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**Acting Principal’s Update**

I think the most appropriate place to start this article would be with an introduction. My name is Ric Day and for the first 4 weeks of this term I have had the privilege of being Acting Principal here at Aspley Special School. My regular job is Principal of Mount Ommaney Special School, in the western suburbs of Brisbane. I thought, in what will be my one and only newsletter article here at Aspley I might simply share a few highlights from my short time here.

Students: In my interactions with students across the campus I have noticed time and time again that students’ behaviour, engagement and commitment has been of the highest order. We may have had a couple of blips along the way but as a whole my impression has been of students who know their rules ‘the rule of 5’ very well. I’m aware that the school has put a lot of time and effort into the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program. As a fresh set of eyes I can only say that this program has clearly had a significant impact.

Staff: I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms and work with students for some short periods of time and observe the terrific programs here. What has struck me consistently is the tone of each classroom. Calm, focussed creative places, where I have witnessed lots of hands on learning. This doesn’t happen by accident. It is clear that the school has carefully considered curriculum plans in place. Teachers and aides are working effectively in teams and with the support of admin and area co-ordinators. This is a very dedicated, focussed and professional workforce. It’s been a pleasure to be part of it for a short period of time.

Parents and community: I have had an opportunity to meet only a small number of families but it is clear that the school enjoys the positive support of families and a very active P&C. It was wonderful to see students having the opportunity to buy Mothers’ Day gifts from the P&C stall and terrific to see the support of the P&C and parents at our recent school leaders assembly.

More broadly the school has clearly developed a broad number of highly valued links to a range of organisations and community groups. I was fortunate to attend one meeting with members from the Brisbane City Council and I was struck by how much they knew about and valued the work being done at Aspley. Clearly though, that’s just the tip of the iceberg in terms of community support with many links to other schools, organisations, programs and community groups providing financial and practical support to the school.

As a final word, I’d like to thank everyone who has supported me through the last few weeks. I am particularly grateful to Carl, Janine and the admin team who have put up with me on a daily basis. It’s been my absolute pleasure to part of this community. On Monday 19th May both Ches and Gayle will return as Acting Principal and Deputy. I wish the entire school community continued success in 2014 and beyond.

*Cheers*

*Ric - Acting Principal*
Deputy Principal’s Update

Just last week I attended our Middle School camp which was held amidst the stunning backdrop of the Sunshine Coast hinterland in Mapleton. Camps are an incredibly valuable component of our school’s curriculum. Not only do they provide a rich learning context for our students but they also afford a glimpse for our staff into their interests, abilities and interactions outside of the familiarity of the school environment. Our students not only learn and achieve whilst on camp (from trying different foods, attempting challenging activities like the flying fox, being independent away from home and spending time with less familiar peers/staff), they also have a fantastic time and all of this would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff of which we are extremely grateful for.

Speaking of gratitude, we also took the opportunity at last week’s assembly to pay tribute to the amazing contribution of one of our volunteers here at the school. Ross Davidson has volunteered at Aspley Special for the past few years and has worked extensively to support our school’s ‘Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden’. Not only has Ross worked directly on multiple garden projects, but he has also assisted and supported a number of our students during their horticulture programs. We are very fortunate here at the school to have a number of very active, knowledgeable and generous volunteers like Ross. Our school and students benefit greatly from the time and energy that they put into our school and we are very grateful for their contribution.

There are several other people that I’d like to mention who have also contributed much time and energy into leading and managing our school. As I’m sure you are all aware, there have been several changes of staff here in our leadership team this year due to various instances of leave. Whilst Chris, Ches and Gayle have been absent, our school has been incredibly well-served by Ric, Yolanda and Janine who have all transitioned amazingly well into their roles and provided a smooth, energetic and extremely professional service to our school community. There are many positives that come from this exchange of roles for both our staff professionally and for our school and students in general. I’d personally like to thank these three for their commitment and effort over these past two months.

Cheers
Carl England - Acting Deputy Principal
Curriculum Update
Senior School Jerseys

On Monday 5 May, our graduating students each received a school jersey at a special assembly. Our school jerseys have arrived in time to combat the arrival of the cooler temperatures. They single out our graduate group and remind us that these students have almost come to the end of their school journeys. I am sure they will be worn with pride. Special thanks go to the P&C who have funded the cost of the jerseys. I would especially like to thank Anthea and Gaynor who put in a lot of effort to organise them and make sure they arrived in time for the assembly.

New Student Leaders

We were also very pleased to announce the names of our 4 student leaders for 2014. Congratulations to Ruwi Morgan, Jessie Horn, Daniel Agius and Jacob Berggren who were each presented with their student leader badges. When Ruwi received his badge from Peter Blatch, he said: “It is an honour, Sir.” I think Peter was thinking the same thing as he has seen most of these students go through early childhood and primary school and now finds himself shaking their hands as they approach the end of year 12! It is always wonderful to have Peter join us as he is such an important member of our school community.
Mother’s Day
We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Mother’s Day weekend. We set up our annual art display at the Aspley Orchid Society’s Mother’s Day event. For many, many years we have been supported by this fantastic group of people. The orchid display was magnificent and we encourage our families to visit this wonderful show and return the support that they offer us each year.

Our fantastic P&C committee set up a beautiful range of tastefully selected and elegantly wrapped gifts for the students to purchase for Mother’s Day. We hope our Mums enjoyed their surprises. Thank you to the P&C for all the effort they put into this much appreciated opportunity for the students to choose something special for their Mums.

Cheers
Janine Hussey
From the Office

A big Welcome back. Hope a restful and enjoyable break was had by all. Congratulations to our new Student Leaders- well done.

Well we are all back into the thick of this term and already into week 4- time flying by again!

Following up on the Voluntary Contribution, please be aware that this contribution is tax deductible. The end of June is not far away (end of financial year). I will endeavour to get these invoices out to you for this contribution in the next couple of weeks. We have Eftpos facilities in the office for your convenience.

Over the Easter holidays the following was accomplished:-
2. New ramps to the front of B Block (Dorville Road) to enable easy wheelchair access
3. Old Kitchen floor resealed
4. Removal & replacement of soffits- B Block
5. New ramp to P Block
6. Old Putt Putt area cleaned up ready for turf & landscaping
7. Area between Blocks D & E made ready for new Sensory area & landscaping
8. Oval fence line moved back to make bigger & area cleaned up ready for landscaping
9. Unpainted boards around A Block painted.

At present we are in the process of purchasing a new bus as our buses are not new anymore and are becoming very needy in the maintenance area.

I hope that our previous funnies were appreciated and brought a smile to all. Will try to find and share a little humour each newsletter.

Q. Why did the spider go on the internet?
A. To make a Webpage

Q. Why did the elephant paint his toenails red?
A. So he wouldn’t be found in the strawberry patch.

Q. What is the difference between a piano and a fish?
A. You can’t tuna fish!

Thought for the week

“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful”.

Till next newsletter

Leanne, Lea & Beryl
**Dates to Remember**

- Class photos: 15 May 2014
- P&C Meeting: 9:30am 21 May 2014
- Uniform Shop: 9:30-11am 26 May 2014
- World Environmental Day: 06 June 2014
- Performance “Mad World”: 06 June 2014
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday: 09 June 2014
- BCC Immunisation at School: 16 June 2014
- June School Holidays start: 28 June 2014
- School resumes: 14 July 2014

**Birthday Wishes**

- Jessie H: 03 May
- Jordan: 07 May
- Brandon: 07 May
- Justine: 10 May
- Tristan: 10 May
- Brian: 11 May
- Lachlan: 11 May
- Jessica C: 15 May
- Thomas: 17 May
- Joe: 31 May

**From the Chaplain**

I quite like chocolate and ice-cream, but not as much as a friend of mine. This friend was telling me recently of some stories when she was a girl. Her mother liked chocolate as well and would hide it in the fridge behind the vegetables in an effort to have some to eat for herself. Frequently the friend said she would ask her mother for chocolate and the response would be “sorry, we don’t have any”, to which the friend would reply, “what about this Mummy?” whilst reaching in behind whatever vegetable or item was hiding it. This friend has a party trick that she perfected young – naming every chocolate type in a Roses box without looking at the box. She was also telling me about when she first moved out of home, she said she literally spent all her food money buying ice-cream and chocolates in a mad celebration of freedom from parental wisdom. It took her one or two of these feeding frenzies to realise that a diet of chocolate and ice-cream alone is not terribly good for you! She still loves chocolate and ice-cream, however, she has balanced it with some moderation these days.

I was thinking about my friends chocolate stories and her experience when she moved out of home. How often is this my experience as well (maybe not with chocolate though!). Take away a restriction, whether self-imposed or external, and suddenly I may swing completely the other way for a time just for the thrill of it. I’ve seen this tendency in my children too, as they’ve grown and we’ve allowed some increasing freedom there has been boundary testing and experiences that all you can say about are “they learnt that the hard way – as I have too, many times!” What do we need when we have an experience like that though? I need love, acceptance and forgiveness. A family or friends who can help me pick up the pieces, dust me off and encourage me to keep on going. I hope and trust that
you too will find that kind of encouragement when you need it and can offer it to others when they
need it just as much.
This term I’ve spent some time out of school doing a Youth Mental Health First Aid course. This was a
particularly interesting and practical course. I would encourage parents or anyone dealing with
teenagers to consider taking it. It highlighted the immense mental health issues that our teenagers
are facing and provided some practical tools for identifying these and places to go to for help.

It’s ‘chappy’ week next week and this is an annual event held across QLD schools to highlight some of
the work that chaplains do in state schools. We are holding two events at school. One is the “small
change makes a difference” class challenge for students. They will be asked to bring change in to
school to create a class line of change. The longest line wins a trip to MacDonald’s for their class. The
other activity is happening on the Friday from 11am to 12. Parents and friends are welcome to come
in and have a coffee at the coffee shop free of charge and meet me or catch up for a chat. I hope you
can make it!

I’m at Aspley on Monday’s and Friday’s and would love to chat or catch up for a coffee any time.
Ruth (Chaplain)

Email: ruths@chappy.org.au
Ruth (Chaplain)

The Frothee Coffee Shop

Coffee shop dates for Term 2 2014

23 May 2014
30 May 2014
6 June 2014
13 June 2014
20 June 2014

Please note, there are two sittings for the Coffee Shop 10am and 11am. The Coffee Shop takes a
maximum of 25 customers per sitting so early bookings are essential.
Unless you have booked a table through the OFFICE the Coffee Shop will not be able to seat you.
Thank you.

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.

Uniform Shop

These are the uniform shop dates for Term 2.

26th May 9.30 – 11am
Plastic Shopping Bags
If you have any clean shopping bags could you please send them into the school office as we use these plastic bags as bin liners.

Thank you.

Recipes from the office

Coconut and Passionfruit Self Saucing Pudding

1 cup self-raising flour
1/2 cup caster sugar
1/2 cup desiccated coconut
2/3 cup light coconut milk
1 egg
80g butter, melted, cooled
pure icing sugar, to serve

SAUCE
1/2 cup caster sugar
3 teaspoons cornflour
1/2 cup milk
2 small lemons, juiced
3 passionfruit, halved

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease a 6-cup capacity, 5.5cm-deep, 19cm x 25cm (base) ovenproof dish and place on a baking tray lined with baking paper.
2. Step 2
3. Step 3
   Make sauce: Combine sugar and cornflour in a bowl. Sprinkle over pudding. Combine milk and 1/3 cup lemon juice (don't worry if mixture curdles) in a small saucepan. Cook, stirring, over medium heat until mixture comes to the boil. Remove from heat and stir in passionfruit pulp. Pour hot lemon mixture over the back of a large metal spoon, over pudding.
4. Step 4
   Bake for 50 to 55 minutes or until a skewer inserted halfway into pudding comes out clean. Dust with icing sugar and serve immediately.
Waste and recycling facts

- in the past five years Brisbane residents have recycled approximately 500,000 tonnes of material through yellow-topped recycling bins
- because of recycling, Brisbane has saved 109,000 megalitres of water since 1998 - this equals 240,000 swimming pools or 12% of Brisbane’s yearly domestic water consumption
- if not recycled, plastic products are estimated to last at least 10,000 years in landfill

Special Olympics Queensland
Morton North

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10th May 2014 at 2pm
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The Brisbane Softball Association are partnering with Special Olympics Brisbane North in the new regional softball program. New and existing Special Olympics members are encouraged to join. It is a great opportunity for those with an intellectual disability.

WHERE: O'Callaghan Park Softball grounds, Zillmere (entry via Jennings St)
WHEN: Saturdays 4 P.M. – 5 P.M. – May 11th, May 31st and June 14th
AGE: Secondary school aged children to adults
COST: Free

For more information, or to confirm your attendance, contact Kim North on 0411 752 948 or email kimnorth@anet.net.au

* Athletes will need to register with Special Olympics Brisbane North to be involved long term.
Aspley Special School - Kingfisher Recycling Centre

Report for May

Another good month of recycling with students and volunteers working hard.

There have been a few changes in what bottles will be accepted at Kingfisher Recycling Centre due to the removal of the bulk glass bin in April. This is due to changes in costs associated with glass recycling. Please look at the BCC website for ordering your Yellow Lid Bin. http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/environment-waste/rubbish-types-bin/yellow-lid-bin

We have ordered more crusher bins and are still using the two bottle crushers.

We will no longer be accepting beer bottles at Kingfisher and they can be placed in your council yellow top bin for recycling. However, we will still be accepting jars, wine bottles, 750ml crown top beer bottles (Crown Top) and spirit bottles.

![Yellow top Bin](image1.png) ![Not accepting](image2.png)

Accepting these types of jars and bottles

If you have any computers or televisions, working or not, either at home or at work and do not need them anymore please bring them down for recycling.

Below is a list of what was recycled:

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Total Weight: 4200.663 kg
Here are some photos of some Students, Volunteers and Staff doing recycling work at Kingfisher.

Thank you for all your support and hard work by all students, volunteers and staff.

Graeme Agius
Education Support Officer – Kingfisher Recycling Centre
Aspley Special School
Kingfisher Recycling Centre

CHANGES TO OUR GLASS RECYCLING ……

Kingfisher Recycling Centre WILL ACCEPT –
750ml Crown-tops, tallies, spirit bottles and glass jars with lids

Please note that Kingfisher Recycling Centre NO LONGER accepts
Beer Bottles for recycling

Please use your free City Council yellow-top bin

Thank you for supporting our students and Aspley Special School’s Kingfisher
Recycling Centre.
Yellow Top Bin Recycling

Acceptable Items

Paper
newspaper, office paper, envelopes & magazines
phone books
brochures and junk mail
wrapping and packaging paper
greeting cards
glossy paper
coloured paper
paper bags

Cardboard
cardboard boxes
cereal and washing powder boxes
milk, juice cartons and tetra packs
pizza boxes
tissue boxes

Glass
glass bottles and jars

Metal
steel cans, empty aerosols, aluminium cans and trays
clean kitchen alfsoil
empty paint tins

Plastic
plastic bottles and containers (including milk, juice,
soft drink, yoghurt, margarine, shampoo and detergent
containers) – Remove lids and recycle them separately
plastic numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Unacceptable bin items

waxed paper or waxed cardboard
paded envelopes
tissue paper, thermal fax paper
china, crockery, ceramics
drinking glasses, light bulbs
mirror glass, window glass
heat proof cookware, pyres
alkaline batteries
coal bottles, white goods
plastic bags or wraps, plastic film
bubble wrap
polystyrene cups and trays
plastic bands, straws
nappies
bricks, wood, soil and garden waste
hazardous waste
food scraps, including oils, needles & syringes
Middle School Camp 2014
Bushwalking

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