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

Term 4 is always a busy time in schools and term 4 2014 is no exception.

We recently celebrated Admin Day on 27/10/14 to formally recognise the great work that the office admin team do each and every day. Without their enthusiasm and dedication the school would not function properly. They are the first point of contact at Aspley Special School and also make sure that all of the paperwork is completed in a timely and efficient manner. Thanks to our great office admin team for without you Aspley Special School would be diminished.

On Friday 31/10/14 we celebrated World Teachers Day and Day for Daniel. It was wonderful to be able to formally recognise the great work that the highly skilled teachers at Aspley Special School do each and every day. Aspley Special School is indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful cohort of teachers. Congratulations to all and thanks for your passion.

There was also a “sea of red” around the school on 31/10/14 acknowledging Day for Daniel. Most students were aware of the significance of the day and on assembly we discussed why this is a significant day. We also discussed safety both at school and in the community.

The transition of Year 6 and Year 7 from primary schools in 2015 is progressing well at Aspley Special School. Students in Year 6 and Year 7 from feeder schools have now had several sessions/days at Aspley Special School. These days help the students to have reduced anxiety about next year and enable them to get to know the school layout. New students also get to meet some students already attending Aspley Special School. This process also enables Aspley Special School staff to get to know the new students and this assists us in determining class groupings for 2015.

The leadership team in conjunction with staff are busy with planning for the 2015 school year. As part of the planning process we are still determining the composition of class groupings for 2015. As mentioned above there are two year levels who will be commencing at Aspley Special School in 2015, Year 7 and Year 8. However some parents are still contacting the school about enrolment for 2015 – three new contacts this week. This complicates the determination of class groups as it is important to consider all students who will be enrolled in 2015 when determining the class groupings for 2015. More information about class groupings for 2015 will be forwarded to all parents and carers soon.

The leadership team with Carl co-ordinating, are also reviewing our school’s senior secondary curriculum framework. There have been some exciting curriculum and resource developments this year. Many parents and carers will be aware that as a school we have been trialling ASDAN; a new draft Guide to Individual Learning for the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCIA); and some newly developed adjusted Subject Area Syllabuses (SASs). These trials have been very interesting and as a result we are looking at reshaping the format of our senior secondary curriculum framework. We are not rushing this reformatting but it is timely to be considering this reformatting. We will be keen to share with you as we continue this work.

Reminder that the Senior Formal is on next Thursday evening 13/11/14 and that the following day 14/11/14 is a Public Holiday for all schools and businesses in the Greater Brisbane Area.

Cheers
Ches Hargreaves
Acting Principal
Deputy Principal’s Update

Term four is historically a very eventful one and this year has lived up to that. There have already been many events and activities that the students have participated in. Students on the Fishing Competition at Bribie Island won a lot of prizes and the trophy for best team and best male fisherman. Well done Jake F and all the students on a great effort and to Kylie Taylor and Greg Richardson, Karen Rutter, Ruth our Chaplain and some volunteers, including our past adopt-a-cop Ron Wykes for making the camp so successful!

Early in the term I was privileged to attend the yearly Sportsman’s lunch at the Geebung-Zillmere RSL. This is a great function that has raised funds for both Aspley Special School and Geebung Special School for the past 6 years. We have been able to complete a lot of projects with their support. This year three parents attended with me, Anthea Brent, Gaynor Fleming and Kim Steinmuller. I think we will be surprised early next year at how much they raised. So more to come on this in the new year.

About 36 students were able to visit the V8’s on the Gold Coast this year. This was one of our reward activities and everyone had a great time. Thanks Matt Edmunds for organising this. The students had a wonderful day. The Middle School also had a visit by Donna Edwards from the Brisbane City Council. Donna spoke to them about the importance of recycling and the environment. Something Aspley Special School has been involved in for decades. Thanks Donna and to Alison Hawe for organising this.

For Melbourne Cup Day we had a “dress-up” day. It was great to see the students who dressed up or were in a theme costume and a number of them won some prizes. Congratulations also to Kevin O’Brien for a fascinating headwear.
This week the Year 9 students who are transitioning to the senior school next year spent the morning visiting the senior school and the teachers and hearing about the programs they will be participating in. This is quite daunting for the students who have spent their first few years in the middle school but from my experience it doesn’t take long to settle in to their new classrooms and programs. We have had a number of visits from our new students for 2015, from other schools and will be having a visit from the new parents on Friday 21st November where they will be visiting our coffee shop as well as signing forms and ordering uniforms.

Lastly I would like to acknowledge our teacher intern Amanda Grice who has been completing her internship in Jess Wilkie’s class. Amanda completes this in week 6 and we wish her well. Hopefully she will continue to visit us this term. A big thanks also to Anne McCartin who has been covering contracts for most of Term 2, 3 and 4. Yolanda Fenton returns next week and Anne is having some time off but we will see her later in the term.

Please remember that next Friday the school will be closed due to the G20 public holiday. All public buildings in the Brisbane local government area are closed on this day.

Gayle Morton
Deputy Principal

**Head of Curriculum**

It’s great to be back at Aspley Special and exciting to catch up on all the achievements and developments I’ve missed while away. In particular, it has been great to see how much some of our students have matured since I took leave and incredible how quickly the year has passed.

Speaking of which, Term 4 is well under way and we are busy making preparations for the new academic year. 2015 is shaping up as a big one with the introduction of year 7 into high school. We are currently making adjustments to our current middle school curriculum to cater for our new students and our teachers have been active in their transition process.

Our transition program for our year 7 and 8 students is important as it helps them to adjust to the differences of a new school and staff. Of equal importance, is the transition of our current Middle School students up into our Senior School. Whilst our Middle School students are certainly familiar with our school and staff, the movement into the Senior School is still a change. Our program offers them the ability to become more familiar with our Senior School staff, programs and classrooms with the goal of increasing their confidence in preparation for 2015.

2015 is also shaping up as an exciting year for curriculum in the Senior School. As Ches mentioned, we have been involved in a number of trials this year relating to senior schooling. It’s a hot topic at the moment and there has been a lot of attention placed on developing more formal structures and better resources for schools and teachers working with students in the senior years. We’re looking forward to further investigating these resources and establishing a more robust curriculum which continues to focus on the individual needs of our students and their successful transition to life after school.

Cheers
Carl England
Head of Curriculum
From the Office

What a hectic term this has been so far, but last term is always pretty busy. Before we know it Christmas will be here. Talking about Christmas, there are different book sellers who bring books, games and gifts and leave them in the foyer for anyone to peruse or purchase.

Just a reminder that any monies owed can be paid either by cash, cheque or eftpos. I will be sending out reminders in the next couple of weeks to those who have not paid the Voluntary Contribution. This contribution is **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** for all Special Schools.

David our groundsman, has injured his knee and Arthur has stepped in to do grounds work whilst David is unable. I would like to thank Arthur for all his work and help during his time at our school.

If anyone would like to advertise their business in our newsletter, please contact any of us in the office. For a business card size for 6 months, the cost is $55.00.

*We all know that endorphins are so important to make us happy so hope the following brings a smile to all:*

It doesn’t matter how low the dollar will go, I will always bend down and pick it up!

Some days, you’re the pigeon, some days you’re the statue, just live with it!

The man who smiles when things go wrong has thought of someone to blame it on!

“Oh you want to have your cake and eat it too?”
Darn right, what good is cake if you can’t eat it?

Till next newsletter

*Leanne, Lea & Beryl*

**G20 public holiday for Brisbane schools**

Friday 14 November is a public holiday for the G20 Summit and our school will be closed for the day. Enjoy this special, one-off break. *www.education.qld.gov.au/G20*
Plastic Shopping Bags

The school is after plastic shopping bags again. If you have any to spare can you please drop them into the school office.
Thank you.

Dates to Remember

Uniform Shop 9.30-11am 10 November 2014
Remembrance Day 11 November 2014
MyTime – 10-12noon 11 November 2014
School Formal 13 November 2014
G20 Public Holiday 14 November 2014
P&C Meeting 19 November 2014
MyTime – 10-12noon 28 November 2014
Awards Night 04 December 2014

Birthday Wishes

Josh J 01 October
Jaymz 01 October
Isabella R 02 October
Zac 05 October
Zoe 06 October
Trae 06 October
Lauren R 08 October
Isabella J 08 October
Nick 10 October
Dylan 10 October

MyTime

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Morning Tea scheduled for Monday the 1st December at the Aspley Coffee Club has now been changed to Friday 28th November at the Frothee Coffee Shoppee at Aspley Special School. The time will still be 10am – 12pm. If you intend on attending can you please let me know so I can book accordingly. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me on 0427 157 018. I look forward to seeing you at the next MyTime session.

Casey Brown
MyTime Facilitator
Kingfisher Report for November

It has been another good month of recycling with Students and Volunteers working very hard. If you have any computers or televisions working or not, either at home or work and do not need them anymore please bring them down for recycling. Also if you have any cardboard, newspaper or magazines please bring them down.

Below is a list of what was recycled.

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Here are some photos of some Daniel signing the paperwork with Mick and Di at Admax.

Daniel has been doing work experience at Kingfisher 2 days a week and has been volunteering his time during the school holidays.

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

Graeme Agius  
Education Support Officer  
Kingfisher Recycling Centre

From the Chaplain

View from the top.

In the last holidays our family went down to enjoy a little bit of Victoria. We had an amazing three days in Bright, which is in the Alpine country. We spent a day exploring Mt Buffalo National Park and at one point climbed up what looked like a scrubby, rocky outcrop. From the top were the most amazing views – truly spectacular. For 360° we could see mountains, storm clouds, and burnt remains of trees. My photo doesn't really do the view justice! The climb through the scrub and up the mountain was all made worthwhile by this incredible outlook. I stood completely stunned by what I saw and the silence of the place. It was a striking place to reflect and to take a rest.

I have been thinking about that experience, and my thoughts were, that sometimes my life seems like a whole lot of tramping through scrub, climbing long, tiring hills and not really being able to see where I am headed. But, every now and then, I find myself surprised by a view I didn’t expect and exhilarated that I have made it to a resting place in the midst of a tricky time. Can I encourage you to hang in there if your view is obscured by trees, rough ground or seemingly insurmountable obstacles? Sometimes the view just around the corner is going to make it all worthwhile. Maybe the view is a long time coming, but along the journey I hope you can find little places to rest, small surprises of joy and strength to keep on climbing.

This term I really loved spending two days at the fishing camp with a bunch of very keen fishermen & fisherwomen! I learnt to tie fishing lines again and untangle numerous tangles. It was really great to see the joy on the students faces as they caught something.

Every Tuesday I play board games (with a volunteer) with students. Some of them have really been enjoying Twister and it’s amazing how flexible some of them can be! A new one I taught to students on fishing camp was Sequence and a few are very keen on this. I think there is a “hidden” opportunity for family connections in board games and have seen my own teenage children actually ask to spend time with my husband and I for the sake of a card game!

SU run summer camps over the summer holidays and these are great opportunities for your children to meet other teenagers and have some supervised and safe fun. I have some
brochures about these camps if you are interested or you can look them up online at http://www.suqld.org.au/camps/
Have a great rest of Term 4 & hopefully I’ll have a chance to say hello to some of you at the various end of year functions.

Ruth Snoswell
Chaplain
ruths@chappy.org.au

Sensory Santa @ Westfield Chermside | Chermside

November 9 @ 8:00 am - 10:00 am

This event is being held on the 9th November from 8.00am-10.00am. BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED.

Have you always wanted to take your Brisbane Kids to see Santa but have been worried about how they might react?

Do your Brisbane Kids have sensory challenges and would be fine to see Santa if only they didn’t have to wait in line with the crowds, feel the pressure of time and the noise of lots of people walking around?

Well Sensory Santa could be exactly what your child needs in order to visit with Santa this year.

What is Sensory Santa?

Sensory Movie Day presents Sensory Santa for families with special needs children. Sensory Santa is a visit with Santa that has
• no crowds and minimum noise as the session is before the shopping centre opens to the public
• no lines - appointment bookings only in 5 minute sessions
• no music
• no spotlights
• a chair next to Santa
• an understanding Santa and photographer
  wheel-chair access

Places are filling up fast, so book quickly.

For bookings contact Chanelle on 0422 416 509 or email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

We make every effort to ensure all this information is up to date but should be used as a guide only. Events do get cancelled or changed due to wet weather and other events. If you know of a change or cancellation then please do let us know at info@brisbanekids.com.au.

Brisbane City Council Waste Services

Donna Edwards, Brisbane City Council Waste Services Officer visited recently to show students how to care for the environment by choosing carefully how to recycle their waste, including plastics, food scraps and cardboard. We had a fun time.
The Frothee Coffee Shop
Coffee shop dates for Term 4 2014

21st November
28th November

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

Recipes from the office

Teacher Leisa’s No-Bake choccy health bars

2 cups raisins (or pitted dates)
3/4 cup raw cashews
1/4 cup natural peanut butter or nut butter
(the natural peanut butter can be found at Woolworths and the brand is Macro)
1/2 cup coconut
2 tablespoons cacao

1. Blend everything in a food processor.
2. Once combined, press into a slice pan.
3. Leave in fridge for 30 mins and cut into squares.
4. Store in the fridge.
**BBQ Garlic and Herb Mushrooms**

2 tablespoons Olive Oil  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme leaves  
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh rosemary leaves  
4 large flat mushrooms  
Lemon wedges to serve.

Preheat a barbecue chargrill on medium-high heat. Combine oil, garlic, thyme and rosemary in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Brush mushrooms with oil mixture.

Barbecue mushrooms for 6 to 8 minutes, turning halfway during cooking, or until charred and just tender. Transfer to a plate. Serve with lemon.
Senior Students
C/- Mr Chesleigh Hargreaves
Principal
Aspley Special School
PO Box 67
ZILLMERE QLD 4034

Dear Senior Students of Aspley Special School

It was a great pleasure to welcome you and your teachers to Floor 22 of Education House recently and to receive the beautiful stationery.

I’ve already received many compliments about the stationery and I’ll be sending them to recipients across Queensland, Australia and overseas.

It was wonderful to have you visit Education House and to show you where I work. I hope you enjoyed visiting the office – I thought I was in for some competition after you all had a turn of sitting in my chair!

Thank you again and I look forward to visiting the Frothee Café soon.

Warm regards

PATREA WALTON
Deputy Director-General
State Schools
CPL invites you to

Do You Remember That Time?

Cascades Screech Theatre’s end of term production

Do You Remember That Time is a showcase of favourite memories made by CPL’s Cascades Screech Theatre Group.

The actors recreate their special stories through comedy, music, movement and empowering moments throughout the show.

Come along and join us as we travel down memory lane and put ourselves in the actors shoes!

When: Friday 14 November from 5pm
Where: Outside theatre area, Redcliffe Youth Space
Corner of Anzac and Oxley Avenue, Redcliffe
Cost: Free!

cpl.org.au
Brisbane Convoy for Kids

Saturday 1st November 2014
Gates open Redcliffe Showgrounds 11am

Come along and see the convoy
Family Fun Day  Auctions  Truck Pull and Displays
Rides, Stalls, Fireworks, Food and Bar
Entertainment until late with Jayne Denham and more
Camping available
www.brisbaneconvoyforkids.com.au

Convoy leaves
Heathwood 9.30am
All vehicles welcome to be a part of the convoy

Truck and Ute Shows on completion of convoy at Redcliffe Showgrounds
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