Principal's Note
Hello,
Welcome to the 2017 School Year!

Welcome back to Cairns West State School for the 2017 school year. It promises to be a busy year with plenty of exciting events planned. Welcome also to our new families! It is wonderful to see so many new faces at our school. I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks.

It is very important that all students return to school at the start of the school year. I therefore ask you to help me get all of our students back to school. If you see any students in your street that you know should be at school, please chase them off to school. If they are being stubborn, please phone us at the school and we will have a talk to them!

Student Leaders
Congratulations to our 2017 Student Leaders! They have already demonstrated that they are worthy of their positions by running Big Breakfast Parade and normal school parades. I look forward to working with them to improve our school in 2017.

School Focus on No Bullying!
2017 is the year we hope to stamp out bullying at Cairns West. Bullying occurs in many places in our lives, and it is particularly the case where many people are together at the same time – hence it happens in schools. I want to assure you that I am taking a Zero Tolerance stance on bullying at Cairns West. Mr Ottone, Mrs Mitchell and I will be speaking to all students on parade over the next few weeks about this topic. I thank you in advance for taking the time to talk about this to your children.

Enrol Now for Prep!
We still have places in our Prep Classes so make sure that you enrol your child if he/she is born from 1 July 2011 – to 30 June 2012.

All Prep students will receive their own XO Laptop!

Every Day Counts
Please remember that Every Day Counts at Cairns West State School. I will be keeping a close eye on which students miss school and will be visiting families to work with you to help get your children to school every day.

Congratulations to 2F for winning the first Pizza Attendance party for 2017!!!

Until next time
Mike

 reminder **to all parents/caregivers not to park in the bus or taxi zones outside the school when collecting your family from the school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.**

**HIGH SCHOOL 2017 INFORMATION EVENING**

Trinity Bay State High School will be hosting

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

**YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7**

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017

6pm start approximate finishing time 8:30pm

Please meet at TBSHS Theatre

Enrolment Packages will be available on the night

Parents and students will have the opportunity to:

- Hear from the principal
- Tour the school facilities
- Find out about the programs offered at the school
- Meet present students and parents at TBSHS
- Meet staff
- Find out more about life at high school

**SUCCEwSS THROUGH ENDEAvOUR**

**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE:**

40 379766 (open 24hrs)

If your child is going to be absent for any reason please phone this number and leave a message or send a text to 0429 272 048
Religious Instructions

Next week the CWSS Religious Instruction program will commence on Monday February 13th.

At CWSS we offer 3 options of Religious Instruction once a week for half an hour as follows:

1. Combined Christian class
2. Catholic class
3. No religion program

The Combined Christian and Catholic class are taught by trained religious instructor volunteers. Non-religious instruction students participate in learning activities directed by the Classroom Teacher in their classroom.

Students participate in the religious instruction program nominated on the student’s enrolment form.

If you would like to check or change what religious instruction program your child is nominated in please contact the office.

Students that participate in the Religious Instruction program (Catholic or Combined Christian) attend a Church Service at the St Francis Xavier Church (across the road) at Easter and Christmas time as part of these programs.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Robotics and Coding in 2017

This year all classes will be continuing to build and program robots. The upper primary classes will also be designing, creating digital graphics and coding to develop their own apps and games. Digital technology skills develop maths and literacy skills while problem solving. It encourages teamwork and cooperation. The students are always encouraged to “talk what they do” which develops oral language.

Our awesome 2017 seniors will have the opportunity to compete in robotics challenges against other schools in our region and we will try our very best to once again bring the regional trophy back to Cairns West State School. Our new Prep's have already started learning about switches and programming with our Beebots while the year 6s are continuing to develop and enhance their computer games they started coding last year.

It is going to be a very exciting year for robotics and coding in Digital Technologies at Cairns West State School.

Theresa Feletar - IT Teacher

Community News

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to all our Cairns West Families returning for 2017 and a big welcome to all our new families, many of which I have already met. I look forward to meeting many more. Might see you at some of the information sessions this week.

The P&C is expecting the water bottles to be delivered this week. If you have paid for a book pack your students will be getting the water bottle delivered to their room very soon.

Uniform sales have been very busy this year. Unfortunately, some sizes are out of stock. We have our order in and are waiting for delivery, which we hope will arrive by the end of the month. Please stay tuned to the newsletter or facebook for new info.

Tuck Shop menu is still under review. We would like to encourage more volunteers to join the team in the Tuck Shop which will help increase our menu choices.

Please find included a copy of the P&C membership form for 2017. The P&C encourages and welcomes all families to be part of the Association.

Annie Wolff — Community Liaison Officer

PBL Rule of the Week

SWPBL focus rule for weeks 3 and 4

BE RESPECTFUL

In particular we will be focussing on “Be at the right place at the right time.” This will apply to students throughout their day at school. Beginning with being at school in their classrooms ready to learn by 8:30 am. Next, by being in line on time at the end of each break. Also when transitioning from one class to another during school time. Or returning promptly from a toilet break. All staff at school will be reinforcing this focus for the next 2 weeks. It would be greatly appreciated if parents and carers would discuss the importance of being in the right place at the right time with their children. Especially helping with getting students to school on time in the mornings. This is not just about being respectful, but also a learning and safety issue.

Chess Club

Chess club is happening again in 2017. We meet on Monday and Tuesday during the second break in B007 (Ms Draper’s room) We also play outside the tuckshop on Thursday at second break. Everyone is welcome. Our first tournament will be in week 6. This year I will be choosing 2 team captains from those students who attend regularly and show leadership qualities. I look forward to seeing past players and new enjoying chess.