



# CALOUNDRA STATE SCHOOL

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## Delivering Educational Excellence

### Calendar of Events

08/02/2021	Year 1 Ocean Life Incursion.
10/02/2021	Parent Information Session (Wednesday 3:15pm)
12/02/2021	Executive Student Leader Investiture. 9:00 to 10:00am in the Hall.
15/02/2021	P & C Meeting (6:00pm in the staffroom)

### Message from the Principal: Stephen Logan

#### WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES AND STAFF

Welcome to the new families who have joined us this year and to those families returning for more great experiences at Caloundra State School. We are proud of our reputation and will tirelessly defend this through our vision of **Delivering Educational Excellence** and our focus on high expectations of student achievement and behaviour. Parents, I trust that you can attend the Parent Information Sessions on Wednesday 10 February from 3:15-4pm. If not, please make yourself known to your child's teacher so you can build a productive relationship that will support your child's learning.

We have one new staff this year. We welcome Mrs Fern Webb, who has come to us from Cherbourg SS and is teaching 4A. We say goodbye to Ms Bradburn and Mrs Mann and thank them for their dedication, professionalism and caring nature. They will be sadly missed.

#### SRS 2021

The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is a user-charging scheme operated by schools to provide parents with a mechanism to access individual student resources that are not funded by the government. Government funding for schools does not extend to individual student resources and equipment for their personal use or consumption. Supply of these items, such as textbooks and IT supplies and subscriptions, are the responsibility of the parent, but are covered by the SRS.

The objective of the scheme is to provide parents a convenient and cost-effective alternative to individual supply of resources for their students. Participation in the SRS is optional, and no obligation is placed on a parent to participate. Parents not participating in the scheme must provide their child with all items that would otherwise be provided by the scheme as detailed in the information provided by the school. We do need to know whether you are going to join the scheme or not. Once you've signed the paperwork, it scheme will be for the duration of your child/children primary school enrolment.

The SRS scheme is particularly important for our school as it allows us, among other things, to engage specialist dance teachers for the Arts program, culminating in our magnificent Dance Extravaganza. Without your agreement form and

payment, your child will not have access to specialist resources to fully participate in this program. The 2021 information will be sent out soon.

## **GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

A big part of our improvement culture is that students must give 100% effort and show excellent behaviour EVERY DAY. Without this positive mind set, your child will not reach their potential so please encourage them every day to be involved in class activities and to follow the 4 values of ***Be a Learner, Be Safe, Be Respectful*** and ***Be Responsible***. We want your child to achieve to their highest potential so that their future is bright and we can only do that with your support! Attendance is also an enormous part of this. We expect all students to attend school at least 92% of the time. If some children fall below this, they may miss out on reward days, student leadership opportunities, and other extracurricular activities.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

Our P&C is a very supportive and active group that tirelessly organises and delivers more than \$35000 to the school each year (\$15000 to the budget for more laptops; \$20000 each year for special programs and resources). Some members will not be able to continue this year so I implore you to consider helping out for a year or two. There are only 9 meetings a year and we are usually finished by 8pm! It is a fantastic way for you to be involved in the business of the P&C and make our school even better by providing extra resources through the fundraising efforts.

## **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.

**Message from the Deputy Principals:  
Brendan Bopf & Catherine Crawford**

## **COMMUNICATION**

Apart from the Parent Information Sessions next week, we also have several different modes of communication that we encourage you to use so that you are aware of the happenings at the school:

1. Read this newsletter that will be emailed to your inbox
2. Like us on Facebook and follow the great stories @Caloundra State School
3. Download the QSchools App for push notices/emergencies, news, events, tuckshop info and more.....
4. Download the QParents App so you can check your child's academic achievements and behaviour, notify the school of absences, update contact details, and see invoices
5. Pick up a paper copy of the newsletter from the office
5. Go to our web page – [www.caloundrass.eq.edu.au](http://www.caloundrass.eq.edu.au)
6. Email your child's teacher and read their class newsletters
7. Text messages for urgent or important reminders.

From next week, we can again welcome you to offer your help in classrooms, volunteer around the school (library, tuckshop, etc), join the P&C, or help out with P&C fundraisers. This shows your child that you are interested in their school which your child/children will appreciate. Just sign the COVID register in the office or classroom first!

## Message from the Office: Kylie Bland, Robyn Rawson & Margie Ferguson

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome to a bright and happy term one with lots of new families and students joining us at Caloundra State School. We hope that everyone has settled in well and enjoying being back with friends and having fun at school.

If you have any questions or if you are not sure of the correct procedures and policies for Caloundra State School please email us on [info@caloundrass.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@caloundrass.eq.edu.au) we are always here to assist and help.

The Student Resource Scheme for existing students was invoiced in 2020. Please see our administration office if you are needing help with how to pay this invoice online or pay in person at the office 8 to 10am daily by direct debit (no cash accepted).

All new families to the school, please note we are cashless which means we do not accept cash payment at our office. Our preferred method is BPoint or QParent. All SRS paperwork for new students to be returned to the office for actioning and invoicing.



**NO CASH ACCEPTED**

### HOW TO PAY AN INVOICE



CALOUNDRA STATE SCHOOL  
BPOINT Payments

BPOINT is the preferred option. BPOINT is an additional payment channel which is available to you to pay your specific invoices.

- BPOINT payments are auto receipted and matched in the school finance system which reduces the time and effort to school staff when compared to manual receipting and allocation for direct deposits and BPAY corrections.
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Once invoices are generated and sent to your email address, follow the following instructions:

Online Card Payment	Invoice No: 52449 <small>This invoice can be paid by card via BPOINT</small> <a href="https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete">https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete</a>
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- Click on the <https://> link (as above), this will take you straight to the payment option for that invoice.
- Enter amount and select Visa or Master Card – Complete personal details
- You will receive a BPOINT transaction confirmation for your records.

# HELPING HANDS

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Hello and welcome back for Term 1 2021. We welcome new families and children and hope that the New Year is off to a good start.

We have had a busy vacation care period with the children participating in lots of fun and exciting activities such as incursions and excursions.

The children were very creative and were able express themselves through arts and crafts, talent shows and singing contests.

This term we will be introducing some new clubs during after and before school care. As well as having Homework club in the afternoons during the week.

Monday: Art Club	Wednesday: Sports club	Friday: Cultural Club
Learn a new Art medium each week	Come along and learn how to play different sports	We are going to learn about different countries and their culture

Bookings for 2021 are now available. For all booking enquiries or assistance, please contact Jess at the service on: 0457 735 704.



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BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL  
AND DURING THE HOLIDAYS!**  
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# P & C

## P&C WELCOMES YOUR SUPPORT

A big welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to new families at Caloundra. Your P&C is made up of parents just like you, who play a vital part in the school community. At Caloundra, the P&C oversees the canteen, uniform shop, fundraising activities, the school garden and much more. The P&C is a place for parent input and activities designed to support the school and its students.

In 2020, some of our achievements included successfully advocating for a redeveloped school hall (coming soon) and a Christmas raffle that raised valuable funds to go towards a school playground. In the COVID-19 environment things were challenging but the P&C is looking for a more settled year in 2021.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP AND GET INVOLVED

Our first meeting for 2021 is Monday, 15 February 6:00pm, in the staffroom.

We would love to see parents join us. It's a great way to meet other parents and learn more about what is happening at school. The P&C can be contacted by email [pandccaloundrass@gmail.com](mailto:pandccaloundrass@gmail.com) if parents wish to raise matters or share feedback with us. Regular notes on P&C activities will be in school newsletters throughout the year, so stay in touch and please lend a hand if you can.

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Parents can support recycling and raise valuable fund for the school by being part of our container for change program at school. The P&C raised several thousand dollars last year through hosting the recycling pod at school and through the participation of families. To get involved:

1. Collect bottles and containers in a bin bag and tie top when full.
2. Label the bag with scheme ID you want payment to go to (the ID for school is **C10054098**).
3. Place labelled bag in our pod at the school.

You can read more [here](#) about how to get involved and the type of containers to donate.