FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WHAT A BUZZ
This week has been a flurry of excitement.
Ride to School day; before school Enrichment Maths program; National “Say No to Bullying” day activities; and cross country training to name a few. We are proud to be offering lots of programs to support our students’ learning in such a wide variety of ways.

Thanks to our Adopt-a-cop, Acting Sergeant Kelly O’Brien, who organised the Ride To School day on Wednesday. We had an enthusiastic bunch of walkers and riders of all ages – Preppies to Yr7; mums, dads and other family supporters. Encouraging students to walk or ride to school is a healthy habit that we should adopt regularly. It’s good for your health, good for the environment and a good opportunity to chat.

Acting Sergeant Kelly also spoke to the students on both parades about the “Say No To Bullying” day message. This annual day provides a focus for us to say BULLYING. NO WAY! and to strengthen our existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. We pride ourselves on addressing bullying as soon as we are told of it happening. We want everyone to wear something orange to school on Friday to reinforce the message – no charge!!

I have been advised by the Police Traffic Branch, that there will be regular patrols, sometimes in unmarked cars, of our school at drop off and pick-up times to make sure everyone is behaving safely around our children. I know there is a lot of traffic about at these times but some strategies to not getting caught out are:
Arrive 10-15 min before 3pm;
Park 100m away and walk to your meeting place;
Observe the traffic rules.

THE AMAZING P&C
On Monday, we had our AGM for the P&C. It is with enormous gratitude that we returned our Executives to their positions. Thanks so much to Kerry Gillett (President), Heather McDuff (Vice President), Selena Corcoran (Treasurer), Jackie Boyce (Correspondence Secretary) and Tania Fox (Minutes Secretary) for again taking on the responsibility for managing the plans and direction of your P&C. Please support them when they ask for your help as they are actually asking to help YOUR child. Every little bit helps and is really appreciated. The P&C raised over $30000 to support the education of EVERY child last year and with your help, this will be achieved again this year.

SHAVE FOR A CURE
We experienced great community support last week when Jette Ware, her mum and dad, Chappy, Harrison from Yr5 and Mr Bopf all “Shaved for a Cure”. We raised about $900 through the sale of cup-cakes, painting hair and the free dress day for the research into a cure for Leukaemia. Well done Caloundra.

Regards
Stephen Logan

FROM THE DEPUTY

CHESS CLUB
Mr De Marchi has started a Chess club at school. The students in grades 5-7 are welcome to come along on even term weeks on a Wednesday at lunch times. The students will then be invited to participate in two external competitions this year against other Sunshine Coast schools. Thanks to Mr De Marchi.
ENRICHMENT MATHS
This week has seen the start of Enrichment Maths Groups at school. Students in Years three, five and seven have been identified to attend these lessons. The lessons start at 8:00am before school and run until school starts. Thanks to Miss Flint and Mrs Rosenthal for running these challenging sessions. Later in the year we will shift our focus over to Years two, four and six. Letters for these year levels will be sent out in term two.

ENGLISH/MATHS/SCIENCE COMPETITIONS
Last Friday I handed out over 100 invitations to students in Years three to seven to participate in this years University of New South Wales Maths, Science and English competitions. I am so impressed with the response from students with most of those invited already returning their forms and electing to participate. This is fantastic, showing a great attitude towards educational challenges.

EASTER HAT PARADE
Everyone is welcome to come along to the Prep–3 Easter hat parade on Friday the 04th of April at 9:00am. Students will be dancing and parading around for everyone to see. They have all been busily practicing their song and dance and are very keen to impress. Please come along, your children will be looking for you.

SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
In week ten, at the end of term one we will be having another Behaviour Reward Day at school. The students will be enjoying a sausage sizzle, popper and a movie to celebrate their great behaviour. The years 4–7 will have their celebration on the Thursday after their cross-country in the morning. The years Prep–3 will have theirs on the Friday after the Easter hat parade in the morning. We will also be announcing the winning “Good Behaviour” house on the whole school parade on Wednesday in week 10.

YEARS 3–7 CROSS COUNTRY
Only a couple of weeks till our Year 3–7 students battle it out for the honour of finishing the school cross-country. Everyone has been training very hard and I am sure there efforts will be rewarded. Thanks to Mr Rosenthal and class teachers for all their hard work and I hope for a day free of rain.

FROM THE OFFICE

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME 2014
Thank you very much to all the families for their support of the Student Resource Scheme.
Final SRS fees are due 28 March.

REMINDER
If you are needing to collect your children early, please see the office to sign them out. This is a Workplace Health and Safety requirement.

CANBERRA
Notes have gone home for what to pack and medical information updates. Please be advised that formal school jackets are required to be worn on the Canberra trip. These can be borrowed from the Administration Office. Please see Chris or Margie.

Next Instalment is due 26 March $285.00

CONTACT INFORMATION
If any families have moved or changed contact information, can you please inform the office of these details. If you are going on holidays before the term ends or having a longer break after Easter, please advise the office.

STUDENT BANKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Please contact Lisa on 0427 034 471 if you would like to help with the Banking.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR REQUIRED
We are seeking a enthusiastic School Crossing Supervisor.
Please contact the Administration Office for an application package. You must have a current Blue Card and may be required to work at various locations.

WIN A SET OF 10 iPADS SUNSHINE COAST DAILY
Students and parents can help our school win a set of 10 iPads by collecting daily tokens from the Sunshine Coast Daily. Students can bring their tokens in on a daily basis to the front office, the library or some classrooms up until the final bell on Monday 31 March when the promotion ends. Get your family and friends to help us out so we can extend our suite of iPads to 35! Thanks for your support.

WOULD $500 HELP TOWARDS YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION COSTS?

SUNSHINE COAST CHILDREN OF SAVER PLUS PARENTS LEARN BETTER AT SCHOOL
Find out how you can access free financial education and get up to $500 towards your child’s education costs. The Smith Family is holding a free financial education workshop and information session on its Saver Plus Program on Friday 4th April at 10:15 (immediately after the Easter Hat Parade) in the staff room at Caloundra Primary School. To RSVP contact direct with Linda Stacey at The Smith Family on 54511069 or 0488 291 563

CURRICULUM CORNER

MAGIC WORDS
Did you know that our new Prep – Year 3 sight words program is called Magic Words? Below is some information about the program and how you can help your child at home.

LEARNING TO READ - THE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS - (from the Magic Words website) In English there are 100 frequently occurring words that make up, on average, half of all the words used in reading and writing. The first 12 most frequently occurring words appear so often they make up on average, one quarter or one in every four words. The next 20 most commonly used words together with the first 12 words (32 words) make up, on average, one third of all words in reading and writing. The remaining 68 most frequently occurring words (100 words), make up the 100 most important words in learning to read, as they account for one half or one in every two words, on average, that we use in reading and writing.

How can you help your child learn these at home?
Firstly, read a story to your child or read to them their home reader. Then select, from the set of Magic Words some of the Magic Words contained in the book. You can also select some words that make a sentence. Magic Words sells at home parent packs to support the program: visit www.magicwords.com.au for more information.

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

**HOW TO RAISE A SAVY STUDENT**

Extracurricular activities help children of all ages.

Is your child likely to thrive learning the jive, or have fun on the footy field? There is a huge range of extracurricular activities run by schools across Australia, from traditional offerings such as sport and music to specialist clubs such as snow sports and robotics. Many studies show such activities are important for childhood development, helping kids explore their physical, social and creative sides with those who share similar interests. Extracurricular activities give your child a chance to try a range of activities and explore where his or her strengths lie, says Charissa Feng from www.raisingchildren.net.au. They can boost your child’s self confidence and communication skills. Extracurricular activities might do for your children:

**SPORT**—Exercise can protect against obesity and anxiety and can improve posture, sleep, concentration and self-esteem.

**PERFORMING ARTS**—Performing arts are a vehicle not only to entertain children but to give them ‘hands-on’ benefits such as self-confidence and communication skills.

**CHESS**—Chess can strengthen problem-solving skills and enhance reading, memory, language and mathematical abilities.

**SCOUTS AND GUIDES**—Children learn independent thinking, social interaction, leadership skills, problem solving and responsibility. Participation in organisations such as the scouts, cadets or girl guides also appears to have positive effects on student performance in maths and general knowledge.

**LANGUAGE CLUBS**—Increased ability to communicate, increased creativity and cognitive ability and an advantage in employment.

“Language education contributes to the preparation of students for their futures in a multicultural society”

**COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES**—Activities might include anything from youth radio to getting involved in surf life saving or volunteering at retirement homes. Serious commitment is required. “Teenagers are encouraged to contact with positive adult role models other than their own parents, encouraging them to see the world in different ways and put their own values in a wider context”. It is also an opportunity to develop skills.

**MUSIC**—Studies have shown that learning music has a surprising affect on academic performance, perhaps because it encourages better memory skills, discipline and concentration.

**P&C NEWS**

**P&C AGM**

The Caloundra State Primary School P&C AGM was held on Monday 17th March. We welcome back our executive. We are all looking forward to another fantastic year working to support students at Caloundra!

**GIANT BOOKFEST 17TH & 18TH MAY**

Do you have a spare half an hour after the school drop off in the morning or before school pick up in the afternoon? We need help! We have books ready to be sorted for the Bookfest. Please contact the P&C or leave your details at the office if you can help. The books can be sorted at any time of the day. It is any easy process - unpacking boxes and sorting or pricing & boxing up. We still need good quality novels and children’s books. Book donations can be left on the trolley outside the school hall. Thank you!

**WINTER UNIFORM NEWS**

The P&C are investigating a winter jumper as an addition to the winter school jacket. A sample is on display at the office. The P&C would really appreciate the school community’s feedback. Please complete the form in the office and place in the box provided. A decision needs to be made by the end of Term One. Thank you.

**EASTER RAFFLE**

Baskets of Easter goodies will be raffled at the Disco. Please donate Easter Eggs or Easter soft toys to 1A - Mrs McDuff’s classroom or the office. Tickets will be on sale at the BBQ and Disco. The raffle will be drawn at the end of term Disco.

End of Term BBQ Breakfast - Friday 28th March, 8.15am in the senior undercover area.

Come & enjoy a yummy breakfast & meet other families in the school on Friday 28th. I wonder who will be wearing the BBQ apron this year? Tickets for the Easter Raffle will also be on sale.

Sausage in Bread $2.00
Egg & bacon Wrap $3.00
Juice $1.00

**Term 1 Easter Disco** - Thursday 3rd April
Prep to Y3 - 4.30pm to 6.30pm. $5.00 pre-paid or $8.00 at the door.
Year 4 to Year 7 - 6.30pm to 8.30pm. $8.00 pre-paid or $12.00 at the door.
For further details see separate note sent home.

**LUNCH ON LIGHTHOUSE**

Special Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 2nd Break only
Fish & Wedges $4.50

P&C can be contacted via email pnc@caloundrass.eq.edu.au

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Join Additive Alert Community Talks presenter, Louise D’Allura for a fun and informative one hour seminar to learn how to avoid the food additives linked to health, learning and behaviour problems and to read and interpret food labels. Louise will present at our school Student Centre on Friday 21 March at 2.00 pm. All welcome, the cost will be $5.00 to be collected at the door.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA  Seanna – For trying hard and putting in a super effort to get work done
PB  Rachael – For being a learner in all areas
LAelani – For fantastic effort in all areas especially with writing and reading
1A  Milton – For working hard at trying to improve his hand writing
1B  Emma – For working hard at being an accurate counter.
1C  Jack – For demonstrating effort and persistence to improve his reading skills
2A  Ziggy – For displaying outstanding behaviour and learning skills
2B  Lincoln – For writing a fantastic imaginative retell.
3A  Hayley – For excellent paragraph in persuasive text
3B  Tahlia – For always being responsible and respectful – a keen learner and helper
3C  Macey – For being a respectful student who always tries to do the right thing
4A  Sophia – A respectful student who is courteous and well mannered.
4B  Jade – Always doing the right thing and consistently working hard
5A  Connor – For always giving 100% in everything he does
5B  Kurtis – For his responsible attitude towards achieving great results at school
5/6C  Caleb – For always showing great persistence in his work
Hannah – For demonstrating continued great work in class
6A  Paris – For always trying her hardest
6A  Christian – For showing plenty of enthusiasm in his learning and putting in a lot of effort
7B  Ella – For being a consistent learner and being alert in the classroom

MUSIC
Mrs Ossedyer is thrilled with the children coming on a Tuesday lunchtime to learn to play the ukulele. Many have their own but the school has some you can borrow and learn the basics. The senior choir has also started on a Monday lunchtime and we are finding some fun songs to practice as well as this year’s new Anzac song. Miss Sperling’s Year 4 class is once again taking on the challenge of learning this song for our Anzac Parade next term, but all children from years 4-7 are welcome to come along. Please encourage your child to come to choir if they enjoy music and have a nice singing voice. It is always fun to sing with others.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

TAKE HOME AN INTERNATIONAL BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Capture the spirit of family and friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is currently seeking volunteer families to host high school students from France.

All students are carefully selected, will attend high school full-time and will be an enthusiastic new member of your family. The students are between the age of 14 and 17.

The students arrive late June for 11 weeks.

TO FIND OUT MORE CONTACT:
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Melissa Batt on 07 3829 1854
Email: m.batt@scce.com.au

ASD Care
ASD Care is a local Sunshine Coast Not For Profit Organisation that provides a range of services to families who have school aged children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
We recently opened our first 24/7 respite facility – ASD Care House in Marcoola
We would like to invite you to our Open Day on Saturday 22 March from 10am-3pm.
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