NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019

We acknowledge the Quandamooka people comprised of the Goenpul, Nunukul and Ngugi tribes, who are the traditional owners of the region in which this newsletter is being shared.

From the College Principal

The count down is on!
It won't be long before we lock up for the holidays and all have a much-needed rest.

Each semester, we are rated out of three on various categories. I am very excited by the Semester one data for 2019, and we are tracking quite well for the second semester data too.

- NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy above national minimum standard: dark blue (highest/best level)
- NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy students in the upper two bands compared to Similar Queensland State Schools: light blue (middle level)
- NAPLAN Relative Gain (have students grown two years in two years?): dark blue (highest/best level)
- Enrolment growth: dark blue (highest/best level)
- Attendance: dark blue (highest/best level)
- School Opinion Survey: dark blue (highest/best level)

Our School Opinion Survey results have also come back very promising:

- Parents expressed a reduction in understanding of assessment
- Parents asked for more input and useful information online
- Parents praised our high standards and access to Teachers
- Students expressed that Teachers encourage them to do their best but don't always like being at school
- Students asked for more understanding of behaviour management and asked for more input
- Students praised our high standards and think that the work is challenging them
- Staff requested more access to technology and need to plan more excursion free / active learning weeks
- Staff praised that we are always looking to improve, have high standards and feel safe at work
- Teachers praise the leadership opportunities being offered
- Teachers expressed that they are confident with their own teaching, curriculum and assessment skills

Thank you for your ongoing support of the College. I am so proud that we are one of the few schools growing in the Redlands, because of our amazing staff and your positive support for the community.

You may have seen information recently regarding the College starting a Montessori class on the Junior Campus. We are currently offering a Prep / Year One composite class, and a year Two / Three composite class. The interest has been overwhelming and will be a very exciting addition to the College. The plan is to continue growing the program each year. If you would like any more information, please do not hesitate to make contact with me.

Dates to Remember

Office Payment Windows Closed

Please note that due to departmental financial procedures we will not be accepting cash, cheque or eft payments at our college office after Friday 29 November.

Payments can continue to be made by direct debit and BPoint.

We thank you for your understanding whilst we undertake these important processes.

4 December	Year 6 Transition day – 8.30am to 2.30pm – Senior Campus
5 December	Prep to 2 Swimming Carnival – Junior Campus Pool NRL Harmony Day – Culmination Activity Youth Summit 'NRL HEADQUARTERS' – Suncorp Stadium
6 December	Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival – Junior Campus Pool
7-13 December	Australian Volleyball Schools Cup
11 December	Junior Campus Christmas Concert – 6-7pm Senior Campus Hall
13 December	Last day of Term 4

From the acting Deputy Principal - Year Nine and Ten

I can't believe we are near the end of Term Four and less than a month away from Christmas! The saying is true – "*Time flies when you're having fun!*"

KEEP UP THE LEARNING

As we farewell the Year Ten, Eleven and Twelve students, it is important for the Junior Secondary students to stay focused and keep up the learning in classes. Is it the expectation of the College that students are engaged in rigour learning activities right up until the last week when there will be an alternative 'end of year program'. We are in the middle of assessment, finalising results and reporting, so it's not time to 'wind down' just yet!

UNIFORM COMPLIANCE

Wearing a uniform creates an identity for a school, gives students a sense of belonging and is an important part of being a school student. We are incredibly fortunate here at Capalaba State College to have such a stylish formal and sports uniforms (no offence to the schools out there with lime green and brown uniforms!)

When you enrol at a school an enrolment agreement is signed stating that all parties will comply with the school's policies and procedures, including the school dress code. In particular, students need to be adhering to the following:

- Wearing ***formal uniform*** unless it is your year level's interschool sport day (students also need to bring sports uniform to change into for HPE/Dance lessons).
- Ensure all ***facial piercings*** are removed as you enter the school grounds (clear facial piercings are NOT accepted)
- Ensure only two small ***earrings*** per ear lobe (sleepers and studs only – students are not permitted to have stretchers, bars, chains, etc).
- Remove ***nail polish*** and any ***fake/acrylic nails***.
- Keep ***hairstyles*** conservative and of a natural hair colour (unacceptable or 'extreme' hairstyles are not permitted – including, but not limited to: mohawks, mullets, dreadlocks, spikes, tracks, and rat tails).

Wearing your uniform with pride, in adherence to the dress code, says "we're all in this together!" When everyone is dressed the same, we are all equal and there is no pressure to be dressed in the latest fashion and no distinction between those who can afford the most expensive clothes and those who cannot. It is also a great lesson to learn as many workplaces have uniforms and dress codes to which all employees need to comply.

As always, please feel free to contact me any time at vkell15@eq.edu.au or by calling the Senior Campus office on (07) 3823 9111.

Kind regards,
Mrs Vikki Kelly
Acting Deputy Principal – Year 9 & 10

Capalaba State College

COMBINE CHALLENGE 2019

WHO ARE THE TOP YEAR 5/6 ATHLETES IN THE REDLANDS?

Last week, our High Performance Sport Program hosted the first ever Capalaba State College Combine Challenge. There was a buzz of excitement, nervousness and positive energy as the 40 invitees were split into groups, met new friends and engaged in a busy eventful day!

A huge thank you to those who participated and gave their very best effort during the Combine.

WHAT SCHOOLS ATTENDED?

- Capalaba SC
- Hilliard SS
- Vienna Woods SS
- Alex Hills SS
- Belmont SS

SPORTS PROFESSIONALS

Aja Parham
Former WNBA player and Founder of **Sports Mindset**

Vince Mellars
Former NRL player and Founder of
Rogue Conditioning

Athletic Sports Performance Professional Vince Mellars and Aja Parham joined forces to take these 40 students through their Combine Challenge.

These two specialist coaches collaborated together to run our athletes through some fun, athletic games and rigorous testing to see who in fact was the "Fittest in the Redlands!"

MEET SOME OF OUR ATHLETES

Those who participated beamed with PRIDE, gave their best EFFORT, and proved exactly WHY they deserved to be selected to represent their school at the 2019 Combine Challenge.

After such a successful event, the next Capalaba State College Combine Challenge for Year 6 students in 2020, will be held in Term 2.

Such a great way to bring out the best in our athletes, not only physically - but also mentally, as it highlights their current ability to push through when things get tough, and exercise the mental and psychological aspects of sport and human improvement.

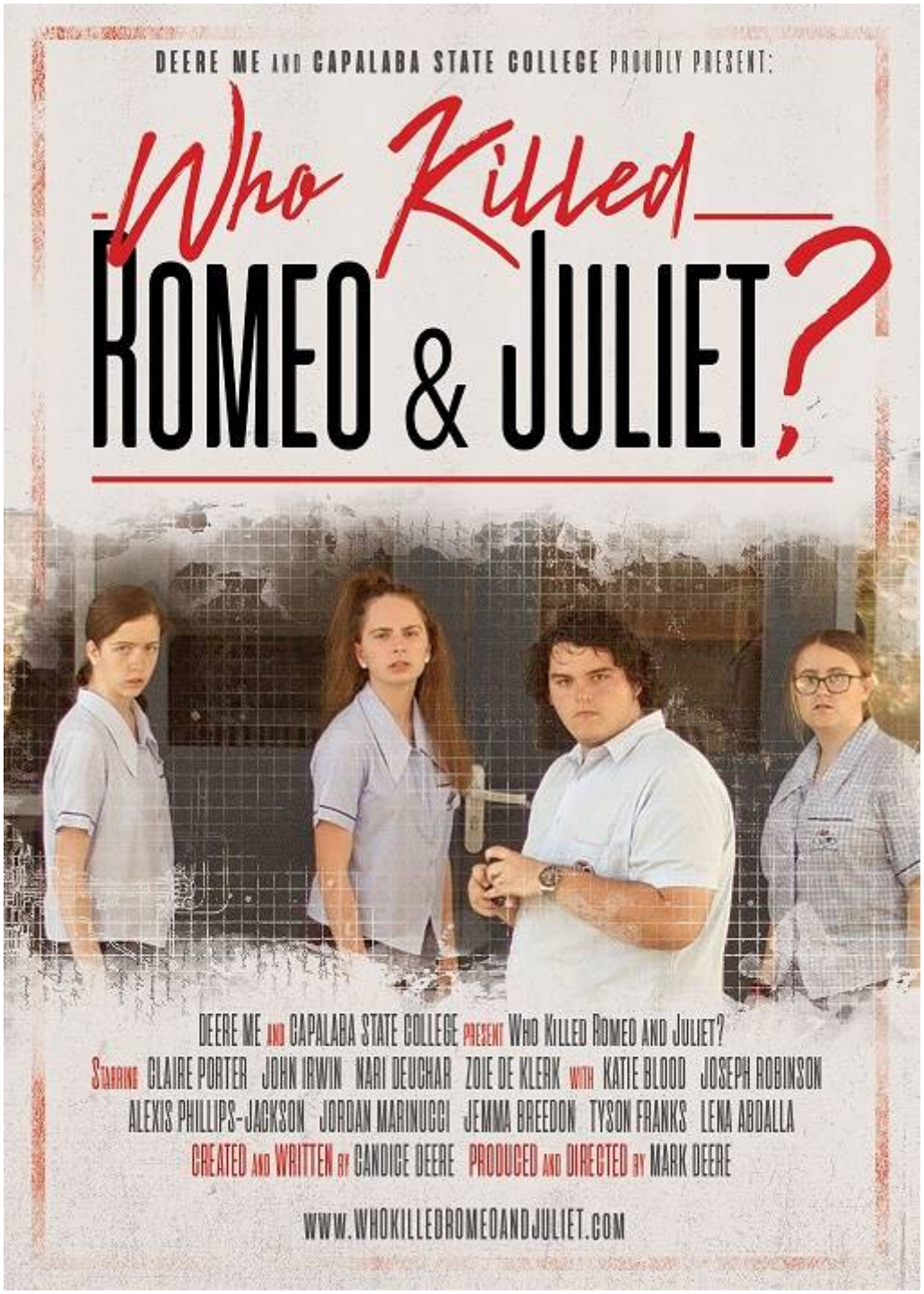
THANK YOU to all who helped make the day a success!!!

Arts News

Teen Web Series Premiere: *Who Killed Romeo & Juliet?*

Available on our College YouTube channel, our five episode teen web series, ***Who Killed Romeo & Juliet?*** has been viewed by over 3500 people! We are very proud of this co-curricular project. Thousands of volunteer hours by Mark and Candice Deere of production house DEERE ME, ensured a quality product that highlights the talents of our actors and film-makers - students and staff.

250 members of our college community participated in the Premiere - there were paparazzi, a red carpet, stars and popcorn! Our thanks to manager, Danica Ellis and her team at Capalaba's BCC Cinemas for providing a professional red carpet experience. The web series will be entered in national and international film and media festivals. Watch this space!



Drama Department

It's production time in the Drama Department. Across all year levels, our young actors, directors, designers, stage managers and technicians have been rising to the challenge of working in teams to meet production deadlines. Performing to unfamiliar audiences is essential to refining their skills, developing confidence and resilience. Thank you to those who have supported these productions.

A special thank you to Erik Cook for supporting the Year Ten Drama class with fabulous stage make-up.

Asher House

Mason T. has just completed his final year of school at Capalaba State College. Part of Mason's farewell to Year 12 was an inspirational gift to Asher House, one of Wesley Mission Queensland's supported accommodation communities in Wynnum.

Asher House is home to twelve people living with an acquired brain injury. It provides 24 hour care in a safe and independent living space. Asher means "happy and blessed", a name given to the house by its residents.

Earlier this year Mason reached out to Asher House, wanting to learn more about the people and their community. He spent time with the residents and gained an understanding on what Asher House means to them.

Heidi Elliott, Head of Department Senior Schooling at Capalaba state College, says Mason is a passionate art student.

"Mason's always in the art room and now has a beautiful painting to give back to the community," says Ms. Elliott.

"Mason had many ideas and came up with four different panels that represent Asher House in different ways. In consultation with staff and residents at Asher House, they came up with a vision together."

After a year of refining designs and ideas the final masterpiece came together. The four sections on the painting represent the following:

- Sunset on the beach: Peace and happiness within yourself
- Asher House symbol: Developing creativity and learning experiences through repetition
- Trees and roots: Trees represent growth. Roots show the connections to others symbolic of the way the brain formulates connections
- Flowers: Making connections and making sense of the world

Garry Buckton, Clinical Manager at Wesley Mission Queensland, says Asher House are very thankful to Capalaba State College for taking the time to get to know their community.

“It’s been great forming a connection with the school and raising awareness around disability and more specifically acquired brain injuries. We really look forward to growing our relationship and can’t wait to hang up our new painting.”

Want to learn more about our supported accommodation communities? Visit our webpage.

A message from the HOSES

Want to help your child with their learning?

It is that time of year for winding up and winding down. School holidays are just around the corner and the students are eager to get to the pools! While it is important to check with your student regarding their assignments and assessments it is also important to start thinking about preparing for next year. Year Six students are currently doing this though the annual transition program. As parents of students with disability, staying up-to-date on all the information is important for both school and community life.

sourcekids Disability Expo is an opportunity for parents of students with a disability to learn about opportunity and technology that may help promote learning in school. This family-friendly environment has activities for children and parents.
Exhibits should include:

- NDIS
- Disability Employment
- Technology / Apps
- Parent Groups
- And MORE!

Check out the website for more information including an informational video (https://www.sourcekids.com.au/expo/expo-brisbane-2020/).

Where: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
When: July 4-5, 2020

sourcekids DISABILITY EXPO

Junior Campus News

Waste-Free Lunch Challenge

Junior Environment club held a waste-free lunch challenge on Tuesday 19th of November. Many children brought their lunch boxes in, holding food items which could be eaten, composted or recycled in an effort to show our care for the environment and reduce our plastic-waste footprint.

The Environment club performed beautifully on parade to promote the importance of keeping our rubbish to a minimum and about our waste's impact on flora and fauna.

Lids for Kids

Year Four students have been studying our environment. We feel that we are in danger of drowning in our own rubbish, if we don’t reduce, reuse, recycle and replace.

Students have decided to do something about waste and start collecting plastic lids and give them to LIDS 4 KIDS, a charity who processes them to make coloured plastic limbs for children who have lost an arm or leg. They grind the lids into very small pieces and then make the artificial limb using a 3D printer.

The type of lids we are collecting are the ones like the lids on milk bottles, and the smaller type like you find on bottles of water. Bread tags are also being accepted. We will have a large, green bucket outside the library where you can leave your lids and bread tags.

Don't throw away those plastic lids! Help us recycle them and you will be helping the environment and helping kids with a disability!

Year 3 Excursion to Redlands Museum

On the morning of 11th November, Year Three students sat through a short parade then we walked out of the school grounds to go on a bus to the Redlands Museum. On the bus I sat with my best friend Payson, which was fun because we got to talk and laugh for fifteen minutes.

After our arrival, we had some morning tea then we were put into groups. I was with Jett's Mum. We were greeted by the friendly tour guides who were going to share their knowledge about the treasures that could be found in the museum. We also found out we were doing a scavenger hunt. We were looking for things in the bedroom, kitchen, parlour, laundry and shop. My favourite part was the school house and our guide said, "Sometimes the boys would put ink in the girl's hair and when the teacher found out she would smack them with a stick."

By the time we had finished the treasure hunt we danced to the chicken dance but it was played on an old piano. It was then time to leave. We got on the bus and came back to school. When we returned we played old fashioned games on the oval, my favourite game was elastics.

By Mekenzie S.

Story Dogs

We are very pleased to present our Year two graduates from the Story Dog Programme.
All the students have enjoyed their time with Sam and Ms Clare but more importantly have improved in confidence and skills when reading.
We are also excited to let you know that Story Dogs will continue in Year two in 2020.

Junior Campus Sport & PE

What an amazing year full of all things sport! We have outdone ourselves with the number of students attending District Trials, being selected in Metropolitan East teams, and our overall sporting involvement. I am proud to take Sport at Capalaba State College and am looking forward to more years of participation and success from our students!

This term we have continued our involvement in sport with the following activities:

Cluster Swimming

A number of students participated in our cluster swimming day at the beginning of the term. There was some tough competition but our students swam with pride and finished each race with some students placing in the top 3 for multiple events. Well done to the students for their great sportsmanship and resilience at this carnival.

Badminton

During week Six, we had Johnny from Badminton Queensland come out and take our students through a Badminton workshop to kick start our Sporting Schools Program. The students loved the sessions with all of them engaged and showing progression over the lesson.

Our other Sporting Schools sports this term that students have had opportunities to play are: Touch Football, Volleyball, & Netball.

Swimming Carnival

The Junior Campus is excited for the swimming carnival in Week Nine. Prep – Year Two are on Thursday and Years Three to Six are on Friday. There will be lots of races, fun pool activities, and cheering. Please ensure all students are sun safe, hydrated, and wearing their house colours for the Friday.

The opportunity to play is the best part of any game!

Yours in sport,
Anna Rasmussen

Ordering Online

The Munch Monitor ordering process has been extremely successful. Ordering on line ensures your student does not have to wait in line at the Senior Campus for their lunch. Thank you to our parents that have supported this system and we encourage families and staff to join **as in 2020 we will not be taking orders by paper bag over the counter on either the Senior or Junior Campus before school.** Junior Campus students can now order five days per week using Munch Monitors. **www.munchmonitor.com**

Current Prices

Please check out our current pricelist and ensure the correct money is inserted in the paper bags. This will ensure that your student receives their full order.

Junior Campus Tuckshop Menu 2019.pdf
Senior Tuckshop Menu 2019.pdf

Special Meal Deals

We provide the Junior Campus students with special meal deals on Wednesday to Friday's. Check out Munch Monitors for details. On the Senior Campus, special meal deals are on Fridays.

Volunteers

The Junior and Senior Campus Tuckshop greatly appreciates our volunteers. If you wish to help in either Tuckshop please call the office for further information. It is great fun and a valuable way to contribute to the college community.

We wish all our volunteers a safe and happy holidays. Thank you for the assistance you have provided this year and we look forward to our volunteers returning in 2020.

Reheating food

Due to strict food safety regulations we are unable to reheat food bought from home. Please ensure that you do not send noodles, pies etc. to school for reheating as we will have to disappoint your child and decline to reheat the food.

Ordering - Student absence

If you place an order either online or by paper bag and your student does not attend school or leaves school before the lunch breaks, please let the tuckshop know by phoning the office so we can refund the money or re-order for the next day. Once the order is prepared we are unable to provide a refund or keep pre-made food for next day. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Holidays

Our Junior Campus Tuckshop is getting ready for the holidays. Come and say hello and see our helpers THE GOOD ELFS they change places on the shelves every day!!
Senior and Junior tuckshops

Our Senior and Junior Campus Tuckshops will be open on Friday 13th December.

Due to stocktake, our menu will be limited in the last few weeks of this term. Our apologies for any

inconvenience this may cause.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to providing you with great food and friendly service in 2020.

Happy Holidays

Community Notices

DOWN TO Your Last BEANS?

A free course to help you manage your money better and learn to budget, save and spend well

Course Info budget. save. spend.

When: Fri 6 & Mon 9 Dec 2019 • 10:30am – 2:00pm
Venue: 2960 Old Cleveland Road, Chandler
Book: Sharon from KICS Family Support • 3846 5654

If you need **transport** or **childcare**, please give us a call to discuss and we will try to accommodate you as best we can.

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Call **1300TO FOSTER** (1300 863 678)
Visit www.caretofoster.com.au

Could you be a foster carer?

Mercy Community is seeking families to provide flexible foster care options:

- Weekend respite care
- Emergency care
- Long and short-term care.

Make a difference in the life of a child or young person. Open your heart and home to foster care.

TOUCH FOOTBALL
SIGN ON NIGHT

Sign-on + fun activities: Fri 7th Feb, 2020. 3.30-6.30pm

- Nominations open for U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18
- Nominations also open for Mini Muddies (5-8 years)
- Individuals and teams welcome
- Social and competitive players welcome
- You can nominate a single child or a whole team
- Games start on Friday 14th February
- Played each Friday afternoon and evening *(leaves the weekend free)*
- Played at Cleveland Showgrounds each week *(no across town travel)*
- Family friendly community focused on inclusion and fair play
- Very low fees

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The Smith Family – Learning for Life Scholarship

Learning for Life helps each child reach their potential by supporting their education from primary through to post-school studies.

Learning for Life offers financial support twice a year to help cover educational expenses such as school uniforms and shoes, text books and excursions.

To be eligible for *Learning for Life* scholarships, families must meet the following criteria:

- Possess a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- Student attends grades Prep – Year 6 in a partner school
- Demonstrate a commitment to education by ensuring their children attend school regularly >90%

To find out more, please contact Kellyanne Powney, Family Partnership Coordinator from The Smith Family for a friendly, confidential chat on 0417 463 193.

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