Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of term approaches, teachers have been busy writing End of Semester Report Cards which will be sent home with your child by the end of term. 2015 has brought some significant changes in relation to curriculum, assessment and reporting within Education Qld, particularly with the introduction of Individual Curriculum Plans (ICPs) and a new Reporting to Parents policy in relation to the achievement scales to be used in student reports. Anna Bamber, our Head of Curriculum, is creating an information brochure to explain the changes and reporting scales you will see in your child’s report card.

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. As of 2014, all parents, as opposed to a random selection, are invited to participate in the Parent/Caregiver Survey. All school staff also complete the survey and a sample of students are supported to participate in a simplified, alternative survey. More information about the surveys will be provided closer to the opening date. I encourage you to take this opportunity to participate in this survey.

The P&C will meet next Monday 15th June at 7pm in the Staffroom in the Administration building. It is never too late to consider becoming a member of our P&C and all parents/carers are welcome to attend at any time. When we return to school next term we will be asking for your help with a range of donations and support for our biggest fundraiser of the year, our annual Spring Art and Homemade Fair which will be held on Saturday 12th September.

As you know I will be commencing maternity leave from the beginning of next term. We now know that we will be welcoming Andrew Thompson (Principal of Ipswich West Special School), as Acting Principal for 2nd semester.

Regards
Helena

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**P & C General Meeting**

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 15th June at 7:00pm in the Administration Building. Everybody is welcome to attend.

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**Parent Support News 2015**

**Chat mornings:**

Everybody welcome – come along and meet other parents from school, enjoy their company have a coffee and a chat and a laugh!

For any interested parents – every second Tuesday in the staff room of the Administration Building from 9:30am – 11:30am

**Tuesday 23rd June from 9:30am**

Chat morning in the Administration Building. Please advise if a childminder is required.

**Mothers Dinner:**

**Tuesday 23rd June 2015 at 6:30pm**

Venue: Toscanis, Victoria Point. Cost $10.00 per head.

**Fathers Dinner:**

**Wednesday 24th June 2015 at 6:30pm**

Venue: Victoria Point Tavern, Victoria Point. Cost $10.00 per head.

Please RSVP the office on 3488 6333 by Friday 19th June if you would like to put your name down for either the Mothers Dinner or Fathers.

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**Pyjama Day at Redlands Special School**

STUDENTS and staff at Redlands Special School will be swapping their uniform for PJs on Thursday 25th June 2015 and bringing a gold coin donation to support children in foster care at risk of falling behind academically.

There are approximately 43,000 children currently living in foster care. It is estimated 75 per cent of these children will not complete schooling due to their background of neglect and trauma.

The Pyjama Foundation has a learning-based mentoring program where volunteers called Pyjama Angels visit a child up to 1.5 hours a week to read books, play educational games and work on their numeracy skills.

The Pyjama Foundation’s Founder Bronwyn Sheehan says she’s overwhelmed by the support given by schools throughout Australia. “It is so wonderful to see so many Australian children contribute to the lives of foster children who are less fortunate as them,” Ms Sheehan said.

All the funds raised will help the not-for-profit organisation recruit, screen and train more Pyjama Angels to support kids in care.

For more information visit [www.thepyjamafoundation.com](http://www.thepyjamafoundation.com)
Sensory Movie Day
Sunday 28th June at 11:00am
Capalaba Event Cinemas
Movie – Minions
Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs. Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring fire exit doors. Tickets are $8.00 each (children 2 yrs and under are free)

Calisto Park Equestrian Centre
Calisto Park Equestrian Centre (CPEC) based in Thornlands is a not-for-profit riding centre which aims to provide equine therapy and education to people who have a disability.
Services include:
Animal therapy including horse therapy and horsemanship.
Horse riding for people with a disability - diversional therapy includes craft, music and other activities to keep minds active.
Contact Melissa on 0401177187 or head direct to their website http://www.calistopark.com.au

Uniforms
Please be advised that we are no longer able to order 3XL red hoodie and hoodless jumpers and hats (as they is a minimum order for hats).
Orders are taking a little longer than hoped for at the moment due to ordering system issues. Estimated time of arrival for current orders is 2 weeks.
New orders for uniforms must be on the current price list order form which you can obtain from the office.

Calming Clothing for Kids
Finding clothing for children with Sensory Processing Disorder can be challenging. Discomfort can be felt by; itchy tags, harsh materials, and exposed seams. Calming Clothing for Kids has been designed for children with Sensory Processing Disorders (SPD) such as those experienced by children with Autism. Rett syndrome girls have also demonstrated a calming and very positive response to Calming Clothing. Calming Clothing originated when a mother, Valerie, engaged a designer to produce a garment that calmed her son, Billy. Valerie knew that weight on Billy’s shoulders or a weighted bag in his lap calmed him. Her idea was to create a discreet garment that Billy could wear in any environment that would give him the same kind of sensory feedback.

For more information please contact The Brainary on 1300931664 or email: info@thebrainary.com, web: thebrainary.com/shop/calming-clothing
*Please note: the use of any deep pressure/weighted therapy etc should first be discussed with an Occupational Therapist

Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have recently received awards –

Week ending – 29th May 2015
William – for using his words
Bobby – for pointing to his “More” card to request food
Sinclair – for communicating his needs
Corey – for waiting nicely in the bus line
Jesse – for participating well in class lessons this week

Week ending – 5th June 2015
Mikayla – for writing on her blue lines in her diary
Natasha – for learning to order her words when constructing sentences
Owen – for always doing beautiful listening through shared reading sessions
Rihanna – for beautiful listening
Isabella – for exchanging symbol cards when communicating
Sam – for good communication
Daniel – for great listening and following instructions
Jesse – for showing his patience and listening skills on our excursion
Dylan – for good effort with writing
John – for excellent communicating during class activities
Bonnie – for great communication skills during fruit and vegetable program
Keanu – for excellent sharing and listening at touch football
Andrew – for communicating using sentences

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