



Caloundra State Primary School

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From the Principal

NATIONAL TESTS

In May this year, around one million students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. From 14 September 2009, the Queensland Studies Authority, which is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in Queensland, began distributing results to schools across Queensland.

Every student who participated in the 2009 NAPLAN test will receive an individual report containing their results. This report provides a range of information about your child's performance on each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes. While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots' of student achievement in literacy and numeracy, the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

As part of our daily program, all teachers focus heavily on improving our students' literacy and numeracy skills and the following table displays the percentage of our students who met or exceeded the National Benchmark in 2009.

Our school performed at or above the National Benchmark in 13 out of the 15 areas tested. Congratulations to all

Area Tested	Percentage of students at or above National Benchmark
Reading	91%
Writing	87%
Spelling	94%
Grammar and Punctuation	92%
Numeracy	94%

students and teachers for their continued efforts in improving literacy and numeracy outcomes.

REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD TRIALS

In recent weeks, the following students from Caloundra State Primary School were selected in the District team to compete at the Sunshine Coast Regional Track & Field Trials:

Kerryann
Claudia
Michael
Jake

WAKAKIRRI

This evening, our Wakakirri team will compete in the Regional Wakakirri Grand Final at the Caloundra Civic Centre. Our students will perform an item based on the story of the Centaur and will combine dance, storytelling, lighting, sound, costumes and props to tell this story. Our Wakakirri team have been selected for the Regional Grand Final based on their achievement of five gold medals and one silver medal in the heats. Good luck for the final!!

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YEAR 1 ROAD SAFETY EXCURSION

Last week we went to Currimundi Special School. First my stepmum drove me, my stepbrother and Asia to Currimundi. We met PC (Police Constable) Jackie and she showed us the bike track. She told us about road safety. We put our helmets on and rode the bikes. It was fun. I rode a tricycle. PC Jackie turned the traffic lights on and off.

By Krystl 1/2C

YEAR 2 EXCURSION TO STOCKLAND SHOPPING CENTRE

On Tuesday 15th September Years 2A and 2B went on an excursion to Stockland Shopping Centre to support Braces Day which is a fundraiser for Butterfly Kids, an organization that helps children with disabilities.

First we went to the Commonwealth Bank and they showed us the money counter. The coins went through a hole where it was sorted and counted. Next Debbie, the Customer Service Manager, gave us instructions on our colouring competition for Braces Day. The best pictures for both boys and girls would win a platypus money box. We also each had a butterfly painted on our faces. Then we were all given a butterfly cupcake which had wings and jam and cream.

After that we went to Coles Supermarket and had a tour of the butcher shop where we saw how they prepare meat. We then went to the bakery section where we were shown how the bread was made by the various machines. They also gave us a donut. After thanking the bakery manager we walked back to school.

Later we finished our pictures for the competition. We all enjoyed the morning which was a lot of fun.

By Gynaya 2B

YEAR 3 DANCING WITH THE STAR

On Tuesday September 1st, Mrs Amber Williams, a teacher from Caloundra High School and her class of Year 8 Performing Arts students held a dance workshop for our Year 3 children. Each of the 9 groups

used movement representative of the four elements—air, fire, water and earth. The afternoon finished with each group presenting their dance in front of an audience. Well done Year 3 children.

YEAR 4 BIKE SAFETY

As part of the Travelsmart program, all Year 4 students will have the opportunity to participate in a bike safety program in the first week after the school holidays. There is no cost for the program which will be delivered at our school by Travelsmart staff.

Students should bring their own bike and helmet to school if it is available or alternately a bike can be provided by Travelsmart if a student does not have their own bike. Parents are asked to bring their child's bike to school on the following dates:

4A	Tuesday, 6 th October
4B	Wednesday, 7 th October
4C	Thursday, 8 th October

YEAR 5 PIONEER DAY POEM

Pioneer day was such a fun day, Races and games and lots of fun to play. We learnt how to dance and write on our slates, We rode on the billy carts and had fun with our mates. We played different games, marbles, hopscotch and elastic, We dressed up in costume, we all looked fantastic.

We learnt how they lived all those many years ago, Their old wooden desks and ink pots aflow. They gave children the cane especially the boys, They made up their games as there weren't any toys.

They learnt ABC's and how to write well The teachers were strict, it's easy to tell 2009 is a much better school. A pioneer's life wasn't so cool.

By 5B

YEAR 5 CAMP

On Wednesday 2nd of September the Year

5's of Caloundra Primary School had camp. We went to Currimundi Active Recreation Camp.

First we went down to the beach. We played rugby and soccer. I found a pretty shell and a white pebble. Next we had morning tea. Then we were told the rules, out of bounds areas and given our cabin number. I was in cabin number 4 and our name was the Kitty Kats. Next we had lunch. Group 2 had circus skills next. We had a go at juggling, trick sticks and spinning a plate on a stick. Then we had fruit for afternoon tea. Next we did kite building. I liked it because we got to decorate our kites ourselves. I flew mine in free time. Then I had my shower. We then all went to the dining hall and had dinner. After that we all played the game Pirates and Officers. Finally we cleaned our teeth, got into our pj's and went to sleep.

The next morning, we got up at 6.30am, got dressed and went to breakfast. After that we were told what activities we were doing. I was going to the giant swing. The harness was super painful. It was fun though. Next we had morning tea. Then we did high ropes. That was super fun, but scary at the same time. If we attempted the log we got a week off our homework sheet. YAY!!! Next we had lunch. After that we did raft building. Everyone had the same design. Ours fell apart as soon as it got into the water, so we only got 1 point. We all had lots of fun though. Next we had afternoon tea. Then we finished our raft games. Everyone in my cabin played games together for free time. Next we had showers and went to dinner. Then we did night games which was mock Olympics. We had so much FUN!!! Finally we had supper, which was cookies and chocolate milk, got ready for bed and went to sleep.

On Friday we woke up and got ready. Next we had breakfast. For some reason I was super hungry and I ate 4 strips of bacon, 3 pieces of toast and a bowl of cereal. Next we did fencing in which we got to poke people with a foil (sword). I had so much fun! After that we had morning tea. Next we did beach games. We played in

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the sand and when I was going to get water I met a dog. He was black and had a seriously massive head and if I owned him I would have called him Boof!!! When we got back we had lunch. When I finally got home, I was very happy because I couldn't wait to sleep in my own bed!!! I thought camp was great and I would love to go back again. The best bit was the high ropes and I also thought it was good because we got to have heaps of fun with our friends.

By Sophie 5B

END OF TERM

We wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to all students returning on Monday, 5th October with the student free day to be held on Monday, 19th October in all Queensland public schools.

**NEIL JENKINS
PRINCIPAL**

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Our Preps to Year 3 students have been training hard to compete in our junior cross country. We would like to thank Mr Rosenthal and the class teachers for their efforts in helping the children's preparation and participation of this event.

**BRENDAN BOPF
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

P&C NEWS

SCHOOL GARDEN COMMITTEE WINNER

Congratulations to Ruby for winning the School Garden Naming Competition. The new school garden name will be Young Garden Gurus.

SCHOOL GARDEN GROUP

Any children or parents who are interested in helping with gardening should come along on Thursday mornings at 8.30am in front of the 3A & 3B classrooms (next to the school dentist). You can meet with our Garden Group members and help to work on our many small projects including:

composting; worm farming; vegetable planting and our new herb garden. We hope to see you there with gloves on!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Don't forget that the Trivia Night will be held in the activities room from 7pm on Saturday, 31st October. Please book through the school office.

RAFFLE

The P&C will be running a major raffle between now and our Carols by Torchlight on Thursday, 3rd December. Parents can purchase tickets for \$2 each for the chance to win:

1 st Prize	Flights up to the value of \$1000 with Jetstar
2 nd Prize	Nintendo Wii worth \$400
3 rd Prize	Vivitar Digital Camera worth \$300

Please support this raffle to raise valuable funds for our school.

CHAPPY CHAT

CALLING ALL HAIRY MEN

Chappy Caleb has begun his first fundraiser for the year. As October approaches preparations for "Octobeard" are underway. We are on the hunt for any men who excel in growing facial hair. I have also made it very clear to Mr Rosenthal that back hair does not count. Unfortunately this fundraiser has been kept exclusively for male participants. Please keep an ear out for more details. If you would like to participate and need more information please contact Chappy Caleb via the school.

Caleb Baker
School Chappy

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

SKIPATHON SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION MONEY

Just a reminder that all skipathon sponsorship and donation money is to be handed in by the 18th September 2009. Please ensure that all money goes to the classroom teachers and not into

the silver box.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Caloundra State Primary School Tenders are called for the provision of O.H.S.C for:

- Before School Care
- After School Care
- Vacation Care

Application packages are available at the Caloundra State Primary School Office. Queen St, Caloundra
Closing Date 2pm Monday 30/10/2009

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!

Parents please be aware that the first Monday after the school holidays, 5th October, is **NOT** a pupil free day. The pupil free day will be on Monday 19th October.

KIDS ON KEYBOARDS

Our end of term was held Thursday 17/10/09 from 7:45 am in the Music Room. Kids On Keyboards will start back on Thursday 15/10/09 from 7:30 am - 8:15 am for term 4 2009.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CYCLING PROGRAMS RUN BY TRAVELSMART

Cycling fun for children aged between 9-12 years. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Fully guided and supervised cycling program including cycling games and a fun bike ride on off-road cycle pathways. There will be participant prizes and TravelSmart giveaways.

BYO equipment (roadworthy bike, helmet, water bottle). Free bike and helmet hire will be available if required - let library staff know when booking.

Details:

Thursday 1st October 10.00-11.30am
Caloundra Central Library
Omrah Ave Caloundra
Register with library staff direct or call 5491 1255.

**This program is not structured to teach children how to ride a bike.*

**Children must be able to competently ride a bicycle (mount and dismount bike, take-off and use brakes!)*



STOP THE PRESS!!!!

We have a popular brand size 10 black jacket that has been at the office for a number of weeks. If you think the jacket could be yours please see Mrs Smythe at reception.

PROGRESSION FROM TRAINING WHEELS WORKSHOP

Workshop designed for kids ready to make the progression to riding a bike on TWO (2) wheels only!!

Fully instructed and supervised by accredited cycle coaches, however parents /guardians are required to be present for the duration of the workshop.

There will be participant prizes and TravelSmart giveaways.

BYO equipment (roadworthy bike, helmet, water bottle). Free bike and helmet hire will be available if required - let the TravelSmart Team know when booking.

Details:
 Wednesday 30 September
 9.00am-12.00pm
 Maroochydore Multisports Complex
 Fisherman's Road Maroochydore.
 For more information or to register contact Travel Smart Sunshine Coast at travelsmart@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au or phone 5449 5200.

SUNSHINE COAST YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Do you play a musical instrument in your school ensemble or band? Want to play more music? Come along to our open night rehearsal on Wednesday 14 October at Mountain Creek State High School, Lady Musgrave Drive, Mountain Creek. Rehearsals run from 5pm—7pm during school term. Application for 2010

membership auditions are now available and close on 14 October. SCYO is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization, providing opportunities for young musicians to extend their musical experience.

Contact SCYO on 0427 879 725 or 5446 5936 or at info@scyo.org.au. Visit SCYO's web page at www.scyo.org.au and go to the auditions page for application forms.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 17 Junior Cross Country
- Sept 18 Last Day of Term 3
- Sept 19-Oct 4 School Holidays
- Oct 5 School resumes
- Oct 6-8 Yr 4 Bike Safety
- Oct 8 Yr 6-7 Touch & Volley Ball Program at CSHS begins
- Oct 16 Yr 6-7 Surf Skills begins
- Oct 19 Pupil Free Day
- Oct 22 Chess Individual Age Championships
- Oct 23 Rollerdrome Fun Night
- Oct 26-30 Prep - Yr 5 Swimming
- Oct 31 P&C Trivia Night

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- PA Connor, for persevering until he gets the job done.
- PB Chloe, for a fantastic start at Caloundra State Primary School.
- 1A Harrison, for his improved work habits and behaviour in the classroom and playground.
- 1/2C Breanna, for excellent bike riding and following the road signs.
- 2A Tahlia, for all the effort she gives to all her work all of the time.
- 2B Chad, for excellent behaviour on our recent Yr 2 excursion.
- 3A Tom, for fantastic numeracy and literacy results from his Term 3 test.

- 3B Annie, for a fantastic space chart and tables results.
- 3C Corey, for working quietly and being helpful.
- 4A Jai, for great thinking in science.
- 4B Jed, for settling in well to his new school.
- 4C Joey, for putting in a big effort to get his maths done quickly and accurately.
 Baxter, for working really well in group time, especially while conducting his science experiments.
- 5A Natasha, for working very well in class.
- 5B Tom, for improving on working independently.
- 6A Simone and Zanya, for an excellent film and documentary report on cyclones.
- 6B Ryan, for working so hard filming and editing his documentary.
- 6C Michael, for representing our school in many sports at district and regional levels.
- 7A Jarrod, for excellent improvement in work and manners.
 Brayden, for a great magazine project and lovely French accent.
 Scarlet, for a consistent top effort with class work
- 7B Jade, for working quietly and getting on with her work.
- 7/6D Tim, for winning the football tipping competition.

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