Dear Parents and Carers

This week brings the end of Semester One. While it is hard to believe that half the year is over, it has been a very busy but productive semester. When we return next term, teachers will be in contact with you to arrange a time to meet to discuss your child’s report card and progress over Semester One, and to review your child’s Individual Curriculum Plan (ICP) goals for Semester Two. Please take the time to meet with your child’s teacher either in person or over the phone.

As mentioned in the last newsletter the annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted online between 29 June and 31 July. Access details for logging on to the survey have been included with this newsletter (or sent home separately with your child if you receive the newsletter electronically). If you do not have access to the internet to complete the survey, please contact the school next term to arrange to come in and use a school computer.

You should have received home last week or this week, a flyer about the QSchools App and how to download it to your smartphone, tablet or computer. This App is a convenient way for the school to share information with you. When we publish new content to our school website including the newsletter, news items, events etc, the app is automatically updated with this information, making it easier for parents and carers to stay informed. Those of you who have already downloaded the App should receive a notification when this newsletter is uploaded!

The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion will be running again this year. We have gained some wonderful and much needed resources through this promotion over the last couple of years and ask you to once again support us by collecting stickers whenever you shop at Woolworths. The promotion will run next term from 15th July through to 8th September.

When school resumes after the holidays, the P&C will be asking for your help with a range of donations and support for the annual Spring Art and Home Made Fair which will be held on Saturday 12th September 2015. We are seeking in particular, any donations that could be used for raffles and a major prize draw. The P&C will be contacting businesses seeking either tax deductible donations or prize donations. If you know any business that would be willing to donate prizes (either monetary or goods) please contact the P&C via the school office (this is to ensure businesses are not approached more than once).

This annual event is our major fundraiser for the year and we are hoping to improve on our success from last year. We will be sending home lots of reminders early next term and counting on your support. If you would like to get prepared we will be asking for Jars (to make Recipe-in-a-Jar items for the Sweat Treat Stall), chocolate bars and blocks (not small bar share packs please), cans and bottles of soft drinks. All of these items will be used as prizes for the always popular lob a choc and ring toss games.

Thank you for your support this semester. I would like to wish all staff, students and families a safe and restful break and all the very best for the second half of 2015. I look forward to working with you all when I return in 2016.

Regards
Helena

P & C General Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 20th July at 7:00pm in the Administration Building. Everybody is welcome to attend.

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!

Dates and further details of our chat mornings, outings, and events will be advertised in the newsletter early in Term 3.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

From Wednesday 15th July 2015 to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every $10.00 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the sticker sheet in the Collection Box, either at school (located in the office) or at your local Woolworths, or send them in with your child to hand into their class teacher. Alternatively you can send your stickers in to school and we will put them onto a sticker sheet here. The amount of stickers your school collects will enable us to choose educational resources for the school from Modern Teaching Aids.
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

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

Dance Classes
Interested in enrolling your child in a dance studio? A local Thornlands based dance studio offers special needs classes. The classes are more jazz fun rather than structured dance moves and run for half an hour on a casual fees basis. The Dance Studio contact details can be obtained through the School Office.

Special Needs Disco
3rd Friday each month at Carindale PCYC –
Ph: 33249652  Website: www.pcy.org.au/carindale
Socialise with your mates, latest music videos
Lucky door prizes, canteen available
Wheelchair accessible
$5.00 Entry  Parent/s/Carer’s free
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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.

Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have recently received awards –
Week ending – 12th June 2015
Beau – for participating in class work
Brock – for improved listening throughout the school day
Andrew – for communicating by using words such as ‘I did’, ‘bowl’, and ‘ball’
Dana – for sharing and being kind to her friends
Stephen – for great communication and for always using a loud voice to ask for a turn
Harry – for excellent communicating during class activities
Week ending – 19th June 2015
Kaitlin – for always willing to share the class equipment and take turns during activities
Mitchell– for setting a great example for his peers by listening to his teachers and doing what is asked of him
Eli – for doing wonderful waiting and listening at our Early Years Fun Day
Indiana - for fantastic participation and waiting during the Fun Day activities
Emily - for great asking for help and helping other students
Dylan - for great listening in class
Jazmin - for listening to instructions throughout the school day
Dean - for listening well and following the class rules
Sara - for great listening at the Fun Day
Riley - for asking for help when needed
Serena - for catching the bus to school multiple times this week
Tyson - for excellent asking for help
Mathew - for great listening at the Fun Day
Toby-- for completing your first week at school
Bobby– for sharing resources during rotating activities
Jye – for good listening to teachers
Certificate of Appreciation for great leadership skills at our Early Years Fun Day has been awarded to the following students - Kingsley, Travis, Joshua, Owen, Joshua and Keenan