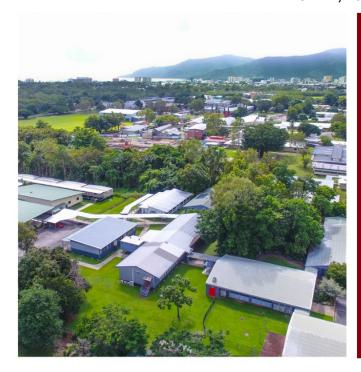
# Newsletter

Term 1, 2022



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#### **TERM 2 DATE CLAIMERS**

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Let's Connect SEQ 27/04/22 - 28/04/22 Peninsula 28/04/22 - 29/04/22

Annual Camp P-12 23/05/22 - 25/05/22

**Sports Day** 26/05/22

Cultural Celebration/Careers Expo/50th Anniversary Open Day 27/05/22

**50th Anniversary Golden Gala Dinner** 28/05/22

P&C Meeting 03/05/22 & 24/05/22

**STEAM Camp** 16/06/22 - 17/06/22

Music Camp 20/06/22 - 21/06/22



## **Principal's Report**

Warm greetings to you all!

Welcome to the first newsletter of this our 50th year of service and what interesting times we continue to live in. This year our improvement agenda focuses on:

- Developing viable pathways for our students in further education, training or employment
- Quality teaching and learning through a contextualised curriculum in QLearn
- Delivering an engaging curriculum by providing quality feedback to our students and home tutors.

This term's bulletin is fuller than a butcher's dog with the exciting achievements of our students and community members. We also have some top tips from our Community Engagement Team as well learning more about our newer members of staff.

Of particular highlight this term is the work of our science faculty, led by Mr Markus Honnef, and the Wonder of Science program. In a recent publication, the event orchestrated by Markus, was mentioned in the STEM-tastic Newsletter. An excerpt appears here:

#### **STEM-tastic Scientists**



Meet our STEM-tastic Scientists!









Dr Charith Rath

Dr Alice Twomey t The University of Queensia Coastal wetland hydrolog

In collaboration with the Cairns School of Distance Education (CSDE), three Flying Scientists – <u>Professor lan Frazer AC</u>, Dr Charith Rathnayaka and Dr Alice Twomey – together with Professor Hugh Possingham, <u>Queensland Chief Scientist</u>, presented as a panel to the school community.

This was a very special event for the students who due to their location don't have the opportunity to engage with leading researchers and get answers to their many science-based questions directly from scientists.

Each Flying Scientist spoke to their research, and what it was that inspired their interest in STEM. They also

provided advice on the types of careers that are possible in STEM fields.

Dr Catherine Kim, Wonder of Science young science ambassador and panel facilitator, had to field hundreds of chats and questions during the one-hour session which was testament to the enthusiasm of the students. As well as the students, 18 teachers joined the session.

The Flying Scientists program is delivered by Wonder of Science in partnership with the Office of the Queensland Chief Scientist.

As this article goes to print, I am informing you that as of week 2 next term, I will be working on a project with our Far Northern Region. The project is focussed on identifying how we can give regional, rural and remote students, families and communities better access to and use of our digital networks. People and the connections that they have or make with other people must be at the heart of any option that we develop. I am unsure of who will be replacing me at this stage. My commitment to our 50th Anniversary and the Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride is staunch and I look forward to continuing with my contributions towards these terrific events.

Speaking of bike rides, the C2K Board is gearing up for this year's epic journey across the Atherton Tablelands and the Gulf Savannah to Karumba. If you are interested in supporting our ride please check out the website <a href="https://c2kbikeride.com.au/">https://c2kbikeride.com.au/</a> for all of the details. Remember this is our P&C's main fundraising event of the year and is done in lieu of a fete. Our P&C has been proudly supporting this event since 1997 making this one of Australia's longest running, multi-day cycling events. It is 780 km of excitement, fun and pride. All of the proceeds go back into supporting our students with their learning and wellbeing.

I hope that you all have a safe and relaxing autumn vacation.

Kind regards,

Andrew Oliver Principal

P.S. if you believe in the Easter Bilby, then I hope that you get showered in chocolate delights ©

## **Parent Liaison Officer**

Aloha Cairns SDE parents, carers, students and Home Tutors.

I hope everyone enjoyed their long Summer holiday and have planned some more rest, relaxation and good memory making times over the Easter break.

What a fantastic term we have had here at Cairns School of Distance Education. With an abundance of new students keen and eager to meet our regulars at the Let's Connect Days and upcoming camps.

#### Let's Connect Days - Cairns and Tablelands

It was extremely disappointing for me to miss out on the Let's Connect Days in both Cairns and Tablelands, due to unexpected leave. Parents and Home Tutors were able to meet with teachers, some of the Community Engagement Team, and network with each other though, which is great.

In Cairns we had planned for our new School-based Youth Health Nurse, Shari (introduced below in the Meet Our New Staff section) to help deliver a Kids Helpline Session. Unfortunately, Shari was also unexpectedly absent, so a local Cairns representative from Kids Helpline delivered sessions about *Emotional Intelligence* and *Coping with Change & Transition*. Home Tutors in Cairns also participated in Yoga, making fidget spinners, and talks from the Sustainability Committee, Inclusive Education, PB4L, as well as about the school and our Community Engagement Team.



Home Tutors on the Tablelands were treated to a fitness circuit, scarf making, dance games, a nature walk and picnic lunch at Malanda Falls, as well as talks about mental health and wellbeing, the school, and our Community Engagement Team.

Participants from Cairns and Tablelands are welcome to email feedback to <a href="PLO@cairnssde.eq.edu.au">PLO@cairnssde.eq.edu.au</a>. Home Tutors in other clusters can email me in regards to ideas from these timetables and suggestions for the upcoming Mini Schools in August.

#### Annual Camp Week, 23 -28 May

Permission forms have gone out for the always fun CAMP WEEK! The forms include information about each of the four camps (based on year levels), as well as the 3-day Home Tutor program – kokedama making, P&C Meetings, and preparations for C2K Bike Ride and

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities. I am available via phone or email if you have any queries relating to this; accommodation, transport, distances, times etc etc.



This year's Camp Week is extra special as it includes our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. So, have a think about extending your stay and sticking around for the Sports Day (plus Colour Run!), Careers Expo (7-12s only), Cultural Celebrations, Open Day, Community BBQ and Golden Gala special event on the Saturday night.

#### Make a week of it - it's going to be fabulous!!!

To participate please return the Annual Camp permission form to <a href="mailto:community@cairnssde.eq.edu.au">community@cairnssde.eq.edu.au</a> by 3.00pm Friday 29 April 2022.

#### Cairns SDE 50th Celebrations

Last year a committee was formed to coordinate the numerous events and activities involved in planning for our school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This year,



everyone who had expressed interested to participate in preparations volunteered for particular working groups; Marketing, Fundraising, Merchandise, Legacy Projects, Night time event, Student Voice, Schoolbased group (on-site events), Infrastructure Team (ongoing as part of the school), Guinness Book of Records and Online events. Members of these working groups have been working hard in addition to their usual school and Home Tutor roles (amongst the other hats they wear) to produce a truly memorable celebration of this momentous milestone. More information about events and other activities throughout the newsletter.

## Mini Schools, early and mid-August

Planning is already underway for the four Mini School events taking place in August.



Mini Schools

Tablelands 2-4 August (Term 3)

Cairns 4-5 August (Term 3)

Peninsula 16-18 August (Term 3)

South East Qld 16-18 August (Term 3)

### Home Tutor Orientation and Connect Sessions, Term 1

The year commenced with a bit of a rocky start due to the ongoing pandemic and the Back To School changes. Cairns SDE adapted by providing all of our Orientation sessions online. I presented a live <a href="Home Tutor Session">Home Tutor Session</a> which is still available via the Student Portal for any new parents/Home Tutors or anyone needing a reminder about getting started.

The first Connect Session of the year was shortly afterwards on 10 February. The recording is available via Blackboard and I discussed my role as Parent Liaison Officer, the role of Care Teachers and HODs, timeframes, Community Engagement events, and introduced you to the Community Engagement Team and P&C Association, amongst other topics. The second Connect Session was delivered by our lovely Writing Coach Helen Crampton – Home Tutors of Reluctant Writers, which is also available via recording on Blackboard.

All parents and Home Tutors are welcome to join the Home Tutor Connect Sessions on Thursdays each term in Weeks 3 and 7, from 3.30pm. This <u>Guest Link</u> will be available for all Connect Sessions in 2022.

#### Reach out and say HI!

There are many more families out there for me to meet and talk to which I look forward to doing at our upcoming Community Engagement events throughout Queensland. If you have any queries, suggestions or feedback, then please give me a call – 07 4080 9208 or email plo@cairnssde.eq.edu.au.

All the best for the Easter break, however you choose to celebrate or relax I hope it is with good friends and family.

Clare Macpherson, Cairns SDE Parent Liaison Officer

### **Student News**

#### **Education Perfect**

Mason (Year 9) has achieved the highest achievement Elite (accumulated 10,000 points in the 7-day time frame) at the recent Education Perfect 2022 Language Championship.

He is one of only 301 people students competing worldwide who have reached this achievement this year. Mason studies both Italian and Indonesian at Cairns SDE but had fun experiencing some of the other languages available like Latin, Spanish, Malay, German, Japanese & French.

As Cultural Captain he hopes to encourage others to have a go at Education Perfect. Well done Mason, you're a star!



#### **Wonders of Science Flying Scientist**

In Week 8 of this term, students, staff and families had the opportunity to virtually meet Queensland's leading

scientists and learn more about STEM in the online session with the Wonders of Science Flying Scientists.

Mr Honnef (HOD Science) said, "The Flying Scientist session was well attended and I think that all attendees would agree that their lives were enriched and that each one of us took something from this event or should I say, we have all learned something new today."

The Wonders of Science Flying Scientist online session recording link is now available for students and families to view. Please visit the student notices on the Student Portal to access the link.



#### **International Women's Day Breakfast**

IWD Week is one of the most uplifting and inspiring weeks for every woman in every calendar year. Each year the IWD Week begins with the Cairns Regional Council (CRC), their annual IWD Breakfast always held on March 8 to announce the Cairns Regional IWD Woman and Young Woman of the Year. This inspirational event is shared by men and women and invitations are extended to regional schools for their female School Leaders. A Scholarship is awarded to an aspiring young woman to further her contribution to community-based studies.



CRC Young Woman of the Year 2022 was awarded to Jess Fatnowna (23yo) for her efforts in mentoring Aspire Cairns Community Limited and the work she does with young Indigenous women supporting them in the Aspire to be Deadly Program. Julie McNeil, CEO of AspireCCL said, 'Jess has developed her role within the community and in these times of change and uncertainty, the vulnerable and at risk suffer the most, and it is in this space that Jess has become a role model and leader committed to 'breaking the bias's and supporting vulnerable young women and girls. She does not shy away from a challenge.'

CRC Woman of the Year award went to Kesa Strieby, of CARMA, Cairns and Regional Multicultural Association. This woman is amazing in that she works tirelessly with her association to assist with housing homeless people in our community.

Friday On 11 Zonta March, Club of Cairns and Inc. the Cairns Business Women's Club (CBWC) were proud to host Jess Hill as our guest speaker at



the IWD Week Luncheon event. Jess Hill is an Investigative Journalist who has been writing about domestic violence since 2014 and began her wondering, "Why doesn't she just leave?" Since then Jess Hill has written many essays and briefings and more recently wrote the book "See What You Made Me Do: Power, Control and Domestic Abuse". She is not afraid to seek out sources as she has delved into the abuse so many women and children experience. She is not afraid to ask

the difficult questions of the justice system that often reinforces the abuse that women flee from. She focuses on the critical social issues and gender violence.

Jess Hill delivered a heart rendering view of what some people experience and made us rethink how to confront this national crisis of fear and abuse that is occurring in our homes. She challenged the audience to examine their own feelings toward the awful truths on the topic of coercion in a relationship and its likeness to wartime interrogation.

Her thought-provoking question, "What will it take to end this?" What will it take? Seems women are standing up to raise their issues with people of power. Voices heard are those of Rosie Batty, Brittany Higgins, Grace Tame and Chantel Contos tired of the shame and ready to act now and speak up.

If this article has raised issues for you and you feel you need to speak to with someone, your Care and Wellbeing Teacher might be your first call or you might call Kids Helpline or Lifeline. Lifeline's 13 11 14 crisis support service is available 24/7. Anyone in Australia can speak to a trained Crisis Supporter over the phone, any time of the day or night.



The Zonta Encouragement Awards 2021, \$2000 was awarded to each of three Year 12 girls with very clear career pathways to Bachelor of Arts majoring in Literature - pathway to Journalism, Bachelor of Nursing - pathway to Midwifery and Vocational Award - TAFE Apprenticeship Carpentry and Cabinet Making. The girls will use these funds to assist them in purchasing the tools and equipment they require for their future careers. The Zonta Encouragement Award Nominations are sent to all Cairns and Tablelands Regional SHS for girls in Year 12 to apply to the criteria toward the end of Term 3.

#### eZ Club

Z Club of Cairns SDE is looking for new members, girls and boys in Year 7 through to Year 12. The best way to describe what this club is about is Leadership skills, gender equality and community service (local, school and international). Club members agree upon a Project goal to work on for the benefit of community. Expressions of Interest (EOI) to add your voice are invited now. You may contact Mrs Ros Scott rscot50@eq.edu.au Membership will contribute to your Resume. As a community volunteer you might also be eligible to apply to the Zonta International, Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award in 2023. Opportunities to attend the ZI Convention 2024 to be held in Brisbane June 2024. This is very exciting, especially that four eZ Club members attended the

Australia and New Zealand 100 Year Conference in 2019.

Now for just one moment, close your eyes and consider the women, girls and their children in the daily struggle to survive in Afghanistan, Syria and Ukraine. Trust that the United Nations, United Nations Women and Zonta International and many other world organisations are assisting people like you that have found themselves in situations that rely on their inner strength and resilience to survive things that they have not chosen to live or experience. Trust in the people like you that are working to assist in many creative ways.

Ros Scott, Cairns SDE Teacher

#### **Open Learning Campus (OLC) News**

This term at the Open Learning Campus, we have engaged with a multitude of fun and practical HOPE (Hands On Practical Education) projects.



#### **OLC Projects with Ms Miranda Manuel**

In the Hair Services Project this term, we are exploring face shapes and are working towards creating hair styles that suit these particular face shapes. Besides that, we have worked on sectioning. Being able to divide hair in straight and clean sections is an underestimated skill. We have practiced this skill by performing a quarter sectioning in preparation for applying regrowth colour. Although no real colour was used, students applied conditioner to replicate the process while practicing clean sectioning.





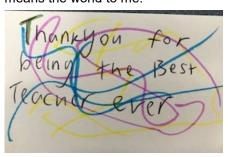
Rhythm and Percussion is a brand-new project. I was lucky enough participate in a 2-day Rhythm Recovery to workshop at the end of 2021. The Rhythm to Recovery program, developed Simon by Faulkner, is designed to

address personal and social themes while playing designed activities in the drumming circle as an analogy for various personal, social, ethical and intercultural situations. In this project, students develop their personal and social voice, both rhythmically and literally, through alternating theme-based conversations with improvisational rhythmic activities. Within the drumming circle, students learn to listen to others with the goal to play together in harmony while providing a safe space to take risks.

In SELF (Social Emotional Life Focus) this term, we have chosen to explore the qualities of Positive Psychology. Positive Psychology is a strength-based program that explores activities and attitudes that improve wellbeing. So far, we have explored gratitude, becoming aware of positive emotions, and identifying engaging activities to elicit flow. Students have been provided with a diary in which they record their thoughts. <a href="https://positivepsychology.com/what-is-positive-psychology-definition/">https://positivepsychology.com/what-is-positive-psychology-definition/</a>.



Within our setting at OLC, it becomes clear that some young people have struggled significantly in other settings; often affecting the belief they have in themselves. My passion within my work is encouraging young people to believe in their capability to learn and seeing them grow often makes my heart sing and my eyes water. Today I found this on a chair in my classroom. Thank you to whomever left it there, it means the world to me.



#### OLC Project with Mr Kerrod Agnew

After giving the mind a warm up on Tuesdays after the SELF program, is it time to move the body. The students, this term, have had the choice of low impact or high impact physical activity with the emphasis on 'having a go'. From yoga to boxing, volleyball to cricket there has been a 100% uptake by the students with lots of positive feedback on the back of some very healthy physical and social interaction. It is hoped that this can continue through the Let's Connect week where some of the OLC students will be able to share their experiences with the CSDE students who will be attending campus.

#### OLC Projects with Mr Yhin Han Tan

In the Community Garden project this term, we are trying to spend as little time in the nursery to keep out of the heat! Instead, we have been in the classroom sowing seeds for vegetable seedlings and microgreens, both which will be available to staff soon. This term we have also started researching for a new project – composting! We have been learning about the



importance of balancing carbon (dead, dry brown stuff) and nitrogen (green garden stuff or food stuff). Soon we hope to start a community composting system, so stayed tuned.

In Animal Care this term students have 3 separate projects. This includes learning about domestic pets and how to care for them, researching native animals and how we can protect them and observing our school environment for insects and animals. We are using an App called Questagame where students receive points for taking photos of different species. Download the app, join in the challenge and learn about the world around you.

## **Staff News**

**ENROLMENTS** - where it all begins. School Based or Home-Based contact the team to get started at CSDE.

**NOTICE** – who you send emails to and what is asked of you. There are a number of reasons we will contact you.

**ROLES** – each member of the team has a role to play in delivering information, gathering data and maintaining records.

Oh My Goodness – the growth this year has been amazing and our team have refined the processes to better provide for our families.

**LEAVING** – if you choose to leave our school we will require an Exit Form to be completed.

**MESSAGES** – please include the students name, year level and if you are new or returning. A brief overview is helpful too.

**EVERY YEAR** – if your student is attending on an exemption or waiver you will be required to return a new application with evidence to support. Flexible Arrangements are also annual.

**NEVER** think it is a question no one else would ask. We learn through asking and answering.

**TOTALS** to pay, will vary from student to student. Invoices are issued for all services. Read the bottom to see if you are required to pay or it is due to be credited.

**STAY** connected and update your details. Postal, residential, emails, phone numbers, emergency contacts.

#### Meet our new staff members

#### **Elizabeth Anich**



I'm a Mossman born and bred local and have previously worked in Springsure, central QLD, Cairns, and Brisbane. I am now returning to Cairns after six years in Brisbane and have a background in English and Humanities.

#### **Nancy Johnstone**



Ηi my name is Nancv Johnstone. I am super excited to be joining the Cairns SDE in 2022! I did my teacher training in Victoria and moved to Cairns in 2001. I have taught at many schools and in a variety of teaching positions. I love teaching and am passionate about engaging all students to be happy and be the best they can be. I love

being a Mum to my two beautiful children, Errol 16 and Abbey 15. We have two beautiful dogs, Beau and Tess that are very spoilt. I also love swimming, gardening, reading and water aerobics. I am very excited to begin this great new adventure.

#### **Felicity Stoetzel**



Senior English & History make me smile. Over the past five years, have enjoyed developing mγ previous school's English Curriculum Years 7-12, managing Resource Centre and mentoring teachers in developing students' literacy skills across the 7-12 curriculum.

I love the Arts (Dance and Music) and have a Masters in Writing & Literature and a degree in History. Originally from Victoria, I have lived in FNQ since 1993 and continue to enjoy spending time in the diverse natural spaces this region has to offer. I'm really looking forward to becoming part of the CSDE team in 2022.

#### **Amy Theron**



Hi, I'm Amy and here's my attempt at a not-so-dull introductory blurb. I have lived in Cairns long enough to be considered a local and have been teaching for twelve years. I have spent the last two years teaching English at Babinda State School. I live with two boys (Master 6 and Master 8), a fiancé and a dog. Piña

coladas and getting caught in the rain aside, I enjoy spending my spare time with family, catching sun and enjoying our tropical backyard. I am genuinely enthusiastic about joining the team at Cairns School of Distance Education.

#### **Tammi Saal**



Hi! I've wanted to work at CSDE since before I even started my teaching degree! I worked in the tourism industry for around 10 years before deciding that teaching was really what I wanted to do. I've been a Jill-of-all-trades as a teacher — High School Inclusive Education (SWD), Year 6, Prep, Year 3, District

Relief and cat herder – but EAL/D and Japanese have been my main teaching areas throughout this time. Confused? So am I! I'm currently studying for Masters of Educational Neuroscience and I look forward to using what I learn in this school environment.

#### **Bernadette Marcel- Hubert**



My name is Bernadette Marcel- Hubert. I was born in the south of France and arrived in Australia in 1985. Recently I left bed in Darwin and I have two adults' daughters. I am into nature walks and yoga.

Shari Pinfield



Shari is the new School Based Health Nurse.

#### **Sophie Bitner**



I'm looking forward to working with each of you this semester in the role of guidance officer. I've worked in the FNQ Region for over 26 years in various roles within DoE and James Cook University, mainly in areas related to students with disability, guidance, and inclusive practices. I've just spent 5 years working at Tagai

State College in the Torres Strait. The college consists of 17 campuses on 15 different islands across 48,000

sq. kilometres of land and sea and I worked across all campuses supporting principals to implement meaningful inclusive practices specific to their students and contexts. Working in this context has given me some understanding of the challenges you may face in your roles at CSDE.

Terri Leopold-Wooldridge



My name is Terri and I am excited to be joining the CSDE family.

I come to you with most of my career background in Administration, along with accounting. I have previously worked for a local building company, managing most administrative parts of the

business, which was an amazing and rewarding experience. My most recent work experience comes from Queensland Health, assisting with the Covid-19 Vaccination Roll Out for the Cairns Region, as an Administration Clerk working alongside a team of nurses.

I enjoy in my spare time, camping, swimming, visiting friends and family, dancing, and of course, relaxing too. I look forward to expanding my knowledge in the Education industry and meeting you all over the coming weeks

## **Community Engagement**

## Let's Connect Days Cairns & Tablelands

We had so much fun at the Cairns and Tablelands Let's Connect Days in Week 7 of this Term. Students did sculpey art, made kokedama hanging plants, played sport, went on a walk to Malanda Falls and plenty more! Home Tutors also had a session with Headspace and finished with a relaxing yoga session.







Let's Connect Days

#### **STEAM Workshop**

Students had plenty of STEAM-ing fun in Week 9 at the two-day STEAM Workshop. They learnt new skills like how to build and code a robot – Well done!

#### **Instrumental Music Workshop**

We loved hearing the wonderful symphonies of the Cairns SDE Instrumental Music students in Week 10 of this Term. Thank you to Mr Perger for running the two-day workshop.

#### 50th Anniversary Celebrations

This year we are celebrating 50 years of service and we would love for you to join us!

Add these dates to your calendar:

- Open Day at Cairns School of Distance Education - Friday 27 May 4:00 - 8:00 PM.
- Golden Gala Dinner at Pullman Cairns International 6:00 10:00 PM.



Further details will be available soon. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful milestone with our school community.

## **Parents & Citizens Report**

Greetings to the Cairns SDE Community,

Welcome to all our new and continuing students, families, and staff. The year 2022 is particularly exciting for our school as we celebrate our Golden Birthday Year – Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cairns SDE!

In P&C news we held our AGM on the 21<sup>st</sup> March – thank you to all who attended – your support is very much appreciated. It is my pleasure to return to the Executive Team in what will be my sixth year as P&C President. Many thanks to Laurie Weeden and Melissa Fitzgerald who return as Minutes Secretary and Treasurer, and Sharon Willmann who is again the Peninsula District Representative and we welcome Theresa Blennerhassett to the position of Tablelands/Mareeba District Representative.

You can contact your P&C Exec team via email:

P&C President / Treasurer / Minutes Secretary	pandcexec@cairnssde.eq.edu.au
Peninsula District Representative	PeninsulaDistRep@cairnssde.eq.edu.au
Tablelands District Representative	TablelandsDistRep@cairnssde.eq.edu.au

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart"

We are seeking volunteers for the following positions that are currently vacant:

- Vice President
- Correspondence Secretary
- Cairns Coastal District Representative
- Savannah/Georgetown District Representative
- Senior Representative
- South East Queensland District Representative

If you think you would like to step up into one of these positions, we would be most appreciative. Just a little reminder that you don't have to attend meetings to be involved in the P&C – we would love to hear from anyone in the school community who has fundraising ideas or would like to volunteer – please contact the P&C exec team on <a href="mailto:pandcexec@cairnssde.eq.edu.au">pandcexec@cairnssde.eq.edu.au</a>. Our P&C supports your kids at school.

In celebration of our school's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday we have an exciting raffle that will be launched very soon. You could win up to \$5,000 cash in our P&C's 50-50 Cash Raffle. Purchase one or more tickets to increase your chances to WIN a cash prize of a guaranteed minimum fixed amount of \$2,000 OR 50% of total ticket sales to a potential prize value of \$5,000 (whichever is greater). Money raised will go towards 50<sup>th</sup> celebration activities and our school's legacy projects. Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements on the school website and Facebook page!



Thank you and happy 50!

Best regards,

Judith Eriksen P&C President



### **General News**

#### **Emerging Minds**

Emerging Minds Australia have released a selection of resources to assist parents and caregivers in supporting their children's mental

health through the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please visit www.emergingminds.com.au.

#### Resources:

https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/communicating-with-your-child-about-covid-19/

https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/traumatic-events-the-media-and-your-child/

https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/using-play-to-support-children-during-covid-19/

https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/helpingchildren-cope-with-stress-during-the-coronaviruscovid-19-outbreak/

https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/podcast/child

rens-mental-health-during-covid-19/ https://vimeo.com/408755319

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#### Free dental treatment - Georgetown Hospital

Free dental treatment (routine check-up) is available for children aged 0-17 at the Georgetown Hospital Dental Clinic between 14-16 June and 26-28 July 2022.

Please call 1300 300 850 to book an appointment.



All children from 0-17 years old (routine treatment) Appointments available at the Georgetown Hospital Dental Clinic 14,15,16 June and 26,27,28 July

-Must have a Medicare Card



#### **Network 10 casting for show - Ultimate Classroom**

Are you in Year 11 or 12 and what to be cast in a Network 10 show? Network 10 is shooting an action-packed competition show called Ultimate Classroom and they need passionate Year 11 & 12 Queenslanders to join their cast.

With help from the Australian Defence Force, teams of friends will tackle STEM challenges as they go head-to-head to conquer the Ultimate Classroom.

Applications close 8 April 2022. To apply, please email ultimateclassroomten@gmail.com or visit the website - http://benparkinsoncasting.com/auditions/.

#### **Road Safety Online Presentation**

Year 11 & 12 students are invited to attend a practical lifesaving road safety presentation for young drivers. Some of the material may be confronting.

When: Wednesday 27th April 2022

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Where: Online via Blackboard Ultra: CSDE Space > Assemblies. The presentation will be recorded.

