FROM THE PRINCIPAL

State School Expo

Are you interested in parenting tips to promote excellence in your child in the 21st century or a parent’s guide to your child’s emotions and behaviours. Come to the State School Expo at the Caloundra RSL next Thursday at 5pm where Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and Dr Belinda Heyworth will be talking about these topics. See more details on the flier (available from the office).

As part of Education Week, the Caloundra Coalition of Schools (Buddina SS, Currimundi SS, Caloundra SHS, Golden Beach SS, Kawana Waters SC, Meridan SC and Talaria SC) is taking the opportunity to showcase some of the outstanding programs, events, achievements and facilities of our local State Schools. This coalition works very closely together to promote State education and develop programs that support the educational needs of the students and parents of our community. Come along to see or hear some outstanding presentations.

Enrolments 2015

Remember that next year, all Yr7 students will enrol in high school. With this in mind, we need to keep our enrolments growing so we don’t lose entitlements to administration and support staff. If you know of families with 2015 prep age children (turning 5 before July 1, 2015) or they are looking to enrol older children in our school, let them know that Brendan or I are more than happy to take them on a tour to show them the wonderful facilities and opportunities at our great school. We find that if we can show our large classrooms (in many cases double classrooms), the garden, the play spaces and facilities etc, as well as talk about the way the staff get to know our students due to our manageable size (currently about 460 students), people generally enrol. Spread the good word to let others know we are a great school, and let us know first if there are things we need to improve!

Let’s keep our school growing.

P&C Day

Friday, 23 May is P&C Day. As part of Education Week, I would love to invite all of

Student Absentee Call Line: 5439 4260
our volunteers for a morning tea at 10:30am on Friday in the Hall. It is a very informal gathering where I can thank you for your help with the Book Fest, Tuckshop, P&C membership, Discos, BBQ Breakfasts, fundraising stalls, reading help in the classrooms and the many other things where you volunteer your time to make a difference to our students. Helping out is not hard – in fact, from my own experiences, I think that it is very rewarding to be able to show your child you care about their school enough to give up some time to make it a better place. Please phone the office to RSVP by Wednesday 21 May so I can organise the catering. It would be a pleasure to have a room full of parent helpers/volunteers so please try to come along. Thanks

Y6/7 CANBERRA TRIP
We now have a couple of vacancies for the Canberra Trip. If there are any Yr6 or 7 students who wish to now go on this excursion, please contact the office ASAP. We are allowed a total of 63 students so I would like to offer as many students the chance to experience this wonderful trip. Please consider.

Yr6/7 SENIOR SHRIT
You will notice most of our Yr6 and 7 students wearing a different uniform shirt around now. This is an initiative we started a few years ago where by our senior students get to wear the commemorative shirt for their final year. Thanks to everyone who supported this as it is a wonderful memento of their time at school. Yr 6 have the white panel while the Yr7 have the yellow. Thanks to Mr Blackman for organising this.

PREP PLAYGROUND
By next Monday, we will be able to see and feel our brand new prep play area. Weather permitting, the work should be completed over the weekend, creating an stimulating, interactive area for our prepies to enjoy. Have a look and spread the word – it should be very exciting!

See you at the Book Fest this weekend!!
Stephen

FROM THE DEPUTY

CALOUNDRA STATE HIGH SCHOOL — GET SET FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY OPEN DAY—TUESDAY 3 JUNE
Parents and Care givers considering enrolling their child in 2015 into Year 7 or 8, are invited to attend Caloundra SHS Open Day on Tuesday 3 June. There will be three sessions on the day and parents are invited to attend at a timeslot that suits them.

Journey through school facilities and see students in action, spend time with the HORIZONS and GEM academic classes, watch Volleyball Excellence students in action, talk to teachers and students and hear a presentation outlining how JUNIOR SECONDARY operates at Caloundra SHS. Sessions Times are:

- Session 1: 9.10—11.10 am
- Session 2: 12.00—1.40pm
- Session 3: 3.15—4.45pm

If you are interested in attending, please contact Caloundra SHS Admin Office on 5436 8444 to book your session. More information is available on the school website www.caloundrashs.eq.edu.au

NAPLAN
Thanks to all our fantastic students, parents and teachers for making the past three days very simple. Students approached all tests with a very relaxed attitude and that showed during the tests. Please remember that NAPLAN is one test, it is not he be all and end all of tests. At Caloundra Primary we utilise numerous test types as the year goes to always have a firm grasp on where students are doing well and where they might need some extra support. In fact I meet with teachers every term to discuss class groups and how they are supporting each student in their classroom. Therefore, when the Naplan results come out later in the year, our teachers are already working with students on any areas of concern and extension as we already know where the support is required. This information would have been discussed at the recent parent/teacher interviews if you had been able to come along. If you didn't have the chance to attend an interview I urge you to arrange one in the next few weeks so you can be certain of where your child requires support and or extension and what you can do to support them. After all, your child's education is a two way street. It requires your help and our help.

DANCING
How cool is the dance program? I am so impressed with our wonderful dance teacher. The program is humming along extremely well and the kids are loving it. Why don't you pop in and have a look? Well done Miss Randl on your selection of such a great teacher.

FROM THE OFFICE

PAYMENT REMINDERS

Canberra Installments now due
Statements were sent home last week for the next Canberra installment that was due 07 May. Please contact the Office if you are having difficulty making this installment. We also require the note that was sent home advising all payment will be finalised by Monday 23 June to be returned.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
We provide Religious Instruction for students in Years One to Seven. Students that do not participate in RI are provided with other instruction. The information on your child’s enrolment form is used to place them in either RI, or in other instruction, unless you have provided additional written advice to the school. If we do not already have clear advice from you about your child’s non participation in RI, please provide this to the school in writing.

EXCURSION REMINDERS
Tuesday 27 May—Year 2 Toy Factory
Tuesday 27 May—Year 7 Abbey Museum

SCHOOL CLOTHING
Just a reminder to Parents/Caregivers to return borrowed uniforms (laundred please). We have a small pool of spare uniforms we lend out in emergency situations (eg wet or torn clothing).

YEAR 4 SCIENTISTS
The Glasshouse Mountains to the south, sand dunes and beaches to the north, cliffs west and waves over rocky platforms to the east. This was the cool classroom the Year 4’s worked in at Shelly Beach on 13 May. The young scientists had come to investigate the effects of weathering and erosion in their local environment. Through Tina and Tim’s (from the Bilai Environmental Education Centre) guidance, the children were fully engaged with many “hands on” experiments. A downside to working outdoors is when a huge downpour and gale-force winds force everyone to huddle under a tiny picnic shelter waiting hopefully to be car pooled back to school. Thanks to all the wonderful drivers and parent helpers on the day.

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CURRICULUM CORNER

SPORTS NEWS
Congratulations to all students in Year 3 – 7 for their efforts with training for the cross country and the competition itself. It was wonderful to see individual effort and the collective support for all students to do their best. We can’t all be the best but we can continue to strive to do our best. Caloundra placed 6th out of the 17 schools at the District Cross Country with Phoebe Bloomfield, Ruby Dean, Loke Gosling, Tahlea Corcoran, Dayna Woodhouse finishing in the top 10.

Three of our 13 y.o. students competed at the High School cross country with Karim Zaaafouri placing 1st, Mackenzie Fitzgerald 4th and Jordan Spackman finishing 6th.

The Prep to year students now are preparing for the athletics carnival in week 9 with selection and training on Friday afternoons for Year 3 – 7 and Prep - Year 2 during PE lessons.

Recognition should be given to the following students who have attended after school District trials so far this year and were successful in being selected in a Coastal District team.

Billy – Cricket
Thea – Hockey
Wilson – Basketball
Tess – Netball
Corey – Rugby League
Joshua – Rugby League
Kya – Touch
Tess – Touch
Madeline – Touch
Tahlea – Cross Country
Dayna – Cross Country

Congratulations to Tess who was also recently selected in the Sunshine Coast Regional Netball team to compete in the State Championships.

Keep up the good effort and enjoy the challenge.

SUPPORT SERVICES

PROBLEMS AT SCHOOL

If your child struggles to make friends.

Every child has periods where they struggle socially, so don’t get unduly alarmed.

What to Do: Don’t believe everything they say. “Kids say things like ‘no-one will play with me’ because parents drop everything to listen”, Dr Irvine says. Give the teacher a month to settle the class in, then have a quiet word about how your child is getting on. Put your child in teams, clubs or groups that match their interests. Kids will always be welcome in circles of similar skill.

If your child is bullied.

If your child is more tearful than usual, doesn’t want to go to school or doesn’t want their friends around, you may have to do something about bullying.

What to Do: Actively listen by asking the right questions, such as: What do you remember? Can you think what you did that would have upset (bully’s name)? Were any of your friends there? What did you do? Did you talk to the teacher? What will we do differently tomorrow to make it a really good day for you?

- Share helpful ideas. If they don’t have their own idea, then at school you would play with some one else or hang out with a different group. Then let them take ownership of the idea.
- Organise for your child to walk home with other kids or use a different part of the playground. Teach them to counter taunts from bullies rather than feel them, and answer bullies back with “Stop saying that to me”.
- Talk to the teacher with your child as a team to figure out a plan that your child can take ownership of. Catch up with the teacher in two weeks to see how the strategy is working.
- Take the issue to the Principal if working with the teacher doesn’t solve the problem. Two signs your child may be falling behind at school are: they stop wanting to do their homework and then they stop wanting to go to school. “It’s important to nip this in the bud early because once they turn off learning, it’s hard to get them back in there,” Dr Irvine says.

What to do: Talk to the teacher. Teachers can provide feedback about what they think is happening in class and the playground. Should a problem not be resolved, a teacher can refer your child to the Learning Support Team who can then work out a plan to assist him/her.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts “Talking about Walking”.

Friday 23rd May 2014 is national Walk Safely to School Day. It’s an annual event that prompts us to consider our travel behaviour and to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

Regular exercise like walking with your child helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also helps to reduce traffic congestion and associated parking problems around school precincts, and gives you a great opportunity to teach your child about road safety.

Sunshine Coast Council (through the TravelSmart program) is encouraging primary school students from ALL schools within the region to participate. Not only will students (and families) enjoy the many benefits of walking to school, they could also win some great prizes for their efforts.

You could win:

- 1 of 10 Skateboards
- 1 of 10 Scooters

And many other random draws.

A few Police Officers from the Caloundra Station will accompany us to school. Parents are encouraged to walk with us as additional supervisors. Name of students attending will be recorded and submitted for the council’s draw.

Where: Stockland Shopping Centre Car park (back of Kmart)
Meeting Time: 8.00 am Departure: 8.10am (Sharp)

Please look out for a registration/permission note coming home this week.

P&C NEWS

Bookfest is here!
This weekend!
Saturday 8.30am to 3.30pm.
Sunday 8.30am to 11.00am.
Reminder Early Bird preview Friday 16th May 2pm to 4pm for families & friends of the school. Come in a grab a bargain. 1000’s of books, huge range - children, fiction, and nonfiction $2.00 each or Fill a Bag for $5.00.
Volunteers are still needed for Saturday & Sunday. Please leave your details at the office or email pand@caloundras.qld.edu.au
CHAPPY BREAKFAST

Now the mornings have turned cooler we are serving warm Milo at breakfast.

Donations of milo, margarine, jams, honey and vegemite are gratefully appreciated and can be left at the office. Thank you to the parents who are helping out each week. Your support is much appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

19 May
School Captain Meeting 6pm
P & C Meeting 6.30pm

21 May
Whole School Parade 2.30pm

22 May
Just Dance Program

27 May
Yr 2 Toy Factory Workshop

27 May
Yr 7 Abbey Museum

28 May
Y 4-7 Parade 8.50am
P-Yr 3 Parade 2.30pm

30 May
Maleny Show Day

03 June
Regional Cross Country

04 June
UNSW Science Test
Y 4-7 Parade 8.30am
P-Yr 3 Parade 2.30pm

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA Justin - for being a learner as in showing respect, working responsibly and being a great friend to others
PB Hunter - for improved effort with reading
1A Connor - for trying really hard to answer questions on both maths and science
1B Jada - for showing a huge improvement in reading.
1C Jackson - for great listening and using lovely manners
2A Bodhi - for being a responsible student with his learning
3A Seth - being an enthusiastic and engaged learner
3B Awhi - for being a responsible and respectful learner during writing activities.
3C Thomas - for working hard and concentrating well during all classroom activities last week.
4A Logan - for working safely during Maths investigations.
4B Jared - for improvement in organising skills. An excellent learner.
5/6C Zoe - for always displaying wonderful Caloundra Manners in Class. Keep up the great work.
6A Drew - for showing responsibility for learning
7A Kristen - for being a helpful, considerate and diligent student.
7B Karim - improved on task behaviour, well done with your efforts

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

C & K Kindy Open Day
Please come along to our open day this Saturday 24 May at the C & K Kindy on Queen Street.

Open day from 10-12pm.
The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon™ is being held at Stockland Park, Kawana this Sunday!

The TRYathlon is designed for kids aged 7-15, no matter their sporting abilities or experience. The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon series continues to encourage kids to get healthy and active while building confidence to ‘give it a TRY’ in a fun and rewarding environment.

Registrations open from 7.00am – 8.00am, TRYathlon commences from 9.00am.

This Sunday 18th May at Stockland Park, really hope to see you there J

For more information please visit http://tryathlon.weetbix.com.au/tryathlon/index_location/sunshine-coast