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Welcome



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## Principal's Update



Welcome to Aspley Special School's first newsletter for 2018. Newsletter dates for the remainder of the year have been scheduled as follows:

<b>Term 1</b>	Week 7	7 March 2018
	Week 10	28 March 2018
<b>Term 2</b>	Week 4	9 May 2018
	Week 9	13 June 2018
<b>Term 3</b>	Week 3	1 August 2018
	Week 8	5 September 2018
<b>Term 4</b>	Week 3	24 October 2018
	Week 6	14 November 2018
	Week 10	12 December 2018

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Welcome to Belinda Moore, who was successful in being selected to be our new Business Manager. There was a very large pool of applicants (more than 30) with great interest in gaining the position at our school. It was a rigorous process. In the few weeks that Belinda has been with us, she has demonstrated that her selection was a wise decision. Congratulations Belinda and again welcome to Aspley Special School.

Thanks to those Parents and Caregivers who attended our Parent and Caregiver Evening. A few were unable to attend and some staff were ill or unable to attend. Your child's class teacher will catch up if you did not meet on that evening. Our specialist teachers prepared some PowerPoint slides and explanations of how their programs build in complexity from Year 7 to Year 12. As we did not show those on the evening we will be posting those slides and explanations on our website [www.aspleyspecs.eq.edu.au](http://www.aspleyspecs.eq.edu.au) soon. We will let you know how to access this information.

As mentioned at the Parent and Caregiver Evening, we have mandated that one (1) of the two (2) priority goals that we set for each student will be a communication goal. We will be spending additional money this year to purchase additional Speech Language Pathology time; use our Master Teacher to mentor some teachers and help all teachers implement a balanced literacy approach across the school to enhance individual communication outcomes.

We are still awaiting confirmation of our 2018 staffing allocations and this, as always, is based on enrolments as at the eighth day of each new school year.

We begin the 2018 school year with 88 students. There are seven (7) classes in Junior Secondary (Years 7-9) and eight (8) classes in Senior Secondary (Years 10-12). Each section of the school has developed a unique way of delivering programs to help ensure we meet the needs of every one of our students. If you have any concerns about your child's start to this school year please contact me.

The Rule of 5 competition has been judged and the winning class will be announced on assembly on Monday 12 February 2018. The judges had a very difficult task as the standard of class entries was very high.

Our P&C plays a key role in our decision-making processes in addition to providing support to staff and students. The P&C

also raises funds for targeted projects. As such we encourage all families to be involved in the P&C. We would love to have as many parents, caregivers and family members at all P&C meetings. New parents and caregivers are especially welcome. The first meeting of the year is Wednesday 21st February 2018 at 7pm at the school. Thanks to Jean McDonald who will again nominate to be President of the P&C and to Melissa Morrell who will again nominate to be Treasurer of the P&C. Thanks also to Rachel Cornock who has volunteered to be the Uniform Co-ordinator for 2018. That only leaves 2 positions to fill – Secretary and Vice President. It would be great if you could help your child and the other students of our school. There is plenty of support available to help those new to these positions. If you are interested in nominating or know someone you would like to nominate for either of those positions please contact me.

Jillian Backer from CPL asked us to pass on a survey towards the end of last year to gauge interest in after school Boccia. CPL already run the very popular Screech Theatre after school on a Tuesday. Jillian will resend material for our next school newsletter with the view to determining if there is enough interest for starting an after school Boccia program in Term 2. Around week 8 of Term 1, Jillian would like to run a trial of the afterschool program on a desired afternoon, to also gauge interest for a Term 2 program. Jillian is also involved in training of teams that compete at a State and National level.

We are also discussing with Jillian about how we may be able to fit Boccia in on one of the Friday's as a component of the interschool sports competition. More on this as our conversations continue.

Our school tuckshop will commence on Wednesday 21 February 2018. Our famous coffee shop will re-open to the public on Friday 16 of February 2018.

**Cheers**  
**Ches Hargreaves**  
**Principal**

## Coles Sports for Schools

This year we are again participating in the Coles Sports for Schools. We only received our kits yesterday and our confirmation that our collection box is at the Aspley Hypermarket Coles. We can only be registered with one Coles, but we now also have collection boxes at the school. Every \$10 spent = 1 voucher and we can collect until June 15 2018.

Thanks again for your support in helping to provide resources and equipment for Aspley Special School! Please call us if you have any questions.



## Refund Guidelines for Excursions and Camps

At Aspley Special School, we are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and volunteers. This commitment includes the health and safety of staff and students when conducting curriculum activities in the school or in other locations.

School excursions and camps enhance a student's learning by providing opportunities for the student to participate in activities, both curriculum-related and recreational, outside the normal school routine. All planned school excursions are approved by the Principal and endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association.

State schools are able to charge a fee for:

- An educational service including materials and consumables not defined as instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student;
- An education service purchased from a provider other than the school where the provider charges the school; and
- A specialised educational program.

A school fee is directed to the purpose for which it is charged.

School fees for excursions and camps are calculated on a cost recovery only basis, according to the number of students who have indicated their attendance.

Participation of students in an excursion or camp is indicated through payment of the excursion or camp fee and provision of a permission form completed by the parent/carer.

**As the school budget cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an excursion or camp due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an excursion or school camp may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation.**

If a parent/carer wishes to apply for a refund due to their child's non-participation in an excursion or camp activity, they may do so by completing a Request for Refund form available from the school office. Where possible, the request should include the receipt relating to the payment for which a refund is being sought.

**It is preferred that refunds be made as a credit against the student's account at the school, and used for any cost in the future.**

## Filing Cabinets for Tender

We have some surplus OLD three drawer and four drawer filing cabinets available. These are available to view at anytime. If you would like to tender for them please email [admin@aspleyspecs.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@aspleyspecs.eq.edu.au) with your name and how much you would like to pay for the filing cabinet by Friday 16 2018.

## Frothee Coffee Shoppee

Our famous coffee shop will once again be opened to the public this term. The 'Frothee Coffee Shoppee' is a fantastic training program for students with a disability from our school and from our local region. With incredible coffee, food and amazing customer service, a visit to our coffee shop is an insightful and enjoyable experience.

If you would like to attend the 'Frothee Coffee Shoppee', please be aware that bookings through our office are essential. The Coffee Shop seats a maximum of 25 customers per sitting so the earlier you book, the better. There are two sittings for the Coffee Shop at 10am and 11am. Unfortunately without a booking you will not be able to visit as we limit the numbers to enable the students to learn. Please contact the school on 3867 2333 to make your booking. Term 1 coffee shop dates are:

- Friday 16 February 2018
- Friday 23 February 2018
- Friday 2 March 2018
- Friday 9 March 2018
- Friday 16 March 2018
- Friday 23 March 2018



## From Brisbane City Council

Every day, Brisbane City Council works with residents and local communities to help keep our suburban streets safe.

You may notice one of Council's newly branded Speed Awareness Monitors in your local area. Our Speed Awareness Monitors, affectionately known as SAM, aim to increase motorists' awareness of their travelling speed and adherence to the speed limit in locations with identified speed issues across Brisbane.

SAM signage rewards good driver behaviour with a smiley face when vehicles are driving at or below the speed limit. When vehicles are travelling over the speed limit, SAM displays a slow down message, reminding drivers to reduce their speed.

For more information about the Speed Awareness Monitors program, please visit the Council's website.

## Resume Writing Workshop

Inclusive Volunteering Ltd is tentatively planning to hold a workshop on "How to create a Resume" on **Monday 26 February 2018**. This workshop will cover topics such as: how to structure your resume, identifying your skills and experience, and "Putting everything together to create a successful resume". Attendance of this workshop is strongly advised for young people with disabilities who have recently left school or are currently in Year 12. Parents are also welcome to this workshop.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please email Melissa Ryan at [melissajmelissa@outlook.com](mailto:melissajmelissa@outlook.com).