From the Principal...

Welcome to our newsletter this week.

It has been a busy time for all of us at school.

Last week we held an induction ceremony for our School Captains and Vice Captains followed by a morning tea for the Captains, their families and our guest speakers. This year our School Captains are Iain McLauchlan and Shelby Davis-Hill and Vice Captains are Stephanie Dixon and Shyan Evans. Congratulations to those students, I know they will represent our school very well.

We are moving ahead with the implementation of Four Blocks Literacy Program across the school. This program has been very successful for other special schools who have introduced this program into their school curriculums.

We are looking for volunteer helpers to be spotters during Hydrotherapy Programs. If you can assist please let me know.

Our SWPBS Committee is looking for a parent representative. Meetings are held once per month and start at 8:00am. Let me know if you would like to be a part of this team. It is a very worthwhile program that drives our school Behaviour Support Policy.

For the next fortnight our SWPBS focus is on “Positive Self Talk and Believing in Yourself”.

Our P&C AGM is on 17th March 2016 starting at 4:00pm. I encourage all parents to become a part of our P&C which does a wonderful job raising funds for our school that benefit all of our student body.

I hope you have a great fortnight and stay safe on the roads.

Regards

Jogie
Principal

Important Dates to Remember...

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<td>Thurs 24th March</td>
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<td>Good Friday</td>
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<td>Easter Monday</td>
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<td>Frist Day of Term 2</td>
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Don’t FORGET!
The following students have received the Principal’s Award:

**Friday 19th February 2016:**

Rhys S for improvement in his handwriting and written expression.

Alex A for improvement in his verbal communication skills.

**Friday 26th February 2016:**

Erin B for being responsible by assisting staff at school.

Tjanara S for being respectful towards staff and using her manners.

*Well done to these students, keep up the great work!*

**BIRTHDAYS...**

Cody - 1st March
Shia-Lee - 12th March

**BOOK CLUB**

Issue 2 of Book Club has been distributed to all students.

If you wish to place an order, please return all cash orders to Administration by Friday 11th March 2016.


If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Administration.

**RAVI & RIVA MILESTONES...**

Harley-Rose - 10
Nicholas - 10
Robert - 10
Owyn - 10
Kaj - 10
Charlotte - 10
Stevie - 10
Cheyanne - 10
Reece - 10
Alex A - 10
Kaleb - 10
Enosh - 10
Keanu - 10
Josh S - 10
Rhys S - 10
Rhys A - 10
Jamie - 10
Luke - 10
Lochlin - 10
Zachary - 10
Cody - 10
Amanda - 10
Courtney - 10
Alexis - 10
Raphael - 10
Angel - 10
Erin - 10
Raine - 10
Jesse H - 10
Travis - 10
Bailey - 10
Brian - 10
Samantha - 25

Congratulations to all of you and keep up the great work.
THE MORNING BULLETIN – MY FIRST YEAR

Each year The Morning Bulletin publish photographs of all Prep students commencing school from across Rockhampton and surrounding regions.

Please note that this year the My First Year feature will be published on Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

NATIONAL DISABILITY COORDINATION OFFICER (NDCO) PROGRAM

NDCO’s in Queensland have worked together to create and release the FREE mobile app – NDCO Qld.

These mobile apps are available for FREE DOWNLOAD from the iTunes and Google Play app stores.

The NDCO Qld apps contain important information for all people preparing to transition between school, training, higher education and employment. There’s information for parents and service providers assisting people to transition.

There’s additional information to assist people with a disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and also people from Culturally & Linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Once you’ve installed the NDCO Qld App on your phone or tablet, tap on the FUN STUFF icon on the home screen and enter the monthly draw for a chance to win a $100 gift voucher and you’ll also go into the draw in June for a brand new iPad Mini. The first monthly draw will be on Feb 29 so download and enter now to go into the draw.

Please refer to the attached flyer for full details.

AUTISM QUEENSLAND – COCKTAIL FUNDRAISER EVENT

Autism Queensland are holding their Cocktail Fundraiser Event on Saturday 21st May 2016 from 6.30pm at the Frenchville Sports Club in the Capricorn Room.

Tickets are $85.00 per person including canapes and drinks. The dress code is cocktail attire.

RSVP for the event by Monday 9th May 2016 by telephoning (07) 49234800, or by emailing rockhampton@autism.qld.com.au.

Please refer to the attached event flyer for full details.

NDIS COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT – DATE CLAIMER

Attached is a copy of the date claimer for the first half of 2016.

On one side of the attachment is a list of the workshops that CRU will be presenting as part of our NDIS Participant Readiness Strategy, in partnership with Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services. These workshops are only for people with disabilities and family members. CRU will conduct workshops in the Brisbane, Central Queensland and South West Queensland regions of the state. These workshops will not have an attendance fee as they are fully subsidised by the Department of Communities.

On the reverse side of the attachment you will see a list of workshops across the state. As is usual for CRU, each of these workshops will have a registration fee and each of these is open to people with disabilities, family members and people in paid roles.
Cocktail Fundraiser Event

Saturday 21st May 2016 from 6.30pm
Frenchville Sports Club—Capricorn Room
$85 per person including canapes and drinks
(2 Cocktails, Beer, Wine and Soft drinks)
Cocktail attire
Live Music from The Arisokatz
RSVP: by Monday 9th May 2016
rockhampton@autismqld.com.au or 4923 4800

All proceeds donated to Autism Qld The John Villiers centre of Excellence Central Queensland in Rockhampton
What do we need to be ready for the NDIS?
The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of supporting people with a disability that is starting in Queensland soon. Taking Charge of Change is a full day interactive workshop which talks about what we know about the NDIS, and some practical things people with disability and their families can do now to get ready. Making the Most of the NDIS is a new series of short workshops that provide information about the NDIS and help people to think about how to best use the opportunities offered by the new scheme.

These workshops are for people with a disability, their families and close friends who are interested in exploring what they can do to assist people with a disability to be ready when the NDIS starts in Queensland. More detailed flyers and updates will follow. For more information see www.cru.org.au

### Making the Most of the NDIS
Short workshops

**February**
- 3rd: CRU office, South Brisbane evening
- 9th: Brolga Theatre, Maryborough
- 10th: Hervey Bay RSL, Hervey Bay
- 12th: Lockyer Valley Function Centre, Gatton
- 16th-17th: Grand Hotel, Gladstone
- 18th: CRU office, South Brisbane evening

**March**
- 2nd: CRU office, South Brisbane evening
- 14th-15th: Rockhampton Leagues Club
- 17th: CRU office, South Brisbane evening
- TBC: Bundaberg

### Taking Charge of Change
Full day workshops

**February**
- 4th: Kedron Wavell Services Club, Chermside
- 13th: Mount Gravatt Bowls Club, Mount Gravatt
- 24th: Alara Training Room, Esk

**March**
- 5th: Jindalee Hotel, Jindalee

**Dates to be confirmed**
Brisbane: Young Families Taking Charge
Ipswich: Young Families Taking Charge

Stay tuned for more NDIS Participant Readiness events to be scheduled up to June. CRU also has capacity to run some additional short sessions. If you have a group that would benefit, please get in touch.
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<td>Feb 17, March 16, April 13</td>
<td>Introduction to Facilitation</td>
<td>Brisbane</td>
<td>Catherine Allen Suellen Welch</td>
<td>A practical, applied course for people wanting to learn how to facilitate groups. This involves three work days, a practicum component &amp; take-home tasks.</td>
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<td>March 1</td>
<td>Inclusive Education</td>
<td>CRU Office South Brisbane</td>
<td>Prof. Suzanne Carrington</td>
<td>An evening discussion encouraging parents to consider what they can do to get off to a good start in developing an effective partnership with their child's school. The presentation will include a mix of practical tips and links to policy &amp; research.</td>
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<td>March 10</td>
<td>CRUcial Conversation -Supporting people with disability to get the good things in life</td>
<td>Bowen</td>
<td>Suellen Welch</td>
<td>A short evening session will looking at how families, friends and workers can best support people with disability to live valued, connected and meaningful lives in their communities. Open to people with disability, family members and workers.</td>
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<td>March 11</td>
<td>Getting to the Heart of What Matters: Training for Support Workers</td>
<td>Bowen</td>
<td>Suellen Welch</td>
<td>This workshop for support workers continues on from the previous evening session exploring the essential purpose of their role when working with people with disability to get the good things in life. Participants must attend the session on the previous night.</td>
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<td>March 22</td>
<td>Self-Direction for Bigger and Better Lives</td>
<td>Robina Gold Coast</td>
<td>Jane Sherwin</td>
<td>This workshop outlines and explores a self-direction framework that is likely to bring benefits to people with disabilities, their families, support workers, team leaders &amp; managers in the sector.</td>
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<td>Getting to the Heart of What Matters: Training for Support Workers</td>
<td>Warwick</td>
<td>Bridget Wickert</td>
<td>This workshop encourages support workers to critically reflect upon the essential purpose of their role. This includes the values that underpin and drive “support”, particularly in relation to valued roles &amp; community belonging.</td>
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<td>April 20</td>
<td>Responding Well to People with “Challenging Behaviours”</td>
<td>Cairns</td>
<td>Ann Greer &amp; Rod Mills</td>
<td>This practical, down-to-earth training will deepen understanding about the situations in which people labelled with ‘challenging behaviour’ find themselves. Strategies to support people in a positive way, even when those needs are complex, will be explored.</td>
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<td>Woombye Sunshine Coast</td>
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More detailed flyers & updates will follow during the year and we will continue to put information on our website. Further info - www.cru.org.au or (07) 3844 2211
NDCO’s in Queensland are pleased to announce the publication of the

NDCO Qld mobile app

The NDCO Qld mobile app is available for iPhones, iPads and Android phones and tablets. The app brings together all the major national and Queensland resources that have been developed by NDCO’s to optimise the training and employment outcomes for people with disability.

The app is an important resources for students and their families, jobseekers and service providers in the education, training, higher education, employment and community sectors that support the transition of people with disability.

Download and install the app on your phone and tablet, fill in the form within the app and go into the monthly draw to win great prizes and the main prize of an iPad Mini.

You can also get additional entries in the prize draws by subscribing to our discussion groups within the app.

Download the app from the app stores or scan:

iPhone:

Android:

Windows: click here
March 2016

Hello from the Manual Arts Workshop

It’s quite difficult to believe that the first term is nearly over and that the Easter holidays are only three weeks away. At this stage the students are approximately half way to completing their first project for the year. The Transition and Senior classes are making a Jewellery Box (which may be used to store many things other than jewels) and the Middle classes are making a Coffee Cup Holder. Primary 2 students are making a container to store their workbooks in

The photos show some of the students working on their projects..

The students spent the first week back at school revising the Safety Rules for the Workshop.

Constant reinforcement of the correct safety procedures is an important part of being in the workshop and the students are well aware of, and follow these rules.

Until next term,

Don Howes
Manual Arts Teacher
For Senior 1, Learning’s Fun

This term Senior 1 is having a blast at the start of the year. The students are busy working on the four blocks early in the morning. They read different shared reading and guided reading books at their level, work on the letters of the week and write words or sentences.

In Science, the students had been learning about what living things need to grow. Moreover, the students labeled the different parts of the plants and their functions.

In history, we talked about the significance of Australia Day and what people do to celebrate the day.

This term, it is such fun learning and working together with everyone in the class. We are looking forward to more great learning opportunities.