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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

CPAC Opening

The countdown has commenced to the official opening of our new Community Performing Arts Centre (CPAC). The P&C Association members are busy with the final preparations for a great celebration. Families are reminded that we aim to have each one of our students on stage during the opening celebrations. We trust all our families will join us on this special occasion.

See the flyer included with today's newsletter for more updates.

Dress Standards – Hair

I congratulate the families who every day ensure that their child is correctly dressed in the school uniform and encourage it to be worn with pride. This can be a challenge when all forms of authority are questioned on a daily basis. I remind students that the school's policy on hair length is consistent for both girls and boys. If a student has hair that is on or below the shoulders, it has to be secured or tied up. From Monday, student appearance will be monitored with long hair on boys and girls having to be tied back.

Interschool Sport

The first season of interschool sport has been positively received by students and parents. The weather has also contributed to the success of the program with only one day lost due to wet fields. Over the next 2 weeks our teams will be competing to make the finals and I wish all our teams every success in the matches ahead. Over the next 2 weeks a survey will be conducted to gauge feedback regarding our participation and future direction for our interschool sport program.

Selection of School Leaders 2010

This week nominations for our School Leaders have been conducted in our Year 6 classes. Tomorrow the nominees will present their speeches to the Year 5 and 6 classes on a special assembly at 9.00am. The Year 5 and 6 students will then go back to their classrooms to vote. Successful students and their parents will be notified next week.

MICHAEL SHAMBROOK
PRINCIPAL

Quote of the Week

"The human brain is unique in that it is the only container of which it can be said that the more you put into it, the more it will hold."

Glenn Doman



Saturday 28 November	Opening of CPAC
Tuesday 1 December	Prep Orientation Morning (1 hr session)
Friday 4 December	Year 7 Graduation
Monday 7 December	Swimming Carnival

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

National School Chaplaincy Program

In 2007/2008, the Howard Government introduced a Chaplaincy into schools. This program benefits students, teachers, parents and the general community.

Robina State School embraced this program and through our Chaplain, Jodie Graham, we have been able to provide care that many of our young people are craving. This care may take the form of a meal, someone to talk to or the provision of social/emotional learning programs.

Recently we received a letter from Margaret May, MP. As Robina State School is in her electorate, she is concerned that the Rudd Government refuses to confirm its ongoing support for the program. Margaret May is encouraging our school community to sign a Petition to the Australian Parliament in support of the National Schools Chaplaincy Program. You can sign this petition at our Administration Office or School Tuckshop.

Suzanne Murray

P&C NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who attended our November P&C Meeting last night. It was wonderful to see so many faces!!

Don't forget to mark 28 November from 1.00-5.00pm on your calendar. This is the day when we will be officially opening our wonderful CPAC. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

P&C Executive

OSHC NEWS

Fees: Due to increasing operational costs, fees will increase as follows:

Before School Care:	\$10.00
After School Care:	\$15.00
Vacation Care:	\$38.00
Enrolment Fee	\$20.00 per annum per family

Thanks: to the following -- Hannah B-W for the donation of electrical goods and Ivy and Curtis J's family for the donation of lollies for the Opening Celebration.

Swimming: Parents please label swimming apparel and check our lost property, as we have many articles that have not been claimed.

Sue and Julie, Co-ordinators

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The hours of operation for the Uniform Shop will be as follows for the end of this year and the beginning of next year:

Tuesday 8 December and Thursday 10 December	8.30am to 9.30am
Monday 18 January to Friday 22 January	8.30am to 10.30am
Wednesday 27 January, Thursday 28 January and Friday 29 January	8.30am to 9.30am

Next week's newsletter will feature a price list for all uniforms.

Tania Hamenko

MUSIC NEWS

Urgently Required

This year's Staff Choir needs to borrow around 16 light folding strollers for our item at the Twilight Concert on 30 November. If you can help, please let me know as soon as possible and if we could borrow them a little earlier, it would help our rehearsals. Thank you.

Fiona Urie

Band Testing

All Band students have been working towards testing in Week 8. Please note that all students will be participating in a practice test in Week 7.

Junior Band Solo Performances

All Junior Band students will be participating in a Solo Concert on Wednesday 25 November in the 5Mu classroom. The concert will start at 2.00pm. Parents welcome to attend.

Year 7 Concert

On Wednesday 2 December, Year 7 students are invited to perform in a Year 7 Musical Showcase of Band and String performances. Could any students interested in performing please see Ms Elkins by Friday 20 November.

Nicole Elkins

Instruments For Sale

Glockenspiel, hard carry case	\$75.00	Leanne 0414 930822
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SPORTS NEWS

Date Claimer

Mark Monday 7 December on your calendar for the Swimming Carnival. All students in Years 4-7 will be participating in the Swimming Carnival. Please look out for the letter which will come home with your student this week.

Gymnastics

This week all classes are participating in an introductory gymnastics session run by Active Bods Qld and Gold Coast Gymnastics. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the challenging and exciting activities offered and some have shown a real aptitude for gymnastics. Most students received a flyer from the club, but if you think your child would benefit from attending regular classes you can contact the Gold Coast Gymnastics Club on 5572 3619, email gcgym@hotkey.net.au or drop in to the club on Pacific Avenue at Pizzey Park, Miami.

Tanya Howard, PE Teacher

CHAPLAIN'S NEWS

Christmas Hampers

As part of the School Community, we would like to provide 10 families who are needing support this Christmas, with food and toy hampers.

If needing a Hamper, please call or drop into the Chaplain's office with family details by 23 November, to enable Hampers to be appropriately packed and delivered by Christmas.

Jodie Graham, School Chaplain
Phone 0422 800735

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council fundraiser last term for our World Vision sponsorship was a great success. The funds go directly to the ongoing support of our long term Ethiopian sponsor child, Hadiya Yimer, aged 10. Hadiya's is currently in Year 5 and her favourite subject is English. She dreams of finishing her studies and to one day become a doctor. Thank you to all for your selfless support of Hadiya and her community.

Peter Freeman, Co-ordinator

STUDENT SUCCESS

Luke and Hannah Sinclair, former Robina State School students, have just completed a charity book for the Gold Coast organisation, Paradise Kids. The book, which took seven months to complete, features stories from children and parents across Australia who have suffered loss or grief in their lives.

A total of six stories were compiled for the 36-page book titled "The Sun Will Shine Again". The book is available at Paradise Kids. Full details of their project are at www.hannahluke.com. This is the second major charity project for Luke and Hannah who, in 2007, launched their website and used it to swap a pet rock for a new \$41,000 car for a Brisbane based charity called Youngcare.

ENRICHMENT DAY

"Last week we participated in 5 fun activities, such as art, orientation, making gargoyles and drawing illusions. When we came to school on Wednesday, I think the whole class couldn't wait to start Enrichment Day. First we had art with Miss Fitz. We drew a small island with a palm tree and a boat. Everybody did such a good job drawing. Then we had to colour in the picture with chalk pastels, the chalk pastels gave our pictures such a good effect.

Next we had orienteering with Mrs Howard. My partner was Maddy C. When Mrs Howard gave us our map, we didn't race off first, we worked out where most of them were then we raced off. We needed to find ten markers and write the code down on them. After that we did some compass work, we needed to find out the secret code word.

After lunch, we had art with Mrs Irving. First we needed to make clay gargoyles. The first thing we needed to do was sketch a picture of what our gargoyle was going to look like. Mine was going to have devil horns and a devil tail with a sharp point. I learned that gargoyles were mainly on cathedrals. Gargoyles help to drag water away and to protect the spirits.

After 2nd break we walked down to class 5/6K. In Mrs Sullivan's class we drew illusions, mine turned out really well. We needed 3 light and 3 dark colours. It was really hard to try not to mess it up and not to colour two squares in the same colour.

I believe that Enrichment Day was really fun. My favourite activity was orienteering. I also hope we could do sport as another activity. I wish we could do Enrichment Day again next year."

Kayla B, 6W

MOVEMBER

Movember is an annual, month-long celebration of the moustache, highlighting men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer and depression in men. This year, I am again taking part. I started the month clean shaven and have since been working on growing the best mo possible. If you would like to donate, please visit the website at au.movember.com, click on the donate tab and search for Tim Deffner to donate. I will let you have a photo with me for any donations received!!

Tim Deffner, Year 1 Teacher

CAROLS BY TORCHLIGHT – Sunday 6 December

The Combined Churches of Mudgeeraba are holding their Carols by Torchlight on Sunday 6 December from 6.00-8.00pm at Firth Park, Corner Somerset and Franklin Drives, Mudgeeraba. The Hinterland Band provides the musical background. A sausage sizzle and cold drinks stall will be run by Rotary. A non-perishable food offering and donations are used to make Christmas Hampers for local families. BYO torch, chair/blanket/cushion.

Community Notices

Netball: SCNA is conducting a Twilight Competition for players aged 7-12 yrs. Commences Monday 12 October. ☎5539 5195 or 5597 2448. They are also offering ball and movement skills for children aged 5-7 yrs.

Varsity Vipers Basketball: Junior Competition – commences Saturday 10 October in Varsity College Hall. Aged 6-16 yrs. ☎0433 969442

Blades Basketball: Due to Marymount Stadium not being available this Saturday 14 November BLADES basketball club will not be able to hold our basketball Skills program.

NEW BLOOD DONOR CENTRE IN ROBINA

To accommodate the growing population on the Gold Coast, the Australian Red Cross Blood Service has opened a new Donor Centre at Robina for Whole Blood, Plasma and Platelet collections. The new centre is located in the Robina Super Centre (across the road from Robina Town Centre). Opening hours are:

Monday	9.00am	to	4.30pm
Tuesday	12.00pm	to	7.30pm
Wednesday	7.30am	to	3.00pm
Thursday	12.00pm	to	7.30pm
Friday	7.30am	to	3.00pm
Saturday	8.00am	to	2.30pm

Community Notice

On behalf of the Dream Workers Group (a non-profit organisation), members of our school community will be holding a Wheelbarrow (Christmas theme) Raffle at our Hall Opening, to raise money for one of our past students, Jessica Dunne.

At the age of 19, Jessica was struck down with the deadly meningococcal virus. Today, as a 20 year old, she cannot eat unaided, speak or walk. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Tuckshop.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING FOR 2010

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be looking at forming classes for 2010. If your child/children are not returning for 2010, could you please complete the tear-off below and return to the office as soon as possible.

CHANGES FOR 2010 *please return to Office*

My child _____ from

Class _____ will be leaving Robina State School at the end of 2009.

He/She will be attending _____

school in 2010.

Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please help to make the CPAC Opening Celebration special for everyone by helping out on the day (or next day clean up) by returning this slip to the office. Or you can email Kathy on robinasscarnival@iprimus.com.au or call on 0403 936 840.

Name: _____ Time Available: _____