

Cordalba State School Community Connect

Semester 2, 2016

The small school doing BIG things!

Principal's Message

I was very proud to receive a range of **positive feedback** from several members of our community following our first 'connect' newsletter. As its name implies, our purpose for this newsletter is to connect with you, **our local community**, to **inform, share and celebrate** all of the wonderful things that are happening at Cordalba State School. It is a great opportunity for us to reflect on what happens at our school throughout the semester, as the weeks simply seem to fly by, and we can look back on everything we have achieved.

This edition showcases some of the **BIG things** that have been undertaken at Cordalba State School this semester:

- Completion of the construction of an all-weather, all-purpose sporting facility,
- New shade structure for our junior fort,
- Air-conditioning fitted in the resource centre,
- A whole school excursion whale watching, rewarding students' excellent behaviour sponsored by the P&C and the school,
- Hosting two small schools to a day of digital technology workshopping, and
- Inviting playgroup and pre-prep students to encounter life in the Prep classroom.

These are just a few of the highlights we have had this semester.

We are **taking enrolments** for students in Prep to Year 6 for 2017.



If you would like to be part of our small school family please contact the office on 4126 6184.

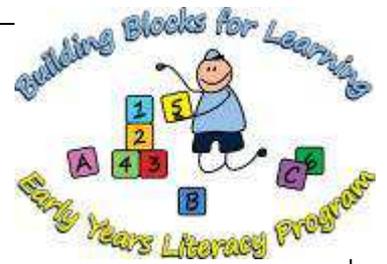
Happy reading!

Matt

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Building Blocks for Learning

Our Prep-Yr 3 teachers and students have continued to work hard on this program this semester with some very **pleasing results**. Students are assessed at 5-weekly intervals to measure progress made. The set-up of this program – placing students in a suitable group according to their needs – enables a **whole school inclusive approach** to literacy learning. Students in the upper grades who require additional support in reinforcing their literacy skills also participate in this **daily program**, giving them a much needed boost to support the work they are undertaking in their classrooms. We continue to work closely with Dr. Carol Christensen, the developer of this program, who has visited Cordalba SS to advise on our practices and educate others on these processes. Mrs Lait, Year 2/3 teacher, is also very fortunate to be working closely with Dr Carol to develop strategies and resources for the next phase of **comprehension** – understanding what we are reading.

Upgrade in Facilities

Staff and students alike are excited to finally have all of our outdoor equipment updated and repaired!!! Coming back after the Term 3 holidays was a real treat for the P-3 students as they could finally use their fort which had been out of action all year due to storm damage. We are proud to boast **all weather facilities** at Cordalba SS with both forts being shaded, a covered sandpit area and a turfed covered tennis court, the latter being utilised for: **weekly tennis lessons** with coach Mr Banner, **weekly PE lessons** with Ms Orreal, and a range of **sporting activities** such as soccer, basketball and tennis during lunchtimes.



Look at the fantastic shade over the junior fort!



An excited group of students enjoy testing out the upgraded tennis court.



← Years 4-6 began Term 3 with a 2-day circus workshop!

Years P-3 enjoyed the 'Read To Me' day in Childers ↓ →



The CrAzY hair disco is always a lot of fun!! ↓



'tis not winning - 'tis taking part that counts

Tech Savvy!

This semester Cordalba School has been lucky enough to be visited by **Dallarnil and Booyal Central State Schools to learn about technology**. We did a range of different activities such as 3D printing, coding, Kahoot (*computer programming*), Edison and Sphero/Ollie (*programmable robots*). Both schools absolutely enjoyed learning about the different types of technology we have here at Cordalba. We certainly enjoyed having the chance to teach others as well.

Written by Jasmine and Molly, Year 6



Using Virtual Reality headsets.



Look at Ethan fly the drone!



The P/1 students have welcomed some Blu-Botts to their classroom! These little ladybird-type robots link to their XOs (like a mini laptop) and using an app, **students write a code** for the Blu-Bott to follow. If it is correct, the Blu-Bott will follow this code to move along a floor mat.



← The Year 2-3 class also enjoy a similar experience **developing their coding knowledge** using Pro-Bots.



Blu-Botts

P & C News

We are thrilled that our flamingo fundraiser has paid off, in the literal sense, and that money raised contributed to the **resource centre being fitted with air-conditioning**. Used for library lessons, parade and special events, the air-conditioning will certainly provide relief in the coming summer months.



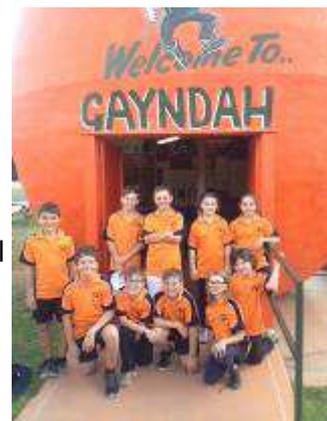
Additionally, we were excited to contribute to the end of Term 3 **whale watching excursion** which was well received by students and families alike. Some **wonderful feedback** from families on our **Facebook page** included:

- *What a fantastic school and community!*
- *We go to an amazing school. Thanks so much.*
- *Thankyou very much for taking them. Once in a lifetime chance for some. Glad it was a great day!*
- *I am so glad we have a fantastic Principal & P&C. Thank you for taking our kids on a trip like this.*

Excellence in Sport

During the warmer months, cricket certainly becomes a big focus for local students and schools. Mr Parsons and Mr Mac were pleased to take a selection of **'Isis Tiger'** students along to Gayndah for the North Burnett Cricket Trials early in Term 3.

Recognition really needs to go to both **Mr Parsons and Mr Mac** who give up a lot of their personal time to co-manage & coach the Isis Tigers and North Burnett cricketers. It is with



thanks and appreciation that our students get to participate in such opportunities.

Cordalba SS students are now participating in **swimming lessons** that will run daily for 2 weeks culminating in a fun day at the pool!

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Playgroup and Pre-Prep fun!

It was a fun morning when Pre-Prep students came to the school for an **orientation session**. The senior students were excellent helpers as they guided these littlies through some fun activities. Since that time, the Pre-Prep children and those that attend Playgroup have joined in with the students in Prep/1 on Friday mornings for a **school experience**. All children combine and work through a rotation of activities which enables them to become accustomed to the classroom, learn to work with others and develop those all-important fine motor and oral language skills.



Have you seen our new gate???
It is found at our John St entrance!

Community Thanks

Such generous spirit exists in our community and it was through this **generosity** that a floor chair was made for one of our Prep students, Vinnie, to use in the classroom. Vinnie was using a chair on loan, which enables him to sit with the class and participate in carpet time activities. These chairs are usually quite expensive to purchase. **Ms Ange & Duncan Fowles** got the ball rolling and in no time construction began! Many thanks must go to: **Rob** at **Isis Pine n' Ply** for supplying base materials, **Richard McLean** for putting the chair together, and **Marion Jack** at **Childers Upholstery** for making the cushion. We would also like to acknowledge **Paul James** of **Steel Line** for his offer to donate!



Year 6 Reflections

Soon it will be time to **farewell our Year 6 students**. It is fitting for them to share their reflections on Cordalba SS:

- *I like my friends and teachers because my friends make me happy and my teachers help me in Maths... Lea*
- *I have so many great memories at school but my favourites are the school camp and Ekka... Flynn*
- *We have the best teachers at Cordalba because they care about our problems and they solve them... Jasmine*
- *I enjoyed working with Miss Paarman the best... Ethan*
- *I like Science, Maths, Tennis and all my teachers... Atchanon*
- *My favourite things were Science, camp and tennis... Jasper*
- *My time at Cordalba State School has been very enjoyable, the experiences I had with my friends and teachers are the best I have ever had... Molly*

We wish them **all the best** for their time at high school.

Whale watching was amazing! We were very lucky to see some whales visit and perform right near our boat! ↓



Cordalba State School welcomes student enrolments at any time.

An inclusive, supportive school with modern new facilities and an emphasis on literacy and technology, students are well catered for by dedicated, passionate teachers in small classes.

Call now for further information, or to organise a tour of the school.

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