Join us for morning tea at our coffee shop.

"The Frothee Coffee Shoppee" is a school-based work experience program that is operated by our students on Friday mornings between 10am-12pm

Bookings essential

Need somewhere for your next meeting or conference? Available for hire is our new hall and also our hospitality centre, at reasonable rates. Please contact the school for more information.

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**Principal’s Update**

Last week was huge here at Aspley Special with our focus on “Saying Yes To Respect and No To Bullying” and Shave for a Cure. The level of involvement of students, staff and families in both initiatives was enormous and testament to our sense of team and community.

As part of national Bullying No Way week, we chose to focus on Respect to align with our orange rule. We looked at respect at the whole school, class and individual student levels through numerous activities which included:

- a presentation on assembly;
- lessons and discussions in class;
- staff wearing orange shirts on Monday and orange ribbons all week;
- each class doing a special respect activity during the week – often involving an orange theme.

### Class Respect Activities

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These activities may look like fun but they were used as the platform for classes to look into the issue of bullying in a meaningful way for each student. Often students learn more when fun is involved.

Staff saying **No to Bullying and Yes to Respect** by wearing orange shirts on assembly – with student Cole wearing his respect shirt.

As most of you will know, Greg, Aaron and I participated in the Leukaemia Foundation’s Shave for a Cure last Friday. My fro was definitely out of control and needed to go, Aaron needed a cheap haircut and Greg’s mo was stuck in the seventies. As you can see from the pictures below by the end of the day we all looked somewhat different.
All of the students got into the action by donating money to ensure we didn’t ‘chicken out’ and to have their hair coloured. Through the generosity of our extended school community we raised over $1700 – an outstanding result. Thank you to all families and friends for your support. Big thanks also go to Anne Schmacker from regional office for doing the honours with the clippers.

BEFORE SHOTS

AFTER SHOTS

Thank you to the over 50 parents who attended the Middle and Senior School Information Evenings in the past couple of weeks. We hope you found them informative and worthwhile.

Finally I’d like to say farewell to Aaron Sheppard who has been appointed Head of Special Education Services at Morningside SS. Aaron only joined our team this year but very quickly added value and leadership to our school team. Good luck Aaron with your promotion. Leisa Edwards who is already part of our teaching team will take over from Aaron with M3 in term Two.

Cheers Chris Lassig.

**Deputy's Update**

With only one week left of Term One it is fair to say that this term has flown past! The last few weeks have been filled with numerous activities.

**Clean Up Australia Day** – Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Coordinator – Alison Hawe organised a clean-up of our school grounds and creeks during the Thursday Specialist Day for the Middle School.

**Catchment Kids** – The Middle School are also involved in this program that teaches about our local waterways and how we can protect them. Donna Edwards, the Brisbane City Council Creek Ranger for the Northern Catchments came to the school to teach our students about the importance of clean waterways. Students will also be participating in other special events each term.
**SET Plans** – Teachers have also been working to complete each student’s SET Plan. Thank-you to parents for attending meetings and working with us in determining a vision for your child’s future and a focus for their individual programs. This plan will also be working on two specific goals that will be reviewed around August. These SET plans will be sent home next week. Please sign the copy and return them to school and you will then be provided with your own copy for your records.

**Deputy Principal Regional Forum** – The first ever regional forum for Deputy Principals was held this term and I was lucky to be able to attend. It was good to hear the regional focus first hand and also to meet and network with other Special School, Primary and Secondary Deputies.

**Purple Free Dress Day - Friday March 30th**
Purple Day is a grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. On the last day of term Friday 30th of March we are going to recognise how epilepsy affects our school community by asking staff and students to wear purple on that day. We will also be giving out purple ribbons.

**NO STUDENT FREE DAY**
Just a reminder there will be no Student Free Day in Term Two. School will commence on Monday 16th April.
Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday period.

*Gayle Morton*

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support has become an integral part of our school culture. The philosophy behind this approach is to focus on positive behaviours and strengths.

We began this year with a focus on teaching our school rules. We go through life learning how to read, to write, to drive, to do manual tasks but it is also important that we are taught how to act and behave in a social context. In teaching our students the school rules of safe, sensible, have-a-go, keep the space and respect and focussing on the positive we are working towards “all” learning becoming more effective and efficient.

To reinforce the teaching and learning of the school rules we had a poster competition. All classes placed their posters in their classroom windows or in the office. Our judges, Simone Coogan, our resident Head of Mentoring and Lea Henderson, our Administration Officer determined that although M1 Wagtails and S4 Rosellas were of a high standard it was the Snake theme from M6 Curlews who took the prize. Well done Kevin and class!!
**Borrowed Clothes**
If your child has borrowed any items of clothing from the school during the term please return them as we have run out of spare clothing. Please supply spare clothing for students who may require it during the school day. THANKS

*Gayle Morton*

**From the Office staff**

Last newsletter of the term- where did this term go?

Thank you to all who have paid or part paid their voluntary contributions. These can be paid at the office by cash, cheque, eftpos or part payments through Centrelink.

We have also received many 5cent pieces for our donation to Fred Hollows Foundation ‘Indigenous Australians’ for the Jawoyn people who live in the region east of Katherine in the Northern Territory. Next term, I will let you know just how much we have collected over the last couple of years.

Normally I would try to impart some wisdom or some funny quotes but today I will just do a cartoon. Hope you enjoy. **ROAD RAGE!!!!**

*When you are feeling rushed and in a hurry, maybe it is time to stop and appreciate the wonder all around you!*

*These photos are from South Africa. The guy in the white Volkswagen was trying to get past the Elephant.*

We wish you all a safe holiday and a Joyful Easter.

*Leanne, Lea & Beryl*
Road rage, it affects us all
**Dates to Remember**

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**Immunisation Program**

This year Brisbane City Council is providing free vaccinations for all Year 8 and Year 10 students as part of Queensland Health's annual School Based Vaccination Program.

Year 8 students are being offered vaccination to protect against hepatitis B and chickenpox while Year 10 students are being offered protection against diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough).

Female students in Year 8 are also being offered Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to protect against cervical cancer.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner.

A consent form for each vaccination offered will be given to your child to bring home. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form irrespective of whether you wish your child to be vaccinated or not and return the consent form to the school. Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of the vaccination.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Based Vaccination Program, visit www.health.qld.gov.au/school_vaccination/ or call 13 Health on 13 43 25 84.

**PAULS COLLECT A CAP!!!!**

We are continuing to collect Pauls milk caps to raise funds for the school - There are containers in the staffroom to collect them in. We have one box full from last year and will take them all to the designated delivery day later in the year.

**Remember to wash the caps out properly !!!**
Preservice Teacher Mentoring project

The Department of Education and Training has funded for the 2012 / 2013 school years, the Teacher Education Centre of Excellence (Special Education).

The Centre is designed to support third and fourth year preservice teachers in Griffith University’s Bachelor of Education (Special Education) to develop further connections between their university studies and their practice in special education settings. To do this, the preservice teachers are matched with mentors to spend more time in schools, while they are still completing their study. Our school is involved in this important project as a Partner School. We are pleased that Janine Hussey has been selected as one of only thirty-one in the region to work as a Mentor Teacher, and support our mentee Annalise Taylor in their preparation to become a special education teacher. Preservice teachers and Mentor Teachers were selected to participate in the program on the basis of outstanding teaching qualities, willingness to network with and learn from others in the field, dedication to special education in Queensland state schools and a commitment to lifelong learning. Our Mentor Teacher has received specific training in mentoring skills, and will be working with our mentee regularly over the coming year.

Mentoring has long been seen as a useful way to develop additional skills and confidence in others. This program is designed to support the mentees to develop not just their teaching skills, but their knowledge of our school community as a whole. The mentoring relationship will support Annalise to be the best teacher that they can be in their first year of teaching.

We congratulate both of these educators on their willingness to dedicate their time to developing as professionals, and welcome Annalise into our school community.

Volunteers at Aspley - Starting Young!!

The evening of Friday 16 March, saw members of the Aspley-Albany Creek Anglican Church Youth Group volunteering in the grounds of the Kingfisher Centre.

A group of nine children ranging in age from 5 to 14 years, supervised by four adults, placed cardboard over weeds, then mulched the area around the potting shed, ready for renovations conducted by the Ridley Road Community Men’s Shed Group in the coming month.

Pictured are the proud youth group members before they enjoyed a celebratory barbeque. Thank you so much for your help!!
Clean Up Australia Day
Well done Middle School Students!!!

SAKG (Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden) NEWS
In between the numerous rain “events” of term one, the landscaping team from ROOM Landscaping (www.roomlandscaping.com.au), led by Chris Gill, have been erecting stage two of our garden, comprising two shade arbours for climbing vines, drainage and concreting. We look forward to filling the garden beds.

Detailed plans for stage three (outdoor wood-fired pizza oven) and various seating possibilities are being drawn up.

Four other beds allocated for trees (outside the Hall windows) have been bedding down and will be ready for planting in term two.

This term students have been harvesting, weekly, from the garden. Basil, thyme, marjoram, parsley, spinach, tomatoes and eggplant have been regularly used in pizza.

Pesto-making has been very popular and small jars are sometimes sent home or sold in the Frothee Coffee Shoppee.

Rosella jam making is underway—the bushes are thriving outside the Hall entrance.

Watermelon planted late last year has been very abundant, with most garden classes having a slice or two of melon to cool down in the heat of summer.

Two small-scale working bees will be held over the coming holiday period on each Tuesday morning so leave your name at the office (ph 3867 2333) or email ahawe9@eq.edu.au with your offer of assistance.

Happy gardening,
Alison Hawe
Know your Basil?
Match each photo of basil with the correct name.

*Dark Opal Basil*
*Genovese Basil*
*Thai Basil*

From the P&C
Hello everybody from the new P&C team, most positions are held by new parents and we hope it will be a fun filled year for us.

*President* - Sharon Cameron
*Vice President* - Nicci Pringle
*Treasurer* - Kerry Gorman
*Vice Treasurer* - Fran Williams
*Secretary* - Robyn Agius
*Uniform ladies* - Anthea Brent & Gaynor Fleming

This term has gone so quickly with Easter almost upon us, so the focus for next term for the P&C will be a Mothers Day Stall. The students will be able to purchase a gift from the stall (maximum 2 gifts per student) for $5.00 per gift. The stall will be held at the school on Friday 11th May from 12.30-2.30pm.

The next p&c meeting will be on Wednesday 18th April at 9.30am it would be great to see some new and familiar faces.

Cheers Sharon Cameron- President P&C
Hi Everyone,
Firstly we’d like to introduce ourselves as the new Uniform Shop Team. We are Anthea and Gaynor and our sons, Aiden & Riley, are in middle school here at Aspley Special.

We are happy to say that the uniform orders can now be done in two ways.

**Firstly**, if you would like to send your uniform order in to the office, please continue to do so. Orders, with payment, can be sent to the office and will be processed for you as soon as possible.

**Secondly**, we will be opening up a Uniform Shop here at the school. It is located at the back of the school hall. You will be able to check the sizes and fit on your child.

The uniform shop will be **open from 9:30am until 11:00am** on the following dates:

**TERM 2**
- **MONDAY 30th APRIL**
- **MONDAY 4th JUNE**

Thanks to Jacky, our outgoing Uniform Convenor, we have plenty of uniforms on supply. At present payment is still by cash or cheque only. All purchases will be receipted for tax refund purposes.

With winter approaching, you’ll find included in this newsletter a Winter Jacket Uniform Order form. As we only can supply the jackets pre-ordered, we ask that you return this form with payment by the end of week 1, Term 2.

Thank you and we hope to meet you at the Uniform Shop.

**Anthea and Gaynor**
**Uniform Convenors**
Horse Riding 2012

It's great to be back at Horse Riding again this year. The students from last year are progressing well and there are two new students in our group, Matthew, and Sean who has done horse riding at his previous school. It has been especially exciting to see Matthew being fully supported to engage in this wonderful leisure activity which fits in with all his Set Plan Goals. Well done to all students for their enthusiasm and Have A Go attitude in this fantastic environment.
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax

The Ablecare Foundation

Movie Fundraiser

Sunday 15 April @ 10am

Birch Carroll and Coyle Strathpine
Westfield Strathpine Shopping Centre,
295 Gympie Road, Strathpine

Adults $15

Children $12

Rsvp - with money by 8 April

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Sexuality and disability

The puberty years - parent/carer workshops 2012

Sexuality education is an important part of development for children and young people.
This workshop is an opportunity for parents/caretakers of children with a disability to:

- Discuss why sexuality and relationships education is important
- Learn practical strategies for talking about puberty and ways to respond to curiosity about sexuality
- Explore resources to support healthy sexual development.

Course details:

Date: 24 April 2012
Time: 9pm - 8 pm
Cost: $20
Venue: Kepnock
Closing date: 14 days prior to course date

For more information:

Family Planning Queensland
PO Box 216
Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
Phone: 07 3255 6240
Email: info@fpq.com.au

Booking is essential for this popular program.

Course Code: RH10

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Aspley Special School

Welcome

Premier Anna Bligh
EN IVAI

Yummmm

We need our pesto as a pizza base.

Problem solve: "the blender won't work" we need a food processor and we bottle our pesto.

Making pesto we learn to chop, measure, pour...

Cooking in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program funded by known as SACK.
Do you think they are enjoying their food?

The faces of our cooks in the SAKEL
Winter - Uniform Order Form

Student Name: ___________________________ Date: _______________

Contact Name: ___________________________ Contact Phone: __________

Winter uniforms are ordered at the end of Term 1 of the new school year. Stock is ordered based on orders received at that time. No excess stock will be carried as it is not feasible to carry stock for each size.

*Please note: Payment is required before uniforms are issued.

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