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From the Principal

UNSW SCIENCE TEST

Earlier in the year, various students from Years 3 to 7 participated in the University of NSW Science Test. Students from all over Australia and some other countries participated in the test and we are pleased to see so many of our students performing to such a high standard. Congratulations must go to all students who participated with results including:

High Distinction (Top 1%)
Olivia

Distinction (Top 5-10%)
Daniel
Conrad
Alanah
Alexander
Reif

Credit (Top 25%)
Zane, Trina, Thomas, Ruby, Shaun,
Harrison, Anna, Megan, Harry, Samara,
Alice, Matthew, Alexandra, Christopher,
Ayeden, Rachelle.

OPEN NIGHT

Thank you to all of the families who attended the Open Evening earlier this week. This was an excellent opportunity to view our many talented students in action as they performed, as well as to see the various artwork and digital presentations that students have worked on throughout the year. The combined effort of our students, staff and parents/caregivers ensured a very successful evening and is greatly appreciated.

PARENT TALKS

This term, we have organized a range of free information sessions for any interested parents. Thank you to those parents who have attended our earlier sessions, which run for approximately 45 minutes in the school staffroom, after junior parade on Wednesday mornings. Please feel free to attend one or more of the following remaining sessions:

26th August How to help your child with reading

9th September Supporting your child's behaviour and relationship-building

16th September Occupational Therapy

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

This week, approximately forty of our families received a parent opinion survey to complete. This is an annual survey completed by all public schools in Queensland and is an opportunity for schools to better understand their strengths and areas for improvement. Families are randomly selected using a formula determined by Education Queensland and all responses are confidential. If your family received a survey, can you please complete and return the survey to the school office by Monday, 24th August.

YEAR 7 CANBERRA TRIP

Two weeks ago Year Seven students had a fabulous trip to Canberra, Sydney and

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the snow. On this trip the students had a lot of fun and gained some truly great memories. They also participated in a number of activities that enhanced their understanding of Australian history, culture and democracy.

To assist us in undertaking this tour the Australian Government has made available a rebate under the "Parliament and Civics Education Rebate" scheme. This rebate enabled us to keep the cost of the trip down and allowed some students to take part that may not have otherwise been able to attend.

The following are recounts of the wonderful time that was had by all who participated in our annual adventure.

On Sunday 2nd August, Year 7 from Caloundra State School met at the Sunshine Coast Airport to go on their Canberra Tour. Everyone had to be there by 10:00 am to check their luggage and collect their boarding passes. For some people it was their first time on a plane.

Once in Sydney we met our very kind bus driver. His name was Joe. He loved to tell stories and put on funny hats. He drove us to Bondi Beach, Watson's Bay and Circular Quay. We then walked from Circular Quay to the Sydney Opera House where we had some group photos and looked at the Opera House. It was then time to board the coach for the trip to Canberra.

On Monday we drove to the Old Parliament House. We were told about the House of Representatives and the Senate, and then we did a role play of what would happen in a vote. After, we left Old Parliament House, we went to the Australian War Memorial. We went to rooms that had weapons and examples of World War 1 and World War 2. We went through the whole memorial. When everyone was done we

met outside and went to the Australian Institute of Sport. We saw the pools and gymnasiums where everyone trains along with much more. Then we went to the Sportex room where we played virtual sports. To end the day, we went to Telstra Tower. We were allowed to go to the second level and it was really cold.

On the third day, we went to the New Parliament House and Quest-a-con. At the New Parliament House, we saw the Senate and the House of Representatives. We also got to have our own debate. At Quest-a-con we went on many rides. The best ride was free fall because it is a 6.7m drop and slide. The spin ride is when you spin and throw balls to the other person.

On Day 4, the best day of all, we got up early and had breakfast and headed to the ski hills. The hill was called blue cow. When we got there it was snowing. We began our lessons and then had free time.

We had to line up to board the J bars, which lifted us up the mountain. Some of us were really scared. The day was really fun and we got to buy souvenirs. By the time we got back to Canberra, we were all hungry and sleepy.

On the last day we had to hop up at 2:45 am. Everyone was still asleep while packing up. By the time we began the drive back to Sydney, it was freezing. We stopped the bus to look at the sunrise. When we got to the airport, we all had to get checked in again.

The trip went really fast and by the end, everyone was tired, but we all loved it.

Written by 7A

Yr 7 Canberra Tour

Two weeks ago the Yr 7 classes travelled to Canberra to learn about

Parliament, what the places in Parliament mean, how Australia is governed, how laws are passed and many other things. We flew to Sydney and had a look at some of the many interesting aspects of the city. We then journeyed to Canberra, a 4hr bus trip, and checked into our lodging, having dinner along the way.

Through the next three days we looked around Parliament House, the old parliament house, the war memorial, Questacon (the science museum in Canberra) and we drove by the Embassies.

Then, on the end of the third day we drove up to Jindabyne, where we were to stay at the Nettin Chalet, and were fitted out for the snow, with boots, skis, poles, a snow jacket and snow pants each. We were all so excited!

The fourth day had come and we were on the bus and heading up for the snow with everything but our skis on. We were given bright yellow beanies from Kangaroo Bus Lines and we had to wear sunglasses, because of glare from the snow. When we got up there it was snowing and very cold but we didn't care. We were too busy throwing snowballs at each other! The teachers gave us a run down on the behaviour they expected from us and then handed us over to our ski instructors. Our instructors gave us a lesson that took up most of the morning. When we had finished we went inside Smiggins Arcade for lunch.

The rest of the afternoon we all spent throwing snowballs, making snowmen and going down the beginner and intermediate ski-slopes. We had so much fun!

Wednesday came and went and soon it was time to get on the plane to come back to Caloundra. We were in Caloundra with plenty of time to spare

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and in the end only three kids were left over. I don't think that any one of us will ever forget our experience in Canberra!

By Jennifer

Year 4 Bilai Excursion

On the 4th of August 4A and 4B went to Shelly Beach. After we went to Shelly Beach we started walking down to the beach. We saw lots of things along the way, like Brooke's house, another school and a dead possum on the road.

When we got there we had fruit stop. Then our instructors Tina and Trent talked to us about cone shells and the blue ringed octopus. Then the lesson was finished. We went down to the beach and looked at some blue-grey periwinkles. After that we had morning tea.

When the morning tea was over we went with Trent to use some nets. Harry and Stone caught a cone shell. Then we had lunch and played a game called survival. We packed up and went back to school.

Tim Moss 4B

STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

Unfortunately Mr Owen Goll will be on sick leave for the remainder of term. Class 4A will be taken by Mrs Rhiannon Garth who, through teacher relief work and her involvement in Wakakirri, is well known to our school community.

P&C NEWS

SCHOOL GARDEN COMMITTEE

This committee met recently and are in the process of developing a proposal for a future school garden. The committee is looking for an 'eye catching' name for the planned garden and are offering a \$10 Civic Video voucher for the best committee name. Please email entries to info@caloundrssh.eq.edu.au by the 31st August.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Please mark the evening of Saturday, 5th September in your diaries for our annual Trivia Night. This is an excellent way to support and fundraise for our school, with plenty of fantastic prizes on offer. Further details will be sent home in the coming weeks so ask your friends and create a team in preparation!!

NEIL JENKINS PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Caloundra State High School Year 7 Parent Information Night

A Year 7 parent information night will be held in the Resource Centre at Caloundra SHS on Tuesday August 25th. Two sessions operate, one at 5.15 pm and the second at 6.15 pm. It is preferred the first session be for Caloundra SS and Currimundi SS, and the second session for Golden Beach SS and Talara PC, but parents may attend either. On this evening, the Subject Expo will be held in the Student Centre, and parents and students are welcome to explore the wide range of subject offerings, and ask questions. School tours will run at 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. If parents would prefer to have a personal discussion about enrolments or any High School related matter, appointments can be made for any time this semester, with Mr Steven Miskin (Middle School Deputy Principal) on 54368434.

Kawana Waters State College Year 7 Parent Information Night

To assist parents in the decision making process of choosing a High School for their children, Kawana Waters State College is holding an information evening for all students beginning Year 8 in 2010. The information sessions will be held in the Performing Arts building. The evening will commence at 6.00pm with a College tour. Members of the Administration team will be present, as

will teachers and Heads of Departments from the various subject areas. There will be plenty of opportunities for parents to ask questions relating to their child beginning Year 8. For further details do not hesitate to contact the college on 54933388

Meridan State College Year 7 Parent Information Night

Meridan College will be holding parent information sessions on the 1st of September at 1:30pm and 5:30pm. To register your attendance at one of these parent information sessions please contact the school office on 54902620 or by email to enquiry@meridansc.eq.edu.au.

Both information sessions will be held in the resource centre at the school and enrolment packages will be distributed on the day.

BRENDAN BOPF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

WAKAKIRRI PERFORMANCE

A special performance from our Wakakirri team will be held during parade on Monday 31 August. Come along and enjoy the presentation that took them to the grand final.

SPORT

A team of talented athletes from Caloundra Primary participated in the Coastal District Athletics and Field Carnival held over two days, 10th and 20th August.

Congratulations to Claudia, 11 years girl champion. Claudia, together with Kerryann, Jake and Michael progress to the Regional carnival on Thursday 03 September. Our best wishes go with these athletes as they progress to the next level.

SKIPATHON

Children have been skipping as part of their Physical Education program. To promote the benefits of skipping to good health and well being, the school



was visited by representatives from the Heart Foundation who gave a skipping demonstration and provided hints and tips for the students.

In conjunction with this and as one of our major fundraisers for the year, we will be holding a Skipathon on Friday, 28 August. Students from Years 1 to 7 will participate by skipping in groups for 3/5 minutes for a total of 1 hour.

Sponsorship cards have been sent home. We remind parents/caregivers that the school does not approve of door knocking and ask that sponsorship be kept to family and friends. All monies collected are to be returned by Friday, 11 September 2009.

Instead of a Skipathon, the children in Prep will participate in an Obstacle-a-thon when they will attempt to complete 10 laps of an obstacle course.

PLAYGROUND CHILDCARE

We have a few spaces this term for before and after school care. We open at 6.30am and close at 6pm. Please contact us for more information on 5492 8618 or call Sam on 0411 878 207.

PARADE TIMEBABLE - TERM 3

Wednesday	Friday
26/8 - 2B	28/8 - 7/6D
02/9 - Prep A,B	04/9 - 7A/B
09/9 - 3C	11/9 - 6B
16/9 - 3A/B	18/9 - 4A/B

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 24	P&C monthly meeting
Aug 27	Yr 3 Bilai
Aug 28	Yr 1 - 7 Skipathon
	Prep - Obstacleathon
Sept 02 -04	Yr 5 Currimundi camp
Sept 03	Regional track and field
Sept 04	Yr 6,7 interschool sport

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA	Lillia, for fantastic word recognition and listening well.
PB	Georgina, for being a super listener and a super helper in the class.
1A	Corey, for his excellent efforts with his terrific transport story.
1/2C	Teah, for a terrific transport story.
2A	Kaylah, for trying hard to be organized with her work.
2B	Emma, for careful work and great manners.
3A	Trina, for always being a busy worker in class and a great 3A friend.
3B	Louise, for giving 110% to all areas of her schoolwork.
3C	Grace, for working independently to finish her work.
4A	Shania, for having good manners.
4B	Sophie, for being confident enough to have a go at things.
4C	Ryan, for being the best listener on our class excursion to Shelly Beach.
	Kayla, for being a very eager and pleasant student who works well in class. She always has a big, beautiful smile.
5A	Conrad, for his excellent efforts in Science this year.
5B	Lidia, for excellent behaviour and

6A	always doing her best. Sidney, for being a great member of the class's learning environment.
6B	Randell, for excellent classwork.
6C	Allie and Brontee, for an excellent morning session presentation.
7A	TeWai, for always displaying a positive attitude.
7B	Joseph, for keen participation in all activities in Canberra.
7/6D	Hayden, for showing excellent knowledge about government at Parliament House.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD 2009/2010 Sign Ons

Met Caloundra Surf Life Saving Club Saturday, September 5 from 8:00am until midday at the main clubhouse, northern end of Kings Beach. Further information from the club on 5491 1081.

Caloundra Cricket Club
Friday 21 August between 4 and 6:00pm
Saturday 22 Aug between 3 and 5:00pm
Friday 28 August between 4 and 6:00pm.

Further information on 0419 603 503.

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