Teaching and Learning  It’s been a huge start to term two and we are now over half way through. At this time of the term it is timely that the school reminds students to stay focused on their learning. This week I spoke on assembly about persistence while trying to achieve our goals. Sometimes we struggle through difficult and challenging tasks, ‘sticking to it’ should allow us to achieve the goals that we set.

Sports Days and Celebration Evening 2016  Our Sports days are coming! Last fortnight I met with the grounds curator of the Gabba to finalise a date for our Sports Days. With the support of the P&C and school staff the sports day dates have been secured. The school’s sports days will be held in term three week on one Wednesday and Thursday. The school would like to thank the Gabba for making the field available for the school to use the grounds facilities. During this meeting I also had the opportunity to organise the date for the Celebration Evening which will be held on Tuesday 6 December.

Disco  The East Brisbane community had a fabulous night last fortnight at the Neon School Disco. It was a fabulous evening for all of the community members that attended the event. I have to give a huge shout out to the P&C for their fantastic organisation in particular Lyndall Munro our P&C president for her amazing organisation. Also a special mention needs to go to Lisa Cavanagh for organising a fantastic lucky door prize to watch the Lions play at the Gabba, this was won by Alyssa.

Under 8’s Day  Under 8’s day is always a fantastic celebration at the school. This year we are inviting all of our Prep to Year Two students to participate and also any of our students enrolled in Prep for 2017. There will be the usual activities with a few surprises for good measure. I hope to see you at the event on Thursday 23 June 9:15am-11:00am.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT  Recently I had the opportunity to attend a presentation regarding Cyber safety in schools. This has prompted me to review some of the school’s policies. I have been working in consultation with the school P&C to develop a Cyber Safety Policy and also a considerations policy that deals with issues of concern. If you would like to view these policies they are available from the office. There will be a feedback box also situated in the office for your feedback regarding these two documents. I will be taking these two policies to the next P&C meeting on Thursday 16 June.

CYBERSAFETY  This week the school held Cybersafety sessions with Bridget Boustead on Thursday for Years 4-6. Cybersafety refers to online behaviour that is safe, appropriate and responsible. Our students learnt more about how to be aware of the dangers and pitfalls that going online can cause. To help prevent cybersafety incidents, students were taught how to: * use technology appropriately and responsibly * behave in ways to enhance their own safety * never give away your home address, phone number, email address and passwords while online * treat strangers the same way online as you would in the real world. For more information please use the website developed by Education Queensland to support communities to be Cybersafe https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/health/cybersafety/pages/cybersafety-qss.html

3pm Bell  Once the 3pm bell has rung any students that have not been collected MUST go to the office so we are aware of who is on site and start the process of contacting parents if needed. It will also be a notification for parents to please leave the school grounds.

Finally at the end of term we have our rewards day. With so much happening we will be keeping you all update as things come up.

Sandy Hackshall  A/ Principal

Choir  The East Brisbane State School Choirs (all students in grade 1 and 2 and our Senior Choir) have been invited to perform at St Paul’s Fete and Music Festival on Saturday 4th of June. As well as fete stalls outside the church there is a music festival featuring schools from all over the district, performing in the beautiful historic church at 544 Vulture Street, East Brisbane. (This is the red brick church just up the hill on Vulture Street.) Our performance will begin at 2pm with Junior Choir and 2:15pm for Senior Choir. Please arrive in the Church hall at the back of the site (entrance through the kitchen to the right of the hall) by about 1:15pm so that we can warm-up. Please be prompt as I have two choirs to warm up and organise. Students will perform
wearing school uniform.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NAIDOC DAY  We will be having Our NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATION on TUESDAY 21st JUNE at 2.00PM in the School Hall with a special assembly and performances by our School Choir and our Indigenous students.

The Principal of Coorparoo Secondary College, Mr Jeff Barnett, is looking forward to welcoming all Budgie Cup participants on Friday 10th June. He would like to extend an invitation to all parents of the participating students to join him on a College Tour on that day. The tour will leave from the Administration Block at 9.30am. For catering purposes would interested parents please RSVP their intended attendance to Trudie Bailey on 3394 8820 or tbail121@eq.edu.au.

We would like to invite all parents to attend a FREE Parents’ Program on May 30th at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, **being held as part of the EduTECH International Congress & Expo running May 30-31.**

There is a full-day of free activities available - parents are welcome to attend as many activities as they like!

**AGENDA | May 30**

12:00-1:00pm | FREE Mother & Daughter Lunch
With Baroness Susan Greenfield (UK) hosted by Tech Girls Movement and Women in Science
Australia

2:30 - 6:00pm | Parents & Kids Challenge - Get robots through a maze
Visit the Makers Playground on the expo floor anytime between 2:30 - 6:00pm and work on getting robots through a maze

3:00 - 4:00pm | P&Cs QLD Interactive Workshop
Share and discover new and current digital communications in the education environment

4:30 - 6:15pm | Mini Seminar: Helping you help your kids
Presented by:
- Creel Price, Founder of Club Kidpreneur
- Dan Haeusler, Educator and writer
- Robyn Treyvaud, Founder of CyberSafeKids

6:15 - 6:45pm | Free Networking Drinks

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**Gotcha** | **Class** | **Student of the Week** | **Class**
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Darcy | PG | Joshua | PG
Indy | PP | Peter | PP
- | 1R | - | 1R
- | 1/2D | - | 1/2D
Lumay | 2/3N | Lillian | 2/3N
David | 3E | Audrey | 3E
- | 4M | Aria | 4M
Cameron | 4/5M | Alastair | 4/5M
Finn | 6B | Anna | 6B

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towards them or the decisions they make." If you can lend sometime on this day to assist our P & C in the canteen please return your note sent home with the permission slip.

Thank you to Warren from Oz Tag who attended our school the last two Thursdays and to go through the basics of Oz Tag and let students in Prep-Year 6 know of their local club by way of a flyer.

On June 2 all students in Prep - Year 6 will be involved in a talk by the SEAT Injury Prevention Program. Spinal injuries are caused by many accidents. I have asked for a focus on sporting injuries/water accidents that have lead to our presenters becoming wheelchair bound. I just wanted to advise you prior to this time just in case your children have any questions after the talk. We have had this program visit our school numerous times and I hope this enlightens students as well as making them aware of assisting people in need of our help at times.

Here's an interesting article from St Laurence Colleges newsletter: “The Role of Siblings”

It’s interesting to consider the role siblings can play in the athletic development pathway of our children. Nature vs Nurture: where do you sit in the birth order of your family? Generally speaking, you need genetic prowess to perform athletic feats at the highest level. However what if I was to say nurture is just as important as genetics when it comes to the 100m sprint? Really...

How on earth could that be? Let’s take a look at the 8 previous 100-meter world-record progressions, and to make things interesting I’ll add the birth-order they were born out of their siblings in brackets. 1. Usain Bolt (second out of three children), 2. Asafa Powell (sixth of six), 3. Justin Gatlin (fourth of four), 4. Maurice Greene (fourth of four), 5. Donovan Bailey (third of three), 6. Leroy Burrell (fourth of five), 7. Carl Lewis (third of four), 8. Calvin Smith (sixth of eight). While the sample size is small, the pattern is clear. Of the eight men on the list, none of them were firstborn, and all were born in the second half of his family’s birth order. In all, history’s fastest runners were born, on average, fourth in families of 4.6 children. Furthermore, a similar result is also found with the top ten all-time NFL running backs in rushing yardage (3.2 out of families with 4.4 kids). This pattern strikes us as surprising, because speed looks like a gift. It feels like a gift, and yet this pattern suggests that speed is not purely a gift but a skill that can be developed. If you have an older sibling, have they ever bossed your younger sibling around? Made them fetch something they wanted, tried chasing them down for a ‘polite’ beating or better yet timel then to complete a task? Interesting whether true or false.

Yours in Sport
Karen Florager

Prep G and P Class News  Focusing on Phonics - This week in Prep the children have begun the exciting phase of their phonics learning where they are beginning to learn that while all letters have a sound which they make when they are on their own, sometimes they partner with another letter to make a completely different sound. These letter combinations are called digraphs and they require concentrated revisiting and practice on the part of the children to take this new knowledge on board. For example, having learnt that letter a makes the short “a” sound and letter i makes the short “i” sound it is challenging for many of the children to transition to understanding that when they see these 2 letters beside each other they now make a new sound – the long “A” sound. Please continue to revisit these sounds frequently as Phonics homework comes home each week. The more the children listen to these long vowel sounds in words and acknowledge the rule they have learnt for writing those sounds, the more confident they will become with reading and writing words which have these long vowel sounds in them.

Thank you for your continued support with homework tasks. Revisiting classroom learning as part of homework certainly helps your child consolidate their knowledge. Thank you also for the continued focus of “Reading” with your children each night. It is exciting to see the progress being made by children as a direct result of your support and by giving them opportunities to read their “Home Readers” daily. The fluency that comes with multiple opportunities to read the same book is a very important aspect of reading development.

Our weekly Philosophy lessons continue to be a greatly anticipated time of learning. We are currently exploring the topic of “Success” with the Prep children, and what it means to be successful learners. In our lessons last week the children considered actions that do/do not contribute toward them becoming more successful. Actions discussed included “fidgeting and day-dreaming”, “believing in yourself”, “asking for help”, “being frightened to have-a-go”, “being angry and refusing to work” and “thinking about ideas”. As we continue to explore this topic during Philosophy lessons, the Prep children are building a greater understanding of what success is, and what being a successful learner is.

1R Class News  Our class has been doing poetry. In our ‘We do’ lessons, we have written some poems together with the children ideas.

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<td>Red feels like watermelon juice trickling down my chin (trickle-trickle).</td>
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1/2D Class News  We have been busy practising for our Junior Choir performance at St Paul’s Fete and Musical Festival on Saturday 4th of June. We have learnt some lovely songs and are beginning to harmonize well. In Science we have been testing materials to discover their properties. Some materials are weaker than we predicted, and some are stronger than we predicted! We have been learning about different features of places in Geography. We learnt about personal, local, regional and national scale and saw images of Australia from outer space. For Technology we are making a model to show how a space can be changed for better use. We are busy writing a retell of our focus story Bear and Chook. Our teacher is very proud of the way we are writing interesting sentences with descriptive language!