstate and in Europe and America. Lorraine painted in many mediums, but her preferred medium was Oils. She enjoyed working in Watercolour, Acrylic, Gouache, Pastel, and Pencil.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mr Doheny for his generous donation.

School Opinion survey

All responses to the opinion survey were very positive. Three responses that showed high levels of support include:

- My child likes this school – 94%
- My child feels safe at this school - 94%
- I can talk with my child’s teachers about their learning - 100%

I would like to thank you for the support you have shown the College this year and I look forward to strengthening this relationship in 2015. We will start the year continuing our high expectation on uniform, behaviour and learning. Please ensure that you are able to arrange the correct uniform, shoes and books over the holidays.  I appreciate you reinforcing the values we hold high of respect, responsibility and positivity.

P&C

The final P&C meeting for the year was a wonderful celebration of achievements. I would like to thank the entire P&C for their contributions to the College this year. We meet twice a team and the P&C extends a warm welcome to any parents who would like to join us. There are a number of executive positions opening up for next year and all expressions of interest are welcome.

Achievement

I am very proud of the work we have been able to achieve with our students and teachers. As a college we have seen a significant refocusing of our efforts in the area of academic achievement. I am proud to share or preliminary end of semester results.

As I reflect back on 2014 at Capalaba State College, I can recall many student and staff successes. Some of our achievements include:

- An overwhelming support for the iPad program and we will have at least one class in years 4 to 9 in 2015
- 100% of our graduating class attaining a QCE or QCIA
- Outstanding/High discipline audit result, commending our College expectations
- Dance team winning competition after competition
- 100% UMS for numeracy in NAPLAN for year 9
- National Inspirational Teacher Award winners
- Youngest published author

2014 will be remembered for all the personal bests. The individual gains in reading, the students who won races on sports day, the competition winners. The compliments I received on our students dress and respectful behaviour. Our consistent efforts to maintain high standards has been recognised in the community. Enrolments for 2015 are up, showing strong community confidence. Our reputation in the community for high standards of behaviour and learning is due to our collective efforts. I thank you, my staff, students, the P&C and all the local business and community groups that worked with me this year to make Capalaba State College so successful.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Bronwyn Johnstone, College Principal
FROM THE SENIOR CAMPUS PRINCIPAL ...

2014 has been a very busy and productive year on the Senior Campus.

In the last few weeks, as you’ll see in this newsletter, we have had iPad trials, reward days, sporting ‘show me’ days, hip hop programs, Dance nights, sports teams competing interstate and a courtyard refurbishment (among many other things). It is participation in extra-curricular activities that makes time at school enjoyable.

Report cards will soon be arriving in the mail. While the year is over, it is still a good time to reflect on progress and set goals for 2015. Write them down somewhere safe, so that they can be reviewed just prior to term one.

We will soon be seeing the results of hard work that year twelve have put in over the last two years. Overall Positions and University offers will be announced over the holidays, which we will share with the community early in 2015.

We have had an overwhelming response to the iPad program.
Year 7 will have one full iPad class, with students in an extension class being allowed to bring their iPad.
Year 8 will have one full iPad class.
Year 9 will have one full iPad class, with students in an extension class being allowed to bring their iPad.

Communications to families for start-up of the 2015 school year have been circulating for some time including uniform sales, resource scheme and lap top hire, book lists etc. The opening hours of the Administration building on the Senior Campus are 8am to 4pm. Please be aware that school starts for all students on Tuesday 27 January.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Lachlan Thatcher, Senior Campus Principal

IPAD TRIAL IN YEAR 7

Year 7 iPad Trial – From the students
For three weeks, most Year 7 students trialled using iPads in class. In this article I’ll go over what people liked about using the iPads. First I’ll start with favourite iPad applications. I surveyed my class and almost everyone said that they liked Minecraft. Actually everyone did, and it wasn’t a surprise. Almost every lunch, everyone was on their iPads playing Minecraft. As for educational applications, Explain Everything was the most popular as it was fun to use. People also said Keynote because it was like PowerPoint but for the iPad. Everyone loved using the iPads and all students said that they preferred learning with iPads. Students also said that they would recommend this type of learning to other students. Overall, the iPad program was a success with the entire student body that used them.
Written by Tyson F, 7A

Year 7 iPad Trial – From the teachers
Students engaged really well with the work on iPads and seemed to take greater responsibility for their learning and completing activities. Particularly, it was great to see students using their imaginations and presenting their ideas and work using filming, recording audio and other multimodal effects. Besides the high engagement levels of the students the iPads gave us, as teachers, a greater number of tools to easily differentiate learning activities. Students were able to participate in a number of activities that were self-paced allowing for an increase in autonomous learning as well as opportunities to revisit challenging concepts. Students are to be commended on their enthusiastic approach to the trial as well as the responsibility for and care of the devices kindly lent to us by Apple. We are certainly excited by the vast opportunities for both students and teachers that this type of learning has to offer and look forward to being part of the iPad team in 2015.
“The worst part of this trial has to be that we have to give the iPads back!” (Amber H 7B, 2014)
Written by Elise Garner & Kirsty King, Year 7 teachers.
Transition day for Year 6 students

Over the past five weeks, Year 6 students have visited the Senior campus to participate in the transition program. During this time, the students have met the Year 7 teachers and they have been involved in a variety of activities to familiarise themselves. Last Wednesday, the students came for the entire day and they enjoyed participating in dance, drama, music and cooking lessons. At lunch time, we had a sausage sizzle and an ice block so that the students could socialise with both staff and new students to the school. Our current Junior Secondary leaders and students assisted throughout the transition program and they were true role models the entire time. We look forward to seeing all of the Year 6 students on the first day next year.

Step Up Hip Hop Program

Throughout the term, ten Year 7 and 8 students participated in a program that allowed them to learn a Hip Hop routine with two mentors, Micky D and Laetitia. Micky D is a well-known dancer in the area. He teaches at various schools and works at a local dance school. Laetitia is also a dancer and she is currently studying to be a psychologist. Both mentors volunteered their time each week to teach the students a Hip Hop routine. During this time, students also developed:

- better ability to be in control through grounding, centeredness and mental focus
- increased self-respect, self-control and self-confidence
- enhanced resilience skills and well-being
- working collaboratively with peers
- skills to identify and monitor reactive behaviour patterns.

At the end of the program, students had to perform the routine in front of parents and students. The team decided to perform the dance on Dance Night. This was a huge achievement as they dance alongside students who regularly dance.

It was a privilege for me to see the students develop their confidence in both dance and in general.

*Kylie Barrett, Head of Junior Secondary*
Christmas Concert

On Thursday, we hosted our annual Christmas concert for students in Prep to Year 3. Once again we made use of the Senior Campus Hall so that we could fit everybody in which was wonderful because it is such a colourful event. A big thank you to all our students who put so much effort into their rehearsals and performances and to all the teachers who organised the concert. Finally, we thank our parents and carers who dressed the children so well and supported the event.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL JUNIOR CAMPUS (cont)...

Happy Holidays
Once again another school year has passed by so quickly and our final week of school is almost upon us. As we approach the holiday season, we reflect on our year of effort and achievement. I would take this opportunity to congratulate our students on their enthusiasm and application throughout the year and to all of our staff for their commitment to improving student growth and development. Thankyou to all of our parents and carers who have provided support to our students and the College. Again, you should all take some well deserved credit for the success of your children. You role will always remain critical.

I wish all College community members a relaxing holiday and an enjoyable festive season. I trust that your 2015 is a healthy, safe and prosperous one.

The Junior Campus administration will be closed at the end of Friday, 12 December and will reopen for business on Monday, 19 January. School recommences for students on Tuesday, 27 January following the Australia Day long weekend.
I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Regards
Brad French

SPORTS NEWS ...

“Show Me” Days
Students over the last few weeks have been engaged in a variety of “Show Me” Days for varying sports. Olympian Damon Kelly visited the College and conducted workshops for Year 7, 8 and 9 students in the sport of Power Lifting. Some students have been offered scholarships to continue training with Queensland Weightlifting.

Other sports offered in the “Show Me” days were Rugby Union & Volleyball, which Capalaba State College is currently one of the leading schools in the District.

The Rugby “Show Me” Day was attended by Special guest and Australian Women’s 15’s captain, Cheyenne Campbell, who came along to help support the day. Over 30 students enjoyed and benefited from her expertise.

Students were involved in an intense fitness session, participated in various passing, catching and kicking drills and were exposed to the basics of tackling, scrummaging and what to do in a line out situation.

Students were given the opportunity to play in a real game situation, and then the day was ended with special awards and participation certificates given to all. These were fantastic days and thank you to all involved for their efforts.
ARTS NEWS ...

DANCE NIGHT
Capalaba State College’s annual Dance Night was another roaring success. A receptive and enthusiastic audience was treated to two hours of polished performances from students in years 7-12, both from Extension Dance Team and curriculum Dance. Dancers performed in a range of styles and as soloists, small and large groups. Well done to all the performers on the night!

THANKYOU Mr Doheny
Recently a well respected local artist by the name of Lorraine Doheny passed away. Her works were featured throughout the world and Lorraine was the president of the Old School House Gallery in Cleveland. Even though she is no longer with us, her legacy will always be remembered through the donations made to Capalaba State College, that her husband Mathew Doheny organised in her honour. Mathew hoped that by passing on Lorraines old art supplies, she would still be able to inspire the next generation of upcoming artists. These supplies included piles of books on Renoir, Monet, Picasso and many more. The donation also included an artists easel, art figure models, paints (acrylic, guache and Oil), pastels and picture frames. The children have been making the most of these new supplies and have become very enthusiastic about the opportunities that will arise from the kindness of the Doheny’s. Mr Doheny ‘s kindness was inspired by an article in the local paper about one of our fabulous teachers, Mr Brady, and the great work he is doing inspiring the next generation of artists also.

Final Year 12 results and OPs and FPs will be available in student learning accounts on the Student Connect website from 9 am on Saturday 20 December. Students’ QCS Test results will appear on the Senior Statement they receive as part of their Senior Education Profile (SEP). SEPs will start arriving in the mail from Monday 22 December.
Holidays CAN be fun
From the Guidance Officer Junior Campus Kaye Molloy:

Holidays can be fun but they can be long. Organizing activities can make your child’s holiday something to look forward to. It will also make the holidays fly by. Plan 2 activities during the week. Plan inexpensive things to do (free if possible). Here are some tips:

- Take the kids to the park (or the backyard) and have a picnic. For the young ones bring the dolls and teddy bears too.
- Go for a swim and picnic. You can also visit the museum and art galleries
- Go to the Library and ask them about kids activities for the holidays
- Pack a lunch and go on a mystery walk – get the kids to organize it for you
- Take a train or bus trip to anywhere (a mystery destination makes it more fun). Take a picnic – get off and walk around – hop back on.
- Take the kids to a local nature spot – for a swim or walk or just to veg out.
- Go to the beach if possible – water is still warm at this time of year
- Do some art work – make play dough
- Go bowling – indoors or out
- It is the season to cook – but get the kids to do most of the stirring and measuring

Google : School holidays activities – you’ll be amazed what is happening around you.

Remember just doing things with your kids will be fun and memories last forever.
National Schools Cup Volleyball Tournament 2014

The Senior Boys Volleyball team has been extensively training in preparation for the Tournament in Melbourne 7th – 12th December 2014. The team consists of Shaun M, Michael W, Corey W, Billy D, Jordan M, Challen S, Luke H and Lachlan M, 7 of them have finished year 12 but are passionate about representing their school in their final school competition, and the final member of the team is Lachlan McDonald. He is a current year 10 student who has worked extremely hard to become a valued member of the Senior Boys Volleyball team. Their dedication to training is supported by their 6am-8am volleyball training every Monday and Thursday, the occasional 5:30-7:30am start, Monday night games at the Redlands Volleyball League Competition and a prep-tournament game against Iona College. Special thanks to Lachlan Mann (Redlands Volleyball Vice-president & additional coach for the Senior Boys Volleyball Team)

These boys are an asset to their school, community and family. They have shown passion for the sport, great sportsmanship and comradery that will endure. They were coached by Vlad Vancia from years 8-10, and I was fortunate enough to have coached them over the last 2 years. I am proud of their behaviour and dedication, and I am honoured to have coached them. Good Luck for the future.

Di Smith (Coach)

CHESS NEWS

Following the debut of our first primary students in interschool competition this year, interest in the incipient Chess Club on the Junior Campus has blossomed. Tuesday coaching sessions with professional chess coaches from Program Alive are well attended, and growing.

It is our intention to enter a team (or teams) in the interschool primary chess competition in 2015. Students chosen for those events will be selected on merit, so it is important that any students with aspirations to represent our College in chess, attend Chess Club and participate in coaching sessions. In time our juniors may emulate the chess success that our senior students have enjoyed.

Craig Edgman, Chess Coordinator
Story Dogs
The “Story Dogs” reading program began for a small number of students in years 2 and 3 from the beginning of this term. “Story Dogs” is a fun and unique reading support program that improves children’s reading confidence and communication skills. Each week, the children read to a trained companion dog and its handler.

Barcha and Shadow visit the children each week with their handler, Kathy. The students read to the dog and Kathy, building their confidence and improving their reading skills. Kelsey in 2A said, “My mum and Dad say my reading’s getting better!” Caileb was very excited to read books and feed the dogs each week. All the students involved enjoyed reading to Shadow and Barcha and Kathy. And as Both Bonnie and Lilly asked, “Can we do this again next year?”

For further information about this program see the Story Dogs website: www.storydogs.org.au

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support - Reward Days

YEAR 10 REWARDS DAY
At this busy time of year it is important to recognise those students that have contributed positively to the College in terms of exemplary behaviour. Last Friday Year 10 students were reward for their positive behaviour with a day at the movies. In spite of the rain students enjoyed the day and are to be commended on the continuance of their exemplary behaviour – they were truly an asset to the College. It was a pleasure to reward these deserving students for their efforts.

Kirsty King – Year 10 Co-ordinator

YEAR 7, 8 & 9 REWARDS DAY
As the year draws to a close it becomes time to recognise those students who have consistently displayed positive behaviour to their schooling. Approximately 75 students in Junior Secondary were invited to take part in the End of Year Rewards Day as recognition of their exemplary behaviour. It was pleasing to see that, on the day, about 50 of those invited took part in the day. Those that did take part did so with a positive spirit that embodied the very nature of the celebration. The day began with a movie and sausage sizzle and culminated with a well-deserved swim and ice block to beat the heat.

Congratulations to all those students who took part and a special thank you to Mr Bowden, Mr Vancia and Mrs Garner for helping to organise a successful and delightful day.

Matt Taylor-Byrne - Year 9 Co-ordinator
COMMUNITY SUPPORT OPTIONS:  Financial support for families in the Redlands

Capalaba Community Centre: 29 Lorraine Street Capalaba. 32452117
Christmas Hampers and back to school support
Salvation Army: Wynnum and Capalaba. 33934713  Support may include: cash/ cheque, food vouchers, parcels;
Financial First Aid: Uniting Care Capalaba 1800007007

NO INTEREST LOANS
St Peter’s Anglican Church – no interest loans – Wynnum, Manley and Birkdale
First and Third Thursdays of the month – 33487598 (9-10.30am)
Second Thursday of the month – 38221110 (2-3.30 am)
St Vincent’s – BRISBANE  30101029

SCHOOL KID BONUS: Department of Human Services (aka Centrelink)
The School kids Bonus aims to help eligible families and students with the education related costs of primary and secondary school studies, such as school uniform, books, school fees, music or other lessons. Each year, eligible families and students will receive up to:
$422 for each child in primary school (two instalments of $211)
$842 for each child in secondary school (two instalments of $421). Half is paid in January and half in July.

Eligibility basics
• a parent or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A for a dependent child in primary or secondary education
• a primary or secondary student turning 19 years or younger in the calendar year, who receives certain government payments
• satisfy an income test (applicable from 1 January 2015) – [less than $100 000 per year.]

THE SMITH FAMILY  www.thesmithfamily.com.au - [support for education expenses]
91 Poinsettia Street, Inala QLD  (07) 3714 915238
Hope St, South Brisbane QLD  (07) 3115 6200

Redland Libraries
Build Robots at the
Victoria Point Library

Looking for something to do during your school holiday? Damien Kee is coming to the Victoria Point Library to teach you how to build and program LEGO MINDSTORMS® robots.

When: Friday, January 16th 12 - 3 PM
Where: Victoria Point Library
Ages: 12-15
Phone 3843 8031 or email youngpeople@redland.qld.gov.au
to book starting Monday, December 8th. Spaces are limited.
VOCATIONAL NEWS

Anglo-American 2015 Apprenticeship Program (Middlemount)

Opportunities for Mechanical and Electrical trade disciplines exist at the CapFox Operations for the 2015 Anglo American Apprenticeship Program, which focuses on developing your technical and leadership skills. Apprentices undertake structured training in working areas of the mine and rotation of duties to maximise their exposure to various facets of the operation, with time off for block release training in their chosen trade. Applications close on Tuesday 9th December.


Trade Careers in the Australian Defence Force Information Session

With a trade in the ADF you’ll start on a great wage while training in your chosen field, receiving nationally recognised qualifications.

Brisbane: Thursday 4th December, 6pm @ DFR Brisbane, 410 Ann St, Brisbane
Caboolture: Tuesday 9th December, 6pm @ Caboolture Hub, 4 Hasking Street, Caboolture
Sunnybank: Wednesday 10th December, 6pm @ Sunnybank Community Centre, 470 McCullough St, Sunnybank

Book your spot by sending an email with your details to cptqld@dfr.com.au or call 07 3016 2425
https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events

Skills Road: Choosing the Right Career – Top Tips

Invitation to discuss your future
Any student who wishes to discuss or plan for their future years here at school or life after school are invited to make an appointment with Guidance Officer – Joy Ganter. Appointments can be made at the office.

Police Recruiting Information Seminars

Brisbane Information Seminars are held at the Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane.
- Saturday 6th December, 1pm - 2:30pm
- Tuesday 9th December, 6pm - 7:30pm
- Saturday 13th December, 9:30am - 11am & 1pm - 2:30pm
- Tuesday 16th December, 6pm - 7:30pm
- Saturday 20th December, 9:30am - 11am & 1pm - 2:30pm

Department of Employment: Employment Outlook to 2018
The Employment Outlook to November 2018 examines future employment trends across industries and sectors, occupations, states and territories, and regions. To read the report visit:

Hobsons Course Finder: Six Courses You May Not Have Considered
http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/Latest-news/Getting-into-university/Six-courses-you-may-not-have-considered#.VGsaqzSUe8A

Improving the Employment Prospects of Young Australians
Employers across Australia, when asked this question by the Department of Employment, outlined what they think is important. The report of the survey findings provides a resource with practical and valuable insights for career advisors and young people looking for work.

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