20 February 2012

From the Principal’s Desk:

On Thursday, February 10, we welcomed our new school leaders for 2012 with our Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony. Our guest speaker, Zoe Panzenhagen, who graduated from our school in 2005, spoke to our students about her leadership development at school and how these experiences have helped in her studies and career since school. Thanks to Zoe and also to Allan Sutherland, Carryn Sullivan and Greg Chippendale, for being a part of this ceremony and to the many parents who attended to celebrate with our student leaders. Congratulations to these students on their appointments and I look forward to working with all the school’s leaders in growing the culture of our school.

Our leadership camp for Year 12 students was a very positive experience for all involved. I was most impressed by the cooperation and support displayed by the students and it was a great way to start their final year of schooling.

Congratulations to all students who contributed to the success of the school swimming carnival. It was a very enjoyable day and the students from all Houses demonstrated plenty of enthusiasm and energy. I have received several comments from other pool visitors and the proprietors of the pool on the excellent behaviour of our students. Well done.

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed the questionnaire for our Quadrennial School Review. Your input is much appreciated and will help us in our planning for improvement over the next four years. At our first Parents and Citizens Meeting of the year on Wednesday, February 22, I will present the findings of the surveys of parents, students and teachers and discuss the implications for our strategic plan.

Thanks also to the parents and carers of our Year 8 students, who attended our Year 8 Parent Evening last week. Those who attended were given a pamphlet; ‘A Parent’s Guide to Help Your Child’s Learning at Caboolture.’ This will be distributed to all families within the next week to help you in the critical role you play in helping support the education of your children. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact me at school. Thanks again for your support of the school and I look forward to seeing you at our first P&C Meeting.

Jim Box

School Vice Captains - Benjamin Little and Emily Chaplin
& School Captains - Cassidy Embrey and Aaron Young.

Alycia Wyllie – Treasurer, Lauren Stack – President,
Bailey Chandler – Vice-President, Nicolas Cruz – Sports Committee Chairperson, Alex Hitchin – Environment Committee Chairperson, Melaine-Lee Attridge – Secretary, Amber Emmons – Student Social Chairperson.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

A very big welcome to all our Year 10, 11 and 12 students to 2012, a year when many of you will be making important decisions that impact on your future. The busy year has begun with special programs already in place during your Access lessons, according to your year level.

For Year 12s, the focus has been on Leadership and the responsibilities as a Senior of Caboolture High. Congratulations on the participation and enthusiasm displayed by those attending the Year 12 Camp at Noosa! It was wonderful to see (and hear) the support and encouragement given to one another. Your leadership skills and hidden talents were also well demonstrated at the recent Swimming Carnival. Our OP eligible
students have commenced their QCS (Queensland Core Skills) preparation for the QCS Test on 4th and 5th September. These practices become vital for our School's overall Senior results, especially for our OP students. Our non-OP students will have special enrichment programs during Access time.

Many of our Year 11 students have been working as SAFE Leaders with our new Year 8s, helping them to adjust to life in a big High School. Our 2012 Student Council has been elected – congratulations to our new Office Bearers. Our Student Co-ordinator, Mr Young, has programs ready to assist students in coping with the demands and expectations of their senior studies if they are to obtain a QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) at the end of 2013.

Special congratulations must be extended to the number of Year 11 students who already have a School-Based Traineeship – you are creating important career options already! Year 12 School-based Trainees are continuing with theirs from 2011, a couple of students already well on track for early completions. From the last week of 2011 Structured Workplace Learning, a number of students have obtained either part-time work or enhanced future employment opportunities. The School sincerely thanks all the employers who participated throughout 2011.

For Year 10s, it is the year of investigation and decisions. Already during Access, talks have focussed on establishing possible career paths following the completion of your senior studies. The preparation of individual SET Plans, after the completion of the School's Career Education program, will highlight these decisions. Till then, it is focus and concerted effort to achieve rewarding Term 1 results.

All in all, a very busy time.

Vivian Harrold – HOD- Senior Schooling

Despite the interruption of the flooding during week 1, we’ve had a fantastic start to the 2012 school year. There are many events fast approaching for our middle school students.

Year 8

A big welcome to our new Year 8 students and families! Transition has gone well for the Year 8 students and it appears that the majority of them have already settled into Caboolture SHS. If your child is having some difficulties adapting to high school life, please do not hesitate to let me know.

A Parent Information Night was held on Wednesday, 15th February, for parents/care givers of Year 8 students to meet the staff. Teachers discussed their expectations regarding class work, homework and assessment, along with answering any questions. If you weren’t able to attend the evening, we encourage you to either contact the classroom teacher by phone, or communicate with them through the use of the CSHS student diary.

In March, there will be a Year 8 camp held at Currimundi Recreational Centre. We have a large number of Year 8s attending the camp this year and have already confirmed numbers with the camp ground. If however, you would like your child to attend (and haven’t already returned your forms), please contact the school ASAP and we can check if there are any positions vacant. This camp will provide new Year 8 students with an opportunity to get to know other students better, not necessarily from their house or core classes, and focus on team building skills. It has proven to be successful in the past and our staff and students are excited about this upcoming adventure!

High school can be a very rewarding experience but, as with anything in life, you only get out of it what you put in. We encourage our Year 8s to grasp this thought with both hands and use it to do their best in order to get the most out of their time here at CSHS.

Year 9

Our Year 9 students have already started their preparation for the upcoming NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) test on 15th-17th May. NAPLAN has six tests written over the 3-day period: Reading, Language Conventions, Writing (persuasive text), Numeracy (calculator allowed) and Numeracy (non-calculator). As part of the preparation for these tests, students will participate in practice tests, under strict exam conditions, to help familiarise themselves to the process. As well as these formal test programs, and rotation NAPLAN focus days in Term 2, new programs have been established this year, with the Year 9 students undergoing a spelling program during their house groups and a new homework program set by their Access teachers. Students are also undertaking extra literacy and numeracy sessions during both core and elective classes. Old
test papers and further information is available to parents on the NAPLAN website (http://www.naplan.edu.au/).

Learning Support

Our learning support class lists (LST) have been finalised and students received new timetables in week 3. There has been a lot of movement and letters to parents will be distributed in the coming week to notify you if your student will be undertaking the LST class or if, due to further testing, your child has been removed from the program.

Again, welcome to 2012, and I look forward to working with you in partnership so your child can achieve to their full potential.

Sarah Brady – A/HOD– Middle Schooling

BEACON

2012 is the second year that Caboolture State High School has been involved with the Beacon Foundation. The Beacon Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that strives to connect young people with suitable role models to ensure they are on the right path for their future. Beacon believes that every young Australian can develop an independent will to achieve personal success for themselves and their community.

Beacon’s programs support our Yr 10 students to develop a positive pathway focus, through engaging and influencing the attitudes and behaviour of the broader community. By harnessing community involvement, it works within schools to ensure young people are either learning or earning at vulnerable transition points in their lives. The program also offers students an opportunity to learn and display leadership skills through the Beacon Student Ambassador role. The Beacon Student Ambassadors are elected from within the cohort and will be involved in organising, preparing and hosting Beacon events, helping to inspire their peers to aim high and will collaborate with local businesses and community organisations. Congratulations to the Beacon Student Ambassadors for 2012.

Carl Wolfenden, Isabella Warren, Victoria Kavanagh, Brooke Bain-Gehrke, Dana Pocock, Rachelle Young, Mitchell Orupold, Jessica Dann (Co-ordinator), Alice Cork, Jade Leishmann (Beacon Partnerships Manager), Daniel Macmahon, Izzac Alves.

This term, the Student Ambassadors will attend a training day to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to take on this important role. We then look forward to the Breakfast Launch in March, where we will introduce and explain the Beacon program to local businesses and the wider community. Another exciting year ahead!

Jessica Dann - Beacon Co-ordinator

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

MORETON MUDDIES

Good work on the Swimming Carnival Moreton! Thank you to everyone who participated – especially the Year 8s. We shredded everyone!!! Keep up the good work!

Moreton Captains 2012 - Louis Sheehan and Brittany-Marie Smith
Moreton Leaders 2012 – Nyssa Hartnett, Katie Phillips and Brittany Williams

BRIBIE BULLDOGS

Congratulations goes to many of our Bribie House members, who deserve an ‘A’ for effort. There was no doubting who we were – it was like a Red Sea in the Bribie stands, thanks to all the students who turned up in House colours!

Congratulations to our recently elected House Captains - Zac De Groot and Moira Fono and our House Leaders - Hayley Brown, Lauren Dart and Stephanie Wedley.

Our House Captains and Leaders put in a great effort, showing responsibility, leadership, determination and grit. Many thanks to all our swimmers. Keep up the good work for all the Carnivals.

Thunder, Thunder, Thunderation
We got the Red Team
Generation
We got the Power
We got the Might
So come on Bribie
Let’s Fight, Fight, FIGHT
B .. R .. I .. B .. I .. E
BRIBIE!

Next stop, the Cross Country – look out everyone, Bulldogs are great runners!

FRASER FROGS

Congratulations on your participation and efforts in the swimming carnival. You all did so well and earned our house a good number of points. Thank you to all those who helped out on the day and those who participated in the events. A special thanks to everybody who joined in the war cry competition, which Fraser won!

Congratulations to the swimmers that stood out on the day - top effort guys! A special thanks to Jenna Werahiko and Lachlan
Holloway for helping out and for their tremendous team spirit - keep it up. We are looking forward to seeing the sea of green supporters and athletes at our next carnivals later in the year.

All the best, from your house leaders and captains.

Jordan Tupai Ui and Regina Aiiloilo

Kaitlin Michie, Jeremy Wooldridge, Sarah Fletcher, Katelyn Wagner and Michaela Reibelt.

Fraser Captains 2012 - Sarah Fletcher and Jeremy Wooldridge
Fraser Leaders 2012 - Michaela Reibelt, Katelyn Wagner, Kaitlin Michie

STRADBROKE SHARKS

Whilst the flying Chomper didn’t make an appearance at the aquatic centre last Monday, there were plenty of other sharks attending the swimming carnival. The spirit and enthusiasm of the students of Straddie House was great to see, with lots of blue clothes, hair and other decorations in evidence.

Special mention must be made of Raileigh Maurer, who went to extraordinary lengths to demonstrate his support of our great house. Not only was that spirit shown in the stands, we had plenty of enthusiasm being displayed in the pool, with Straddie swimmers filling nearly all events, including having at least one team in every relay race at the end of the day. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the efforts of our student leaders and other senior helpers, who made sure our students got to races on time and attempted to do their best. If we can maintain this level of support and enthusiasm throughout the year, we sharks are all going to fly in 2012.

Stradbroke Captains – Zach Garner & Ellen Teata
Stradbroke Leaders – Thomas Hobbs, Brandon Peij and Jessica Rimmington.

ICT NEWS

eSenior

84 Year 11 students have accepted the offer to be part of Caboolture State High School’s new ICT program, eSenior. After a distribution flurry (not helped by the flooding rains), and getting our heads around a new computer platform and image, things seem to be settling down to the positive learning routine that eSenior should be all about, with electronic textbooks complementing the traditional version and students able to access any resource any time. Should they decide this style of learning could be beneficial to them, other eligible students are welcome to join.

Marcus O’Toole, Corey Scott & Brandon Rufus

Nick Cruz, Mitchell Milner and Connor Mosca

Tiana Johnson, Rylee Dobson, Matt Proberts and Stevie Calleija

National Secondary Schools Computer Fund-Round 3

We’ve begun the 2012 school year with an additional 439 computers, thanks to the NSSCF. Big thanks to our technicians and the hours they put in to receive and set up these machines. Some of the new resources constitute the eSenior laptops used by Year 11s, while many are housed in trolleys around the school to improve ICT access for all students. Some are also iPads, which are providing an opportunity for new ways to access and use ICT in the classroom.

Year 12 Home Economics students are first to use the new Acers, set up with our Health programs as well as wireless access to general school resources, the Internet and printers.

Natalie Damen and Joshua Alderman

Natalie Wierenga and James Bassett
LearnIT

Our LearnIT students in Year 8 this year are venturing into new territory, being our first group to use tablet computers. These add a new dimension to computer use with their interactive features. Students have plenty of options when it comes to deciding whether they'll work traditionally, or use the stylus, or with the screen docked or not. Plenty of fun to be had while learning – as it should be.

Tamara Hobson and Luke Walters

Cheyne Francis and Helaina Cousins

Corey Fritz and Bailyn Woulfe

Screen It

Last November, we awaited the results of this annual competition for two of our students. We’ve since been notified that both Maddison Bathurst and Ian Hall came runner up for their games designed in Gamemaker. These are great results in a national competition against many other students. Well done, Maddison and Ian!

Winning entries can be viewed at http://www.acmi.net.au/screenit.htm

Winner!

Shazura Lawrence topped off an outstanding 2011 by winning the Tell it Digitally Competition, in which she told the story of the growth and changes of our school buildings as part of our 50th anniversary. Well done, Shazura, and thanks for the three iPod touches you won for us!

Students can see Shazura’s entry here on the Learning Place: https://students.learningplace.eq.edu.au/lp/pages/default.aspx?pid=11058

Carolyn Bradley - HOD ICT Services

SOCIAL SCIENCE AND BUSINESS – A GREAT START

The last four weeks has seen Social Science and Business students engaging with their first unit of work. 2012 sees a change to the curriculum structure, to prepare for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum: History in 2013. All Year 8 students now do a semester of History and Geography, as well as a semester of History in Years 9 and 10. The Year 8’s have either just completed a unit on History Skills or are working on a Geography photo montage of different biomes. The Year 9 History students are working on their first unit called Discovering Democracy, while the Year 10 history students are being introduced to the ancient world.

The Year 8 Geography students received last week, a letter inviting them to participate in the Australian Geography Competition. The entry fee is $3. We encourage all students to give it a go. For those more historically minded, the Australian History Competition will occur at the end of May 2012.

At the end of February, a team of four Year 12 Legal Studies students will represent Caboolture SHS at the Schools Constitutional Convention at Parliament House. Good luck to them.

All in all, senior students are working well in their respective subjects (Ancient History, Business Communication Technologies, Certificate II in Business, Geography, Information Technology Systems, Legal Studies, and Certificate II in Workplace Practices), and middle school students are busy with their subjects (Geography, History, and Information Technology & Multimedia).

We welcome several new teachers to our faculty and hope that students will appreciate the learning experience they bring to the classroom.

Hopefully all students have settled into their new classes and we wish them a successful and rewarding year.

Dr Glenn Davies – HOD – Social Science & Business
Welcome everybody. For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Mrs Carter. I am the Indigenous Coordinator here at school. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our previous students and all the new students joining us at Caboolture State High.

My job consists of supporting students in their subjects with class activities and assessments, co-ordinating Indigenous cultural activities, liaising with teaching staff and parents/carers regarding student progress, and communicate with community members and Elders.

We have an allocated, air-conditioned room for Indigenous students at the top of F Block stairwell for cultural studies. This room, equipped with computers, internet and printing, is for students to work on any school activities with my assistance, or just to come up and say hi or have a chat. The room is also used for a quiet space if students need extra support with their exams.

Another program we have in the student room is Breakfast Club. The room is open from 8am-9am, Monday and Tuesday each week for the students to work towards/complete assessments or homework during breakfast.

We have had a great start to the year, with Steve Price visiting the Yr 8 students. His motivating talk was about attending school every day, respecting themselves and the school environment and always trying their best. The students signed a contract with Steve and those that achieve the goal will be rewarded at the end of term.

Wendell Sailor also visited our school on the 17th February in Period 1 to launch the ARTIE program. All Yr levels attended a talk from Wendell about goal setting, school attendance, their effort in class and applying positive behaviour. These students will also be rewarded if their goal is achieved.

On the 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd February, Nurses and a Doctor from the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health clinic will be visiting our school. They will be performing an ears, eyes and health check on each student. This will be an annual event at the start of each school year, to assist in ensuring our students are ready to learn.

QUT students will be joining us late February to tutor our students in their class and give support. This was highly successful in 2011 and we look forward to more rewarding results.

During the year, we will be holding a meet-and-greet afternoon tea with old and new parents - all family members welcome. These times will be to discuss school issues and to involve parents more in our school community. I look forward to meeting you all and catching up on these occasions.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events. There will be more exciting news from our students.

Mrs Carmen Carter

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

Welcome back everyone! Term one has started really well down here at the chappy room - we are having some good discussions in lunch times and just enjoying a safe place to relax. Already this year, some other things have been happening, including Yr 8 RE lessons, preparation for a boys group later this term and some good times at the swimming carnival. I look forward to seeing everyone around the school over the following couple of weeks. Everyone is invited to pop your head into the chappy room and catch up when you have a moment. Keep up the good work.

God Bless, Mark Bellamy

UNIFORM AND STATIONERY SHOP

We would like to thank the school community for their continued support during the very successful Back-to-School trading period of 2012. Thank you also to the volunteers who, once again, willingly gave their time to assist with sales.

Uniform and Stationery Shop hours are 8.30am to 2.30pm each school day. We ask that customers please sign in at the front office before coming to the shop.

Jumpers have arrived and can now be purchased for $35.00.

Marlene Staatz, Dianna Mellino & Tania John

ABSENTEE TEXT MESSAGE PROCEDURES

As many parents/guardians are aware, if the school is not notified of your child’s absence, a text message is sent to the first parent/guardian on our database requesting an explanation for this. When you are replying by text, please remember to state the student’s name and each date absent. If dates are not stated and there is more than one recent absence, it is difficult to know which absence is being explained.
CHOOSE HEALTHY FOOD AND DRINK

Food is to be enjoyed! It is, however, important to be aware of the types of food we are putting into our bodies. Here are a few tips to help you choose healthy options. These choices will help to maximise positive health outcomes for life.

The facts are:
- Healthy eating is a key to a longer, enjoyable life.
- Good nutrition protects against diseases, such as type 2 diabetes and heart disease.
- Only 10% of adults eat enough vegetables for good health.
- Most people consume too much salt, saturated fat and sugar in their food and drinks.

A guide to healthy eating:
- Enjoy a variety of nutritious foods every day.
- Eat plenty of vegetables, fruit and legumes (also known as pulses, such as chickpeas & lentils).
- Eat cereals including bread, pasta and noodles – preferably wholegrain.
- Include low fat milks, yoghurts, cheeses or alternatives, such as calcium enriched soy based products (low fat milk is not suitable for children under 2 years of age).
- Include lean meat, fish, poultry, eggs.
- Drink plenty of water.

Take care to:
- Limit saturated fat and moderate total fat intake.
- Choose foods low in salt and try not to add salt to your food.
- Limit food and drinks containing sugars and try not to add sugar to tea or coffee.

For more information, go to www.health.qld.gov.au or www.australia.gov.au/swapit or call 13HEALTH 13 43 25 84 for more advice or support. You may also contact me at school.

Marie Pritchard – School Based Youth Health Nurse

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SCHOOL DENTAL VAN

The School Dental Van is now at Caboolture State High School to treat Year 8, 9 and 10 students. Students wishing to receive treatment, must return dental forms by Friday, 24th February. If you have not received a dental form, please come to the van. The Dental Van is here for a limited time only and any late returns will have to follow the van to our next school. Any enquiries, please come and see us.

Van Staff

INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, may carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised the Department of Education and Training does not have student accident insurance cover for students.

If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents.

Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE

Please donate blood at Caboolture State High School – Tuesday, 28th February, 2012 between 8am and 3pm. See Mr Nieuwenhuizen in GS1 prior to this day, for your application form and appointment time. Donors aged 16 & 17 years – Please bring your Parent Consent Form signed by a parent, student ID and if you are a new donor, a completed enrolment form. By donating, you could save up to 3 lives.

Give the Gift of Life.
Give Blood.
Student accident insurance pays some benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident.

It is up to all parents to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child.

Please contact your insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if you wish to take out student personal accident insurance cover for your child.

**Gympie State High School – Centenary Celebrations**

**When:** Friday, 9th March to Sunday, 11th March, 2012  
**Where:** Gympie State High School with a reunion dinner at the Gympie Show Grounds  
**RSVP:** [www.gympieshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.gympieshs.eq.edu.au) or phone Lee Francis – 5482 8530 for further information on the variety of events.  
**Registration deadline - 24th February, 2012**

**Class of 1987 from Dakabin State High School - 25 Year Reunion**

**When:** Saturday, 9th June, 2012 – 5.30pm for registration, commencing at 6.30pm  
**Where:** Tavern – Function Room aka The Old Bungalow – 1517 Anzac Ave, Kallangur  
**Cost:** $45 per head – Cocktail Menu plus entertainment  
**Dress:** Smart Casual  
**RSVP:** E-mail: [1987dakabinreunion@gmail.com](mailto:1987dakabinreunion@gmail.com) with your address and contact details by 11th May, 2012, to receive your formal invitation and payment details

**School Financial Information**

New Program to commence in Term 2, 2012

I wish to advise of a major change in the computer program we use to manage school and student, personal and financial information here at the school, and to gain your support and patience with the office staff during the changeover to this new system in Term 2, 2012.

**OneSchool**

In 2008, the Department of Education and Training (DET) introduced the OneSchool application to schools as a new information management system. Each year, new functionality has been added to the application. In 2009, curriculum and assessment modules were made available, and in 2010, Timetabling functionality was released to all state schools in Queensland. After Easter vacation, the finance, asset and student management modules of this new package will be released. The new functionality will enable us to deliver improved services to parents for student enrolment and finance payment options.

**Security**

Strict protocols around security levels and access to the OneSchool application have been employed by DET to ensure the protection of data and privacy. Staff members are assigned a security level, which enables access to specific information and records about students enrolled at our school. These security levels restrict staff members to only the information they need, in order to be able to perform their duties. Only current departmental employees, who are legitimate users, are able to log on to the OneSchool application, (which requires complex passwords to gain access). Our school Principal, Mr Jim Box, decides who has access, and identifies the type of access each staff member requires to view or record data.

**Impact on Families**

In order to prepare for the migration of information from the current program to the new “OneSchool”, we will not be able to receive payments from March 26, until approximately April 16. CentrePay and Netbank payments will continue as normal, but will not be applied to your students account until after this time.

**Diverse Family Arrangements**

In the new program, we will be able to more accurately record the details of parents with whom the student lives or doesn’t live. By identifying information about ‘residential’ and ‘non residential’ parents, we will be able to distinguish which parent/parents are to receive correspondence, student report cards, invoices, etc. as well as who is to be identified as an emergency contact. Information can be updated or changed at any time it is required. Please make changes and return the attached personal information sheet if any details are not correct. Please note: Parent/Guardian 1 on the sheet is the residential parent on our new system.

**Payment of Invoices**

Some parents share the financial responsibility of any costs associated with their child’s education. With OneSchool, we are able to identify each person who is responsible for curriculum and non-curriculum type costs, and record the percentage for which each person is liable. Therefore, if you share financial responsibility, you will be invoiced only for the amount you are required to contribute, for only the charges for which you are liable. Please complete the sheet attached.

**Emailing Invoices**

Parents who provide us with their email address, will receive invoices via email. Please complete the following if you would like to use this option. Parents will be able to recognise the invoice emails, as the sender will be identified as the OneSchool application, with the subject line including the school name. The invoice will be attached to the email as a PDF document. Please remember, our office staff will be operating in a completely new computer environment. We ask that you are patient during this learning time.

_Brian Swile - Business Services Manager_