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/Leadership Team Update

Term 3 has started off in very positive fashion with students’ efforts in following the Rule of 5 during Term 2 recognised with our Rewards Day. Over 40 students and staff ventured out to Ipswich for the V8’s last Friday whilst the rest of the crew were treated to a reptile show here at school. Students earned the right to participate in these privilege events through our Raffle Ticket system that provides staff with the opportunity to ‘catch’ the students doing the right thing. Students can use their raffle tickets to ‘purchase’ items in the Raffle Shop or as was the case last week to participate in special events. This term, students will be collecting tickets to earn the right to go to the cricket at the Gabba in November, play Skirmish or attend a school-based performance/show. Good luck students and thanks to our staff for being so positive and skilled at catching the students doing the right thing.

Our Art and Wine Show is fast approaching and is now only 7 weeks away - on Friday the 13th of September. This biennial event is an enormous undertaking for our staff and P&C. As such we rely on the support of our entire community to make the event a success. Ways that families can assist with this endeavour include:

- coming along on the night (invitations out this week);
- bringing family and friends;
- selling raffle tickets prior (sent home this week);
- sourcing and/or donating prizes for the cent auction;
- assisting prior to the event through the P&C;
- volunteering on the night – signing up for a roster on the bar, selling tickets, hosting VIP’s; or
- helping out with the clean up the next day.

Should you be willing and able to assist in any way please contact our event coordinator Janine via jhuss10@eq.edu.au or by phoning the school.

The commencement of our YMCA After School Hours Care Program this term is a massive milestone for our school. After years of research and disappointments it was wonderful that we have over 10 families accessing the program initially. The crew from YMCA led by Emma and Kristy have been tremendous in liaising with the school and our families to develop a program that meets the needs of our students. We are very lucky to have Jenny as the Program Coordinator – her experience in running similar programs in the UK make her ideally suited to our program. Spaces are still available, so please contact Jenny via the school office for more information.

Two important processes pertaining to our students’ futures are running concurrently at present. Firstly, it is ILP/SET Plan time with teachers and families consulting regarding six monthly goals review and development as well as shaping of student’s individual programs. These discussions generally involve face to face meetings but may also be held via phone conversations and email. The other, very important process is for our graduating students – Post School Package Interviews with Disability Services (DS). Our Senior and Active Learner teachers have been teaming up with our Advisory Teacher (Transition) Megan Toppenberg and parents for this process that enables DS to determine the support needs of the young person and whether they will receive a post-school package or in the case of being deemed as requiring post-school support, the level of funding provided. This is often a complex process and we are very lucky to have Megan shepherding our parents through it.

I’m pleased to share that The Good Guys Carseldine have once again chosen our school to be part of their Local Giving Program. What this means is that when customers purchase an item from the Carseldine store they are given a heart-shaped token that they can place in a box near the counter that has 2/3 sections – one being Aspley Special School. The number of tokens in our box is tallied...
at the end of each month, the total will equate to $ donated to the school. Obviously the more tokens the more $ donated to our school. More information on this great program is contained in this newsletter but the bottom line is shop at The Good Guys Carseldine and place a token in our box. Thanks must go to the owner Lachlan Akers for choosing our school – proceeds of this program will go to the purchase of new bikes.

Through the leadership of Simone Coogan, our Teacher Education Centre of Excellence (Special Education) is going from strength to strength. We are the lead school of the centre that provides additional training and learning experiences for pre-service teachers through linking them with an experienced mentor teacher. We have over 50 mentor teachers in 30 schools in the region supporting 18 3rd and 4th year university students. 15 pre-service teachers graduated from the program last year all of whom and their schools (throughout the state) overwhelmingly reported that their involvement in the centre meant they were confident, well equipped and ready to commence their career in special education. Congratulations to Simone and our two mentors Janine and Yolanda for the role they have played in attracting and skilling up great special education teachers.

Cheers
Chris Lassig
Principal

**Deputy Principal’s Update**

Welcome back to all our students and families and to all the staff for Term 3. I am hoping you all enjoyed the semester break, though it seems so long ago now. We have hit the ground running this semester with a number of activities and special outings already.

Lifestream (once known as Q-Rapid) have supported our school for many years by providing team sport workshops for special needs students both on and off the campus. This term they are running six AFL workshops on a Monday afternoon at the school. The students gain skills both in the game and in sportsmanship during these sessions. We always appreciate the time and effort these organisations put into supporting our school.

I’d also like to mention our resident yoga instructor, Michelle. Michelle has been taking yoga classes here for the past few years. Her style of instruction and caring nature has enabled her to take yoga classes not only with small groups of students in a Friday group but also with a staff group on a Tuesday after school! This term Michelle is also taking the Active Learners for a yoga session on Tuesday after lunch. It is evident that both students and staff benefit from these sessions both as exercise and relaxation. Thanks Michelle for your flexibility and understanding of the complex nature of our school.

Last week was a busy outing week with half the school attending the annual Darling Point Fun Run and then on Friday a third of the school went out to Willowbank for the VB’s. The students who remained at school on the Friday also participated in a special activity with Yolanda Fenton organising a visit from the Gecko Reptile Show. These activities were part of our special “Rewards Day” that the students earned through positive behaviour and earning raffle tickets.

Cheers
Gayle
SWPBS

The School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support program has been hitting a lot of goals the last couple of years! Over the past 4 years we have been working on Tier 1 intervention. This has been a whole of school focus that has centred on the direction of the SWPBS Committee and yearly Action Plans. The central focus of this has been our “Rule of 5” and a positive reward system and strategies for the whole school. Last year we formed our “Consequence Set” for behaviours that do not adhere to our “Rule of 5” and established processes and systems for dealing with behaviours consistently.

Finally this year we decided we were ready to tackle Tier 2 & 3. This required confirming we had completed and could tick off all aspects of the Tier 1 process. Essentially this will add two more levels to the established process. Tier 1 is a whole school strategy, Tier 2 is a team focussed on targeted groups of students and programs and Tier 3 is a team who supports individuals who require intensive intervention.

To complete this process and to continue the effectiveness and sustainability of the SWPBS program we have completed, over the past couple of years, a number of professional workshops and training and reviews of current processes:

- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training and Revision
- Essential Skills for Teachers
- Tier 2 & 3 Training
- Active Supervision
- Classroom Profiling Upgrade /Trainer – 1 staff member
- FBA – Functional Behaviour Assessment Training – 3 staff
- Rewards and Reinforcement Strategies Review
- Individual Behaviour Support Plan Review
- Rules Matrix Review
- Consequence Set Review

Along with this the Committee regularly reviews and updates the Action Plan to ensure momentum and direction.

Cheers Gayle
Deputy Principal

From the Office

Firstly, we would like to thank Nathan and Nick for helping the office collate the last Newsletter (number 4). We would not have been able to get the newsletter out in time without their help.

A big welcome back to all, although we have already been in the thick of it for a few weeks now.
As you can all see the continuing works that are being carried out at our school. What improvements!
Thank you for your saved 5 cent pieces. Anyone wishing to save up their 5 cent pieces and send in to the office, we make a donation into the Fred Hollows Foundation Indigenous Australia, a very worthy cause.

A big thank you to all those parents & carers who have already paid or part paid their Voluntary Contributions, as this money goes to the many resources that are needed in our school. Please remember that all Voluntary Contributions are Tax Deductible.

Emotional benefits of humour are elevated mood and feeling of well-being, increased self-esteem and resilience and increased hope, optimism, energy and vigour. So here goes again!

**JOKE TIME:**

Q. Which vegie plays sport?
A. Squash!

Q. Why aren’t bananas ever lonely?
A. Because they come in bunches!

Q. Why don’t eggs tell jokes?
A. They would crack each other up!

Notice all the goodness in the world and it will lift your spirits. It’s so easy to get lost in gloom and doom. Remembering and recognizing the goodness in people gives you a wonderful feeling.

*Leanne, Lea & Beryl*

**Dates to Remember**

- Walkathon: 9 August
- Art Display Hypermarket: 12 August
- Ekka Wednesday: 14 August
- Yatala Show: 21 August
- BCC Immunisation: 28 August
- Class Photos: 02 September
- Orienteering Day: 03 September
- Art and Wine Show: 13 September
- Senior Earners Camp: 17 – 19 September
- School Holidays: 21 Sept - 06 October
- Labour Day Holiday: 7 October
- School Resumes: 8 October
Birthday Wishes

Jesse  4 July
Jack B  12 July
Cooper P  22 July
Tyler C  26 July
Ryan H  29 July
Dom  1 August
Chris F  18 August
Joshua B  30 August

Great teachers = Great results

Great teachers = Great results is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $537 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better.

It will:
- support teachers with mentoring, training and resources
- reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships
- strengthen state school discipline
- allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids.

The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live.

There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performances among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions.

Find out more about the plan: www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers

From the Chaplain

I hope the term has started well for you and the recent school holidays were a chance for a change of pace. I know I love the fact that I don’t have to manage the school morning routine for a few weeks! My family spent a few very cold nights camping up at Cania Gorge during the holidays and it was amazing to leave technology behind and just sit around with not a lot to do or think about. I realised how much I need that kind of space and how much my children benefit from it as well.

Creating space for thinking and just “being” is almost a lost art for many of us. I know I am very rarely without my phone or iPAD and feel lost when they are not working! My children find it hard to believe that we all once lived without a phone in our pocket and no Google to find an instant answer to any question. Maybe we all need to just sit sometimes, have a cuppa (or a coffee) in a comfy chair and let the world pass by for a few minutes (or longer!). Turn off the TV, leave the mobiles & computers in another room and enjoy thinking your own thoughts. I really want to teach my children to find this space too, and I know the saying “children see, children do” is a very apt one in this case!

This term I have been setting up some board games in the library at lunch time on Mondays and Fridays for students to come and play. Thank you to those who have sent in some beanbags and games. If you have any you no longer need please feel free to bring them in. Several students have come in and just sat and chatted, others have played games. It’s been good to see students playing against other students who they may not normally play with. It’s also been good for a few students egos – beating the chaplain at “Four in a Row” or Uno is obviously a very big thrill for some!
Parents/carers should have received the Parent survey last week and hopefully many of you have returned it! We appreciate your input and hopefully over the next few weeks we can have a look at putting together some ideas to help better support families and parents on your journeys.

Now for take two on the question, ”what does a chaplain do?” I discussed pastoral care last time. Another area chaplains are involved in is running groups in the school. These groups can cover topics such as friendship, personal development and girls or boys groups to name a few. The school is currently looking at some options for me to run some groups, most likely during the Friday electives. I look forward to this and contributing to students’ learning in this way.

If you have any questions or would like to chat feel free to make a time through the school office. I am at school on Mondays and Fridays. I hope to meet some more of you soon.

Nicci Pringle was the winner of the $30 Coffee Club Voucher

Ruth (Chaplain)

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**Help Us Win $5,000 to Improve Our School**

At Aspley Special School we believe it’s very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the adidas School Fun Run – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we have been eligible to enter a program called ‘CUA Community Care’ that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia’s largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to purchase The Sensory Guru’s Magic Carpet for the Multi-sensory Interactive Learning Environment which is being established this year.

We’re up against 8 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Voting is open from 29 July – 23 August and you can register your vote online at [www.communitycare.com.au](http://www.communitycare.com.au) and in CUA’s Westfield Chermside branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. So, please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school!

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**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.

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**Uniform Shop Days**

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Kingfisher Recycling Centre

Please find below a list of items that the Kingfisher Recycling Centre accepts.

• Televisions
• Cardboard
• Paper and Newspaper
• Egg Cartons
• Steel
• Copper
• Aluminium
• Aluminium Drink Cans
• Bottles eg: wine & spirits
• Jars
• Electrical equipment Eg: DVD players, stereo systems, radios
• Washing Machines, Dryers and Refrigerators (Household)
• Car Batteries
• Computers and Laptops
• Spectacles
• Phones
• Wire
• Books and Magazines

Kingfisher Recycling Centre DOES NOT TAKE:-

• Furniture
• Large Commercial Refrigerators
• Clothing
• Mattresses
• Sheet Glass
• Printers
• Foam
• Toys
• Plastic Bottles

Thank you
Graeme
Local Giving Program
The Good Guys strongly believe in strengthening the communities in which we operate by supporting essential services, programs and projects at a grassroots level.

As a result of our commitment to helping others, we are pleased to confirm that The Good Guys Carseldine would like to support Aspley Special Schools as part of their 2013/2014 Local Giving Program.

The Good Guys Local Giving Program was launched in 2006 and has raised more than $5 million dollars for over 150 community organisations around Australia, and is managed internally by The Good Guys Foundation.

The way that we execute and communicate our program in-store is by using a Token Box system. Our customers are given the power to ultimately decide which of our Cause Partners (community partners) will receive funding. They do this by placing a heart shaped token in a box corresponding to each charity. In summary:

- Each store has a Cause Token Box
- The Token Box has 2 or 3 compartments (depending on size), each representing a nominated not-for-profit organisation, including yours
- Customers are given a heart shaped token each time they purchase an item in-store
- The customer is invited to vote for their preferred community organisation by placing the token into the Token Box
- At the end of each financial quarter, the store will estimate the percentage of tokens in each compartment of the Token Box and the donations will be distributed accordingly

SO PLEASE CONSIDER SHOPPING AT THE GOOD GUYS CARSELDINE AND IF YOU DO BE SURE TO PUT A TOKEN IN THE ASPLEY SPECIAL SCHOOL DONATION BOX

Pave the Way
Pave the Way is a not-for-profit organisation working with families all over Queensland to plan for the future of their family member with a disability.
We are holding a free 1-day workshop for those families and friends at the Grange on 31st July 2013.

WHEN: Wednesday 31st July 2013
WHERE: Grange Thistle Soccer Club
 Prince Street, The Grange

Bookings are essential so please phone 3291 5800 or 1300 554 402 or email pavetheway@pavetheway.org.au
Recipes from the office
Pumpkin Ring Cake

1 cup vegetable oil
3 eggs
400g pumpkin (cooked and mashed)
1 teaspoon vanilla essence
2 ½ cups sugar
2 ½ cups Plain flour
1 teaspoon bicarb soda
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon ground allspice
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cloves
¼ cup chopped nuts (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees C.
2. Grease a ring tin.
3. Cream oil, beaten eggs, pumpkin and vanilla together.
4. Sift the flour, sugar, bicarb soda, ground nutmeg, ground allspice, ground cinnamon, ground cloves together. Add the flour mixture to the pumpkin mixture and mix until just combined. If desired, stir in the chopped nuts. Pour batter into ring tin.
5. Bake for 1 hour or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Let cake cool in pan for 5 minutes then turn out onto a plate and sprinkle with icing sugar.

The Frothee Coffee Shoppee
Dates for Term 3 2013 (2 sittings – 10am and 11am)
16th August
23rd August
30th August
06th September
13th September

Operating hours 10am - 12noon. Bookings are essential as space is limited.
Phone 3867 2333 to make a booking.
Aspley Art and Wine Show Update

The Art and Wine Auction held on Friday 13th September has all of the staff and students abuzz with excitement. Many classes have been working hard on their chosen mediums to start producing their amazing works of art that will be on sale throughout the evening.

The significance of the fundraising that we achieve from this biennial event cannot be understated. Not only are students learning a great deal about artistic style and presentation, but they are having great fun while doing so. Check out the amazing work from Brad and his class M2! For the final products watch this space... And remember, your support is vital for the success of this event.
BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKSHOPS

Last term at Aspley Special School . . . .
We had a mix of participants, including students, parents, neighbours and friends, aides and families and cleaning staff. Learning compost making with Adrian Holbeck was fun as we got to layer our lasagne and turn it each week to make a lovely nutrient rich mix for our garden beds. We raised many vegies from seed and planted them at home or in our new garden beds which we also layered lasagne-like to make “no dig” beds.
Future activity will include building permanent compost sites and making more garden beds for our green fingers.
Every second Saturday an activity is held, so come along and learn how to plant and raise your own seeds, plant according to the seasons and enjoy vegies you have raised.
Next meeting: Saturday 3 August, Kingfisher Centre, 8am onwards.
HOLIDAY WORKING BEE FOR STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

During the recent holidays we were very lucky to receive the offer of help in the garden from the Dawson family, so Shaun (garden assistant and former student) and Alison arrived bright and early one morning and began the task of spreading 30 bags of chicken manure on top of several bags of gypsum on the clay-based soil outside the hall. We covered this with dolomite (to sweeten it) and then began the job of driving the ute to the aged mulch piles at Kingfisher. Alison managed to drive the ute into some very tight positions so we just had to shovel mulch onto the cab and then drive it back to the garden and shovel it off. Lachie, Joy, Matthew and Lewis were a great help and can be very proud of their efforts. Soon we hope to have some strawberries transplanted into the area we developed.
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- 4 anchor point
- seats 4 plus wheelchair
- all modifications done by Auto Extras & has blue modification plates

- Clarion touch screen with blue tooth & reverse camera
- New 17 inch mag wheels & 80% tyres
- Rego to March 2014

Contact Steve 0439310895
smithdenise1977@gmail.com
VOLUNTEERS IN THE GARDEN
Thursday morning is volunteer time for two locals who offer help to keep our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden looking tidy and productive. Cody Skinner and Ross Davidson can be seen assisting students with many tasks. Ross (a retired engineer) was responsible for taming the passionfruit vines into some sort of order and also ties up the numerous tomato plants that spill over the ground everywhere. Ross also secured the bottom of the fences around the old chicken run to try and keep the chooks secure!! He also fixes the wings of the “scarecrow” birds that whirl round and round. Thanks Ross.
Cody (Tanya’s son) also comes along to help Nathan, Nick, Josh and Stuart (and Daniel in semester one) in the school based work experience group as we do many manual gardening tasks before morning tea, like barrowing mulch and soil (we recently moved soil from the old chicken run into new garden beds outside the hall) and developed a garden in the community garden area for Nick. Cody was also fantastic helping to put gravel onto muddy tyre tracks when we had so much mud recently with the new classrooms being installed.
Dear Sir / Madam

Second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus has arrived - ensure your school community benefits

We are seeking your assistance to spread the word to families and students at your school that the second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus for 2013 is being paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help lighten the load of educational costs. Each year eligible families and students will receive up to $410 for primary students and $820 for secondary students. The first half was paid in January and the second half, paid in July, is designed to help with on-going mid-year expenses.

For your community, this means eligible families will have extra money on hand to help cover the costs of school excursions, winter uniforms, new stationery and other school supplies.

Please find enclosed 20 brochures containing important information about the Schoolkids Bonus, including the eligibility criteria, which you may wish to display at your school.

If you would like to receive additional brochures, they can be ordered (free of charge) by contacting us at schoolkidsbonus@fahcsia.gov.au

Thank you in advance for your support. If you would like to find out more about the Schoolkids Bonus please visit our website www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus.

Yours sincerely

Schoolkids Bonus Communication Team
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Images from the Darling Point Fun Run

Wednesday 24th July 2013
Day at the V8's!

About 40 students and staff went to watch the V8's at Willowbank.

It was very noisy! Especially when the jets flew over!

Look how great our new school caps look!

All the students had a great day!
Aspley Orchid Society Inc.
P.O. Box 323
Virginia BC 4014
Meetings held Community Hall,
Edinburgh Castle Rd. Wavell Heights.
Further information contact 3269 7537.
aspley@7mail.com
www.aspleyorchidsociety.com

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(Drink this voucher with you)

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