FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our Schoolzine Electronic Newsletter

Every fortnight from now on, instead of trying to flatten out the banana smeared, crumpled paper newsletter from last month, you can enjoy our newsletter sent directly to your email inbox. We will now be able to share more stories with you about the wonderful things your children do at school on a multi-media platform that is delivered to your email account. We will also be making the eNewsletter link available via social media on our new Facebook account. If you are reading this online now you will see photos, movies, articles and community events about the happenings of the past fortnight and be up to date with the events happening at school instead of missing important dates because you didn’t get the newsletter. If you are struggling with the paper copy, go to the link below to subscribe and receive your electronic copy. It’s that easy!!

http://caloundrass.schoolzinenumlers.com/subscribe

We will be sending home a paper copy to those families who don’t have internet or computer access but our Schoolzine newsletter can be accessed via smart phone as well so register now to help reduce the paper use as well.

This week, enjoy recounts from the Yr 6 & 7 excursion to Sydney, Canberra and the snow. You might even hear rumours that I ran into a tree while skiing but if there is no photographic evidence, did it really happen?? There will also be stories about the Yr1 night sky investigation; the Yr3 Bilai excursion; sports updates and more, so read on and be amazed at the exciting things going on at your child’s school.

Caloundra State School Rocks NAPLAN 2014

Results are in and they are impressive! Every year level, in every area tested, achieved at or above National Minimum Standards (NMS). With; 72% tested year 3 students, 59% tested year 5 students and 63% tested year 7 students, achieving in the upper two bands in one or more areas. In addition, 14 students across the school achieved the top band in 3 or more areas.
With an already well-established program for students with learning difficulties, Caloundra State School introduced its ‘Caloundra Enrichment and Extension Program’ (CEEP) in 2013 for academically talented students from Prep to Year 7, along with a targeted literacy support program giving all students access to twice weekly small group literacy sessions run by highly qualified and passionate staff. Quality and consistency in our classrooms has led to greatly improved literacy data across the school, demonstrated further in 2014 NAPLAN data.

2014, saw CEEP extended to offer students in years 2-7 access to a before school extension maths program and students in year 4 and 5 having the opportunity to participate in online maths classes targeting the mathematical elite. Both programs, along with a strong focus on quality classroom teaching, have been the backbone of a rapid improvement in maths evidenced by better NAPLAN outcomes and improved in class assessments.

Staff at Caloundra State School are also celebrating:

- 100% year 3 students achieving at or above the NMS in Numeracy
- 100% year 5 students achieving at or above the NMS in Reading and Spelling
- 100% year 7 students achieving at or above the NMS in Reading and Numeracy
- Improvement in number of students achieving in the upper two bands; 79 students in 2013 to 105 students in 2014

This small school, with a big heart is definitely making a difference!

**P&C Efforts**

I’d like to congratulate the hearty souls who braved the elements at Tough Mudder over the weekend to help raise funds for the P&C. These volunteers helped raise about $4000 for the P&C to contribute to the school so we can continue to provide up to date resources for EVERY child. If you can help next time, we would welcome you with open arms. The next activities are the disco, Music Fest Camping, Gem Fest BBQ, Open Night – all of which will need some helpers. PLEASE consider giving an hour or 2 of your time so your child can see that a community spirit is what makes a community. It is this community spirit that gives our school a “family feel”. Thanks in advance for your help.

All up there were thirteen staff members and seven parents who volunteered on the day. It was great to see some new volunteer parents amongst the team and in the future it would be great to see even more new faces.

**Receiving Thanks**

It was wonderful receiving some thank you’s from grateful parents this week, who were impressed with the commitment and passion that the teachers showed in organising and supervising extra-curricular activities for their child. The work that goes into organising camps, excursions and out of hours activities is significant for teachers and done out of professionalism and positivity towards giving the students the best possible learning opportunities. Our school staff prides itself on the fact that we WANT to do great things for your children, giving up time with their own families to provide excellent experiences for yours. I also want to thank the staff involved in the different excursions this term (and throughout the year) for their dedication in making our school a great place in which to work and learn. THANK YOU.

**IPS Application**

I will be hosting the final information session for parents and interested community members about becoming an Independent Public School next year, at 2:30pm on 26 August in the library. We have an opportunity to become an IPS through an expression of interest process with Education Queensland. This initiative aims to increase autonomy in decision making, cut red tape and improve outcomes for students by implementing innovative programs. Check out more at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools/. There is a lot of consultation and information sharing that needs to occur with staff, parents and the community. We spoke about it at the P&C meeting on 18 August so this meeting is another chance to hear what it is all about. I will hold a vote to determine interest. Please come along and have your say.

*Stephen Logan*
Principal

**FROM THE DEPUTY**

**Open Night Date Claimer**

On 16 September, we will be putting on our fabulous Open Night from 5-7pm, where students will perform a variety of items to show off the great things they do at our school. There will be presentations in the hall, then parents and friends are invited to visit classrooms where you will see what your children have been up to lately. Visit the library to see the winners of the Art Show. Watch movies of excursions and class activities; talk to teachers and check out your child’s work books, but please remember that this is not the time to talk to teachers about your child’s progress – make an appointment for that. Thanks.

**Children’s Book Week 16 – 22 August**

Children’s Book Week started this week and students of all ages can find a good read on the 2014 Book of the Year shortlist. This year’s theme is ‘Connect to reading – reading to connect’ and highlights the benefits of exploring other people’s stories. The benefits of reading with and to your child are immeasurable on many aspects, but the greatest benefit is that your child will be a better reader!

The reading period for the Premier’s Reading Challenge closes on 5 September. All registered students — make sure you are on track to meet your reading target before the deadline. We have lots of students registered and are looking forward to their reward for meeting the challenge of reading 20 books!

*Brendan Bopf*
Deputy
FROM THE OFFICE

We are now on Facebook, pop over to our Facebook website and give us a like and check out what is happening around the school.

Welcome to another busy term ahead, we have had a lot of new enrolments and hope all the children and families have settled in well.

Excursion notes have gone out for the Years 2/3/4 trips that are coming up. You can pay with cash or credit card and get your child to always put the payment envelope into the silver collection box. We accept direct deposit into the school bank account, please always ensure child’s surname and what payment is for is noted. We now also have an eftpos machine that you can pay from your savings account.

If you are having difficulty paying for an excursion or activity please come and chat to the office administration staff.

Borrowed Uniforms

Just a reminder to Parent/Caregivers to return borrowed uniforms (laundered please).

We have lent out a lot of clothing the last few weeks that have not been returned.

As we always like to have a small pool of spare uniforms to lend out in an emergency situation, it would be appreciated if your child has borrowed any clothing to please return to the office.

Could the year six/seven students that borrowed jackets for Canberra, please get these back to the office as soon as possible.

Calendar of Events

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Work on Social Skills

Help your child be successful this year by preparing him not just academically, but also socially. School is not simply about getting straight A’s, it is also learning about how to get on with others and knowing how to develop friendships. A child who is happy in school is a child who can focus on studying and doing well. He wants to be there and be a part of things. One who believes that school is all about academics and no social life unfortunately makes a big mistake.

How can we better teach our children social skills?

- Set rules and follow through with consequences when needed.
- Set routines for meals and bedtimes that establish stability.
- Develop your child’s ability to put themselves in the shoes of others and grow more sensitive.
- Help your child learn how to express frustration, disappointment and anger without hurting others or retreating into sullenness.
- Establish basic rules of conduct: no hitting, kicking, biting, spitting, (no hands allowed), and no hurting others through our words.
- Use our school core values to support your rules at home.

Thank you! - to all the parents and staff who battled the rain & mud and helped out over the weekend at the BBQ at Tough Mudder. A special thank you to Mr Logan and Mr Bopf who led the teams each day. The final total is still being calculated but it is hope that we have raised a sizable amount for our school.

Fathers’ Day Stall Wednesday 3rd September. Preparations are well underway. We need donations of large & small clean glass jars with lids (labels removed if possible), sugar and chocolate powder. Also donations of old vinyl records are needed. Please leave all donations at the office. Thank you.

Term 3 Disco - Thursday 4th September. Yes it’s disco time again! Come and join Chappy Craig at the disco. A separate note will be sent home soon.

Prep to Year 3 Disco will start at the regular time of 4.30 to 6.30pm. Ticket prices are $5.00 pre purchased, or $8.00 at the door. Please help us with catering by pre purchasing your ticket via the silver box at the office. All students will have a ½ hot dog & a drink. Glow items, soft drinks & lollies will be for sale.

Year 4 to Year 7 Disco will start at the regular time of 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ticket prices are $8.00 pre purchased or $12.00 at the door. Pizza & drink will be served. Glow items, soft drinks & lollies will also be for sale. Parents are reminded that students must be collected from the Hall promptly at 8.30pm. Thank you!

Lunch on Lighthouse

This term’s Winter Warmer Specials are :-
Homemade Pasta Bolognaise $4.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Wrap with lettuce & mayo $3.50
Delicious Hot Chocolate $2.00

Next P&C Meeting – 20th October, 6.30pm, in the staffroom.
All welcome.

To contact P&C email - pandc@caloundrass.eq.edu.au or leave contact details at the office.

PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS

At Caloundra State School we have many students that have past parents and grandparents that once attended and enjoyed all that a small community school offered, the friendliness and community spirit was alive and strong many years ago as it is today.

We have just recently had a new student Libby who moved to our school from Roma, and in the July holidays her great Auntie Margaret came for a visit from Brisbane.

She was absolutely impressed that Libby was attending Caloundra State School and to also realise that the same classroom that Libby is in, was the one that as a kid she was also taught in back in 1954 as a casual student while on holiday with her family.

It just goes to show how much rich history this school has.

YEAR 1 BILAI NIGHT SKY FROM CLASS 1C

Recently the Year 1 students attended a Bilai Night Sky Excursion held at Caloundra State School. Parents and students thoroughly enjoyed viewing the moon, stars and Saturn through telescopes on this extremely excellent cloudless night sky. Here is what some of our Year 1C students thought of the activities on the night.

Wow! The moon is so bright. First we had sausages. Next we went down to the oval and looked in the telescopes. Last we went to the hall and did some art. It was amazing!

By Ivy D

Bang! Pop! I saw all the planets and one of the planets is Mars. Next I looked through the telescopes. Last I looked up right in the sky with an iPad. It was fun with my family.

By Zennon-S R

Last night was Bilai Night Sky! We got to look through amazing telescopes. Bilai Night Sky was so much fun. I hope Bilai Night Sky will come again. It was so much fun.

By Rania C

Stay tuned in the next newsletter class 1A will tell us about their experience and Night Sky.
Thursday 31 July, Year Three students from Caloundra State School went on an excursion to Bilai Environmental Education Centre in Maroochy Wetlands. Students went on the excursion to learn about living and non-living things in our local environment.

Bilai Environmental Education Centre provided a number of activities for students to complete during the excursion. The first activity involved answering a number of questions using different sources, including pictures and a diorama. During this activity Jonno explained that the indigenous name for Bli Bli is actually Bilai Bilai. Tony taught the students about the past and how the land has changed. Students coloured a legend on a map to identify different things. Tina showed them how to use their senses to explore the environment. They used this knowledge to explore a local strawberry farm and students drew a diagram using a finger frame.

Following lunch, the students went for a bushwalk to the Maroochy River. During the walk, Tina told them about different mangroves. One mangrove was called ‘Blind Your Eye’ mangrove and it was poisonous. Another mangrove was called ‘Peg Roots’ and looked like little pegs growing out of the ground. At the end of the walk students were lucky enough to go on the pontoon. While on the pontoon students saw how a boat’s wave can make the pontoon rock. Abigail said, “I felt sick when we got there because the boat came past, so the pontoon started bobbing up and down.”

During the walk students also fished for crabs with a yellow mangrove leaf. Abigail and Blade were lucky enough to catch a crab with their mangrove leaf. Hayley said, “I loved fishing for crabs. I think it was exciting.”

Students also discovered that mangroves store salt from sea water in their leaves. They tasted the salt by scrapping the salt from their leaves.

By the faces of the grade three students it is evident that they had a great time.


Stay tuned in the next newsletter class 3A & 3B will tell us about their excursion outing to Bilai.

CANBERRA

Fifty-nine Year 6 and 7 students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

On the way to Canberra we stopped at Sydney and saw the sights of Sydney Harbour on a cruise. In Canberra we visited Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the Electoral Education Centre, CSIRO, Questacon and the National Museum. We then travelled to Jindabyne and spent a day skiing at Smiggin’s Holes. The trip was once again a great success and a fantastic experience for the students. We are now busy planning and booking venues for next year’s trip.

Caloundra State School has undertaken this excursion for many years now, and teachers always notice social and educational growth and development in students as a group and individually, through their engagement in a trip of this length in which they have so many enriching new experiences.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.
Stay tuned in the next newsletter more photos and stories from the kids and Canberra

MUSIC CORNER

MUSIC MAKING at Caloundra

There are 22 ukuleles in the Music Room now and many children have had success playing them already this year. Uke groupies from Years 3-6 meet every Tuesday at big lunch at the Music block. I’d love to see more children come along that are keen to have some fun. We are learning songs like Octopus’s garden, The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Surfin’ USA and Riptide. Our singers, also from Year 3 and up are excited to be practising a song from the movie Frozen to perform at our School Open Night in week 10.

If your child loves to sing then a group like Choir is the perfect place to gain some confidence. Encourage them to come Wednesday lunch and sing up an icy storm.

Mandy Ossedryver

SKIP-A-THON

On Friday 29th August all of Caloundra State School students will skipping away to a merry tune. It is the time of the year for the school’s annual sports based fundraiser and this year it is skipping.

Students form their own small teams of 3 or 4 from within their own class group. Teams skip together for one hour, with at least one team member skipping at all times. Each team will need to perform a short skipping sequence for the other students to watch (30sec – 1 min).

Each class group will rotate to a different activity every 10 minutes. Activities include; single rope, double rope, demonstrations, partner and tricks, individual competitions

To add to the event, each person is to dress as their favourite sports star or wear their weekend sports club uniform. The whole team may decide to dress as the same sports star, but that is not a requirement. There will be prizes for the best dressed teams.

All students are expected to obtain sponsorship or donations for the Skip-a-thon, even if they are not able to participate. Students may be sponsored for each minute they (their team) skip or they may be given donations to participate.

For every $20 raised, individuals receive a ticket in a draw to win some great prizes including a Family Pass to Aussie World, a Family Pass to Underwater World and a fruit and vegetable hamper.

Individuals also receive prizes based on the amount of money they have raised. A prize chart has already been sent home with students, but copies can be picked up from the office.

Timetable for Skip-a-Thon

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<td>Joseph B – For working really hard at learning his sounds and sight words and for improved work habits</td>
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Te-Anna M – For setting challenging goals and striving to achieve them

Tuscany A & Lauren M – Dedicated learners who have put in the extra hours in developing the OPTIMinds problem solving activity

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

TravelSmART Calendar Competition

Due to the great success of the delivery of TravelSmart Cycle Skills we now would like to invite your child to participate in the TravelSmART calendar competition.

- Students create an A4 poster based on sustainable travel – walking, cycling, carpooling, or riding the bus.
- Two calendars are produced - one for Prep to Yr3, the other for Yr4 to Yr7. Thirteen artworks will be selected for each calendar.
- Please use the back of the entry form as your A4 drawing paper.
- All entries are to be returned to school no later than Monday 8th September 2014.
- Every entry created will receive a copy of the 2015 TravelSmART Calendar

So start thinking about fun ways to get to school without the car, then get your paints and crayons out and get creative! We can’t wait to see all your beautiful artwork.

If you have any queries relating to the competition, please do not hesitate to contact the TravelSmart Sunshine Coast Team on 5475 7272.

SENSORY SCREENINGS FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our next movie is on Sunday the 17th of August at 2pm. All tickets are $8 each and available to purchase from the cinema at Maroochydore.

We will be in the foyer from 1pm with free face painting in colouring in for the children if families would like to join us.

Please bring along family and friends. This is an inclusive event for families with special needs.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. EMAIL - sensory.movies-sunshine@hotmail.com FACEBOOK - Sensory Movie Day Sunshine Coast.

Kind Regards
Kristy Bignell & Stacey Martin

CALOUNDRA BLUELIGHT DISCO

Special Fluro Theme Night

Friday 29 August 2014 7PM-10PM
Caloundra Rollerdrone, Caloundra Road.

All school age children are welcome. $10 entry with great prizes and giveaways.

Drug and alcohol free event, no pass outs.