World Teachers’ Day

Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our state.

World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.

Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

In 2016, World Teachers' Day will be celebrated in Queensland on Friday 28 October, during State Education Week.

Our teachers at Aspley East are amazing and I am privileged to work with them every day. They are motivating and honestly, they inspire me to do what I do every day. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the entire teaching team at Aspley East and look forward to working with them for many years to come.

At Monday’s assembly we presented many of the staff with milestone service recognition certificates for those who have taught 5,10,15,20 and even 25 years. We are very proud of each and every one of our teachers.

If you see them on Friday, please take a moment to tell them how much you appreciate them. A smile, simple pat on the back or just a quick acknowledgement means the world to them.

Many people go to work each day and make money – teachers go to work each day and make people’s lives change for the better.

Education Queensland Showcase

As President of the Brisbane North Branch of the Queensland Association of State School Principals, I also sit on the board for showcase. It is indeed a position I treasure and value deeply as I get to see some of the most exciting initiatives state schools have to offer. The downside of being on the board is that I have to work with the team to choose winners of each of the showcase categories. That is not an easy thing to do. On Friday evening, Education Queensland hosts the annual Showcase event, it’s what I refer to as the Logies for State Schooling and an exciting annual event.

It is a wonderful way to celebrate the great achievements of State Schools and for the past few years, as I have...
had the privilege to serve on the board, I have learnt much about successful programs and innovation. Aspley East should be without a doubt a player in the showcase event, something we could rectify in 2017 as there is much innovation occurring here and many things that should be showcased as Education Queensland’s best practice.

iPad Class Update

We have worked hard over the past three months to design a program we believe will bring an amazing opportunity to those who have expressed interest in joining a BYOD iPad Class in 2017.

In short, we are offering 83 of our 2017 Year 4 and 5 students an opportunity to be included in one iPad class. This class will call L block their home for 2017 and will be led by three amazing teachers. Mr Mitchell, Mrs Kong and Mrs Wiles will be the iPad class teachers for 2017. The students in the class will be from both year 4 and 5 however the class will not be run as a composite class and all three teachers will take on the responsibility of managing the curriculum delivery for the class. We envisage the class will be grouped differently for every subject (similar to high schools) where each teacher takes on different areas of the curriculum. L block was the original library and has plenty of space and break out rooms and is large enough to accommodate this program. (NB – please note that 83 students to 3 teachers is in line with rest of the school and departmental recommendations for class sizes)

Our teachers plan to cover the Australian Curriculum just like every other class but thanks to the flexibility that technology brings to individualising learning, students will be able to learn supported by three teachers as well as the teacher aide and support staff the group would normally attract. We have a real opportunity to think differently about the way we deliver curriculum for students in the iPad class. The iPad teachers have been already working on the new design for this classroom and new furnishings inclusive of such items as stand up desks, work booths and bean bags are being considered as additions to the room.

This week we have send home information packs and forms to the 83 students. Harvey Norman is offering the opportunity to attend a special open night on Tuesday 15 November from 6pm - 8pm. Parents will be able to speak with specialist staff and discuss flexirent options. There is no obligation to purchase. All Aspley East parents are welcome to attend this information night, it is not exclusive to BYOD students. I encourage any parent who is considering the purchase of an iPad in the future to take advantage of this opportunity.

If you wish to attend please book your place via SOBS (School Online Booking System) by Friday 4 November.

Life Education - Talk about it program for Year 6

On Tuesday, 29 November the school will be offering Sexual Health and Relationships Education for our Year 6 students. This session will be offered as an extracurricular activity commencing with afternoon tea followed by the Life Education session from 3:15pm – 5pm in the Annexe and Resource Centre. Aspley East Staff will be attending the session. Further information about the content of the session was sent home to Year 6 parents this week.

After this year we plan for this program to run every two years as part of our Life Education incursions for both Year 5 and 6 students with the first Year 5 & 6 session to be run in 2017.

Dogs on the School Oval

Can I please remind everyone in the Aspley East Community that dogs are not permitted on the school oval or in the school grounds without the express permission of the Principal. A quick show and tell still needs Principal permission however that’s not why I am putting this in the newsletter.

Every time there are dogs on the oval State Government Security receives a phone call from a concerned neighbour and subsequently needs to respond. This also comes at a cost which is billed to the school.

There are signs at every gate about dogs not being allowed on school property. Please assist us by following this both in and out of school time.
Parking in Helena Street

Just another reminder to our Apsley East parents that Brisbane City Council own and manage the majority of the parking spaces in the Helena Street carpark.

If you are parked illegally and we are made aware of it you may receive a courtesy note on your windscreen from us. This is by far a much better alternative to a parking fine issued by Brisbane City Council.

The drop off zone is a 2 minute parking zone from 8am - 9:30am and from 2:30pm - 3:30pm. During these times you are not able to leave your car. Your continued assistance with this is much appreciated and helps to demonstrate that our whole community honours the values of our school namely, respect, safety, effort, self responsibility and cooperation.

Fete

The 2016 fete was absolutely the best fete Aspley East has run since the last one.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Sharon Window and the entire team for the huge effort put in over the past 12 months in preparation for what was an amazing day of community celebration.

The fete raised a record breaking amount and if Sharon and the team have their way they will break the $40,000 mark by the end of October.

A huge thank you to all who supported the fete - it was a marvelous effort culminating in the P&C voting unanimously to compete the airconditioning of the school as soon as possible. It will mean that for 2017 every classroom will have airconditioning!

Congratulations to the P&C and to the Aspley East Community on this phenominal effort.

Huge acknowledgement and thank you to our major sponsors - PLACE REAL ESTATE and YELLOW BRICK ROAD for their support.

A special request from Mr Ward

Mr Ward has contacted me to ask our school community to support a project running at Crestmead State School. His school is organising a second hand book drive.

If you have second hand books at home that your children have out grown or no longer read, please bring them to the school office and we will organise for them to get to Crestmead State School. From there they will be sent to other schools and donated to their families. Please do not send encyclopaedias or damaged books.

Thank you for checking those book shelves to help with this worthy project and give other families, who may not be so fortunate, the opportunity to be able to access quality books for their children.
2016 Showcase Details

Aspley East’s musical extravaganza Showcase is being held on Thursday night 10th November. The evening will begin at 6:00pm sharp and should conclude by 7:30pm. Please note that four years ago it was decided to focus this event around the school’s large group ensembles only as the number of potential soloists was too large for our school. This year, the two highest point’s performers from A-Factor will be the only soloists permitted to perform.

Home bake and cold drinks will be sold from the canteen in the MPAC from 5:00pm – 6:00pm. There will be no food sold throughout the performances.

It is important that each performer and student in the audience is accompanied by an adult, who remains for the evening. Young children and toddlers present must remain seated with their parents throughout the evening.

All musical groups and ensembles will be performing at Showcase and these include Concert Band, Strings Orchestra and Junior String, Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Signing Choir. If any member of the groups performing is unable to participate in the evening’s performances, his/her music teacher should know well in advance.

All performers should arrive dressed and ready with music and their instrument at the kitchen servery area of the MPAC at 5:15pm to meet with their teacher(s). Students will then sit with their group/s until their performance/s are finished. There will be a rehearsal of the performance on the day so students who are involved in more than one group will know whom to sit with first.

The appropriate uniform for each ensemble can be found below

**Strings Orchestra/Concert Band:** White Shirt, black pants/skirt, green bow tie, green cummerbund, green scrunchie (girls only), black shoes and socks.

**Junior Strings:** Music Polo Shirt and school uniform bottoms

**Concert Band:** Music Polo Shirt and school uniform bottoms

**Junior and Senior Choirs:** Music Polo Shirt and school uniform bottoms

**Signing Choir:** Music Polo Shirt and school uniform bottoms

All students should have neat and tidy hair swept back from their face. Students that require more than one uniform will be able to change at the appropriate time.

**Showcase Home Bake Required**

The Music Support Group needs some delicious home bake to feed the hungry hordes at Showcase and would love donations of anything parents and caregivers might be able to whip up. Slices, biscuits, patty cakes or muffins are ideal.

If you are able to donate some home bake, please drop it at the MPAC kitchen before school (from 8am) or in the afternoon around pick up time, on Thursday 10th November. Please include a note with a list of ingredients. Thank you. Your support is always appreciated.

Social Skilling

The focus of the social skilling program this week is Respect, one of Aspley East State School’s Values. Students will complete activities that make them think about how they should treat others and discuss how to play showing ‘Respect’ to other students.
Leadership
The Year 5 students are continuing to work towards completing their Leadership Inventory. Students will be informed in Week 5 of the process for formal leadership positions in 2017.

Remembrance Day
The school will be holding a Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday 11th November. All students will participate in a short ceremony on this day beginning at 9am in the MPAC.

Interschool Sports
Interschool Sports will continue until the 11 November for Year 5 and 6 students. It is great to hear that all students are proudly representing the school by displaying fair play and a positive attitude.

Gerard Donovan

From The Head of Support Services

Coffee morning for parents / carers of children with special needs
We are hosting another informal coffee morning for parents / carers of students with Special Needs. This will provide an opportunity for you to chat to people experiencing similar issues. If you have a younger or older child with special needs and would like to attend, please feel free.

The coffee date will be held in the Annexe on Friday 28 October from 8.45-10.00ish. Just pop in whenever you are able. There is no formal agenda, just a chance to share a cuppa and a chat.

Chaplaincy
Our chaplain, Sharon Hocking, provides great support to many students by running programs with classes and small groups, as well as working with students as directed by teachers or support staff. External funding does not cover the total cost of our Chaplaincy Program and so additional fundraising is required.

Recently the Aspley Coffee Club generously hosted a fundraising afternoon / evening. Funds raised from this event came to approx. $600. Thank you to everyone who supported this venture.

Leanne Smith - Head of Support Services

Music

Instrumental Music
In September, two Aspley East State School Instrumental Music Students – Irene in Year Five (Violin) and Angela in Year Six (Viola) – were invited to attend the Metropolitan North Regional Honours Music Camp. Both students were required to audition for places in this prestigious event and Irene achieved the honour of being appointed Assistant Leader of both the Symphony Orchestra and the String Orchestra. She was also selected to participate in this camp in 2015, when she was in Year Four – most participants do not reach the required standard until Year Six! Irene has shared her experiences below:

“I have been a member of the Honours Music Camp for two years. During my time participating in the music camp, I have been involved in a lot of fascinating activities and learnt many interesting lessons. In this camp, you are given the opportunity to learn various pieces of music and then have the chance to perform them. In my first year at the camp, in 2015, I had a lot of fun as a First Violin. In 2016 I was the Deputy Principal (or Assistant Leader). I had to sit next to the Concert Master. It was a new experience for me and I loved it. Even though it is a music camp you can also make friends with lots of students. This was a good experience for me. I would
All Instrumental Music Students (Strings) are reminded that Continuation Forms regarding 2017 participation in the program need to be returned by 1/11/16. Any Year Two students interested in joining the program have received letters already but older students may see Ms Jerram or Mr Le Vesconte for an information letter and application. Instruments available are Violin, Viola, Cello (limited places remaining) and Double Bass.

Music Support Group News

Showcase

Hi everyone. The end of term is not too far away but we still have one special musical event to go and that is Showcase. This is the end of year concert at which AESS students can show their friends and family the progress they have made during the year. The choirs (including the Signing Choir), Concert Band, Strings Ensemble (including Junior Strings) will be performing, as well as two of the soloists from the A Factor.

Showcase will be held on Thursday 10 November from 6pm to 7.30pm in the MPAC. Entry is free this year as there has already been quite a few expenses this term, eg the fete. Snacks and cold drinks will be served from the MPAC kitchen from 5 to 6pm. The doors will open at 6pm just before the performances begin. Everyone loves home bake, so if anyone is able to make some to sell at Showcase, that would be terrific. You can drop it off at the MPAC before school or after school on Thursday 10 November.

If you are performing, please arrive at the MPAC, dressed in your music uniform, at 5.30pm. The new music polo shirts will arrive before Showcase so that you can wear them on the night with your formal AESS skirt/skorts or shorts. If you haven’t purchased a music polo, you can wear a plain black t-shirt.

The Strings Ensemble are to wear their normal orchestra uniforms (long skirt/trousers, white shirt, cummerbund and tie) to perform, rather than the black polo shirt. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Le Vesconte, Mrs Jerram or Mr Van.

I will be at the MPAC from 8am on Wednesday 16 November to collect the Strings Ensemble uniforms. Please wash the shirt and skirts/trousers before returning them. If you have any questions or cannot make it to school that day, please feel free to call me on 3312 4390 to make another time. Thank you.

Any Year 6 students who have purchased a new music polo shirt and do not wish to keep it as a souvenir of their music days at AESS, can sell their shirts back to the school for the full cost of $25 after Showcase.

I am resigning as MSG Secretary at the end of the year and would like to warmly thank all the wonderful families and staff who have worked so hard to support our music students.

Best wishes
Heather Richards - (Outgoing MSG Secretary – 3312 4390 or 0413 573 229)

HPE News

Reminders

- **Interschool Sport** (Summer Sports: Touch football/Softball/T-Ball): 28 Oct, 4 & 11 Nov Training starts week 2 (10 Oct): Touch Football Girls (Thursday 8-8:30), Touch Football Boys (Wednesday 8-8:30), T-Ball (Thursday 1:15-1:45pm) and Softball (Monday 1:15-1:45pm)

- **ISS Uniform**: Softball/T-Ball (sports uniform, long Aspley East socks and knickerbockers optional), Touch Football (sports uniform or optional sports shirt with number)

- **ISS**: Everyone must have sunscreen on, water bottle, food, uniform and great teamwork skills and sportsmanship
• **ISS:** Touch Football Boys (Taigum State School), Touch Football Girls (Nudgee College)*** please be aware that this venue has been changed due to Bracken Ridge State High School top dressing their oval. T-Ball/Softball (Deagon Oval)

• **Swimming Carnival:** Years 4-6, Wednesday 7th December at Aspley High School Students MUST pick 4 swims, 1 distance for every stroke. **Freestyle:** 50m or 25m or 12.5m front kick, **Backstroke:** 50m or 25m or 12.5 back kick, **Breaststroke:** 50m or 25m or 12.5m noodle race and **Butterfly:** 50m or 25m or 12.5 any technique. Students will be given more points for extra distance events. To qualify for Bramble Bay the swimmer must do 50m events. To win age champion the swimmer must swim at least 3 x 50m races.

• **Holt Bolt Bootcamp:** Started week 3 (Tuesday 18th October), 6 Week program, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:15pm, book online([www.theholtboltkids.com.au](http://www.theholtboltkids.com.au)), full body development, prizes every week for 'Best Trainers', every entry gets a free training watch, partial Holt Bolt obstacles every session with the whole course on the last session

• **AusKick (AFL):** starts Friday 21st and runs for 7 weeks

• *YOU MAY STILL REGISTER FOR EITHER HOLT BOLT OR AUSKICK, SEE CONVEYOR AT THE TRAINING SESSION FOR MORE INFORMATION*

• **Cross Country Training/Fitness Club (free):** Every Tuesday from 7:45am-8:15am

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**Library News**

Library loans for Term 4 are due back on 25th November. We will cease borrowing at the end of week 7. There will be no borrowing on or after this date.

The library is open to students for borrowing in the following times from Monday to Friday 8.30 – 8.45am, 10.55 – 11.15am and 2.55 – 3.10pm Monday to Wednesday.

Students from Prep to Year 6 must have a water resistant library bag or satchel with them when they borrow from the library. A clean, dry, plastic shopping bag is acceptable.

There are limits on the numbers of books that students may borrow (displayed on a chart in the library). The maximum borrowing time for all is two weeks or ten school days.

We're sorry, but students with an overdue loan may not borrow anything new until the outstanding book/s is/are returned.

Keeping Library books in a safe and consistent place at home will help you find them when you need them. Unfortunately books do occasionally get lost. What we ask is that you write or call us and let us know. We ask you to look at least one more time before giving up. At the same time as you search, we check the Library shelves and ask the child's classroom teacher to help check the classroom. Lost books "appear" in the most unusual places. If the book is truly lost, arrangements need to be made concerning replacement or payment.

If your child's library book gets damaged in any way (ripped, torn, wet, or the dog ate it) please send it back to school. Please do not repair books at home. We use special materials here in the library. There are particular techniques we use in book repair. Please place the book in a bag so that all the pieces stay together or if wet. Depending on the damage, replacement costs may be sought.
The P&C

The Aspley East State School Parents & Citizens Association is a group of dedicated parents and staff who meet once a month at the Library Annexe. The P&C runs the school tuckshop and uniform shop, as well as various stalls and fundraising activities over the year. The out of school hours care is run by the PCYC on the P&C’s behalf. We raise funds to support the teachers and administration staff in providing the best experience they can for the children of Aspley East.

The P&C is a great way for parents to find out more about how the school operates and contribute to that operation, especially parents new to the school.

Please come along to a P&C meeting to see how you can make our school and school community a better place. You will not be asked to put your hand up for anything you don’t want to, but anyone wanting to volunteer for something, or suggest good ideas is always welcomed.

Our regular meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month during school terms at 6.30 pm in the Library Annexe.

The November 9th meeting is our last meeting for the year and will be held at Outback Steakhouse on Zillmere Road. Outback Steakhouse is one of our major fete donors, and we have decided to hold the next meeting there to thank this local business for its support. Please come if you can, at 6.00 pm for the 6.30 pm meeting. All meals, drinks, etc will be at each person’s expense.

Facebook

The P&C has its own Facebook page, so please like us (if you want to).

We give regular reminders of school events and general news about the school and the P & C activities on the page. You can find us at:

https://www.facebook.com/AspleyEastPandC/?ref=bookmarks

There is also an email address if anyone wants to contact the P&C Executive about P&C activities. The address is pandc@aspleastss.eq.edu.au.

The Fete

The school fete has been and gone, and I hope everyone has recovered.

The P&C would like to thank the school community for embracing the fete in the manner it did. It was really well attended, there were heaps of stalls and a packed program of events, and we have received lots of good feedback. Thanks to all the teachers and staff who were there during the day, especially those who volunteered for the dunk tank, and thanks to Mr L and Mrs Kong for organising the choirs.

The P&C take this opportunity to formally express its thanks to the stall convenors and those who volunteered during the day, and spouses and partners who helped out. But the biggest thanks go to our fete organiser, Sharon Window who did a wonderful job. It is a long and difficult slog, and we are extremely grateful to Sharon for all she did, and the good humour and grace in the way it was done. Thanks also to Keith, Jessica and Melanie as well.

The fete is a major fundraiser for the P&C, and we will be able to put the funds raised to good use for the school, but it's also just a great day for the kids big and small. Many past students attended. There is immense goodwill and a good vibe, and Mother Nature always helps by giving us a beautiful day.

This may be old news by now, but the P&C voted at its meeting last week to use the funds raised at the fete, together with the reserves in the Building Fund, to air-condition the rest of the classrooms at the school. This is a great achievement, and thanks again to the school community for making this happen.
Building Fund

Big thanks to those who donated to the P&C Building Fund this year.

The air-conditioning of the remainder of the school classrooms has been our main goal this year. While this will be met thanks to the fete there are always other things to do. We need to pay off the Q store, and we are hoping to buy a very large ceiling fan for the MPAC. These fans are quite expensive and we need some help for this.

Therefore we are still asking for donations for the Building Fund for the rest of 2016. Please consider a donation of whatever you are able to contribute, either via the school office or by EFT directly into the P&C’s account. The details of this account are as follows:

BSB: 064-151
Account Number: 10179915
Account Name: Aspley East State School P&C Association Building Fund

Donations to the Building Fund are wholly voluntary, and we only ask for people to donate within their means. No amount is too small. Remember that contributions to the Building Fund are tax deductible.

Christmas Book Fair

This year we are holding a second book fair so you can stock up on some reading for the Christmas holidays. With such a long break over the Christmas period it’s still a great thing for the kids to keep the reading up. The book fair will run from Friday 18th November until Wednesday 23rd November. This time we will open before school and after school only so we hope you can come and visit us and see lots of new books that have just come out! EFTPOS, credit card and cash facilities will all be available and if we don’t have the book you are after, please let us know and we’ll try and order it for you. Look out for a note with more details coming home soon.

Uniform Shop (Q Store)

The Uniform Shop is open for business near the Tuckshop on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between 8.00 am and 9.30 am.

We have heaps of stock available for purchase; so please come and see us for all school uniforms (including second hand items), hats, chair and library bags, accessories, and even copies of the school’s jubilee history book (which is highly recommended).

While the P&C is the only provider of our school uniforms, we will always stock second hand (or pre-loved) uniforms for purchase by the school community. This is a strong commitment of the P&C. If you are cleaning out your cupboards with the change of seasons, or if your children are leaving Aspley East this year, please consider donating any unwanted uniforms to the Uniform Shop. We appreciate these donations to allow our second hand stocks to be maintained. We do ask that the uniforms are in a reasonable, wearable condition.

There will be additional opening hours for the Uniform Shop in December and the January holidays for the new school year. Watch this space and the P&C Facebook page for more details.

Thank you. Scott Richards- P&C President
From Q Store

Q Store is now offering quality school bags for pre-order. The bags have a fantastic 15 year manufacturer's warranty, multiple zip compartments, are ergonomically designed to protect your child’s back, a compartment for an I pad and will feature the school logo. We expect them to arrive at the end of this year or before the start of school next year. Bags will only be available via pre-order and will not be an in stock item at this stage. Pre-orders of bags are available only to 31/10/16. Please go to School Shop Online to put your order in today. [https://schoolshoponline.net.au/aspleyeastss/index.aspx](https://schoolshoponline.net.au/aspleyeastss/index.aspx)

Stock Update!
Swimming caps are now available in house colours, just in time for the school swimming carnival. These quality, Australian made, lycra caps are $7.00 and available in store or online.

Volunteers – We need you!
We are currently seeking volunteers to come and have a great time assisting in our busy periods in Term 4 and Term 1 next year. If you are available on Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning, and would like to help we would love to see you! You do not have to come every week or make a long term commitment at all, so please get in touch either by visiting me in the shop, or phoning 3867 2753, or emailing pandc@aspleastss.eq.edu.au

Looking forward to hearing from you! Michelle Hudson - Q Store Convenor

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