FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our 2014 goals
At our school this year, the staff and I are all working on 3 things for every student to be a successful learner:
A or B effort
A or B Behaviour
Be at school every day (unless sick)
Do these and academic improvement will be achieved. Our goal is to focus on educational excellence and this is what we strive to achieve at every opportunity.

Our Uniforms look great
Thanks to everyone for sending your children to school in their correct uniform. The clean clothing and black shoes look spectacular. This shows student pride in their school and we encourage that strongly.

Annual Improvement Plan
We have some very important business to discuss at the next P&C meeting on 17 February. Not only does the Annual Plan and Budget need to be verified and adopted, we have to discuss the plan to ensure every student in P-7 is supported so they can achieve the Nation Minimum Standard. It is a very important agenda item that parents need to have input into so we can best meet the needs of our students.

Student Leader Investiture
We will be officially inducting our 2014 Executive Student Leaders on Friday, 14 February at 9am in the Student Centre. A morning tea will follow for the family members of the leadership team. The Yr7 School Captains are William Fox and Madeline Brearley with Lauren McCluskey and Tuscany Abala as Vice Captains. The Yr6 School Captains are Billy Greber and Claire Wan with Kya Antoniolli and Tuscany Abala as Vice Captains.

The 2014 Student Councillors are Indea Caines, Emily Hiotis from Yr6 and Isabel Bloomfield, Ella Hardess, Noem Oren and Jayden Schwieso from Yr7. Congratulations to our leaders who have accepted these roles. I look forward to working with them this year.

Parades
This year we are trying a few different things. Prep to Yr3 parades will be at 2:30pm in the Student Centre as usual, but the Yr4-7 parade will now be at 8:50am on a Wednesday morning in the Student Centre. We will have whole school parades on Wednesdays of Weeks 1, 5 and 10 at 2:30pm. Parents are most welcome to come along as awards and news will be presented at our parades.

Your child’s success
Research shows that parent support is more important to school success than a child’s IQ, economic status or school setting. But how can you most effectively nurture your budding young student? Here are some tips for success.

1. Think Long Term - We know students need to learn reading, writing and math skills but the two things they really need to know are study skills and how to learn. As a parent, help your child develop effective study skills and strategies for time management.

2. Have the Right Attitude - Parents should show excitement and enthusiasm for their child’s school. This will put the child in a positive frame of mind to come to school and be successful. Ask your children what they’re doing in school, discuss the topics they’re studying and talk about how they’re handling projects. When children see that their parents are interested, it shows them there is value in what they’re doing.

3. Communicate - It is critically important to build a relationship with your children’s teachers. Try to meet with teachers briefly in the first few weeks of the school year. You can...
I am looking forward to an exciting year. Zones to ensure the safety of our students can begin the process of remembering around 40 new students names. Please contact the office for paperwork or contact information, can you please inform the office of these details. If any families have moved or changed their contact information, can you please let us know so that they understand the importance of a good parent/teacher relationship. This relationship needs to be ongoing and supportive of your son or daughters education.

Parent Information Sessions
A note will be coming home soon informing you of the date and time that your child's teacher will be delivering their Information Session for 2014. It is vital that you attend and that your child sees that you attend so that they understand the importance of a good parent/teacher relationship. This relationship needs to be ongoing and supportive of your son or daughters education.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour
This year Caloundra Primary again is making SWPBS a priority in your child's schooling. Each week we teach a lesson relating to our four school values. This week we are concentrating on “Being a Learner” in learning areas. 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?

FROM THE OFFICE
Welcome back from all at the office to another busy year ahead. Some general reminders for this Term. Payment of the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) for 2014 is now due. The $90.00 per student may be paid in full or by three instalments of $30.00. The first was due on 29 November with the second and third due 21 February and 28 March 2014 respectively.

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.

Year One Bilai visit on 18,20,21 February is now due. Letter and notes have been sent home.

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

Prospectus addendum
Accompanying this newsletter is a Prospectus addendum booklet for the
2014 school year. Please note the anticipated expenses contained therein, it provides parents/carers with an approximate cost of excursions/activities for the school year.

**Student Banking**

Student Banking is conducted every Tuesday morning. The school receives a commission for each 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.

**P&C News**

Welcome to all new and returning families for 2014. We hope everyone is settling well into their new classes and routines for the year. As always, the P&C is gearing up for another busy year.

**P&C Meetings**

The first P&C meeting for 2014 will be on Monday 17 February at 6:30 pm in the staff room. This will be the final meeting with the 2013 committee, as this committee will finalise any business that is carried over from the previous year. The P&C AGM and general meeting will be on 17 March at 6:00 pm in the staff room. After the February meeting all committee positions will become vacant and nominations will be called. Joining the P&C brings many benefits to both parents and students. For the parents it is a great way to have a say in how the school is run and for the students it is a great way to see their parents valuing their education and engaging with the school community. We hope to see lots of new faces at our meetings. If you are unsure of what is involved please come and have a chat with Heather in Year 1A (Vice President).

**Chappy’s Breakfast**

Chappy Breakfast will continue throughout 2014 on Wednesdays and the exciting thing is we have a new Chappy to help out, Chappy Craig. However, we still need some parents to help from 8:00 am to 9:30 am to cut up fruit, supervise the toast making and wash up afterwards. We continue to ask for donations or margarine, vegemite, honey and strawberry or raspberry jam, as well as, The Natural Cordial Company fruit juice. (The juice we are serving is 99% fruit and can be purchased at Woolworths for about $3.50). Please leave your name at the office if you wish to assist in any way. Our first breakfast will be on Wednesday 12 February. Come along and meet Chappy Craig.

**Bookfest 2014**

Book collection has begun again for our annual Bookfest on 17 May 2014. We are collecting unloved books, board games, DVD’s, videos and quality lifestyle magazines.

Please leave any donations on the trolley outside the school hall. We also need helpers to help move and sort books once a week for an hour. Please see the office or email pandc@caloundrass.eq.edu.au Also, if you know anyone in the business community that can be a collection point for books, please call Heather 0410697586.

**Lunch on Lighthouse**

Wow! It’s been a very busy start to the term. Thanks to all the parents who supported the tuckshop and bought book packs. The sales have been so fantastic that we have run out of stock in some year levels. Hopefully, that stock will be available by the end of this week. Please keep a look out for the Term One menu. It should have come home this week but can also be found on the school website. Once again the tuckshop is doing Meals Deals and Daily Specials. 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. Please pop in and have a chat with Mrs Anna Teague anytime.

**Food for Thought**

**Thank You for your Support**

Caloundra State School and the family of Chad Bridgman would sincerely like to thank our community for all the support they have given Chad over the past couple of months. Chad had a stroke in November 2013 which left him temporarily paralysed on the left side of his body. He is slowly walking unaided by his left leg and has been slowly walking unaided by any support. The school raised over $1000, which enabled the purchase of an iPad and provided financial assistance to Chad's family. Thank you also for the donations of non–perishable items that were passed on Chad's family for Christmas.

**Lessons Parents Can Learn from Teachers Prepare Them for Their First Day**

As well as having uniforms, school shoes, bags, hat and sunscreen ready to go. To ensure a smooth start to the school year you can: "Establish a good morning routine, and ensure kids know the importance of getting to school on time". Make sure you pick them up on time as young children get stressed if you are late. Children should know how to toilet by themselves. **Give Them a Good Breakfast.** The most powerful time for learning is in the morning. This is when children get positioned to get the most out of their school day, so it’s vital they have had a good nights sleep and a solid breakfast.

**Form a Relationship with Teachers**

Introduce yourself to your child’s teacher early on, so that if you have a concern, you are not meeting for the first time under negative circumstances.

**Pack a Simple, Healthy Lunch**

Children have small stomachs and prefer to snack on little portions through the day. Fruit stop occurs at our school so a piece of fruit/vegetable is required each day. Small wraps and sandwiches made from good quality bread are great.

**Learn How to Ask About Your Child’s Day**

If the common response to “what did you do at school today?” is “nothing”, then rephrase the question. “Ask them what feedback did you get about your learning today?” The one thing that children really want to know is how they can do better at school.

**Create an After-School Routine**

If your children are just starting school, it is unlikely they will have homework, but they will have had a big day, so take the time to read them a story, talk about the day. If your kids are older and have homework, find out what works for them. Some come home and play first, others do better doing homework straight away.

Homework should not be done after the evening meal. Keep the routine of bed and bath time in place, children like to know what's going to happen.

**Watch Out for Signs of Bullying**

If you suspect your child is being bullied, make contact with the school straight away. Signs to watch out for include reluctance to go to school, not eating lunch, unwillingness to talk about their day. Don't allow it to fester –bullying is best nipped in the bud.

**Encourage Literacy at Home**

Reading with your child and helping them with their writing is so important. Read to your child everyday. You may read a book, fiction or non-fiction, even your shopping list.

**Calendar of Events**

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**PA** Whole class

**PB** Whole Class

Settling into school well

**1A** Stevie
For always being prepared and ready to learn. She is a learner.

**1B** Joey
For showing whole body listening.

**1C** Mia
For having a great first week at school and following instructions.

**2A** Azaelea
For being a great helper to other students.

**2B** Matisse
For being a great learner.

**3A** Madison
For listening in class.

**3B** Lachlan
For being responsible, respectful and helping others.

**3C** Sarah
For always trying hard to be the best student possible.

**4A** Jasper
Being organised, listening well and doing her best as a learner.

**4B** Riley
Great start, great manners and behaviour.

**5A** Sam
For his persistence and excellent effort in class.

**5B** Talen
For his creative sizzling starts during writing workshops.

**5/6C** Xiana
Displaying a positive attitude towards her learning. Great start.

**6A** Lee
Showing responsibility and working well.

**7A** Josh
Excellent effort in class.

**7B** Tuscany
Showing an excellent attitude to learning.

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

**CRICKET**
Free come and try Milo T20 cricket.
Contact Rian Murphy on 0400 901 734.
Wednesday 12 February from 5-6pm at Roy Henzell Oval, Caloundra.

**MOFFAT BEACH NETBALL**
Sign on dates Feb 8 & 15 at Caloundra Indoor Stadium from 9-11am.
For further information email moffatbeachnetballclub@gmail.com.

**KAWANA TOUCH**
**MONDAY AFTERNOONS 4 TO 4.45PM**
**STARTING ON 17 FEB. CONTACT CATHERINE BELL 0435 578 752**

**BROTHERS RUGBY CLUB**
Sign on 8th February from 9-12noon.
Brothers Clubhouse Stockland Stadium.
Contact www.brothersrugbysc.com.au or 0418 151 018.

**OZ TAG**
Season starts Monday 10th February.
Email Caloundra@oztag.com or Leigh 0408 700 154.

**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.