Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) is a representative committee established to work with the school on a range of matters, including fundraising. The P&C fosters community interest in educational matters, supports community participation in the school, gives advice to the principal about issues relating to students and the general operation and management of the school, and assists in the giving of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school.

A meeting of parents interested in establishing our P&C will be held at the school on Tuesday 21 February at 6pm in our Community Hub. Information about the process of setting up our P&C, sharing a model constitution and information about Executive Committee roles will be also be shared.

If you are able to come along, please call the school on 40 367444 to register your interest and attendance.

The work of our P&C will be integral in supporting our school to ensure the educational needs of our students are met. Volunteering as part of our P&C, provides another opportunity for you to have your voice within our school community heard and valued.

More information about P&C can be found here: http://www.pandcsqld.com.au

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Dear Parents/Carers,

From Chris

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Specialist staff - The Department of Education and Training (DET), employs specialist staff who work with our students and staff to meet specialised needs and enhance the provision of programs and services. These staff include:
- Advisory Visiting Teachers
- Specialist Teachers
- Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists and
- Speech-language Pathologists.

We are very fortunate to have two Speech-language Pathologists working at our school every Wednesday supporting our students and our programs. A school priority this year is communication. We will share more information with you about this priority in the future.

Welcome Family Social Pizza Night - Thank you to those families who have returned the attendance note letting us know you will be joining us for our Family Social Pizza Night this Thursday 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Some parents have asked if they can bring along a picnic tea and that is absolutely ok. We will be in the central covered area, the children will be in your care and families will be able to supervise their children in the play areas. This family night is very informal and will allow us to catch up with families and allows the opportunity for families to meet one another. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

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Respect Care Learning Innovation Excellence
A visit from the Minister for Education, Kate Jones MP, along with the Premier and Minister for the Arts, Annastacia Palaszczuk MP and Treasurer, Curtis Pitt.

Our students and staff welcomed our visitors with warmth and enthusiasm and the very positive impact of the visit will stay with us all for some time!

Individual Curriculum Plans (ICP) and Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans

An Individual Curriculum Plan (ICP) for students in Years P-10 and Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan for students in Years 11 and 12, is documented during a shared decision making process which brings parents/carers and professionals together as a team to assess and determine the needs and learning priorities for a student. The ICP / SET process, with active parent/carer involvement, is a key aspect of curriculum development and delivery for teachers. Documentation of both ICP / SET goals and progress over a six month period fosters a culture or continuous monitoring, assessment and review.

We will be contacting our families next week to begin organising meeting times to review current student ICP and SET Plans. Meetings will be offered throughout Weeks 6 and 7 this term and will run for approximately 45mins. The aim of the meeting will be to review current English and Mathematics goals and determine new goals as required. There will also be an opportunity to talk about support provisions in the following areas:

- Communication
- Motor Development
- Social / Emotional Development
- Music / Physical Education / Visual Arts

Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

Cairns State Special School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), formerly known in state schools as School wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS), is an evidence-based whole school approach to establishing the social culture needed for schools to be effective learning environments for all students. PBL is not a program. It is an organisational framework for identifying, adopting and applying evidence-based practices for building and supporting academic and social success for all students.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines our system for facilitating positive behaviours, preventing problem behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviours. Through our school plan, shared expectations for student behaviour are plain to everyone, assisting to create and maintain a positive and productive learning and teaching environment, where ALL school community members have clear and consistent expectations and understandings of their role in the educational process.

Our school community has identified the following key skills (published on our Skills Wheel) to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour and school values:

- We wait.
- We listen.
- We communicate.
- We share.
- We are safe.

These key skills are aligned with the values, principles and expected standards outlined in DET Code of School Behaviour.

Please find enclosed, a copy of our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students along with our Skills Wheel.

We welcome your feedback.

‘Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.’ - Cicero

Making a deliberate choice to reflect on one thing we are grateful for……... can change the entire course of our day!