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.
Principal’s Update

A special thanks to Ric, Gayle, Carl, Yolanda and Janine who all contributed to the smooth running of the school during the end of last term and the beginning of term. Like myself, Ric was new to the school and comes with fresh eyes. I can confirm that Ric’s observations in the last newsletter about the high standard of staff professionalism, impact of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support and intensity of learning in classrooms are accurate. As parents and community members you can be justifiably proud of the standard of education at Aspley Special School and the ongoing pursuit for improvement. An ethos of striving to be even better in assisting student learning is well established.

Carl is on leave until the end of term 3 2014. Carl will be travelling, enjoying a well-deserved break and missed by students and staff. Leena will be acting Head of Curriculum until the end of this term. An expression of interest to act as Head of Curriculum for Term 3 was distributed to all schools in our region. The applications are currently being reviewed to determine which applicant will be Head of Curriculum in Term 3 2014. You will be advised of the outcome as soon as this process is complete.

Chris Lassig has been requested to continue as a Discipline Auditor at least until the end of Term 3 2014. While it is a wonderful opportunity, he misses Aspley Special School and has dropped in several times when he has had the opportunity to visit. I am very happy to be able to continue to act as principal during this time.

Information related to this year’s Discipline Audit will be on the web site by the end of this week. I recommend that you have a look as it provides information about the Audit instrument as well as a report from the auditor. The auditor’s report confirms that Aspley Special School is overall performing at an outstanding level. The results are a significant confirmation and commendation of the vision that Chris and the leadership team established in relation to implementing School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. You should be proud of the students and staff of Aspley Special School.

Teachers are currently preparing the mid-year report cards that will be sent home soon. If you have any queries in relation to the information contained within the report card for your student(s) please contact your student(s) class teacher initially to discuss any queries.

Cheers
Ches Hargreaves
Acting Principal

Deputy Principal’s Update

It’s hard to believe that Semester One is almost over and though term two saw numerous changes in the office the staff and students have had a very productive and successful term with lots of activities and events.

The two camps earlier this term were a great example of this. The students and staff were full of positive stories and I know that as parents you would have enjoyed that short respite.

Last Friday the students and the staff thoroughly enjoyed the Schools Performance Tour “It’s a Mad World”. These performances are covered by your textbook hire funds. Also last week a number of middle school classes attended an AFL Gala Day. There is some more about this later in the newsletter.
Along with these events this week five classes attended the Orienteering Day that is put on by Geebung Special School at Seventh Brigade Park. This is a great day where students learn to follow either visual or written directions to find their way through the park to a designated point.

Last week our special education association, QASEL (Queensland Association of Special Education Leaders), held their annual conference and over the 3 days nine staff were able to attend. As well as this Kylie Glencross, one of our teachers also presented a workshop. All those who attended are always keen to inform us of all the great work being done in special education not only in our state but nationally and globally.

Three of our mentor teachers – Janine, Yolanda and Leena also presented this week at the TECE (Teacher Education Centre for Excellence) Mentor Face to Face Meeting. Presenting at these meetings and conferences can involve a lot of extra work and we appreciate and applaud their efforts.

In other exciting news we have finally had some turf laid in our Recreation Playground and on parts of the oval. This has been a long process with submissions for funding and site preparation and we would like to thank Alison, Leanne and Dave for all their efforts and organising. It looks great...now for all the watering to keep it looking good. Hopefully some rain will help.

In even more exciting news, our NEW SCHOOL BUS may finally arrive before the end of term so watch this space for any new developments.

Finally I would like to also thank, as Ches has, Carl, Janine and Ric for holding the fort while both Ches and I were on leave. Also with Carl on leave now I am looking forward to working with Leena the last few weeks of this term and the successful applicant for the Acting HOC role next term.

Gayle Morton  
Deputy Principal
Dates to Remember

BCC Immunisation at School 16 June 2014
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 20 June 2014
June School Holidays start 28 June 2014
School resumes 14 July 2014
Exhibition Holiday 13 August 2014
Trivia Night 22 August 2014

Birthday Wishes

Angel 25 June
Corvette 14 June
Hugo 12 June
Kody 15 June
Ruwi 23 June
Songhie 7 June
Sophie W 7 June

From the Chaplain

“Generosity could be as contagious as the zombie plague as long as enough people were willing to be carriers.”
— Jonathan Maberry, Dust and Decay

I was blown away last week by the generosity of Rod, the manager of Bracken Ridge MacDonalds. When we took students to MacDonalds for the prize from Chappy Week activities, Rod kindly allowed the students and staff to choose any item on the menu and he so graciously took orders and served everyone. What an impact he and his team had. Thank you Rod and Bracken Ridge MacDonalds for an awesome outing and a lesson in generosity!

What his actions got me thinking about was how generosity is such a powerful act. By choosing to act generously we can change people’s day to day life and make our own lives so much more fulfilling. I’ve found that when I do act generously then I often benefit as well – I feel happier and feel that in some way I have a purpose greater than just my own existence. I would encourage you to be “carriers of generosity” as the quote suggests.

Rod teaches Hugo how to do a karate greeting.

Tammy and Ajwora waiting for their orders at McDonalds.
above – it’s a gift you can give to others and yourself at the same time.
This term has flown by! I have enjoyed spending time in classes and being with students at break time. We’ve continued to play games most Monday lunch times with the help of some volunteers (including some library ones too). I’ve enjoyed time meeting with parents through the My Time activities this term. Next term I will be handing over the coordination of My Time to Jenny from the YMCA. I will continue to attend some of the meetings so look forward to catching up with parents then. This change over is to allow me a little more time to work with students as needed.
I hope that the remainder of the term is not too busy for you and the holidays are a good break from school routines. I will be away overseas for the first two weeks of term 3, but look forward to being back at school from Week 3. If you ever want to catch up for a chat or coffee, please feel free to email me or leave a message at the office. My work days are Monday and Friday.

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

The Frothee Coffee Shop
Coffee shop dates for Term 3 2014

15 August 2014
22 August 2014
29 August 2014
5 September 2014
12 September 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.
Recipes from the office

Couscous Salad with Pumpkin

2 cups couscous  
2 ½ cups chicken stock  
700g roasted diced pumpkin  
200g blanched snowpeas  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
½ teaspoon harissa or chilli paste  
¼ cup chopped mint  
¼ cup lemon juice  
1 tablespoon honey

Heat chicken stock to boiling point. Remove from heat and add the couscous. Stirring occasionally to separate grains. Toss the warm couscous with the roasted pumpkin and the snowpeas. Mix together the olive oil, harissa or chilli paste, mint, lemon juice and honey. Pour the dressing over the couscous, toss and serve.
Pave The Way presents

Documenting Personal Information for your Family Member with a Disability

A free 1-day workshop for families of people with disabilities.

- Are you clear about what will give your family member a good and safe life?
- Do other people have enough understanding about your family member with disability to keep them safe if you are no longer able to?
- Have you recorded and shared important information about your family member with others?
- OR
- Is your knowledge of your family member stored mostly in your head?

Would you like an opportunity to begin to assemble this information in a way that can involve others and deepen their understanding of your family member?

We invite you to participate in a free one-day workshop, where we will explore some practical ways on how to gather and record this information.

Pave the Way encourages families to share information with trusted others and to involve others in the life of their family member with disability. Therefore, we encourage you to invite a family member or friend to accompany you to the workshop (however, this is not compulsory). Feel free to discuss with us how your family member could be involved also.

For more information or to RSVP -
Contact Pave the Way on (07) 3291 5800; free call 1300 554 402, or email pavelnway@pavelnway.org.au

**When booking your place, please let us know whether or not you have any dietary requirements, eg vegetarian, gluten free**

Should you require support/consideration for things such as dietary, mobility, auditory, visual, interpreter or cultural needs, please let us know when you book your place and we will endeavour to assist you, if possible.

Date and Time:
Tuesday
17 June 2014
10.00am - 2.30pm

Location:
Mamre Association offices
40 Finsbury St
NEWMARKET

★ Morning tea
★ Lunch provided

★★Although attendance at the workshop is free, bookings are essential ★★

PLEASE NOTE: We require a minimum number of 5 for this workshop to proceed
Plan Ahead

Starting the Journey towards the NDIS
Is this workshop for me?

Things to think about to see if this workshop is right for you:

- I like to talk with others about new things
- I like to work with groups of other people to learn
- I don’t mind sitting down and listening for a few hours
- I want to learn more about the changes that are coming for people with disability
- I want to learn more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- I live in Brisbane
- I am able to come along to all of the 3 workshops

A project by Queenslanders with a Disability Network
When?

The workshop is being run three different times with three groups of people. You will need to look at the dates and make sure you can come to all 3 dates in either A, B or C.

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Where is it on?

The workshops will all be held at:
Merthyr Uniting Church Hall, 52 Merthyr Rd, New Farm

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Cost: No cost. All workshops are FREE

Workshop details

Please tick which workshop series you are registering for

Workshop series:  
☐ A  ☐ B  ☐ C

Contact us on 1300 363 783 if you have any questions or queries. You can email admin@qdn.org.au
Becoming a Foster Carer

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Care to join us?

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Senior Learners Camp at Kindilan, Redland Bay

The students of S4 and S5 would like to thank Mira for organising a wonderful camp at Kindilan Outdoor Education Centre, Redland Bay. We were lucky enough to have the camp site to ourselves with no other schools attending the centre over our three days there. We stayed in the Kinta Building. On the first day, we settled into our rooms, making beds, learning the rules of the camp site and meeting Mike and Alex, our activity leaders.

After a yummy lunch, we went for a drive to the local park. We were able to play in the park and go for a walk along the water front.

After dinner, we went to the communal hall to watch the State of Origin. Although many were getting tired, all wanted to cheer on the mighty Maroons. Although we were disappointed at their loss, except for Karen of course, we enjoyed cheering and watching the game.
Day 2—what a big day. We completed four activities with Mike and Alex—the flying fox, damper on a stick, canoeing and bushwalking. Some were scared, especially in the flying fox activity but HAD A GO even if just a short distance.

Our feet may have got wet in the canoeing but boy it was fun....and the damper was YUM! The bushwalk was great with exploring the vast amount of bushland and interesting natural objects using activity sheets.

That night we could hardly keep our eyes open after such a busy, active day.

Mira was scared and needed a hug from Julie....then SHE DID IT!