From the Principal

School Review
The School Review team visited Hebel State School on Monday and Tuesday of this week. It was wonderful to have Ian and Louise in our school for 2 days. They highlighted some wonderful areas our school is excelling in, and helped us to identify where our schools direction could focus over the next 4 years. A big thank you also to all of the staff, parents and community members who were available to meet with the reviewers and discuss what a great school Hebel is.

Bike Ride and Showcase
Only 2 weeks to go… so dust off those bicycles and make sure the helmet fits because the Tour De Hebel is fast approaching! This year the bike ride will be the last day of school, Friday the 16th. Along with the bike ride, the parents are invited to walk through our student showcase where work samples from the past semester will be on display. This will provide the students the opportunity to share their pride and knowledge with their parents around their school work.

Spring Affair—Tomorrow!!
Hebel School will be having a stall at the Dirranbandi QCWA Spring Affair tomorrow, the 3rd of September. If you have been unable to get to the school, we are more than happy for you to deliver your jars directly to the stand prior to the commencement of Spring Affair tomorrow. I look forward to seeing everyone there and I am sure it will be a fantastic day for the CWA who are always great ambassadors for Hebel State School.

Public Speaking
Well done to all of the students across the Balonne District who competed in the Balonne public speaking on Wednesday. I know everyone put in a fantastic effort. Henry represented Hebel and did an outstanding job. Congratulations to the winner Edward Rogan from St Pats with his speech “Worlds Greatest Inventions”.

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Book Fair
It is that time of year again when we host the annual Book Fair at Hebel State School. Lock in the dates from the 18th to the 25th of October. The fair will be open for trading to the community from 8:30-9am and again from 3-4pm. To celebrate book fair this year we are having a dress up parade! We have a few weeks to get some ideas and costumes ready for the big event! The theme of the dress up is—My favourite book or character!

Attendance

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Student of the Week.
Congratulations to Dempsey who is this fortnights Student of the Week! Dempsey has worked exceptionally well during class time and is striving to do his best in all learning activities. Well done Dempsey!
Pam takes POCKETS!!!

A big thanks to Pam who filled in for POCKETS last Thursday when I was away. Pam has been around for a little while now and actually taught some of the POCKETS mums. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful educators such as Pam!
Parents and Caregivers,

The safety and wellbeing of students is the highest priority for the department. At Hebel, from this date we will be required to notify parents the same day their child is away from school without an explanation. Relevant procedures have been updated and practical guidance have been made. Our commitment is to contact parents as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and we don’t know why. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by texting/calling/emailing to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received.

Please remember to call the school on 07 4625 0938 or email at the.principal@hebelss.eq.edu.au early in the morning (you can leave a voicemail) if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child’s absence can be recorded correctly.

Furthermore, there are times when we may need to contact parents and carers for absence, sickness etc. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 07 4625 0938 or the.principal@hebelss.eq.edu.au so we can update our records. These details include parent/carers’ name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details change.
The public debate following the incident where two Melbourne private school students were suspended for asking students to vote for the ‘Slit of 2016’ has been almost as concerning as the incident itself.

While most people via traditional media and social media have expressed outrage and disgust for the students’ grubby postings there has also been a number who’ve defended the students suggesting that we’re going overboard with the condemnation. A theme emerged in their defence along these lines: “Hey, it’s tough being a boy! They’re just going through a phase! They didn’t know they were doing anything wrong! Boys after all, will be boys!”

This is an echo of Eddiegate, when Collingwood president Eddie Maguire famously suggested that he would pay $50,000 to see journalist Caroline Wilson stay under a pool of iced water and then describing her as "like a black widow" spider. Later this was brushed off as just having a bit of fun, no harm intended. “No one surely takes this seriously. It’s only a bit of fun. Lighten up everyone. This is political correctness gone mad. Boys after all, will be boys!”

Well no! ‘Boys will be boys; it’s only a bit of fun, no real harm meant’ are the types of outmoded attitudes that need to change.

As an ambassador for the national ‘Stop It Before it starts’ campaign, which aims to reduce violence against women and children I’m convinced that the cycle of violence starts with disrespect.

Not all disrespectful behaviour towards women ends in violence. But all violence against women starts with disrespectful behaviour. And disrespectful attitudes often start at home.

Sometimes without realising it we can say and do things that make children and young people think disrespectful and aggressive behaviours are acceptable. We do this when we play down boy’s disrespectful behaviour toward a sibling; accept aggression as just part of being a boy; and even blaming girls for provoking aggression or disrespectful behaviour.

Gradually, boys and girls start to believe that disrespect is just a normal part of growing up.

Respect starts at home
As parents we have an incredible power to shape positively children’s attitudes and behaviours, including how they treat others. Here are three ideas and attitudes of respect at home:

1. Start by insisting that siblings treat each other well. Encourage both genders to resolve conflict and disputes using lower power methods such as talking things through; give and take and apologising.

2. Socialise your sons. It’s easy to excuse boy’s aggressive behaviour as part of being a boy. Yes, their physiology may mean they are more prone to handle disputes physically but that doesn’t mean we accept that. Model for your sons how to resolve disputes in a civil and civilised way.

3. Put respect on the agenda. Healthy families talk about the things that matter to them. If respect matters then you need to hold conversations around disrespectful behaviours – whether they occur in the family outside. Be willing to listen to children’s and young people’s views but also to challenge views that are questionable.

Respect is the core value of a civil society and that’s also the core value in every healthy, functioning family I’ve ever worked with.
Calendar

September
1st    Pockets/Bre Mobile
1st    Music
3rd    CWA Spring Affair
6th    PE
8th    Pockets
8th    Band 5 Moderation Emily
13th   PE
15th   Pockets/Bre Mobile & Music
16th   Bike Ride & Showcase
16th   School holidays commence

October
3rd    Public Holiday
4th    Term 4 Commences
6th    POCKETS
8th/9th Hebel Campdraft    P&C Catering
11th   Swimming Lessons    Dirranbandi
13th   POCKETS
17th   Pupil Free Day

Footy Tipping Results

1st    Mr B.  148
2nd    Frank Deshon  145
2nd    Thomas Dyer  145
3rd    Rhett Butler  141
3rd    Lauren Crothers  141
4th    Rainey Day  138
5th    Shelley Johnston  136
5th    Grinner  136
6th    Jack Johnston  134
7th    Selina Halls  129
8th    Emily Robinson  128
9th    Wally Bell  127
10th   go hard  126

There are a few who have not paid. Could you please pay by next week, otherwise prize money may not be yours!!! Drop your $20 to the school or ring to make other arrangements please.
**Community News**

**Hebel Church Services**

*Catholic:*

Sunday 4th September
10:00am

**Dirranbandi CWA Spring Affair**

Saturday 3rd September
At 10:00am

**Dirranbandi Civic Centre**

There will be various stalls, children’s entertainment, plants, cakes, produce, morning tea, bar, luncheon, bottle stall, soft drinks and many more.

It’s always a great day out with an enjoyable lunch. So come along and support the CWA.

If you wish to have a stall or know someone who might then contact:
Barb McMillan on 46207309
Robyn Rigby on 0427098207
or
Email: dirranbandicwa@outlook.com

**Hebel State School**

POCKETS Program

Contact: Emily Robinson, (07) 4625 0938

Meets every Thursday 9-11am.

For all children not yet of school age.

**Hebel Campdraft**

Saturday & Sunday
8th & 9th October
At
Hebel Sport’s Grounds
Bar & Food available all weekend
Come along for a great weekend of entertainment.
Save the Date

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

hosted by Hospital Auxiliary

Tuesday 1st November at Dirran Pub

For more information contact: Lorraine Crothers 07 46 250 856 or crothdl@bigpond.com
Fran Hetherington 07 46 258 255 or Lynda Parbury 07 46 258 393

A Celebration: The Songs and Stories of Paul Kelly

Giovanni Porta fronts a 5 piece band to present the best of Paul Kelly’s music &
the stories behind the songs........

Dirranbandi Polocrosse Grounds 9th September @ 7pm

Nibbles & Meals Available

Tickets $20pp  Bar Opens 6pm  Finger food & Dinner Available

Supported by Balonne Shire Council Community Drought Fund

Celebrating Dirranbandi Arts Council 40th Birthday 1975 – 2015
Take the guesswork out of parenting!

Want to see more of the behaviour you like and less of the behaviour you don’t like? Come along to a Triple P – Positive Parenting Program seminar. There are three seminars available for parents of children up to 12 years old.

The Power of Positive Parenting
Tuesday 30th August 2016  6.30pm-8.30pm
St George Hospital Conference Room  Ph (07) 46202265  Jenny Blokland

Raising Confident, Competent Children
Tuesday 6th September 2016  6.30pm-8.30pm
St George Hospital Conference Room  Ph (07) 46202265  Jenny Blokland

Raising Resilient Children
Tuesday 13th September 2016  6.30pm-8.30pm
St George Hospital Conference Room  Ph (07) 46202265  Jenny Blokland

Find out more about why kids behave the way they do, and pick up tips and strategies to help make family life easier – and more fun!

Book your free place now: www.triplep-parenting.net

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