FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STAFF CHANGES

Last week, we had to make some changes to our teaching team due to current student numbers at our school. We have been able to creatively use some of our staffing allocation to maintain Mr Bopf's position as full time Deputy, which continues his excellent work with parents and students. Mr O'Sullivan, our teacher librarian, will now be teaching 4A on Monday and Tuesday, replacing Mr Smith, but the library will still be open each morning before school for parents and students to browse and read the books.

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT IN 2014

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn't miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Remember our goal is for every child to be successful. Another way of doing this is to read to, or with your child for 20 minutes every day. Did you know that by the end of a school week, that would be 100 minutes; by the end of a month, about 400 minutes; by the end of a year at school, 4000 minutes. Compare that to reading to your child for 5 minutes a couple of times a week (= 400 minutes), a year. Which child do you think would know more? Read better? Write better? Be more successful at school? Feel better about themselves as a learner?

DOWNLOAD THE QSCHOOLS APP

Do you want all important school dates and information in the palm of your hand? A recent update to the QSchools app means parents will now be able to find tuckshop and class time information more easily as well as being able to access calendar, newsletter and other information from our school website all on your mobile phone. It all makes staying in touch and up to date a little easier for your family. The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Windows' store. The Websites for Schools development team would love to hear your ideas for future functionality for QSchools. You can leave feedback within the app via Settings, then Leave Feedback.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP REVIEW

With the investiture of our executive leaders last Friday, we welcome our School Captains, Vice Captains, Student Councillors and Sports Captains into the realm of great responsibility. These students are wonderful role models to students of all ages and are set to make this year memorable. With the move of Yr7 to high school next year, we will need to look at the process for the selection of our 2015 executive leaders. Keep your eye out in newsletters for your opportunities to be involved so we continue to get the best leaders for our school. The current Yr5 students will be able to apply to become Student Leaders in week 6, with School Captain elections in November.

Parent Involvement is the Key

The findings from the Family-School Partnership Bureau's research into parental engagement state: “Parental engagement is central to ensuring every child receives a world class education.” The research by the Family-School Partnership Bureau showed that parents want a safe and supportive learning environment for their children, teachers who are engaging and passionate about their work, and a principal who provides strong leadership and engages with the school community. This is our goal at Caloundra SS. The survey report and briefing papers are available at: www.familyschool.org.au.

An easy way of being involved in your child's education is by becoming involved in the P&C. Thanks so much to the new parents who
came along to our general meeting on Monday. It was refreshing to hear the interest and passion from them, which complemented the drive and enthusiasm from our existing members. This is what we need to make our P&C great!! Our next meeting, which includes the AGM, will be on 17 March at the special time of 6:00pm in the staffroom at school. Everyone is welcome. I hope you can come along.

P&C general meetings are now held THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH at 6:30pm.

**OUR VISION**
I speak regularly to the students about our purpose at Caloundra Primary, which is Promoting Proud Traditions of Educational Excellence. Everything we do as members of the school – either as a parent, student or staff member – must be focussed on this vision. Together, I hope we can achieve outstanding things at our great school.

Regards
Stephen Logan

**CALOUNDRA SHS SCHOLARSHIPS 2015**
Caloundra State High School 2015
Scholarship application packages will be released in week 4, the week starting on 17th February, for students enrolling into Year 7 and Year 8 at Caloundra SHS in 2014. Caloundra High offers scholarships in three categories - academic, creative arts and sport.

Academic Scholarships are open to students from all schools on the Sunshine Coast and reward students who have a record of academic excellence and are good role models for their peers. Academic Scholarship winners have automatic entry into the Year 8 HORIZONS program into either the HORIZON or GEM advanced learner classes, payment of school fees, a formal school uniform and other financial incentives. Caloundra SHS also awards (in each year level) two scholarships for excellence in the Creative Arts and two scholarships for excellence in Sport.

Applicants are asked to complete their application and attach all the supporting documentation including year 5 NAPLAN data and 2013 school reports to the application form. Applications are to be returned to Caloundra SHS administration office by Friday 14th March. Winners will be announced on March 24th.

**1-2-3 MAGIC**
**Effective Discipline for Children 2-12**
We would like to invite parents to attend an upcoming series of 3 workshops designed to help parents with behaviour management strategies. A behaviour support consultant with Education Queensland, will be sharing the 1-2-3 Magic Program with parents.

The workshops will include information on: Controlling difficult behaviour; Encouraging good behaviour; strengthening your relationship with your child through the use of praise; active listening and shared fun.

The workshops will be held in the Resource Centre on Thursday 20th, 27th February and 6th March from 9-12pm. The cost is $10.00 and includes a workbook.

Please note the sessions are for parents only and parents will need to make suitable arrangements for the care of any non-school age children.

Please contact the office for paperwork and payments.

Regards
Stephen Logan

**FROM THE DEPUTY**

**CALOUNDRA PRIMARY 2014 INVESTITURE**
Congratulations to twenty-five of Caloundra Primary’s finest. On Friday the 14th of February Caloundra Primary stopped to present leadership badges to the largest group of student leaders in the schools 100+ year history.

2014 is the first time that not only Year 7’s become captains but Year 6 as well. The reason is simple, this is the last year that Year 7 students will be part of Primary schooling in Queensland. Next year the Year 6 will be the oldest students and the Year 7 will be off, joining the Year 8’s at high school.

Councillor Tim Dwyer was again on hand to present the students with their badges, reminding students of who has come before them and who will come after. He told students that he had come before them at Caloundra Primary way back in the 1970’s and that his son James who has started year 1 this year will finish his schooling at Caloundra Primary after them.

Caloundra Primary used to be the largest school in Caloundra, having over 1200 students back in the day. The school now has 447 privileged students who get to learn in fully re-furbished large classrooms and play on over seven hectares of lush playgrounds. Keep it quiet though, we don’t want to end up being 1200 again and all squashed up. We enjoy the space.

**SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**
This week we will again be teaching a lesson relating to our four school values.

This week we are concentrating on “Being Safe” in all areas of the school. Make sure you ask your son or daughter what they learnt about this value this week. Use this value around the house, why re-invent new ways of teaching values at home when we have already done it for you?

**Soccer Lessons**
Last week soccer lessons started with a bang on Thursday. Scott the coach was very impressed with the effort put in by all the students who attended.

Unfortunately some students did not turn up and did not let us know. The rule will be that if any student does not turn up for two weeks in a row we will give the opportunity to someone else who missed out. If you can’t make it or if you don’t want to continue please let us know and we will fill the spot.

Maybe some of those students who are training on Thursdays might want to join a club for games on the weekends. I know Caloundra and Currimundi are both looking for players in the younger age groups. I can’t wait for the season to start.

**FROM THE OFFICE**
Welcome back from all at the office to another busy year ahead.
Some general reminders for this Term.

**STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME 2014**
Thank you very much to all the families for their support of the Student Resource Scheme.

Families that are participating in the Resource Scheme are reminded that the first and second instalments are due by
Friday 28 February. Statements were posted home last week.

Families that have not returned forms, indicating whether they are participating or not, are also due by Friday 28 February. Reminder letters and participation forms will be posted home next week or can be collected from the school office. Please contact the Business Services Manager on 5439 4200 if before Friday 28 February if you are experiencing difficulty meeting these timelines.

**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**

We still have some vacancies for the Yr6/7 Canberra trip in August this year. A deposit of $100 is now due and will ensure participation for your child. There is a limit on the number of students who may attend, and student behaviour must remain at a high standard.

**Contact Information**

If any families have moved or changed contact information, can you please inform the office of these details.

**Student Banking**

Student Banking is conducted every Tuesday morning. The school receives a commission for each deposit and account opened. If you would like to have your child embark on a lifelong habit of earning and saving, call into the office and obtain an account opening package or contact the Commonwealth Bank.

**Student Banking Volunteers needed**

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

**School Crossing Supervisor**

We are seeking an enthusiastic School Crossing Supervisor.

Please contact the Administration Office for an application package. You must have a current Blue Card and you may be required to work across a number of locations

**P&C News**

Our first meeting for the year was held on Monday night. Thank you and welcome to the new members who attended. We are looking forward to another very busy year. The next P&C meeting on the 17 March will be the AGM starting at 6:00 pm followed by a general meeting. Meetings are in the staff room and new members are welcome any time.

**Lunch on Lighthouse**

Thank you to parents who are helping out in the tuckshop. It is a great help. Parents are always welcome. Pop in & have a chat with Mrs Teague anytime. Please note that chicken fingers which cost $3 can be purchased on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note that the operating days for 2014 are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The tuckshop will be closed every Monday except for the first Monday of each term. Don’t forget Volunteers are always welcome.

**Chappy Breakfast**

Chappy Craig was amazed by the amount of toast Caloundra Kids ate last Wednesday at our first Chappy Breakfast for the year! To help feed the hungry hordes we need donations of margarine, vegemite, jam, honey and The Natural Cordial Company 99% fruit juice. Bread & fruit are donated by Caloundra Woolworths and we thank them for their continued support. Parent helpers are needed to supervise & wash up afterwards. Come along and say hello - it’s another great way to meet families in our school.

**Giant Bookfest 16th and 17th May**

Do you have unloved books, boardgames, DVD’s, videos or quality lifestyle magazines cluttering up your home? We are collecting these items for our Giant Bookfest in May. Please drop them in the box outside the school hall. Also we are in need of parents/grandparents/friends of the school to help sort and price books. We are hoping to get enough helpers that we can develop a roster and that you would only have to give up about an hour of time every few weeks. For example, if you are at school at 2.30 to pick up your child or have half an hour spare at 9:00 come and sort some books for that half an hour – every little bit helps as many hands makes for light work. We generally raise approximately $4,000 which goes straight to helping the school purchase resources such as books, science equipment, ipads. Some of the money raised also goes towards paying wages for Anita to continue working in the school garden. If you are available please contact the office or Heather on 0410697586. Also, if you know anyone in the business community that can be a collection point for books, please also call the school or Heather. Thanks for your support in this matter. Please see the office or email pandc@caloundras.s.eq.edu.au

**Instrumental Music**

A reminder from the Instrumental Music department.

Parents, can you please remind students that their Instrumental Music lessons are:

Wednesday with Mr Camo (Band)

Thursday with Mr Scullett-Dean (Strings)

Students need to be prepared when they come to their once a week lesson:

- Bring their instrument
- Bring all their music (Essential Elements / Standards of Excellence) & Folder /Sheet music
- Have a Display Folder to display sheet music given to them (like a scrapbook of music)
- 2 clothes pegs to hold their music open (wind from fans/windows blows music away)
- Have their own consumable items eg Rosin (Strings), Reeds or Oils (Band)

Homework/Practice Sheets are used to monitor practice and achievement.

Too many students are coming to lessons unprepared, therefore this changes the intended learning content planned for the lesson.

**Calendar of Events**

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**Student of the Week**

PA - Femke — working super hard and getting all her work done.

PB - Taj — For being a learner in all areas.

1A - Riley — For being a great listener at the Year One Science Day.

1B - Benjamin — For being focussed and a great listener.

2A - Sophie — For having a positive attitude.

2B - Melling — For always trying her best and volunteering to help others.

3A - Quin — Following the school rules.

3B - Vienna — For being a responsible learner. Sensational Sand Waving Spellings!

3C - Lily — For fitting in well.

4A - Jack — Using safe practices and procedures in the classroom and around the school.

4B - Cooper — Respectful behaviour and beautiful manners.

5A - Karlin — For being organised and ready to work.

5B - Ben — For working hard and
staying on task.

6A Jenna and Taylor For being responsible and organised for their learning.

7A Sasha —For showing excellent commitment and persistence in her work habits.

7B Mason —For being a sizzling writer.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

For Families With Special Needs

Sensory Movie Day is for families to feel welcome while their children are free to roam around the cinema and be themselves. Lighting stays on dim and the volume is adjusted. This is a non-judgmental session and no need for families to feel uncomfortable. On the day we will have a table set up with information and support service available.

The Movie Day is held at Birch Carroll & Coyle Maroochydore. Free membership Movie Day cards are required to purchase tickets. No diagnosis needed. **Tickets are $8 each** and available to purchase at the cinema (not available online). Children under 2 years of age are free. Companion Cards are accepted.

Contact Kristy or Stacey at sensory.movies-sunshine@hotmail.com

THE MULTICULTURAL CLUB

Come and join other members from a diverse cultural background. Social gatherings in a fun and safe place. Get to know your community. Free English conversation classes.

Contact: Stella Romagnoli
Caloundra Community centre 0754914000 or cdw@calcomin.org.au

GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons will be continuing in 2014 at Caloundra State School. Lessons will be held every Wednesday afternoon and last for half an hour. The cost is $14. **If your child is interested in learning the guitar please contact Tess Martin-Wallace on 0408 74 74 60 or tesstonster@hotmail.com**

Guitar Lessons are suitable for:
- Years 2-7
- Beginners to intermediate
- Best to have your own guitar
- Classical or acoustic Guitars are most suitable.

KIDS ON KEYBOARDS

If you are interested please see Ludeen Stocks on a Thursday morning from 7.45-8.30am in E3 Room (near dental clinic)

THE WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Please come along and support Jette Ware and her family on Friday March 14th for Jette will be shaving her head along with her Mum, Deanna de Luca and Dad, Chris Ware.

Jette and her sister Nikita will be holding a stall each morning wed 12th to fri 14th to sell raffle tickets for a gold coin donation, and the lucky winner will get to shave Jette’s head!

The Shave takes place on **FRIDAY MARCH 14th @ 2.30 PM AT CALOUNDRA STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Reece Aberley from Reece’s Artistic Hair Design (Landsborough 5439 9029) will be there to assist the lucky winner to shave Jette’s hair and then do Mum and Dad’s. We will have the Funky hair colouring kit on the day and for a gold coin donation anyone can colour their hair.

For more information please call Deanna on 0412 737 636