Welcome to 2015 – The Year of Progress

Great NAPLAN results. Successful Independent Public School (IPS) application. Head of Learning (Master Teacher) appointed. Success School Numeracy Project, $40 000 raised by the P&C. All outstanding achievements from 2014, and there are more but I won’t go on!

This year we want to keep these success stories going and continue to add to them. We have discussed, as a staff, strategies to do this during the year and with your help and support at home with learning, we will achieve this to our level of expectation.

Welcome to New Staff & Families

I’d like to welcome to our school our new teachers – Mrs Rebecca Bell (Yr6); Miss Caille Andersen (Yr5) and Miss Jamie-Lee Cottman (Yr2). With the increased enrolments this year, we are expecting to make another class this week so there will be another teacher to welcome soon. Because of this, most classes will change. While these changes are not ideal, it is necessary to get classes below the recommended sizes.

Mr Mark Windsor is our new Head of Learning, a new position we have created using the Master Teacher allocation and Great Results Guarantee funds through the IPS program.

Welcome also to the new families who have joined us this year. Please make yourself known to your child’s teacher so you can build a productive relationship that will support your child’s learning. All class teachers will have a “Meet the Teacher” session within a couple of weeks to let you know their procedures, activities and expectations for the year.

Increased Resources Empower Our School Community

There has been a significant increase in the amount of resources allocated directly to schools, empowering our school community to deliver high quality education and to lift outcomes. The direct allocation of the Great Results Guarantee (GRG) and IPS funding give us the means to lift outcomes for all students.

Our school is working hard to make the most of the opportunity to work with our community using high impact strategies that will make a positive difference for all of our students. This year, some strategies will be:

- Engaged a part time Numeracy Coach and extra part time Learning Support Teacher to support teachers and students
- Engaged extra teacher aides to support Prep to Yr3 teachers every day with reading
- Using our Head of Curriculum and Head of Learning to support teacher learning and development
- Increased administrative staff time in the front office
- CEEP (Caloundra Enrichment & Extension Program) working with high achieving students with face to face and online lessons
- Increase ICTs (laptops and iPads) to support student learning

Last year we spent just over $100 000 of GRG funds to support the learning of our students and we had some excellent outcomes that were presented to the P&C in November last year. This year, we will have about $134 000 from GRG to continue this improvement agenda.

Being an Independent Public School (IPS)

I will be attending several workshops this month to learn about different aspects of the IPS program. Our focus will continue to be literacy and numeracy improvement and the IPS program will be linked to Great Result Guarantee (GRG) program so that the combined funds will be used to improve your child’s outcomes through innovative programs (some mentioned above). The benefits of the initiative are:

- enhanced local governance through the creation of a School Council;
- opportunities to implement innovative programs;
- a locally tailored workforce;
- increased financial flexibility; and
- less red tape in our operations.
An exciting year ahead! Please be involved in the P&C as that is an important way of having a say on the direction of the school.

New to our school? Stay in touch with using Social Media

Families can keep up-to-date with the latest information from our school through the QSchools app. It’s an easy way to find vital school information including events and newsletters. The QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device including emergency alerts and important updates. Find out more on the DETE apps page.

Like us on Facebook too. Stay in touch with what is going on at school by going to Caloundra State School Facebook page

Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays. On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school. Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


Thanks

Can I thank all of the parents who have made sure their child is ready for the year by purchasing book packs, uniforms, new black shoes, equipment etc. It is important that your child feels prepared so they can focus on their learning. Thanks also for being patient with us getting things right at the beginning of the year. An increase of about 40 students to our school has created the need to make some changes but you know we will do the best for your child.

A final thanks for ensuring that your child attends EVERY day, unless sick. Our goal is for every student to have attendance of 95%. That means a MAXIMUM of 5 days absent a semester. Very achievable for most of our students and an aspirational goal for others. Students will not improve if they are not at school. I am certain that you want the best for your child so please commit to this target.

Regards
Stephen Logan

HEAD OF LEARNING:
Hello Caloundra SS and welcome to the 2015 school year. My name is Mark Windsor and I have just commenced work at Caloundra in the newly formed position of Head of Learning. The primary roles of this position is to observe, provide feedback, coach and mentor teachers as well as analysing student data to inform teachers focus. I will also conduct learning support in the upper year levels as well as continue to ensure the implementation of the Caloundra Enrichment and Extension Program (CEEP).

I last worked at Caloundra in 2012 as Head of Curriculum and have spent the previous two years working with 30 schools in a regional role. 2015 is also my first time to see schooling from a parent’s perspective as my oldest son has commenced Prep (at Caloundra SS of course). It is an exciting time to be involved in education particularly at Caloundra with the school becoming an Independent Public School and I look forward to all of the opportunities that 2015 will bring.

FROM THE OFFICE:
Welcome back to another exciting year at Caloundra State School. We would like to welcome all our new and returning families to the school, and hope everyone has settled in well.

Administration Information:
All new students will have had sent home last week a student card that we do require to be returned to the Office ASAP so we can update any information that may not be correct. If any families have moved or changed any contact details, please see the office for a change of information form.

Please be aware that if we do not have current information on your student in the case of an emergency we may be unable to contact you. Also any medical conditions need to be advised to the office and the appropriate action plans and medication paperwork must be current and up to date. If your child needs medication during school hours the medication must clearly have a Chemist label on it and you need to see the Office for paperwork that will need to go with it for us to administer the medication.

Late and early departure from school.
All students late to school (after 9.10am) must see the office for a late slip and be signed in by the parent/carer. For all early departures (leaving before 3pm) a parent/carer must come to the office and sign the student out and the administration office will organise for the student to come to the office. With the school dental clinic at Caloundra State school, any student who has an appointment with the dentist must be signed out at the office by a parent/carer and taken to the dental clinic and then signed back in after the visit.
Absence from School

If your child is absent or sick for the day, please ring the absent number on 5439 4260. If you do forget to call the school please send a note to advise absence when your child does return and we can update school records to explain why your child has been absent.

Messages to Students.

Please be aware that the Office will endeavour at all times to pass on messages to students and teachers. We do not interrupt class learning time unless it is important, so please limit messages that need to be given unless urgent. With messages after 2.30pm we cannot guarantee always finding classes. If they are at PE on the oval, Parade or doing activities out side of the classroom, they will not hear the office trying to phone them. If you have organised another parent to collect your children and they are not an emergency contact, the office or class teacher needs to be advised to allow that child to be able to go with them.

Payments

The SRS for 2015 is now due. Reminder notes have gone home to those families that have not agreed to participate yet. Please see the office to make an instalment payment or pay in full now. Payments can be made any time via the office money collection box, cash or cheque, over the telephone by credit card, or by direct deposit into the school’s bank account (BSB 064:406 Account No 00090139, Account Name: Caloundra State School General Account). If paying directly into the school’s bank account, please ensure the EFT payment reference clearly includes the students name, along with characters “SRS” eg Julia Smith SRS (up to 18 characters).

School Banking

School Banking has started up and is on a Tuesday. Please remember to send your children in with bank books and these are given to the class teachers. Any new students wishing to do school banking please see the office for a banking application.

Second Hand Uniforms

For any families that need good quality second hand uniforms, please see Anita or Donna on a Monday morning only from 8.45am to 9.15am in the second hand uniform shop. They have plenty of jackets available for any parents/carers of children who will be attending the Year 6 trip to Canberra. A school jacket is part of the uniform for this excursion.

Canberra Year Six

More information will be coming home this week about this amazing educational excursion for Year 6 going to Canberra in August. A deposit of $100 will be required to confirm your child’s participation. Please pay to the office as soon as possible.

Thanks

Margie Braund & Robyn Rawson
Administration Officers
Di Carpenter
BSM

PE NEWS:

A new year and new opportunities for us all to set goals regarding our own health, fitness and wellbeing. I encourage all students to join a sporting pursuit outside of school as there are many positive benefits for active participants. These benefits show at school through greater discipline, organisation, concentration and energy levels. There is a large variety of clubs having their sign-ons over the next few weeks that will cater for different interests. Some club information will be distributed through school, but get online and get involved.

There are also many opportunities in school sport for the 10 to 12 year old students to gain representative honours in district, regional and state teams in 2015. A full list of these sporting trial dates will be distributed shortly. Students will also be advised at morning assemblies.

Our school swimming squad started training last Friday between 7am and 8am in the lead up to the Coastal District Swimming Trials in week 4. It is wonderful to see these students so keen to improve their own skills and proud to represent their school. We can’t all be the best, but we should all strive to do our best and enjoy the experience.

Enjoy the Year
Nigel Rosenthal

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**SUPPORT SERVICES:**

What happens at home impact how children perform at school.

- Children need a healthy breakfast and lunch to help them concentrate. Without a healthy breakfast, children can be disruptive. At Caloundra State School we encourage children to bring fruit for fruit stop each day and also to have very little packaged food in their lunch boxes. Packaged food often contains many preservatives and additives that can cause children to not concentrate properly. The first Wednesday in every month is called Nude Food Day, so children are to bring no packaged food to school. Numbers of Nude Food lunches are counted and the winning class of children get a healthy tuckshop reward;

- Children sometimes need help with homework. Where possible, create a set routine. If homework is a problem, please speak to your child’s class teacher.

- Proper sleep – Children need to recharge their brains, ready for the next day of learning. Sleep difficulties may be to do with children watching video games, using mobile phones or using social media. It is recommended children end all screen time 30 minutes prior to bedtime.

- Children need help being organised, which makes the school day better for teachers and children. Discuss what is on for the next day and what do you need? Young children often benefit from visual symbols.

- Should you have any concerns about your children, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, a member of our administration team or learning support team. We are committed to working with you and your child/ren to ensure your experience at Caloundra State School is a positive one.

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<td>Tipani S - For being a wonderful helper in the first week of school.</td>
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<td>Crystal J - For impeccable behaviour and trying her best.</td>
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<td>Jaxon - For being a courteous student who is doing a great job of fitting into his new school.</td>
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<td>Nathan L - For being a responsible and respectful learner – excellent story writing effort!</td>
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<td>Aidan P - A learner who demonstrated a great effort in both his work and behaviour during the first week at his new school.</td>
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<td>Gracie S - For being kind, helpful and working hard.</td>
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<td>Summon A - For making a wonderful start at Caloundra School and showing utmost respect to peers and staff.</td>
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<td>Regan M - For being a proud learner who consistently demonstrated responsible behaviour.</td>
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<td>Hayden E - For showing excellent work habits and focus on tasks in week 1.</td>
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<td>Matthew B - For treating others with kindness and displaying good citizenship by assisting others.</td>
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Welcome to all our new and returning families! We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting new school year.

Welcome BBQ Breakfast - Friday 13th February. Come along and support Chappy Craig. 8.15am in the senior undercover area. Great way to meet other families!

Sausage in bread $2.00, Egg & Bacon Wrap $3.00, Juice $1.00.

Wednesday Free Chappy Breakfast will start again on Wednesday 18th February!

Lunch on Lighthouse - We have had a great start to the year! Thank you to the parents who helped Mrs Teague during the very busy Pupil Free days.

Uniforms - We are out of stock of some dresses and size 10 polo’s and are awaiting an order to arrive by 16th February. Thank you for your patience.

Book packs - are nearly sold out. We do however have most book pack items available for sale individually. Thank you for supporting our school by purchasing our book packs.

Next P&C Meeting - 16th February, 2015, 6.30pm, in the staffroom. All welcome.

AGM - 16th March 2015, 6.00pm, in the staffroom. At this time all executive positions become vacant - Please see office or email P&C if you would like to nominate for a position or would like further information. A General Meeting follows the AGM & starts approximately at 7pm.

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

ADOPT A COP:

Welcome to the 2015 school year. I hope everybody had a fantastic holiday. It was lovely to hear so many of the students and parents yell out ‘Hi Constable Kelly’ when they saw me working during the Christmas Break. It really is a wonderful feeling to have that bond with the students and families at Caloundra State Primary School.

You may have noticed a few police around the school each day last week. It was a ‘Back to School’ Traffic Operation that focused on the speeding in the school zones. It disappoints me to report that a number of our parents from the school were issued with speeding infringements last week. Quite frankly there is no excuse; it was the start of the school year (hint, hint) and there was more than sufficient media to remind all parents about the 40km/h zones which operate between 7am-9am and 2pm-4pm.

Speeding is one of the ‘fatal five’ and is a major factor in serious and fatal traffic crashes. Speeds just over 5km/h above the speed limit in urban areas, and 10km/h above the speed limit in rural areas, are sufficient to double the risk of a casualty crash. This is roughly equivalent to the increase in risk associated with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05.

There are strong direct relationships between the speed at which we drive or ride, the risk of crash involvement and the injuries sustained if a crash results. The probability of injury and the severity of those injuries increase, not linearly, but exponentially with vehicle speed. Even small increases in travel and impact speeds result in a large increase in the forces experienced by the vehicle occupants or other road users. Put simply, the faster you drive/ride, the harder you hit and the more severe the injuries you or someone else are likely to suffer.

It is illegal to drive at any speed above the posted limit and, in Queensland the enforcement tolerance level used by the police is not published. This means that drivers/riders are likely to be making incorrect assumptions about how fast they can drive without being detected by police. Just 1km/h over the signed speed limit can attract an infringement penalty of $151 and 1 demerit point.

So please monitor your speed and always stay within the speed limit posted on a particular stretch of road. Let’s keep our families safe!

I am looking forward to working with you all again this year. See you out and about the school.

MUSIC CORNER:

Music is underway for 2015. I have taken all classes and I’m very impressed how all children have settled into school routines quickly. Just a few reminders that instrumental students should be meeting their teachers this week and starting lessons soon. Mr Scullett-Dean will again be on Thursdays teaching Strings and Mr James is joining us this year on Fridays for the band instruments – woodwind, brass and percussion.

Choir and ukulele will also commence soon and I am looking forward to having some new children that love to sing and perform throughout the year. I am personally inviting some children to join the choir that perhaps haven’t thought about it in the past but sing in tune in class time and would be a great asset. Support from parents and commitment from students is important so we look and sound our best when representing our fantastic school. Any queries please come see me before or after school in the music block, (Tues-Thurs) or contact mosse1@eq.edu.au . Happy music making. Mrs O

LOTE CORNER:

Selamat pagi semuannya/ Bonjour tout le monde/ Hello everyone!

To those who already know me, let me say I’ll again have the honour of teaching the beautiful French language to students in Caloundra SS. To those who don’t know me yet, I am Joseph
Li, the French teacher for the past three years and will be introducing it to many students this year.

I have lived on four continents and worked on three of them now. What is a French teacher doing in Indonesia? Well, I’m adding another string to my bow, sharpening my Bahasa Indonesia language skills for 6 weeks at the University of Mataram, courtesy of a scholarship offered by the University of the Sunshine Coast.

I have to confess I went there with a lot of prejudices and stereotypes. After all that is my first visit to an Asian country, despite my ancestral links with this huge continent.

At Lombok airport as you step out of the air-conditioned comfort of the plane you get hit by the full blast of the heat and the high humidity that seems to want to suffocate like a boa constrictor.

Suddenly I had switched hats: I was now a LOTE student again!

After lectures we made a beeline for the nearest Warungs (Street food stalls) scoffing delicious pelecing or ayam goreng. The bill usually ranges from 50 Aussie cents to $1.50. After this some would catch a Cidono (a horse-drawn open carriage) or an Ojek (Motor cycle taxi). Don’t expect to be handed a helmet. Almost no one wears them.

Motorcycles rule the bitumen here. Millions of them!

Every ride is an opportunity to practise your Bahasa Indonesia. People are very friendly and no questions are taboo: How many children do you have? What is your job? How much do you earn? “Interrogating” people is a sign of politeness: you are showing interest in that person!

Australians (or “Bule”, a “white person”) are granted special attention. Don’t feel they are invading your private space if they stare in your eyes or ask to touch your hair. Actually you could become an instant celebrity with your own fans! Go to the zoo and they’ll stop photographing the elephants and turn their lens on you. Smile as if you are on CCTV.

Taxi-drivers are good teachers. My first 3 taxi-drivers asked me the same question: Apakah orang dari Jepan? = Are you Japanese? I said I’m Australian and they did a double take in the rear-view mirror. Well, repetition is a key aspect of reinforcement! My fourth taxi driver displayed more originality: Apakah orang dari Korea?

At the markets we tried not only our linguistic skills, but also our tawar-menawar skills or bargaining. Don’t bargain and they’ll fleece you by thousands of rupiah!

On my way to the Mataram Mall, I was chased by 4 children with outstretched hands. I had just withdrawn 1,25 million Rp. Yielding to a sudden tsunami of altruism and not to be outdone by Bill Gates, I pulled out a money note and gave it to her. (I was thankful it was only a 5000 Rp note - 50 cents).

Last Friday the University organised an excursion to an Islamic Boarding School perched up in the highlands and shrouded in mist. About 1600 students from mostly middle class families. All the girls wore their traditional Muslim garb while the boys wore Islamic shirts. Boys and girls have separate classes.

We were chatting with their “school leaders” when one of them brought a guitar and sat on the rug among her friends. And to our utter disbelief, they started singing Jessie J’s PRICE Tag.

It soon turned into a spontaneous mini-concert with arms swinging to the right and left and hands clapping to the music. Imagine the scene: a group of enthusiastic so-called “conservative” Muslim girls wearing the Dijab singing a top English hit in perfect tune to an Aussie audience. All my stereotypes were shattered in that defining moment. We could see the sparkle in their eyes. Aren’t eyes a window to the soul?

No television. No radio. But everyone has a laptop and are on Facebook. Who said tradition and modern technology couldn’t co-exist?

Soon it was time to say goodbye. No hugs but big waves, group photos, laughter, shouts, and screams.

I felt it was the right time to pounce. I waved at the girls and pulled out a sure-fire winner:

“Aku pergi tapi aku meninggalkan hati saya di sini! I am going away but my heart is staying here!”

Sampai jumpal! See you next time! “Youssef Li”

Guru Bahasa Perancismenulis dari pulau Lombok. / French teacher writing from Lombok Island.

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD:**

**KIDS ON KEYBOARD 2015**

Kids On Keyboards is back on Thursdays 7:45 – 8:30 am and will be held in the Hall starting on the 05/02/15. Enrolments welcome. For all keyboard queries contact Ludeen. Mob 0432 511 909 or email kidsonkeyboards@westnet.com.au or visit website: www.kidsonkeyboards.com.

**Thanks Ludeen Stocks**

**Get started. Get in the Game**

Get Started – Round 5 Voucher release date.

The program provides eligible children and young people aged 5 to 18 a voucher that can be used towards a registered sporting club. Vouchers are subject to conditions and are issued on a first come, first serve basis; therefore there is no guarantee that a child or young person will obtain a voucher.

Please see attached PDF on how to apply and terms and conditions.

**Lighthouse Caloundra Junior Rugby Union Sign On 2015**

Lighthouse Park, Arthur Street, Caloundra
Friday 6th February 4 – 6pm
Sunday 8th February 1 – 3pm
Free Sausage Sizzle, Kicking competition
Pay on the day and go in the draw to win a $250 Amart Sports Voucher
For more Information:
Caloundra City Soccer Club

Sign on for 2015 Season
Saturday 7th February 9am – 2pm
Wednesday 4th February 4pm – 7pm
At our home grounds
For more Info contact: Lynne Kornbrekke on 5491 9965
www.caloundracitysoccerclub.com

Milo T20 Cricket sign on

Caloundra CC T20 Blast
When: Starts 4.00pm Friday 6th February (Program runs for 8 weeks)
Where: Caloundra Cricket Club. 2 Lewis street Caloundra 4551
First day is a FREE ‘Come and Try’ session.
Contact: Jeff Burnham on jburnham@dfr.com.au
Register by heading to www.T20BLAST.com.au
Enter 4551 into the register now postcode section and the Caloundra program will be first on the list. Then click Register Here!