Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our two year 11 work experience students - Stephanie and Zach, who are with us for the week. Stephanie is work shadowing the 3/4/5 teachers, while Zach is experiencing a variety of jobs within the school environment.

The P&C has been most active with the installation of the new kitchen equipment, and the running of the Mother’s Day Stall. Special thanks to Michelle Moren and Sara Beveridge for this event. While it was a successful fundraiser (about $200), what was really special was the degree of participation from amongst the student body. They had so much fun choosing ‘that little something special’ just for mum.

Please note the change of the Soup and Movie night. Due to the clash of dates with Broadsound, it has been moved to term 3, and will be themed to our special culminating activity for this term’s school wide Science focus on Space. Our culminating activity? Well, thanks to the support of the P&C, STARLAB is coming to the school. It is an interactive learning dome about space.

SEE YOU AT UNDER 8’s!

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Important dates:
14 - 16 May - NAPLAN test days
20 - 24 May - Chappie Week
21 May - Under 8’s Day
27 - 30 May - Book Fair
12 June - Broadsound Carnival (9-12am for 10-13y.o.)
14 June - Broadsound Carnival (P - 7 students)
8 July - Starlab - in school special event for students
12 July - Soup and Movie night

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Japanese Children’s Day
On Sunday May 5th I went into the Japanese Children’s Day at Artspace. We got to dress up in traditional clothes, do origami, calligraphy and made lucky carp (the symbol of children) My teacher, Mr. Taku Hashimoto, was there and he was dressed as a ninja. He showed me how to play with the Kendama, a wooden toy where you have to catch a ball on a handle with cups and a spike. It’s really hard but he makes it look very easy! It was a really fun morning.

Claire Perna  Yr 6

UNDER 8’s Day
Hector (The DBCT P/L Coal mascot), Kevin the Magical Balloon Man, Chappies from around the district, morning tea available …

Under 8’s Day is open to any child under 8 who would like to attend. However, as this event allows students to roam at their own pace, it is required that an accompanying adult provide supervision.

It’s huge! It’s fun! It’s on Tuesday 21 May, from 9:00 - 10:30!
From “Parent Talk”

Year 7 on the move

Article supplied by the Department of Education, Training and Employment.

This start of the 2013 school year heralded some significant milestones for education in Queensland.

Another 18 state high schools joined Murrumba State Secondary College in piloting the move of Year 7 to high school ahead of the statewide move in 2015; and all state high schools introduced Junior Secondary for students in the early years of high school.

These changes are occurring as part of the Flying Start for Queensland Children education reforms introduced following extensive consultation across the state in 2010.

Moving Year 7 to High school

In 2015, Year 7 will become a part of high school across Queensland. This major reform – supported by the state, Independent and Catholic school sectors – will give our children access to specialist teachers and facilities so they can better exploit the opportunities of the new Australian Curriculum.

Following the introduction of the Prep year in 2007, students will be in their eighth year of schooling in 2015, which is the right time to start high school.

To ensure that the Year 7 move is as seamless as possible in 2015, we are piloting Year 7 in 20 state high schools.

This year, more than 2000 state school students started Year 7 at another 18 pilot schools across the state. With one final pilot school – Gordonvale State High School – welcoming Year 7 in 2014 we will be well and truly prepared for the statewide move in 2015.

\[ \text{Prep/1} \]
Alyssa Bulgarelli-being kind and helpful.
Jack Clarke-working hard all week.
Kaydence McCormick- for reading 23 books since she started school here.

\[ \text{Yr 1/2} \]
Alesha McKewen, Jessica Lindley,
Katie-May Jones-fantastic improvement in spelling.

\[ \text{Yr 3/4/5} \]
Cheyenne Palmer-being a very helpful person.
Jessie O’Connor-having great work habits.

\[ \text{Yr 5/6/7} \]
No awards this week.

Queen Bee- 5/6/7