19 February 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

2015 Classes

After the Day 8 submission of our enrolment numbers, we were able to employ another teacher and create the 19th class. Can I welcome Miss Teigan Symons to our school as the Yr5/6 teacher. She will be married at the end of the month and will then be Mrs Falkstrom. Thanks to all of the parents who were patient and understanding during the process to change classes as a lot of thought goes into the creation of new classes and placement of students in those classes.

ICT strategic plan

This term we plan to purchase another 17 iPads to create a pod of 30 across the school. Later in the year, we also plan to replace 20 desktops in the upper school with a class set of laptops to create a mobile lab. Mr O’Sullivan and Mr Bopf will visit other schools so we can make an informed decision on the best way of organising these initiatives.

GRG and IPS Funds

The Great Results Guarantee and Independent Public Schools funds will be used this year to raise student achievement to the National averages in Reading, Writing & Maths. Some of the major projects we have planned are:

- Create a full time Head of Learning position. This role focuses on high quality teaching and learning through coaching and mentoring classroom teachers based on contemporary practice to ensure differentiated programs and improved curriculum outcomes for all students. The responsibilities of the Head of Learning position would reflect both systemic directions and school-based needs.
- Employ additional teacher aides to support student learning
- Engage teacher aides and teachers in professional learning to increase professional knowledge
- Deliver professional development for teachers on “The 7 Steps to Writing Success” and various reading strategies
- Enrol students in online programs and the Caloundra Enrichment & Extension Program (CEEP )for high achieving students
- Purchase of Reading & Maths resources and Laptops/iPads/IT resources
- Provide teacher relief for coaching with the Head of Curriculum and Head of Learning
- Extra administrative hours in the office
- Extra Speech Language Pathologist service to students
- Employment of Chappy for an extra day a week

Congratulations Student Leaders

Last week we saw the Executive Student Leaders (School Captains/Vice Captains, Sports Captains/Vice Captains, Cultural Captains/Vice Captains and Student Councillors) receive their badges and to formally accept their official duties at our school. The Hon Mark McArdle and Cncl Tim Dwyer attended to officiate and to talk to the students about leadership and their responsibilities. An important ceremony that the leaders will always remember.

Congratulations to these students:

School Captains – Blair McDuff, Jazmin Lee-Sollars; School Vice Captains – Ethan Gillett, Ella Fitzgerald;
Cultural Captain – Madison Randl; Cultural Vice Captain – Zoe Kean.

Student Council Executive:

President – Bridget Sullivan; Secretary – Ethan Gillett; Treasurer – Madison Randl;
Student Councillors – Matthew Bougoure, Connor Waite, Ruby Dean, Maddison Taylor.

Sports Captains / Vice Captains:

Dicky – Jazmin Lee-Sollars, Tomas Wallace, Chloe Spackman, Lillia Virtue
Kings – Ethan Gillett, Caitlin Onofia, Connor Waite, Samara Lee
Moffat – Ruby Dean, Zoe Kean, Ella Fitzgerald
**P&C School Fair**

This year we will be having our bi-annual School Fair. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 6.30pm in the staff room for all who are interested. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. The fair will be held in September 2016 (date pending). It was fantastic to see 17 people at our first P&C meeting last Monday night. Thanks to those people for helping shape the direction of our school. It is appreciated.

**Spread the Word**

Our various communication methods are excellent but are only as good as parents/carers knowing about them. If you are reading this, then you are in the know and can help spread the word to others who don’t know how to get the newsletter or important information. We have Facebook, the Q-Schools app for smart phones, the web page, this Schoolzine electronic newsletter and even the notice board on the corner of Queen and Regent Streets. Without everyone using them, they are useless for getting the word around. The old fashioned Word of Mouth is still powerful so please let others know about all of the methods we use so everyone hears, sees and reads the great news.

**Yr6 Trip – Sydney, Canberra and the snow**

We have about 40 students who have paid their deposit for the Yr6 Canberra Trip in August. For us to secure the best price on flights we must book this week. That means we MUST have the $100 deposit paid by Friday 20 February and then the instalments paid by the due dates. Thanks.

**Forecast Rain Event Friday**

In relation to the forecast rain event for tomorrow, Friday. School will be open and will function as usual and I leave it up to parent/carer discretion and your local conditions in considering the safety of having your children travel to and from school. Please check the Caloundra State School Facebook page and Q Schools App for any updates.

Please make sure that your children are well equipped for the wet weather over the next couple of days whether travelling by public transport or private car or walking, can you please give them some guidance about not going near swollen creeks and open drains. Also, please take care on the roads over this period of excess rain.

**HEAD OF LEARNING:**

Well the 2015 school year is certainly rolling along now. Last week I was fortunate to spend Monday and Tuesday in Brisbane with 300+ Master Teachers from around the state. It was a fabulous opportunity to network with peers and to reaffirm that Caloundra SS is certainly headed in the right direction in regard to not only student learning but ongoing teacher learning as well. “Coaching” of teachers will commence shortly and be shared between myself and Jo Randl, Head of Curriculum (HOC), and will be ongoing throughout the school year. In 2008, Geoff Masters, the CEO of the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) stated in the Queensland Performance Review that; “The most effective way to increase student achievement is to increase the effectiveness of classroom teaching practices…how we continue to prepare and develop teachers.” If you would like to consider the preparation side of things as pre-service teachers by mentor teachers and universities, the develop side of things is really the dual role of the HOC and myself as Head of Learning. Teacher learning does not finish upon graduation from university, it is on-going and relevant for all teachers on staff, first year teachers to 30+ year veteran teachers. Have a great week - Mark

**FROM THE DEPUTY:**

**Schoolwide Positive Behaviour**

This week students will be learning all about "being Safe" in all areas of the school. They will all engage in lessons about being a learner and be able to put into practise what they have learnt. Make sure you ask your son or daughter about their lesson as the values taught at school are also very applicable at home.

**District Swimming**

On Tuesday Mr Rosenthal took a good sized group of students along to the district trials. He reported that all students swam very well and that all mums and dads should be very proud of their efforts. Thanks to Mr Rosenthal and the students who have been doing some very early before school training over the last couple of weeks.

**Dance Lessons**

Thanks to Miss Randl for organising our 2015 Dance lessons again, every student has been thoroughly enjoying themselves and putting in a huge effort.

Please make sure that your child’s School Resource Scheme payments are up to date as all dance lessons are funded through the scheme. Not bad for $90 a year, and there are more activities to come with Visual Arts later in the year and access to Reading Eggs and Mathletics throughout the year.

**Walla Rugby**

In the next week or two Mr Rosenthal and myself will be calling for students aged seven and eight to sign themselves up for four weeks of after school Walla Rugby. It is a great way to introduce kids to Rugby with a very soft approach to the game. There is no tackling and no scrums, just two handed tags and a whole lot of fun. Players will still need to wear mouthguards as a precaution and they can be purchased at your local chemist. Training will start soon so be on the lookout for permission notes coming home in your son/daughters bag.
FROM THE OFFICE:

I hope that our new families are all settled and the children are enjoying all that Caloundra State School has to offer.

SRS Second Instalment now Due

The second instalment of $30.00 for SRS is due now. For those families that have given us permission to use your credit card information on file, we will charge the second instalment to this. If you are paying by cash, cheque or direct debit, you must see the office this week to make your payment. The children are really enjoying the dance program which is included in the SRS scheme.

Year Six Canberra

We have booked for a maximum of 45 student passengers. A waiting list will be generated if numbers exceed 45. The cost per student is $995.00. A non-refundable deposit of $100 is payable by 20th February 2015 to secure all airfares. Please be aware if numbers fall below this figure the cost may increase by up to approximately $50.00. The subsequent balance of airfares will not be available for refund less than 30 days prior to flights. Any further refunds will be at the discretion of the tour provider (accommodation meals etc.). Stonestreets suggest that passengers consider taking out travel insurance to avoid any loss of payment due to illness etc. Four adults will supervise students on tour. Cost includes flights, coach, meals (excluding lunch Day 1), accommodation, admissions and snow gear hire.

We are happy to accept advance payments any time to apply against this excursion. Also available is the automatic Centrelink deductions paid directly to the school on your behalf. The amount of $995 is to be paid in full by the due date. The school office is able to provide you with the current balance of your account at any time.

The balance of $895 is to be paid in full by FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2015 (2nd last week of Term 2). No extensions will be granted.

Parents and students are reminded of the need for students to maintain appropriate behaviour levels leading up to the excursion. Students unable to maintain appropriate behaviour levels may pose a safety risk on tour and will have their invitation to attend withdrawn. The non-refundable conditions will also apply in the case where students have their invitations withdrawn.

PE:

All students aged 10, 11 and 12 years of age are eligible for selection in representative school sports.

School Sport Australia provides the opportunity for all students enrolled in school to attend National events in all of the major sports all around Australia. For example, this year Queensland teams will compete in:

- Adelaide for soccer and swimming
- Melbourne for cross country
- Perth for netball
- Canberra for athletics
- Hobart for tennis and
- Darwin for rugby league

There are a few steps prior to making a Queensland team of course and that starts with representing or being endorsed by your school to make the Coastal District team. Then you will compete to be selected in the Sunshine Coast Regional team, before making the ultimate step to the mighty Queensland team.

To attend a trial students are required to complete a few forms and have them endorsed and signed by Mr. Rosenthal (P.E. teacher). These forms are available on the Caloundra State School website at www.caloundrass.eq.edu.au Then on the website go to Forms.

Students are required to complete a; Coastal District Trial Permission and 9.0 Project Consent Form V2.

Below is a calendar of District Sports trials. More in depth information regarding the trials can be also be found on the website, under District Trial Notice 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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LUNCHBOX MUFFINS

Ingredients

Sweet:

1 1/2 cups self raising flour
1/2 cup sugar (can decrease this!)
1 egg
2/3 cup milk
1/4 cup oil (or melted butter)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup mix ins – e.g. quinoa flakes, fresh fruit, dried fruit (sulphur free)

Savoury (same as above – just omit sugar!)

1 1/2 cups self raising flour (I mix this up a bit and sometimes add in about 1/4 cup beana (chickpea) flour for extra protein)
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup milk
1/4 cup oil (or melted butter)
Mixed vegetables – 1 1/2 cups (e.g. small grated potato,
bunch asparagus chopped 1cm and leek). You can also put in feta cheese cubes too.

Instructions

1. Turn oven on to 180 degrees
2. Prepare muffin pan (with muffin cases/grease muffin pan)
3. Sift flour
4. Add rest of the ingredients
5. Stir till just combined
6. Fill muffin cases until ¾ full
7. Bake at 180 degrees for 20 minutes

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

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| **PB** | **Wk 3 Ella H** - for being a fantastic learner in all areas.  
**Wk 4 Joshua F** - for always trying to do his best to be a learner. |
| **PC** | **Lachlan M** - for always using great manners in class. |
| **1A** | **Archie W** - for always being prepared and ready to learn. He's a learner. |
| **1B** | **Aidan L** - for being a respectful listener and a responsible learner. |
| **2A** | **Wk 3: Zac D** - for writing a SUPER story about a teddy bear.  
**Wk 4: Ben S** - for trying SUPER hard to make new friends at his new school. |
| **2B** | **Wk3 Tex G** - for being a learner and trying his best. |
| **2C** | **Ella B** - for always being a learner in 2C! |
| **3A** | **Hayley** - for approaching all school activities responsibly and to the best of her ability. |
| **3B** | **W3 Chayse B** - for being a responsible and respectful learner - Superb Pastel Picasso in LOTE/Art!  
**W4 Summer L** - for always being a responsible and respectful learner - Excellent Effort in Dance! |
| **3/4D** | **W3 Ruby** - for being a polite and responsible student.  
**W4 Blake A** - for being a responsible student who is consistently trying his best. |
| **4A** | **Marshall W** - for putting in a great effort and keeping on task when learning his weekly Spelling. |
| **4B** | **Zayden C** - for trying hard and following class and school rules. |
| **4C** | **Lily H** - for working hard and great story writing. |
| **5A** | **Kai R** - for excellent reading results. |
| **5B** | **Wk 3: Jemma C** - for always working to the best of her ability. |

Wk 4: **Zach R** - for being a responsible and respectful class member.  
**5/6C** - **Beyonce B** - for being a hard working student.  
**6A** - **Zoe K** - for displaying pride in her work and being attentive in class.  
**6B** - **Wk3: Ruby G** - for being an active learner – you are conscientious and always striving to do your best!  
**Wk4: Connor W** - for your focus in class and being a respectful class member!

P & C NEWS:

Thank you! To everyone who supported Chappy Craig’s BBQ breakfast last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying breakfast before school.

Lunch on Lighthouse Uniforms - Thank you to everyone who have volunteered to help out in the tuckshop. The roster is being finalised now so pop in and see Anna if you are available to help out.

Out of stock dresses and polos are due in soon. Thank you for your patience.

Fair Meeting - Tues 3rd March, 6.30pm in the staffroom. Come along to see what exciting things are planned for the Fair this year!

AGM - 17th 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 your contact information at the Office.

ADOPT A COP:

NATIONAL RIDE2 SCHOOL DAY

On **Friday 13 March 2015** Australia will be celebrating the ninth National Ride2School Day event, where over 300,000 Australian students, will ride, walk, scoot or skate to school.

The day aims to promote a healthy and active lifestyle, while ensuring that students around Australia arrive at school feeling invigorated and alert.

So once again, I am inviting all students, parents and teachers to re-live the fun and continue to build a happy and healthy school community by joining in the celebrations.

Active travel is a great way for students of all ages to meet their recommend daily dose of 60 minutes physical activity every day.

The purpose of National Ride2School Day is to show school communities that riding to school is an easy and fun activity. It is a chance to celebrate on a large scale and prove it can be done.
I will meet everyone at the Caloundra Police Station at 8am on Friday 13 March for a 3km ride to school along pathways.

So leading up to this day, some hints are: practice some riding daily to ensure that you will be fit for our ride that day, ensure your bicycle, scooter or skateboard is properly serviced and in good condition and ensure that you have a Australian designed and approved helmet to wear.

I look forward to seeing as many of our school community there as possible.

HELPING HANDS:

Helping Hands Caloundra before and afterschool vacation care.

Please contact 0457 735 704 or Central office on 07 5390 0500 or email caloundra@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

You can also call into the school office to collect out brochure.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD:

GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons will be continuing in 2015 at Caloundra State School. Lessons will be held every Thursday afternoon and last for half an hour. The cost is $14 per lesson. If your child is interested in learning the guitar please contact Sebastian Martin-Wallace on 0411 678 136 or sebmartinwallace@gmail.com

Guitar Lessons are suitable for:

- Grades 2-7
- Beginners to intermediate
- Children with their own Guitar
- Classical or Acoustic Guitars are most suitable.

4TH SUNSHINE COAST GIRLS’ BRIGADE COMPANY

Girls’ Brigade is part of an international Christian youth organisation … meets at the Uniting Church hall on Tuesday evenings from 6.15pm to 8pm (6pm to 7.30pm for Cadets) for a nightly program of singing, games and activities. The girls work towards awards (badges) including craft, camping, bush walking, canoeing, health, community service, cooking, swimming & lots more … all presented in an enjoyable hands-on learning environment suited to their age group:

CADETS JUNIORS SENIORS PIONEERS

Grades Prep – 2 Grades 3 - 5 Grades 6 - 8 Grades 9 – 12

Enrolment enquires phone Helen Hilton (Captain) on 54927179.