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Our Community Newsletter

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**Principal’s Update/Leadership Team Update**

It’s hard to believe that we are in May and almost half of the year has disappeared. It is a beautiful time of the year with crisp mornings and lovely warm days – perfect weather for a **Mother’s Day Orchid Show** don’t you think? Of course it is and yes our great friends the Aspley Orchid Society are taking advantage of this weather to host their annual Orchid Show in aid of our school over the **Mother’s Day weekend of the 11th and 12th of May**. The society has supported our school for many years – most recently last year with a $3000 donation towards a shade structure in our playground. This year the donation from the Orchid Society will be used to kick start our new bus campaign. If you are in the Wavell Heights area when the show is on please drop in and view our display (thanks Wendy), look at the amazing orchids and say hello and thanks. The flyer included in this email provides more detail.

We continued our Anzac tradition with a meaningful, at times touching **Anzac Day ceremony** last week. One of our new teachers Kasie and her middle school class M4 had the honour of coordinating the ceremony this year and they did a tremendous job upholding the tradition. The ceremony commenced with a number of middle school students reading a poem and passage and representatives from each class laying a wreath. This was followed by another of our new teachers, Pat singing a lovely rendition of Waltzing Matilda. Dennis Rogers from the **Geebung-Zillmere RSL Sub Branch** then addressed the audience linking the Anzac spirit and his service in Vietnam. The ceremony concluded with the last post, national anthem and the opportunity to meet John Harper and Spyder the light horse. Thanks to Kasie, middle school students, Pat, members of the RSL sub-branch and ladies auxiliary and **Light Horseman’s Association** for a memorable Anzac day ceremony.

This week we welcomed an important new member of our school team – our first ever Chaplain, **Ruth Snoswell**. This was a very exciting and momentous occasion as we have been pursuing this appointment for nearly 4 years. It has taken this long as the opportunity to apply for a chaplain (through a federal government grant) only arose late in 2011. We learnt we’d been successful mid-2012 and after a lengthy application and interview process we know have a ‘chappy’ with the background and experience that fits with our school needs. Ruth is an experienced special education teacher who is also trained as an occupational therapist.

We are exceptionally lucky to have a chapppy with skills and experience so well suited to our school. This experience paired with her warmth, passion and friendly nature mean that Ruth will be a great support to all members of our school community. Ruth will strengthen our pastoral care to students, staff and families and provide a new layer of support. Ruth is employed by Scripture Union (SU) but works under the supervision of the Principal through a Chaplain Committee comprising of staff and community members. Ruth will support staff to meet the needs of our students by joining class and school activities, chatting individually with students and running group programs. She will also be available to support families when the need arises. Ruth’s role is part-time and she will be a school on Mondays and Fridays. Welcome to our school Ruth. Thanks must go to Kylie Taylor and Chris McNaught from SU, who’s drive and passion has helped make our ‘chappy dream’ a reality.

Planning has begun for our third biennial **Art & Wine Show which will be held on Friday 13th of September** ... yes Friday the 13th so we don’t forget. Once again staff will partner with our P&C to coordinate this exciting community event that is our major school fundraiser. We encourage all community members to be involved – many parents and staff have already put up their hands to play a role. Based on previous events it is a fun, social way to help out our school and raise funds for a targeted project – this time a new bus. The night itself is always an elegant, enjoyable evening where the creativity of our staff and skills of our students is on display through art. Should you like to contribute in any way please contact our Art & Wine Show coordinate Janine Hussey through the
school. Alternatively feel free to attend our planning sessions after each P&C meeting (held monthly on Wednesdays).

Since the Easter break we have welcomed a new student to our school. Jack joins Aspley Special from Morningside State School and has settled in very well into his new class with Leisa in M3. **Welcome Jack** and his family.

Lastly I’d like to thank Gayle, Carl and Janine for their leadership efforts prior to the holidays whilst I was on leave. The school was certainly left in good hands which meant I could relax on my holiday – well as much as one could with 4 children and 2 adults in a camper trailer around Tasmania.

*Cheers*
Chris Lassig
Principal

**Deputy Principal’s Update and SWPBS**

Our approach to teaching and shaping behaviour or “School Wide Positive Behaviour Support” is well and truly established at Aspley Special School. Our journey over the past 4 years has been guided and given momentum by our SWPBS Committee. This year the committee comprises of representatives from our school community - Nerida Black our DETE SWPBS coach, Chris (Principal), Gayle (Deputy), 2 parents, Nicci Pringle and Kim Steinmuller, a Teacher Aide, Courtney Hawkes and 5 teachers – David, Brad, Mira, Greg and Ian from LASER.

By now anyone connected with Aspley Special School, be it student, parent, staff or community representatives are aware of our “Rule of 5”

These rules have become the backbone of our positive behaviour support program. Our rule of 5 has been absorbed into the everyday at Aspley Special, in the classroom, the playground, the community and even at home. It has become a guide to live by and embodies a positive, reflective approach to life.

In 2012 the staff worked together to develop and implement our “Consequence Set” to establish a guide to consistent management of behaviour and ensure a process that determines the “level” of consequence guided by the seriousness of the strategies and management required. The consequence level is determined by Chris and/or myself as principal and deputy in collaboration with the staff members and students involved. Due to the nature of our students though, the consequence set remains a fluid model with its levels personalised to suit our students’ understanding, communication and individual needs.

The next step in our journey is to firm up the process for our SWPBS Intervention Team, then the staff will undergo training in Tier 2 of SWPBS. Tier 2 involves more specific intervention for individual student support.

Our committee is also reviewing our whole school reinforcement system - the raffle tickets. We have been using this system for a number of years and are looking at how we can improve and adapt it. Our rules matrix that defines the Rule of 5 for different learning environments is also being
reviewed as a number of areas and subjects have changed since it was introduced. We are also looking at developing a “visual” matrix to provide additional support for students to relate and engage with the rules.

We are very lucky to have a trained Classroom Profiler in Kylie Glencross and this term she has profiled 6 teachers already. This process enables a teacher to reflect on their classroom management and also enables the school as a whole to make data-driven decisions around the implementation of effective teaching and learning strategies.

We have also re-established our Rule of 5 Parent Tips. This term these rule tips are being sent home during the same week we focus on that specific rule. These parent tips have also been placed on the school website. We would like to thank teacher Leena Sanderson for her extra time spent keeping our website up to date. It is greatly appreciated.

We also focussed on the rules in our classes in the first week of term one and again held our “Rule of 5 Poster Competition”. This was won by Middle 3, Leisa Edwards class and they received a pizza lunch for their efforts. Well done guys 😊

_Cheers Gayle_
_Deputy Principal_

**Head of Curriculum Update**

Term 2 has seen the exciting expansion of our Sexuality and Relationships Education (SRE) program across our school after our very successful trial of a program in late 2012.

The primary goals of SRE include the promotion of healthy relationships and sexual health. SRE includes, but is not limited to, learning about; our self, relationships, self-esteem, feelings and emotions, body image, gender roles, public and private behaviours, sexual development and reproductive health.

In Term 1 of this year, our school was one of the first special schools in Queensland to deliver the new ‘Daniel Morcombe Child Safety’ unit which was developed to help spread key safety messages to students in Queensland schools around the key concepts of ‘recognise, react, report’ and this provided an excellent launching point for the rest of our SRE curriculum.

To help support the roll out of SRE in Term 2, late last term we also hosted our second SRE Parent and Carer Information evening where a representative from Family Planning Queensland (FPQ) and staff from the school presented about what SRE actually is and how it is planned for and delivered at our school.

This term has seen SRE being delivered to all of our Middle School classes and we have begun trialling programs in other parts of the school whilst continuing to target our senior students with an SRE program as part of our Friday program.

We believe that SRE is an important area of our curriculum and we look forward to updating you in the future about our progress in expanding its implementation here at the school.

_Cheers_
_Carl_
**From the Office**

Welcome back! Hope all enjoyed a restful and refreshing Easter break. School camps have come and gone – how quick was that?

Payments or part payments for camps, excursions etc can be made to the school via cash, cheque, eftpos, or direct debit. Please note that we have two school accounts if doing a direct debit. A big thank you to those parents and carers who continue to pay the Voluntary Contribution. These Voluntary Contributions are **Tax Deductible** and it won’t be long before it is that Tax time of the year.

Last week was a big week as we were audited. The Auditor was here for three days. Everything seems to be OK and I went home and had a few drinks.

**Bringing more humour to our everyday!**

If your friends and family tell you that you need to “lighten up”, what can you do to exercise your funny bone?

Perhaps the following could help us all-

- Laugh every day. Find a joke, a comic strip or an absurd situation that makes you laugh.
- Smile. For no reason – just smile.
- Hang out with people who laugh. Laughter is contagious. It’s easier to experience mirth with other people.
- At the end of the day, share one funny thing that happened that day with a family member or friend.
- Finally, be sensitive to what is not funny. Use good judgment to avoid hurtful humour.

**A couple of jokes!**

**Q.** Why did the jellybean go to school  
**A.** *Because he wanted to be a smartie!*

**Q.** How do you make seven an even number  
**A.** *Take the S out.*

*Till next newsletter*

*Leanne, Lea & Beryl*
Dates to Remember

- Mothers’ Day Stall 10 May
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 24 May
- KALP Trivia Night 25 May
- Year 8 and 10 Immunisation 03 June
- World Environment Day 05 June
- Labour Day Holiday 10 June
- June School Holidays 22 June

Birthday Wishes

- Aidan 1st April
- Greg 4th April
- Michael 9th April
- Lucy 10th April
- Jacob 12th April
- William S 19th April
- Karl 21st April
- Skye 24th April
- Daniel T 25th April
- Kane 27th April
- Jessie 3rd May
- Jordan J 7th May
- Brandon 7th May
- Justine 10th May
- Tristan 10th May
- Brian 11th May
- Emily V 18th May
- Shannon 24th May
- Joseph 31st May

Sony Camp

Sony Camp at Marist Brothers – September 21-24. Families can register now, please contact:-

Luke McMahon (07) 3858 4581  mcmahon1@marash.qld.edu.au

NO COST TO FAMILIES!

Applications close 21st June 2013.

Refund Policy

If a parent wishes to apply for a refund due to their child’s non participation in an extra-curricular activity, they may do so by completing a Request for Refund form available from the school office. 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 to offset any future charges.
Recipes from the office
Mushroom, bacon & basil pasta

Ingredients:
• 400g dried penne pasta
• Tablespoons olive oil
• 1 cup small basil leaves
• 3 garlic cloves, crushed
• 4 rashers bacon, rind removed, chopped
• 1 red onion, cut in wedges
• 400g button mushrooms, sliced
• 300ml low fat cream

Method:
1. Cook the penne in a large saucepan of salted boiling water, according to packet instructions.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a medium frying pan over a medium-high heat. Add the basil leaves and cook 1-2 minutes or until translucent.
3. Add the garlic and bacon to the frying pan and cook, stirring often, for 3-4 minutes or until light golden. Add the onion and mushrooms, and cook stirring frequently, for 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in the cream, reduce heat to medium and cook 5 minutes or until sauce comes to the boil and thickens slightly.
4. Drain the pasta and return to the saucepan. Add the mushroom mixture, basil leaves and season. Toss gently over low heat until heated through.

The Frothee Coffee Shoppee

Dates for Term 2 2013 (2 sittings – 10am and 11am)
17 May
24 May
31 May
07 June
14 June

Operating hours 10am - 12noon. Bookings are essential as space is limited.
Phone 3867 2333 to make a booking.
**Mother’s Day Stall**
The P&C are holding a mother’s day stall on Friday 10th May from 12noon to 2:00pm. The gifts are $5 (one per child please). Please send in the money with your student on the day. Thankyou

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**Important Messages from the Coordinator:**

Meet Jenny Dodd, our new Coordinator of Aspley Specialist OSHC! Jenny’s role is to run the service at the ground level; working with the young people, supervising and training the staff team, and managing family accounts.

Jenny has recently relocated from the United Kingdom where she gained a lot of experience working with teenagers with a disability. In her most recent role, Jenny has been the Activities Coordinator - Disability Inclusion for an Outdoor Adventure centre where young people with a disability learned to rock climb, orienteer or participate in water sports.

Jenny has a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Music, Drama and Theatre Studies and has experience in inclusive theatre and music therapy.

Jenny is excited to be part of this fantastic opportunity to promote inclusivity within everyday life. She is looking forward to working with a skilled team who will nurture and promote fun and exciting opportunities within a fully inclusive environment!

We are very excited to welcome Jenny to the YMCA staff team and are confident that she is the perfect fit for the role.

**What we’ve been doing:**

In the OSHC Administration Office we are currently finalising the documents that will allow us to licence the service. We are hoping to confirm the official start date of the service soon.
**SWPBS**

**POSITIVE LANGUAGE**

"Go on give it a go"

‘Are you giving it a go?"

"Be brave and give it a go"

**TONE OF VOICE**

A non-demanding voice for re-directions

Higher pitched voice with strong eye contact for praise

**EMOTION**

Remain in control and model adult behaviour – speak honestly about your feelings

**ASPLEY SPECIAL SCHOOL**

**MODEL**

Model trying new things or going to new places

Express your feelings honestly

“I’m feeling a bit scared, but I will try anyway”

**PRAISE**

“Well done Gayle … you gave it a go”

“I am proud of you for giving it a go”
Move it all about!

The perfect opportunity to gather information and try some of the different sporting & recreational facilities available to people with a disability living in the Brisbane area

**Wednesday 5th June 2013**

The expo will be on regardless of the weather

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THE EVENING IS OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WHO WANT TO HAVE A GREAT NIGHT. BE QUICK TO ENSURE YOU GET TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE WITH FRIENDS.

RSVP: 17th MAY KALP – email: matt@kalp.org.au or phone KALP 3633 0204 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
“IN THE MEDIA”

Sports all-rounder in Olympic team

At 22 years old, sports all-rounder Shane McKee from Bundoora Ridge has decided whether to represent Australia in cricket or athletics at the Special Olympics Australia 2002 Games. "I want to do athletics," he says. "I've always been a good athlete and I think I have a chance to represent Australia in athletics." Shane's father, Marc McKee, who also plays cricket for Australia, says his son has always been interested in athletics since he was young. "He started playing cricket when he was about 6 and has been playing ever since," he says. "He has been very dedicated to his studies and always tries to balance his schoolwork with his sporting commitments." Shane's mother, Kim McKee, adds that her son has always been a hard worker and is always willing to put in the extra effort. "He's a great role model for other students," she says.

Students show spirit

A visit from the Geelong Cats AFL club to the Special Olympics Australia Games in 2002 inspired students from the local schools to support the athletes. "It was an amazing experience," says student Adam Brown. "The athletes were so inspirational and we all felt very proud to be able to support them." The visit was arranged by the local sporting clubs and the Special Olympics Australia committee. "We want to put on a good show for all the athletes," says club president John Smith. "We want to show them that everyone is welcome here and that they can achieve their goals." The visit was a huge success and the students all agreed that it was a wonderful experience.

“In THE MEDIA”

Touching moment

That special moment of achievement and hope for others was visible when 20-year-old Shane McKee from Bundoora Ridge was presented with a Special Olympics Medallion. "I feel so proud and happy," says Shane. "This is the moment I've been waiting for." Shane has been competing in the Special Olympics since he was 11 years old and has won numerous medals. "I've always been very competitive and I've always wanted to be the best," he says. The Special Olympics Medallion was presented to Shane by the Special Olympics Australia committee and the Geelong Cats AFL club. "We want to show our support for all the athletes," says club president John Smith. "They are an inspiration to all of us and we are proud to be able to support them." Shane's family and friends were all there to see him receive his medal and they were all very proud of him.

Representing the 2nd Light Horse Regiment QMI Geelong group, Vietnam veteran John Harper and a horse Spider visited northside school including Aspley Special School in the lead-up to ANZAC Day to answer questions by the students about his days in the army. "I was in the army for 21 years," says John. "I've been to many battles and I've seen many things. But it's nice to see the kids here and to see their faces. They ask all sorts of questions and it's all very interesting." The visit was arranged by the local community and the veterans' group. "We want to show the kids what the army is all about," says John. "We want to make sure they know what we went through and what we learned." The visit was a huge success and the students all agreed that it was a wonderful experience.
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