



Caloundra State Primary School

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P & C Meetings held regularly on the
2nd last Monday of every month at
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P & C Executives:

President: Terry Sweet

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From the Principal

ACTING PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

I am pleased to announce that Robyn Taplin currently Principal, Junior School Meridan State College has been appointed as acting Principal from 9 Nov 2009 to 25 Jun 2010.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

Last term, a range of students participated in the University of NSW competitions for Mathematics and English. Our students competed against students from across Australia and some other countries. Congratulations to all students who participated with the following results:

Mathematics

Distinctions – Top 10%

Shaun
Anna
Ewan
Abby
Olivia
Christopher
Alexander
Reif

Credits – Top 30%

Harrison
Chloe
Natasha
Daniel
Stone
Jake
Samara
Alice
Alanah
Matthew
Zanya
Michael
Jennifer
Luke
Rachelle
Jameson
Rebecca

English

High Distinction – Top 1%

Olivia
Distinctions – Top 10%
Daniel
Nakhia

Credits – Top 30%

Shaun
Anna
Thomas
Megan
Rhandal
Harry
Ewan
Alyssa
Alixandra
Candace
Alexander
Reif
Scarlet
Tahlia
Amber
Jennifer
Hayley

YEAR 4 BIKE SAFETY

On Wednesday the 7th October Year 4B brought their bikes to school and we participated in bike safety. Our instructors were John and Rodger. We started at 11.00am and we went to the bottom ovals and Roger explained how to fit a helmet. After that we played Snake, a game where you have to stay in a line 2 bike spaces behind each other. Then we did an obstacle course that took us to lunch.

After lunch we did a big ride around the ovals. Then they made a bridge out of hoses and they put noodles on it. We went with partners. I went with Stone. After that we did a race—not your ordinary race, the last person won, I lost but I didn't care. Then we did a race and if you fell off or put your foot

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down you got disqualified and it was the last man standing.

Finally we did one more game of Snake. Then it started to rain and we had to cross the road. We had to stay under the Year 3 block. We went home and it was great fun. I had to ride home—luckily Dad brought my rain coat. Bike Safety was awesome.

By Harry 4B

STUDENT FREE DAY

Please be aware that next Monday, 19th October is a student free day for all students in public schools across Queensland.

PREP PHOTOS

Each year the Sunshine Coast Daily prints class photos of all Prep students who are enrolled across the Sunshine Coast. The Prep student photo for Caloundra State Primary School is scheduled to be published on Tuesday, 20th October.

SWIMMING PROGRAM – 26 OCTOBER TO 04 NOVEMBER

Information about the next swimming block has been sent home to all parents in recent weeks. Students at Caloundra State Primary School participate in intensive eight-day blocks and are led by trained swimming coaches depending on the student's swimming level. The next swimming block will begin on Monday, 26th October and run until Wednesday, 4th November for all students in Prep to Year 5. Please ensure swimming fees have been paid and that students have their swimming gear at school for each day of the block.

NEIL JENKINS
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

2010 SCHOOL LEADERS

All Year Six students have been advised that the process for selection of School Leaders for 2010 will be starting very soon. Students will be asked to nominate for School Captain, Vice Captain or Sporting House positions. Their nomination form requires the support of a teacher and their signature. A large group of students have expressed their interest in these roles and

some have even begun to write their speeches which they will present to the Year Six cohort at later date.

PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS

The final PREP Information sessions for 2010 will take place on November 4th at 9:15am and 6:00pm. The morning session will be held in the school library and the evening session in the staff room. If you have not yet attended a session please come along. There will also be a PREP Orientation afternoon for next year's students to be held on the 27th of November at 2:00pm. If you have not yet enrolled or know of others who haven't please do so as soon as possible so we can plan our classes for 2010.

SURF SKILLS

Surf Skills begins this Friday with a session down at Caloundra Pool. The activity runs for six sessions and is a vital tool for all children who live in a coastal area as it teaches students the dangers of the ocean and how to deal with them.

YEAR 7 PRESENTATION

The Year Seven Presentation will soon be here again, believe it or not. All parents, grandparents and family members are invited to come along on the 9th of December for the presentation of certificates and awards. This year the students will be the first graduating group to use the new Student Centre. The event will begin at 1:30pm and conclude at 3:00pm. Later that night all students and two members of their family are invited along to the Caloundra Powerboat Club at Golden Beach. Parents will be invited in for a short visual display and photos with their children and the graduation cake. Students will then remain behind for a dinner and disco. In the past parents have booked a table downstairs in the restaurant and have collected their children when the disco has concluded. Bookings would be advisable if this is what you plan to do.

CAROLS BY TORCHLIGHT

Again this year Carols will be the final school activity for the family to come along to. This year Carols will be in the new Student Centre and all other activities such as food, show bags etc will be out in the undercover area. This will enable families to come in and out of the hall as we announce

the different performances. This year Carols is on Thursday the 3rd of December. Everyone is most welcome.

BRENDAN BOPF
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SPECIAL BROADCAST FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL - EDUCATION QUEENSLAND

Since the outbreak of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza virus (Human Swine Flu), Queensland Health has been working closely with other Government agencies and the community to promote awareness of the virus and measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

Queensland Health's Acting Chief Health Officer Dr Christine Selvey has advised the next step in the pandemic response is a vaccination program which commenced roll-out across all States and Territories in Australia on 30 September.

For information regarding the Pandemic H1N1 vaccination program contact Dr Russ Schedlick, Deputy State Health Incident Controller, Queensland Health on (07) 3228 9995.

Your assistance with this vaccination program is much appreciated.

CURRICULUM FOCUS

Reading and Writing along with Numeracy are the foundations of quality education at Caloundra State Primary School. We are committed to building strong foundations. We also believe that quality education builds a partnership between home and school with the primary focus being your child. To this end we have provided some simple suggestions you may like to incorporate into your family time.

Why reading stories matters

Books help to develop your child's language, knowledge and understanding, as they introduce young readers to a huge variety of new words and topics.

If your child is familiar with books and reading, they will be better prepared to take advantage of all learning.

Taking the time to read to your child, or

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introducing them to a number of different books will make them more comfortable reading at school.

Reading is also a way for parents to spend quality time with their children and will help to build a stronger relationship between you and your child. Children learn by example, so watching you read and talking together about reading will show your child that reading is a valuable skill and an excellent way to spend free time.

If you would like more information about reading with your child visit:
www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

How you can help your child with writing

The best way to help your child with writing is to encourage them to use real occasions in family life to practise. This can include writing notes, messages, reminders or even helping to keep a family diary.

Here are some other ways to help your child with their writing:

- if they are unsure of how to spell certain words, encourage them to have a go. Keep a dictionary close by and start a spelling list
- read your child's writing and discuss what you like about it. This makes writing fun and encourages children to keep writing
- if possible, give examples of your own writing to your child to show how it is important in your daily life and your work
- talk to your children about the types of writing they do at school and praise their efforts as well as correcting grammar or spelling
- encourage them to use a computer keyboard if there is one available
- encourage your child to make greeting cards for special times of the year and suggest they write their own verses or messages
- when reading their draft writing and commenting on what you like about it, remember not to change the writing. Leave all the creative decisions to the writer.

If you would like more information or tips about helping your child with their writing visit:
www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

To help you to support your children you may be looking for help with your own literacy and numeracy development.

Do you need help with literacy and numeracy?

To be literate is to confidently and appropriately read, write, speak and listen in a range of contexts. To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.

If you need assistance to develop your reading, writing, English language and numeracy skills, help is only a phone call away.

The Reading Writing Hotline

The Reading Writing Hotline is a nationwide service which can provide you with information on:

- where to find reading and writing classes for adults in your area
- learning resources for adults
- English as a second language programs
- Centrelink client programs literacy in the workplace.

You will be able to speak to an experienced adult literacy teacher who can answer your questions and offer support. If there are no classes available in your local area, the teacher will provide you with information about accessing learning support through distance education.

For more information telephone 1300 655 506 or visit: www.literacyline.edu.au/index.html.

Queensland Council for Adult Literacy

The Queensland Council for Adult Literacy offers adults the chance to improve their reading, writing and numeracy.

The council also offers information about courses held throughout the state and other services for those with English as their second language.

For more information telephone (07) 3878 9944 or visit: www.qcal.org.au/index.php

Together we can make a difference!

Mandy White
Head of Curriculum

P&C NEWS

ROLLERDROME EVENT

The P&C will be holding a Rollerdrome fundraiser from 6:30pm until 8:30pm on Friday, 23rd October. We encourage all students to attend and help to raise funds for our school. Please note that only students currently enrolled at Caloundra State Primary School are able to attend. Parents and caregivers are also welcome to attend.

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

CASUAL DRESS DAY FUNDRAISER

The chaplaincy fundraiser "Octobeard" is well underway. Participants, Mr Brown, Mr Rosenthal and Chappy Caleb have



begun to let their facial hair grow wild.
To help support chaplaincy we are having a casual dress day on Friday 30 October. We ask that students bring along a gold coin donation on the day.

Your support for Caloundra Primary School's chaplaincy is greatly appreciated.

Caleb Baker
School Chappy

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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 Friday 30/10/2009

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.

SUNSHINE COAST VIGORO

Vigoro is aiming to have a junior competition this year with children aged 6 and up with a Junior clinic starting on the 17th October that will last for 6 weeks every Saturday and will be coached by experienced senior players. For more information please contact Sara on 0403 409 493 or Jeanette on 5444 1110

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 16	Yr 6-7 Surf Skills Begins
Oct 16	Yr 1A & 1/2C Ocean Life Visit
Oct 19	Pupil Free Day
Oct 21	Final payment due for Prep to Yr 5 Swimming
Oct 22	Chess Individual Age Championships
Oct 23	Yr 6-7 Surf Skills Rollerdrome Fun Night
Oct 26-30	Prep - Yr 5 Swimming
Oct 28	Yr 6-7 Surf Skills
Oct 29	Final payment due for Yr 2 Malany Farm Excursion
Oct 31	P&C Trivia Night
Nov 2-4	Yrs 1-5 Swimming
Nov 4	Yr 6-7 Surf Skills
Nov 5	Yr 2 Malany Farm Excursion
Nov 6	Junior Swimming Carnival
Nov 9	Final payment due for Yr 7 Canoeing
Nov 11	Yr 6-7 Surf Skills
Nov 13	Final payment due for Senior Swimming Carnival

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA	Blair, for being 'super' leader and captain of our plane.
PB	Rashawn, for being a great friend and helper in the class.
1A	Charlotte, for an excellent start at her new school and taking an interest in class activities.
1/2C	Ronal, for being an excellent worker and settling very well into Yr 1/2C.
2A	Tahlia, for helping others.
2B	Jayde, for working hard last week.
3A	John, for being a keen worker, a reliable tuckshop monitor and a well-behaved student.
3B	Annie, for know her 6 times number facts off-by-heart.

3C	Sarah, for great work and not giving up.
4A	Alex, for great computer work.
4B	Tim, for having a go at everything.
4C	Isabella, for having a bright and cheery disposition and always trying her best in class.
5A	Ruby, for consistent responsibility and an enthusiastic effort in all activities.
5B	Riley, for great improvements in work and behaviour.
6A	Holly Bo, for excellent work with fractions and helping others.
6B	Andrew, for asking fantastic questions in Science.
6C	Matthew, for conscientious work in class.
7A	Sam, for making better efforts in class.
7B	Amber, for always being polite and cheerful and consistently making a good effort.
7/6D	Jay, for having an excellent attitude, knowledge and commitment in class.

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