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**Principal’s Update**

I really don’t think a page will be enough to share everything I have to share in this edition of our newsletter. I’ll give it a go though, by starting with the most recent activity.

I’ve just returned to my office from our Communication Forum with staff, parents and family members. The forum was a great success with all participants reflecting on the positive aspects of our communication between home and school, identifying issues and strategies for the future. Key actions developed in the forum to enhance communication between school and home include:

- Conducting a survey of parents and carers;
- Adjustments to the Communication Diary to better meet the needs of students with no/limited spoken language;
- Each teacher providing parents with a term planner and individual student timetable;
- Increasing awareness and use of the website;
- Increasing the use of electronic communication;
- Exploring the use of iPads;
- Including a Communication Form in enrolment/start of the year paperwork; and
- Developing a set of minimum Communication Expectations for teachers.

Thank you to all the parents (there was an excellent roll up) and staff who participated in the forum. The strategies identified will certainly enhance the quality of communication between home and school.

On Monday our school hosted a very successful Post School Expo. At least half of our parents attended (and many more from other schools) which indicates to me two things. Firstly that transition to post-school life is vitally important to our students and families and secondly that our school hosting events of this nature are meeting the needs of our community. The Expo enabled families to learn about a range of service providers in our local area at one place – a rare opportunity. Some photos of the Expo are included in this newsletter. Big thanks to our Senior Schooling Coordinator Alison Welch, AVT Transition Megan Toppenberg and senior schooling TA Sue Scott for their efforts in coordinating the event.

During August a group of students, staff and community members made school (and even Education Queensland) history by embarking on our inaugural overseas trip. Our Cultural Study Tour to New Zealand was an outstanding success and turned out to be a trip of a lifetime. A future newsletter will share stories and photos of the tour but for now here are some of the highlights:
• visiting two schools in Auckland and Hamilton and connecting with their staff and students;
• emersion in the Maori culture especially the greeting ceremonies, traditional 'hangi' feast and of course the Haka;
• visiting the sites of Rotorua especially the Agrodome and geothermal attractions;
• a snow and skiing experience on an active volcano;
• the amazing Waitomo Glow Worm Caves; and
• the warmth and hospitality of the New Zealand people.

The most impressive aspect of the tour for me personally was the behaviour and positive 'can do' attitude of the students. They were absolutely amazing – it was as though everything they had learnt at home and school in the past 15 years came together in NZ. I was so proud to be with them and to say I was one of their teachers. Well done NZ Tour students.

To make the trip a reality took an enormous effort on the behalf of the coordinating teachers. The out of hours time that went into the tour prior to departure was considerable as was the energy and commitment required whilst in NZ. Thank you Kylie G, Yolanda and Greg for your effort and teamwork. You have left each student with lifelong memories. Thanks also to the staff that stayed behind and ensured school-life continued for the remaining students.

Lastly, Happy Father’s Day to all of our Dad’s on Sunday and good-luck to our Kingfishers Team in the Bridge to Brisbane Fun Run on the same day.

Chris Lassig

Deputy Principals Update

Throughout the year our school caters to many different visitors and customers. It is a busy community hub and with all the construction happening there are also many workmen here each day. Parking is at a premium, especially when we have events on at school. We are working on improving this but we ask that you be patient whilst we go through this process.

During some of these visits and as I walk around the school giving our visitors a “tour” I am always reminded of how many wonderful programs and staff we have here and how well behaved our students are. The visitors I show around see this too and often remark on it. So I think we should all be proud of what we offer and do here at our school.

Chris has mentioned a few of the major events that have occurred this term. I would like to mention some of the others that sometimes just happen behind the scenes, for instance, the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraisers. Bunnings very kindly offered us a couple of these a term. They have been great for fundraising for all the camps to help keep costs down. However they are a lot of work and we would especially like to thank Alison Hawe for setting up each of these in the morning and for training other staff. We also really appreciate the parents who have taken time to help out as well as other community members.

The Immunisation Program also runs each term. The Brisbane City Council nurses are always very friendly and efficient. However we would like to thank Lea in the office for organising this each year and for supplying the lollipops for the “brave” students. The staff play a key role also in encouraging and supporting students as they are not always keen to have these injections 😊.
You should have all received your photo envelopes for the individual and class photos next Monday 3rd September. If you have ordered any photos the payment and envelope needs to be here by Monday morning at the latest. Please ensure your child arrives at school with a uniform on and a big smile.

Next Friday we are celebrating Teacher Aides Day. Our Teacher Aides here do a wonderful job and are integral to all aspects of your child’s program. Chris and I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL our Teacher Aides who work at Aspley Special School. THANKS!!!!

**Yatala Show**
On Wednesday 22nd August, about 40 students from the Middle and Senior school headed off to Yatala to their annual show for students with disabilities. Everyone had an absolute ball and managed to follow the Rule of 5 all day. Students were treated to free admission, rides, food and drinks (lots of it!) and sideshow alley games. After eating too much food it was also good to take a break from the cool rides and enjoy the petting zoo or learn how to walk on the tightrope with some people from the circus (those clowns were funny). After a long day, everyone headed back with their showbag and a huge smile on their face. What a day! Something to look forward to again for next year 😊

*Gayle Morton*
**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

This morning we had our first SWPBS Committee meeting for this term. Thanks to everyone who attended as these days it seems to be very difficult getting everyone together with so much illness and the business of everyday life!

The topics we covered today were:
- Our Action Plan 2012 – what have we covered?
- Traumatic Incident Management
- Active Supervision Training
- Redefining the Behaviour Intervention Team
- New class and break time passports
- New Individual Behaviour Plan format
- New behaviour contract format
- Moving up to Tier 2 – the next level of the program
- The SWPBS conference 17-18th Sept

Our positive behaviour support strategies are a crucial part of our school culture and these SWPBS Committee meetings help to keep the momentum going and to direct and redirect the focus.

Gayle Morton

**Curriculum**

Sexuality education is an important part of a child’s development and we have recently been working in partnership with Family Planning Queensland (FPQ) to develop a new SRE program for our students here at Aspley Special School.

As part of our plans for our new program, which will be piloted in term 4 this year, we have organised an SRE information evening for parents and carers of our students to further their understanding of SRE for children with disabilities, gain practical strategies and suggestions for use at home in relation to SRE and to hear about the plans we have for our SRE program here at school.

This workshop will be happening on **Tuesday 11th September at 6:00pm** and is an opportunity for parents/carers of children with a disability to:

- Discuss why sexuality and relationships education is important
- Learn practical strategies for responding to curiosity about sexuality, talking about puberty and ways to support the development of healthy sexuality and personal safety skills
- Explore resources to support healthy sexual development and enhance personal safety knowledge and skills
- Discuss how to answer children’s questions about sexuality with comfort
- Hear about our pilot program plans for term 4 of this year and beyond.
This session is designed to allow parents and carers to discuss communicating about sexuality, share ideas and discuss a range of strategies to talk about sexuality with children. It is not designed for children to be present at this session. However, in order to help parents and carers attend this important evening, staff from our school will be operating a crèche where children will be able to engage in activities whilst the information evening is running.

If you would like to attend this evening, please return the response slip which was attached to the letter sent home this week or feel free to contact me here at the school.

Carl England

**From the Office**

Only three weeks to end of Term 3. I have not been well this term so that may count for how quick this term has just disappeared.

Next term is always one of our busiest terms so guess that will fly by as well. Could have something to do with getting older.

For your information- Education tax refund 2012 now known as Schoolkids Bonus. Please read the following:

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**T6 - Education tax refund 2012**

The Government announced in the 2012 Budget that the education tax refund (ETR) would be replaced by a new payment called the Schoolkids Bonus. You cannot claim the ETR for expenses incurred in 2011-12, or any excess eligible expenses you carried forward from the previous year.

As a transitional arrangement, the Department of Human Services made a one-off payment to eligible families in June 2012. If you did not receive this payment, contact the Department of Human Services.

For more information about the changes to the ETR, including how to claim the refund for previous years, see Education tax refund - what you need to know.

From 1 January 2013, you may be eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus. For more information go to [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au)

Payments for camps, excursions etc can be made to the school via cash, cheque, eftpos, or direct debit. If doing direct debit, please note the bank account numbers on the invoice as we have two accounts. If doing a Voluntary contribution (DGR account-tax deductible) it will be into the Aspley Special School DGR account. Another option to pay Voluntary contributions is to pay fortnightly through Centrelink. If you have any problems or need any information, do not hesitate to call us in the office, we are happy to help in any way. Various booksellers are still leaving books, puzzles, games, etc in our office for your perusal at any time. These items are at discounted prices and are great gifts for those birthdays that come along and also to put away for Christmas.
Bringing humour to your every day

- Laugh every day. Find a joke, a comic strip, or an absurd situation, or listen to a stand-up comedy routine, that makes you laugh.
- Do something silly once a day. No one has to know.
- Hang out with people who laugh. Laughter is contagious, and humor is a social phenomenon. It’s easier to experience mirth with other people.
- Laugh at yourself. You’re funnier than you think.

Till next newsletter.

**Leanne, Lea & Beryl**

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**Birthday Wishes**

- Dominic 1\(^{st}\) August
- Paul 11\(^{th}\) August
- Carla 12\(^{th}\) August
- Cooper 26\(^{th}\) August
- Joshua B 30\(^{th}\) August
- Ryan 4\(^{th}\) September
- Elly 10\(^{th}\) September
- Tyson 24\(^{th}\) September
- James Mc 28\(^{th}\) September
- Levi 28\(^{th}\) September
- Joshua T 30\(^{th}\) September

**The Frothee Coffee Shoppee**

Dates for Term 4 2012 (2 sittings - 10am and 11am)

- 12 October
- 19 October
- 26 October
- 02 November
- 09 November
- 16 November

Operating hours 10am - 12noon. Bookings are essential as space is limited.

Phone 3867 2333 to make a booking.
**Flu Season**

In the past few weeks we have sent home a number of students suffering from stomach viruses, vomiting and the flu here at school. It is a good time to remind students, parents and the school community not to be complacent about the flu as it is a highly contagious and serious disease.

Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose. If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child at home; don’t send them to school.
- Avoid letting them visit aged care facilities and hospitals, if possible, so that they don’t pass the infection to others who may be at risk of complications.
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or uses a disinfectant wipe or sanitiser gel.
- Encourage them to always cough into a tissue.
- Make sure they dispose of tissues quickly.
- Use soap and water to keep surfaces such as door handles, kitchen bench tops, phones and toys clean.
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest.
- Paracetamol is useful for a fever, but please consult your GP or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) if you are concerned about their symptoms.

**Recipe of the week from the office:-**

**SPINACH PIZZA**

2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 garlic cloves crushed  
2 tablespoons pine nuts  
1kg spinach, roughly chopped  
1 x pizza base (bought)  
Cornmeal  
¾ cup tomato Passata or paste  
220g mozzarella cheese, chopped  
Small black olives  
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 240°. Heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the garlic and pine nuts over a low heat until golden. Add the spinach, increase the heat and stir until wilted. Season with salt and pepper.

Place the pizza base on a baking tray dusted with cornmeal and spoon the tomato sauce onto the base, spreading it up to the rim. Sprinkle with half the mozzarella. Spread the spinach and olives over the top, followed by the rest of the mozzarella and the Parmesan.

Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until golden.

Enjoy!
NAME THE VEGIE AND BERRY

1. __________________________  2. ___________________________

SPRING GARDEN NEWS

Students have been harvesting from a flourishing spring garden. We have been cooking with zucchini, eggplant, thyme, rosemary, parsley, silver beet, spinach, coriander, chives, spring onions, lettuce, tomatoes, snow peas, butter beans and more. Coriander pesto was hit at the fundraising High Tea.

We have planted a new herb garden in front of the site for the pizza oven and have prepared clay soil for planting cucumber and rock melon. Rosella seedlings are sprouting thanks to the efforts of the community gardeners and we await the sprouting of watermelon and basil for planting in the coming weeks.

Thanks to the Wakefield family for providing manure to help break down the very hardy clay soil, so now we have what looks like oats and lupins sprouting too!!

Alison Hawe
Teacher
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Asley Special School Mini Expo 2012

A very positive response has been received from parents, teachers and students who attended the Asley Special School Mini Expo on 27 August 2012.

The opportunity to meet with and gather information from a range of relevant service providers all in one place was appreciated by those who attended. All Phillips from Bust a Move put on a performance with her dance troupe and ran a fun and interactive workshop for our students.

It was great to see so many parents actively involved in planning for their child’s future! Parents from Asley State High and Mitchelton and Red Hill Special Schools also attended and found the Expo informative.

Many thanks to Sue Scott and all the other staff who supported the planning and running of the Expo.

Alison Welch
Senior Schooling
ROPE COMMUNITY DANCE
Saturday 1st September 2012

CWA Hall
189 Redcliffe Parade
Redcliffe (Next to the Court House)
Time: 6.00pm-9.00pm

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SIGN-ON:
Saturday, 18th of August, 2012, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Friday 24th of August, 2012 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm,
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