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THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"Education is not filling a bucket, but lighting a fire."
 --William Yeats



Dear Parents and Carers,

Much has happened at Cavendish Road State High School since the publication of our last newsletter. I trust you will be impressed by the opportunities on offer and the wonderful achievements and hard work of our staff and students.

Cav Student Leaders endorse new Respectful Relationships Curriculum

Congratulations to our Captains and Vice Captains for their great work responding to the Courier Mail's Chief Education

Editor on Friday 19th February regarding the new "Respectful Relationships" Curriculum to be implemented in all Queensland State Schools from the beginning of Term 2 this year. The article appeared in the Courier Mail on Saturday 20th February, pages 14 and 15. The Respectful Relationships Curriculum was one of the actions recommended by Dame Quentin Bryce in her report "Not Now, Not Ever" which forms the Queensland Government's response to the issue of domestic Violence.

Year 7 Camp a Great Success

Special thanks to all staff and congratulations to all students who attended the Year 7 Camp. It was a very hot week; we appreciate these staff giving up time with their own families to provide this experience for our students.

Drama Club Reintroduced

Special thanks to Mrs Toni Ryan who is organising Drama Club this Term. Our students are enjoying this extracurricular opportunity to develop their skills in this area.

The following tutoring sessions and homework clubs are offered at Cavendish Road SHS in 2016:

Day of the week	Starting date	Time	Location	Topic/ Theme	Who will be supervising?	Who to contact for details/ questions and contact details	Any other information you'd like to provide
Tues	9 Feb	3-4 pm	Resource Centre	English Tutoring	Ms Gallagher, Ms Russell	Ms Diana McFadzean, English Head of Department 33940748	Help provided with assignments
Tues	2 Feb	3-4 pm	L7	Physics Tutoring/ Homework help	Ian Mitcham (Science teacher)	Mr Ian Mitcham, Physics Teacher 33940754	Available for all Year 11 and 12 Physics students
Wed	24 Feb	3-4 pm	Y4	Year 7 English, Humanities, Maths, Science Tutoring	Year 7 Core Teachers	Mr Adam Kuss, Director of Student Achievement Years 7 and 8 33940780	Available for all Year 7 students

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Thurs	11 Feb	3-4 pm	K14	Grammar Workshop	Ms McFadzean	Ms Diana McFadzean, English Head of Department 33940748	Year 12 students only
Thurs	4 Feb	3-4 pm	E6	Maths Tutoring	Various Maths teachers	Mr Damian Gaffney, Maths Head of Department Email here	
Thurs	11 Feb	3-4 pm	B3/4	Indigenous Homework Club	Ms Murphy (Eng/ SOSE), Mr Kalpakidis (Maths), Ms Kym Ford, Indigenous Liaison Officer	Mrs Kym Ford, Indigenous Liaison Officer, 33940765 Mr Wally Vanek, Guidance Officer, 33940706	Available for all indigenous students in Years 7 - 12
Fri	5 Feb	3-4 pm	Y21	9F SCIENCE Tutoring	Susanne Fomsgaard	Mrs Susanne Fomsgaard, Science/ Maths teacher 33940235	

Year 7 and 8 Special Anti-Bullying Assembly

Recently our Year 7 and 8 students participated in a special assembly focussed on Cav Road's commitment to anti-bullying. The Assembly was organised and run by our Senior Leaders who shared some special messages and great advice with our younger students.

Music and Biology Camps

Special thanks to Mr Tony Lashmar and the CRIMS team for the time they spent with our students at the Music Camp over a weekend recently and to Dr Peter Darben and the Science team for braving the Year 12 Biology Camp. Our students are very fortunate to have such hard working and committed teachers who give so much of their own unpaid time.

Mid-Semester Reports and the Importance of Homework

Mid-Semester reports will be emailed to parents Thursday 24 March 2016. All teachers have been asked to ensure their classroom routines including homework expectations are securely embedded in their practice. All teachers are expected to report on student homework completion and homework quality in this mid-Semester report.

Permanent Appointments

Congratulations to Mr Tim Fulton (Economics and Humanities), Ms Morgan Stebbings (Philosophy) and Ms Emma Nicholls (Japanese) who were all offered a permanent appointment with the Department of Education, Training and Employment last week. I know these teachers will represent our profession with honour, hard work and commitment throughout their careers.

International Women's Day

Congratulations and special thanks to Mrs Sarah Potter and all the team who ensured our school marked International Women's Day on the 8th March and for their leadership of our students about some important social issues.

Attendance Update

Congratulations to the top 10 Peer Support Classes at 11 march 2016:

- 1 - PGE L - 98.25% - Mrs Helen McNulty
- 2 - HPR L - 98.23% - Mrs Naomi Skilton
- 3 - ROP E - 98.06% - Ms Jen Smith
- 4 - JNS C - 97.94 - Mr Joel Smith
- 5 - PGE C - 97.87 - Ms Marie Chappell
- 6 - JNS J - 97.79 - Mr Don Markovic
- 7 - HRP J - 97.76 - Mrs Francis McMullen
- 8 - ROP L - 97.58 - Ms Sarah Bergamini
- 9 - JNS G - 97.55 - Mr Ross Bowles
- 10 - PGE M - 97.53 - Ms Amanda Haylock

Our current attendance rates as at 10 march 2016:

CRSHS ATTENDANCE	TARGET = 95%	
YEAR LEVEL	2016	2015 TERM 1
7	97.3	96.6
8	95.0	95.1
9	95.5	93.5
10	95.4	92.4
11	95.9	93.2
12	95.6	92.6
ALL YEAR LEVELS	95.8%	93.9%

The Future of 'The One to One Laptop Program'

We have calculated the costings to continue the one to one Laptop Program and have determined that in 2017 all students Years 7-12 will have access to this program as it stands currently. The cost to students will increase to \$395 per year for three years. No change to this program in 2017 will ensure consistency of pedagogical delivery in our classrooms.

QCS Information Evening

Thank you to the leaders of our Senior Schooling team for the informative Queensland Core Skills Test, OP and Queensland Certificate of Education Information Evening which was held recently. Feedback from parents and students was very positive.

Corrine McMillan
Principal

Year 12 Results

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who achieved outstanding results in 2015. All 211 of our graduating students satisfied the criteria to receive a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA).

Students eligible for an Overall Position (OP) also performed particularly well on the QCS test and in the subjects studied during their two senior years. As well as their exceptional performance in their school subjects, 38 students successfully studied University Subjects during 2015.

Through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) 99.2% of Cavendish Road State High School students received offers. The state average is 95%. A snapshot of our results follows:

OP RECEIVED	NUMBER OF CAV ROAD STUDENTS
1	5
2	7
3	4
4	6
5	6

TREND DATA OP 1-15	
YEAR	OP
2015	86%
2014	89%
2013	85%

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

CERTIFICATE LEVEL	NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES AWARDED
Certificate I	4
Certificate II	79
Certificate III	48
Certificate IV	2

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

TOTAL NUMBER OF
CERTIFICATES AWARDED

133

100% of students achieved either a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship or a Vocational Education Certificate or an OP or a QCE.

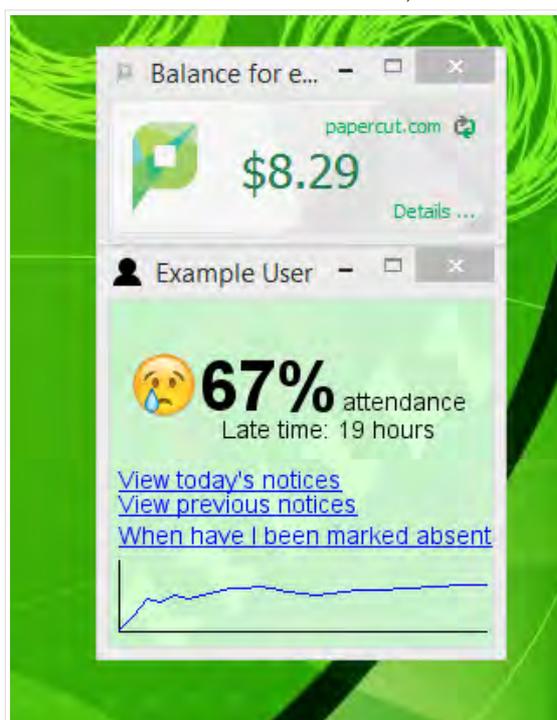
STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL – SCHOOL TARGET = 95%

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

At this stage of the year, I am hoping that all families are aware that our school target for attendance is 95%. As I reported in the last newsletter, research overwhelmingly reveals a clear connection between student attendance at school and success in later life.

To assist families and students to be aware of their current attendance rate, in 2016 we have used a number of communication strategies:

- By the end of the term, every student will have received an **ATTENDANCE HEALTH CHECK** letter in the mail informing them of their attendance rate;
- Every student has access to their **ATTENDANCE RATE** via an **ATTENDANCE APP** which appears on their laptop screen. This App also displays a graph of the student's attendance over the year as well as providing a link to the days when the student has been marked absent from school;



- Peer Support teachers are emailed their students' **ATTENDANCE RATES** every two weeks and are required to communicate with students regarding their attendance.

Thank you to the families who consistently communicate absence information to the school. I ask that all families notify us as soon as possible if your child is absent from school – **phone 33940703 or email attendance@cavroadshs.eq.edu.au** .

Thank you for your support as we work together to help your child achieve their potential at school.

Meryl Johnston
Associate Principal

International Women's Day

International Women's Day was celebrated on the 8th March. The focus for this year was centred on the idea of *Pledging for Parity*. We decided that on this day we would provide an opportunity for all students to acknowledge the important contributions that women and girls make in our society by purchasing a purple balloon and writing a slogan on it regarding women's rights. We also wanted to show that as Cavroadians we are against domestic violence in our society. As such, students could also purchase a white balloon and inscribe their slogan pertaining to 'Say No to Domestic Violence'.

The weather conditions at first break were not kind to us, yet this did not dampen the spirits of all those who bought and sold at least one balloon. In only 30 minutes, we sold 175 balloons and made \$125 which will be going to a local charity that supports victims of domestic violence or assists in providing education that is working towards preventing domestic violence in our society.

Well done to all those who participated in this fundraising activity and tied their balloons to their bags for the day in order that their personal and very important messages were seen by others in this world.

Sarah Potter
English Teacher



International Women's Day (IWD) Breakfast

This month, our female student leaders were privileged to attend the 2016 IWD Breakfast on the 9th March at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, hosted by the Australian UN Women Committee.

IWD is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women. It is also a day to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. The messages given at this year's breakfast focussed on the theme of domestic violence, with more than one in three women around the globe victims of this very serious issue.

All speakers, including our Queensland Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, were truly inspirational. Key messages taken away from the breakfast included:

- Violence is learnt, and therefore can be unlearned (find other ways to display strength) and
- We are ALL responsible; we can make changes in our own personal lives and spheres.

IWD provides an opportunity to unite, network and mobilise funds to foster meaningful change into the future.

Nicole Coutts
Year 12 Coordinator

Year 12 Biology Camp

In week 7 of term 1 the Year 12 Biology classes conducted their field studies at beautiful Hastings Point. They studied two ecosystems: the Rocky Shore and Wallum Heathland. Students observed a diverse range of organisms and noted their adaptations which allow them to survive and thrive within different zones of each environment. They went snorkelling to experience first-hand the diversity of sub-littoral zone of the Rocky Shore and kayaking to admire the adaptations of mangroves. They also attended their own "TED Talk", where Ted Brambleby shared his wealth of knowledge with the students about ecology of the local area, highlighted the importance of ecosynergy and addressed issues of human impact on our ecosystems.

Ross Bowles, Peter Darben and Ania Bartlett
Biology Teachers



Reserve Bank Economist Speaks at Cavendish Road

On Tuesday March 10 the school hosted a seminar on Monetary Policy and Current Economic Conditions. Senior Economics students from Cavendish Road were joined by their peers from Mansfield, Redeemer, Villanova, Loreto and Prince of Peace College.

Karen Hooper, the RBA's Senior Economist in Queensland, presented students with a very clear explanation of the purpose and conduct of Australian monetary policy and the reasons for the cash rate setting remaining at 2% in March. The second half of the presentation examined the key trends in the Australian and global economies and explored what this indicates for levels of economic activity, trade, inflation, and unemployment in the short term. This presentation was organised through the Queensland Economics Teachers' Association. It provided invaluable assistance to students in preparing their Semester 1 assessment pieces on Contemporary Economic Management.

Ron Hanmer
Humanities Teacher

Valuing New Teachers

Valuing New Teachers – Beginning and Establishing Teachers

Over March 10th and 11th, 13 new teachers to Cavendish Road SHS were given the opportunity to participate in a retreat for Beginning and Establishing Teachers (BAET) at the tranquil Spicers Hiddenvale Resort, located 1 hour's drive from Brisbane. The retreat, facilitated by Guidance Officer Kate Niland and HOD Student Wellbeing Bec Gardiner, was purposed to give new teachers some tools to look after and maintain their own wellness, as well as give an opportunity for them to get to know each other through team building activities. The retreat is just one component of the BAET Program, which will run for the whole year and will involve an intentional mentoring program for each participant.

The retreat program involved two days of professional development sessions covering Mentoring Processes, Microsoft Outlook for Time Management, Classroom Leadership and the Transition to Full Registration, Moments of Gratitude, Mindfulness and Myers Briggs and Emotional Intelligence. A real highlight for the retreat was the exciting team building activity – Segway Olympics!

Participants commented that the program really helped them get to know each other, have conversations with teachers with a common experience and just have two very enjoyable days out of the classroom to relax while developing their skills. The

BAET program continues in the coming weeks with the Mentors, Mentees and Mentos breakfast happening soon.

Emma Nicholls
Japanese Teacher



Music Department

Sydney Youth Jazz Orchestra

Congratulations to Instrumental Music Student, Isaac Power, who has just won an audition to tour Barbados and the USA next year with the Sydney Youth Jazz Orchestra. Isaac is a part of our Jazz Excellence Program.

Music Camp

On the weekend of the 26th-28th February, the Music Department held their music camp at Alexandra Headland. Over 120 students were in attendance. Much progress was made over the weekend and the students also got the opportunity to learn from Dr Ralph Hultgren from the Queensland Conservatorium of Music. Plans are already underway for Music Camp 2017.

Tony Lashmar
Instrumental Music Teacher

Drama Department

DRAMA NEWS

All Drama students are preparing for assessment this week and are either busy gathering their black clothes for Presenting Assessment tasks, filming super hero monologues or writing a script for Forming Assessment tasks. No doubt your drama student has been very busy over the last two weeks. I wish them all the very best of luck in completing their first assessment item for 2016.

Monday 21st March is our first live performance for 2016. Every drama student from year 7-12 will be in attendance. Please ensure your student has handed in their permission slip and made payment at the finance window.

I wish everyone a very happy and relaxing Easter break. Take care.

YEAR 12 DRAMA WORKSHOP

Our senior students recently worked with Shake and Stir Theatre Company to prepare for their up-coming assessment on Epic Theatre. This was a very practical workshop involving

students to work together on improvisation tasks related to very confronting and factual issues. Our students participated extremely well and our instructor was amazed at the outstanding knowledge and talent amongst the group. Good luck with you assessment in week 8 year 12.



SHAKE AND STIR PERFORMANCE

Monday 21st March we welcome Shake and Stir Theatre Company to our school performing *OVERSHARER* to all Semester 1 Drama students. For most of our students this will be their first in school live theatre experience and I am very excited to see them engage in such a dynamic production.

ABOUT THE SHOW - OVERSHARER: They say a picture paints a thousand words - perhaps that's the reason why we have become obsessed with sharing every moment of our lives across an ever-growing swarm of social media application. Developed from true stories collected from students across the country, **OVERSHARER** presents various characters grappling with some serious [and some not-so-serious] repercussions with using [and abusing] sites such as Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook.

If you have not yet returned your permission slip and paid for this production you will need to do so as soon as possible please.

LOOK OUT HOLLYWOOD

We are very proud of two fine Cav Rd Drama students who successfully auditioned for the famous production *HAIRSPRAY* being performed by *HARVEST RAIN THEATRE COMPANY* at QPAC theatre over the Easter holidays. Both girls are immensely talented and I look forward to seeing them on stage with a highly professional international cast. The director and choreographer Callum Mansfield [a past student of mine] has just returned from Sydney Directing 'The King and I' which was enormously successful. If you are looking for a theatrical experience over Easter, buy your tickets and make sure you look out for our great Cav Road Students.



Marcella Hogg yr 11 & Mia Lierich yr 10

DRAMA CLUB 2016



Drama Club is well underway and the students are loving it! Brendan Glanville from the Australian Acting Academy is immersing these students in the very fundamentals of staging and acting prior to delving into 'Green Screen Acting' and 'Acting for Commercials' which begin in Term 2. Welcome to all of our students and parents for undertaking this new program. If you are interested in joining Drama Club please come and see me in P Block for a permission form.

Toni Ryan
Drama Coordinator

Japanese News

We are urgently seeking a host family for Takamasa Katsuda, a fifteen year old male student. Takamasa needs accommodation between August 21 and October 21, 2016. He will need to be provided with his own room and three meals a day during his stay. It is possible to host for smaller blocks of four weeks during this time. We must finalise a family (or families) before the end of Term 1 in order for Takamasa to be able to come to Australia.

Thank you to the families who expressed interest in hosting the female student, Risa Yoshioka, from Omiya Koryo Senior High School. We are glad that Risa's exchange will be able to proceed. There is no payment to host families, however these long term exchanges create opportunities for Cavendish Road SHS Year 11 students to study in Japan during the December-January school holidays. Please contact Ms J. Balfour by phone on 3394 0713 or by email at jbalf7@eq.edu.au if you would like to discuss hosting Takamasa.

Following is Year 12 student Isaac Power's account of his recent time at Omiya Koryo:

Over the summer holidays I participated in a seven-week exchange to Cav Rd's sister school, Omiya Koryo, and was hosted by a previous attendee of Cavendish Road, Minami Kawaguchi.

During that time my language skills increased substantially, and I gained a valuable insight into the everyday lives of the Japanese. I had the opportunity to participate in both the school brass band and the soccer club, playing in concerts and inter-school games. I also had many opportunities for sightseeing around Tokyo and other areas of Japan, and to participate in traditional Japanese New Year's celebrations.

These experiences were very special and I urge anybody who is interested in a similar exchange to go ahead and do it. My advice is to be as outgoing as possible. Japanese students are very kind and are always willing to help you with your Japanese. As the students' excitement at having a foreigner in the school dies down, you may find yourself feeling a little lonely and homesick. However, if you persist with becoming involved in the culture and school activities, then you will have one of the best experiences of your life.

Joy Balfour
Japanese Coordinator

International Student Ambassador

We have a number of Study Tours and international students who come to Cavendish Road SHS. As a result we require students to act as ambassadors to help these students when they arrive here. Study Tours can be for one day to a whole term but are generally around two weeks. The student will need to be a friend and show our international visitors around as well as provide them with a small token or gift of welcome.

Our International students can be with us anywhere from one term to the completion of Year 12. These students need to have people around them, to show them our wonderful school and provide some support for them. Below is the role description for the position. Students will also receive an International Student Ambassador Pin for their tie. It will also help for when they wish to apply for any senior leader positions in the future.

We are accepting ambassadors from all year levels. If your child would like to be involved and hasn't already filled out an application form, please fill out the below application form and return it to Miss Masselos in B21, near Student Services.

Maria Masselos
International Student Coordinator

Swimming Carnival

The Cav Road SHS swim team took to the pool on Tuesday 16th February 2016 at Chandler Aquatic Centre. Thirty-two Cav Road students represented not only themselves but the school exceptionally well and with pride. While eight students were successful in qualifying for the Met East swim trials, it was through everyone's participation and efforts which resulted in Cav's overall placement, finishing third place with a grand total of 941 points, followed by Mansfield and Citipointe who were 1st and 2nd respectively. Congratulations to Mia McChlery in Year 11 and Lauren Robinson in Year 9 for claiming the age champion title for their respective age groups. Overall the day was a resounding success for all participants and a special

mention must be given to the organisers and conveners for an outstanding day.

Bree Lockyear
Year 12 Student

Griffith Business Year 12 Workshop

On the 26th of February, several of Cav Road's senior students attended the first of three business workshops at Griffith University. We had the opportunity to study either a Business Management, E-Commerce strand or Hotel, Tourism, Sport and Events Management strand.

We attended one lecture on our chosen topic and were given a group task to complete and present by the end of the day. At the workshop we were able to interact with like-minded students from other schools and expand our knowledge on the strand we had chosen. We were able to get our first taste of what it is going to be like to attend university. This is something we will all appreciate come next year, when we attend university for the first time. We are all very much looking forward to the next two workshops and seeing what we can learn from the experience.

Oliana Toia
Year 12 Student



English External Exam Trial

The Year 11 English cohort will participate this year in a trial of the external exam system which will replace the QCS test in 2018. Students will study the play 'The Crucible' for 8 weeks and sit for the external exam on May 27 at school. The exam will consist of a choice of 2 analytical essay questions and students will be supplied with a booklet of quotes to use in the exam. This exam will be externally marked and we will receive the results in semester 2. Whatever the results of this exam, they will have no bearing on the calculation of Year 12 results in 2017, nor students' OP result. This is a very good opportunity for our school to learn all about the new system and to engage in professional development along the way.

Diana McFadzean
Head of Department English

Year 10 Business Law Magistrates Excursion

On Monday 22 February, the Year 10 Business Law students attended an excursion to the Holland Park Magistrates Court. This excursion correlated with the Law and Government unit of work. In this unit the students learn about the court hierarchy and personnel. This excursion was a very valuable learning

experience which allowed the students to see the legal theory in action.

The students were very fortunate to observe a range of cases. In addition, the registrar allowed the class to observe an empty courtroom. There were many quick dashes by some students to claim the Magistrate's chair, whilst others preferred to sit in the dock! Overall, it was a very interesting and informative excursion which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Amanda Pacek
Business Teacher

Kokoda Challenge 2016

Cav Road has been participating in the Kokoda Challenge for 10 years. We have 12 teams competing in the 48km Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge, one team in the 96km Gold Coast event and two teams in the 30km Brisbane event. We have started after school training each Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 4.30pm. Our first weekend training session is on Sunday 17 April.

This is the design for the Cav Road team shirt this year.



For further information about the Kokoda Challenge, please email Mr Griffiths at sgrif128@eq.edu.au or visit our edstudio. The access key is S353160103.

Steve Griffiths
Cav Road Kokoda Challenge Coordinator

Vocational and Educational Training News

A busy term is drawing to a close and we have had some exciting things happening in the VET Department. Many students are enrolled in TAFE courses and a growing number of our year 11 and 12 students are signing up to school based traineeships and apprenticeships. We have new positions

available on a weekly basis so ensure your child is regularly checking the B10 noticeboard for new opportunities.

We have 2 new courses beginning next term – **Certificate II in Health Support Services** and a **Certificate II in Hospitality**. Both programs will be run here at school and are worth 4 QCE points as well as a valuable resume addition. If your child is interested in gaining qualifications in these growing industries, please let me know as soon as possible. We will be offering a **Certificate II in Logistics** and a **Certificate II in Horticulture** in term 3. Please register your interest in these courses early in term 2 to secure a place.

Post School options and Work Experience

All Grade 12 students who are not participating in the QCS test will undertake a **Certificate II in Workplace Practices** commencing in term 2. Students in this program will participate in a range of activities at the same time as QCS preparation is occurring. This course will contribute 4 QCE credits towards the students' learning account if they complete all of the units of competency. Some of the competencies include:

- Apply an enterprising approach in an approved project
- Interact effectively in the workplace
- Develop job acquisition strategies
- Work safely according to OHS principles and procedures
- Project workplace behaviour and image
- Manage personal work performance
- Work effectively in a team

Part of this Certificate is to complete a total of 80 hours of work placement. Students may use hours worked at their casual employment towards the 80 hour total. However, students have to be able to present documentation to substantiate these hours.

All non OP students will be participating in a week of work placement from the **18th to the 22nd of April**. Students should receive their placement before the end of this term. It is essential that students take this placement seriously and attend for the entire week. Students have been advised earlier this year to inform their employers, coaches and TAFE teachers of this commitment. A lot of time, money and commitment from employers go into these placements. All enquiries regarding this program should be directed to me on 3394 0741.

A huge congratulations must go to a year 12 student Mackenzie Marie who was successful in reaching the 2016 Worldskills Australia National Competition. Mackenzie will be testing her skills against Australia's best in this National Competition held in Melbourne in October. We wish Mackenzie all the best!

Kim Tonges
VET Coordinator/Business Teacher

YEAR LEVEL PRECINCTS

For 2016, specified areas of the school grounds (year level precincts) have been allocated to year levels of students.

Precincts were established to:

- Address the ongoing litter issue that has been a problem here for many years, which creates an unhealthy environment. Year levels now take responsibility for litter and the general presentation of their areas;
- Enable supervision by the relevant Deputy Principals, Director of Student Achievements, Year Coordinators and Pastoral Care Teachers which assists in the establishment of relationships between these staff and students;
- Move students out from underneath buildings – our school is growing and year level cohorts do not fit underneath buildings. A significant amount of effort and money has been expended to beautify areas, provide more seating, more room and shade. Large numbers of students under buildings is noisy for teachers working in staffrooms above.

Students and cleaners are already expressing appreciation of the following:

- A reduced amount of litter
- Access to landscaped areas, more seating and more shade
- Whilst change was difficult at first, many students are now happier with their new areas
- More space to spend time with their year level and develop positive and supportive relationships with peers

Whilst the areas are allocated to specific year levels, students are free to move around the school and interact with students of different year levels as well as to play handball. There is no requirement that students must sit in their precinct for the entire lunch break.

Meryl Johnston
Associate Principal

Keep your child's attendance details up to date with QParents

Cav Rd have now enabled the attendance functionality of QParents for parents to utilise. In QParents, you can view a student's attendance information, provide a reason for an absence to the student's school and notify the student's school of an upcoming absence. To utilise this function you must be a QParents Portal Account Owner.

QParents also allows parents to view their child's:

- Behaviour details
- Class timetables

- Unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

As the information available on QParents is private and specific to individual students. Access to QParents is restricted. Parents/guardians must be invited to use the application and supply multiple forms of identification before access is granted. When registering as a QParents Account Owner, you will need to verify 100 points of identity documents online. The 100 points can be made up of documents in the following list:

Australian Passport	50 pts	Australian Marriage Certificate	40 pts
Australian Driver Licence	50 pts	Australian Citizenship Certificate	40 pts
Australian Birth Certificate	50 pts	Change of Name Certificate	40 pts
Medicare Card	20 pts	Australian Visa (foreign passports)	20 pts

If you only have 60-90 points of the above ID documents you can still register for QParents, but you will need to attend the school for an additional check after you have registered online. If you don't have sufficient documents, you might like to nominate another parent as the QPAO.

For more information on the online identity verification process, see <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help> If you haven't received the invitation code, please email the school admin@cavroadshs.eq.edu.au to request a QParents invitation code to be re-sent to you.

NETBALLERS HEADING TO CAIRNS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

After standout performances for South District at the regional netball trials last week, two of our Netball Academy students, Mikaylah Ah Toon and Hayley Archbold, gained Met East selection. Mikaylah has earned her first Met East Netball selection in the 15 years and under team, whilst Hayley returns to her regional representative role for a second year running, moving up to the 19 years and under team for this first time this year. The students will represent Met East at the Netball State Championships which will be held in Cairns in May.

Fellow Netball Academy students Tahnee De La Cruz, Kayla Russell, Elise Alexander and Kiara Watts also represented South District exceptionally well in the Met East trials.

Jacqui Russell
Netball Academy Coordinator



In Touch

Last week the National Touch League (NTL) was held in Coffs Harbour. NTL is the largest Touch Football competition for adults in Australia. Teams come from around Australia, competing across various age groups for the coveted National title. Teams play on average 3 tough games a day for three days with finals on the fourth. Four of our current Cavendish Road students competed in this competition. Melanie Williams played T league for Brisbane City Cobras. Jayden Fielding-Smith and James Price played T league for Gold Coast Sharks and Kobe Nona played Elite 8 for The Cowboys. I had the pleasure of watching all of these students play during the week and all demonstrated amazing skills, game sense, talent and fitness levels necessary to perform with intensity throughout the carnival. Congratulations must go to all players but special mention to both Jayden and James whose team, "Gold Coast Sharks" made the final and defeated Central Qld Sharks 8 to 7. Their coach said for 16 year olds they were outstanding, a real credit to the team and a central part in the success of an amazing competition. Congratulations boys.

Our first Schools Touch League was played on Monday the 14th March with both boys and girls competing in the 13 and 15 years divisions. The 15 year boys led by Captain Kapu Broughton – Winterburn remained undefeated, with their toughest competition being **Wellington Point** SHS. The 15 year girls led by Captain Alex Grace were pinned at the hooter by a strong Southport SHS in game one but worked on maintaining possession of the ball and improved significantly over the day convincingly winning the next two games. The 13 year boys **had a win, a loss and a draw**, with Rhythm Rhind and Cayle Heymer as leading try scorers. The 13 year girls did it tough with only 8 players. All girls worked exceptionally hard, but special mention goes to Tyler Beazley for leading the girls with dignity and a never give up attitude. Thanks to James Price, Erin Lee and **Bomin** Seo for helping to coach the juniors and Matthew Nordkamp and Ethan Neil for refereeing.



Some dates to remember

Met East Trials – Boys and Girls 13-18 years 22nd April – Whites Hill. If your child was selected in the South District Touch team forms must be completed, signed and returned to the Principal for approval.

District Trials for boys 12 years – Wednesday 27th April

District Trials for girls 12 years – Wednesday 28th April

Player Profile

This month's stars of touch are:

Name: Ataahua Claris

Grade: 9

Favourite Subject: Touch class

Touch Club: Storm

Most memorable touch experience: Playing the 5 metre game at All Schools with friends and slide diving.

Fav playing number and position: Number 4 and middle

If I could be any superhero it would be: Superman because he is Super!

What I want to be when I grow up: A Doctor or Nurse

What my last meal on earth would be: MacDonald's



Name: Lincoln Kelly

Grade: 7

Favourite Subject: Touch class

Touch Club: Storm

Most memorable touch experience: Winning games at my first Schools Touch League

Fav playing number and position: Number 2 and Link

Why do you play: For enjoyment and challenges

If I could be any superhero it would be: Flash because he is super-fast.

What I want to be when I grow up: An Architect

What my last meal on earth would be: Spaghetti Meatballs



Cathy Farrelly

Touch Academy Director

Cav Road Chaplain's News



It's been a great start to 2016. I attended the swimming carnival and helped out with setting up and time keeping duties. It was a scorcher day but everyone's spirits were high. We have some amazing swimmers at our school.



There are 9 students who regularly meet on Mondays for life group. We were sad to say goodbye to the leaders of this group last year but some younger students have stepped up to serve and to facilitate the group. Each week they inspire, encourage, mentor, support and pray for each other. They are wonderful.

This year we have started a breakfast club which happens on Friday mornings. This is thanks to an amazing group of volunteers from a local church.



Thank you for your ongoing support of chaplaincy. Together we are bringing hope to a younger generation.

Margita Downey
School Chaplain

Open Day/Evening – Tuesday 22 March 2016

Open Day is an opportunity for prospective parents and students to get the complete picture on one of Queensland's outstanding public schools.

MORNING SESSION – 9:00am to 11:00am
EVENING SESSION – 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Come along and hear from our Principal, a current Year 7 student and meet our students and teachers. A tour of the Year 7 precinct will occur at the completion of each session.

Parents and Citizens Association

Canteen Call for Help

Our Canteen Team has been very busy preparing food and serving our hungry students. Thank you to the volunteers who have assisted our staff so far this year. Volunteers are welcome every day. Even coming along for a short time to assist on one of the days would be a huge help. If you have a little time and would like to help please feel welcome to pop in.

For more information or to advise when you are available to assist please contact the Canteen team on 3394 0723 or

canteen@cavroadshs.eq.edu.au Thank you for considering this request!

P&C Meetings

P&C meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7pm in the Resource Centre. All parents and carers are most welcome to come along. This is a great way to meet school staff and other parents. Our next meeting is Tuesday 19 April. If you would like to be added to our mailing list and receive reminders about future meetings and copies of our minutes and agenda please email pandcsecretary@cavroadshs.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop

The P & C Uniform Shop carries the full range of Cavendish Road State High School uniforms necessary for your student. The Uniform Shop is operated by the Parents & Citizens Association as a service to the school community with all profits returned to the school community.

OPENING HOURS

The following hours are during School Term only. Also please note that the Uniform Shop is closed on Public Holidays.

Monday: 8:00am-11:30am

Wednesday and Friday: 8:00am to 9:00am.

UNIFORM SHOP LOCATION

The Uniform Shop is located next to the Canteen in D Block. Entry is via Gate 4 Cavendish Road.

CONTACT

You may contact the Uniform Shop staff by phoning **07 3394 0724** or via email uniformshop@cavroadshs.eq.edu.au

SECOND HAND ITEMS

There is a range of good quality second hand items at set prices available from the Uniform Shop. *Please note, we are unable to offer returns or credits on second hand items. Now is the time to bring in your jumpers, microfibre jackets and microfibre track pants for us to sell.*

VOLUNTEERS

The Uniform Shop needs volunteers during busy times. If you are interested in volunteering, even for only an hour - please contact the Uniform Shop staff by phoning **07 3394 0724** or via email uniformshop@cavroadshs.eq.edu.au Thank you in advance.

OUTSTANDING ORDERS UPDATE - Students will notified via Student Notices when stock arrives. Boys and Girls Formal Shirts have arrived. Boys Formal Grey Socks have arrived. *Cavendish Road White Socks are due in any day now. Formal Hats are due mid-April.

***Cavendish Road White Socks Alert: if you have new socks where the Cav Rd has faded – please return them to the Uniform Shop with your name attached. Also include details of what you washed them in and whether you**

washed in cold/warm/hot water. These socks will be replaced.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all the Volunteers - your help is always appreciated and I can't thank you enough.

Madonna Adcock
Uniform Shop Convenor

Lost Property

Please note, there are a number of items, especially formal shoes located in the lost property area at student services. Should parents wish to phone and enquire about any lost items, please contact Student Services direct on 3394 0707.

Next Step Survey

The Next Step survey is a statewide destination study of all students who completed Year 12 in the previous year. The survey provides a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers, and allows schools to track local trends with statewide and regional trends. Further information about the Next Step survey is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/

New Autism Hub and Reading Centre open

The Autism Hub and Reading Centre located in Woolloongabba, Brisbane are now available to provide resources, training and advice to parents and schools statewide. The new Autism Hub will work in collaboration with existing state and non-government services, and a network of regionally based autism coaches, to help improve engagement and academic achievement of students with autism. The Reading Centre will provide specialist reading advice to parents and teachers, including strategies for teaching children with dyslexia.

For Sale Smart Wallet and USB Aldrin 8GB with school logo

Smart Wallet with school logo

Durable silicone wallet with 3M adhesive stick to the back of your phone. Great for holding cards, tickets, ID, cash and more. Sand texture finish on the inside prevents cards from slipping out of the wallet. Now this is smart! Only \$3 – saves bringing a purse or wallet to school. Available for purchase from the Finance Window.



USB Aldrin 8GB with school logo

Hard plastic in a silver colour. Only \$10 available for purchase from the Finance Window.

