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From the Principal

FAREWELL

As many of our families would be aware, I will be finishing my time at Caloundra State Primary School at the end of next week (Friday, 6th November). I have thoroughly enjoyed working as the Principal of Caloundra Primary over the last couple of years and have had the good fortune to work with so many wonderful students, parents and staff members. Caloundra Primary has been an excellent school to work in and I thank you for your support throughout my time here.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Mrs Robyn Taplin, who is currently the Junior School Principal at Meridan State College, will replace me from Monday, 9 November. I have worked with Robyn over the last two years as part of the Caloundra Coalition of Schools and I am confident that she will do an excellent job here at Caloundra Primary.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Tomorrow, our school will celebrate World Teachers' Day with a special morning tea for our teaching staff. This is an important occasion in all schools as we recognise the role that teachers contribute to ensuring our students receive the best possible education. We are very fortunate at Caloundra State Primary School to have a very

capable teaching staff who are highly committed to our students. This commitment begins in the classroom on a daily basis and extends to the many extracurricular activities that are led by our teachers before school, after school and at lunchtimes. Please join me tomorrow in thanking our teachers for their significant contribution to our school.

TITANS SHIELD

Recently, a group of Year 4 and Year 5 students competed in the Titans Rugby League Shield. This was a one-day competition and the players participated in a number of games throughout the day. Well done to our players who finished in the semi-finals (Top 4 teams), in both competitions with approximately 20 teams in each competition.

CASUAL DRESS DAY

Tomorrow, our students have the opportunity to participate in a casual dress day. Funds raised will go towards our chaplaincy program and increasing the time that Chappy Caleb is based at our school. All students are encouraged to attend in casual dress and donate as much money as possible to assist our chaplaincy program.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Thank you to all families for your support of the current swimming

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block, which will continue each day until Wednesday, 5th November for all Prep to Year 5 students. Please ensure that students have their swimming gear at school for each day remaining of the swimming block.

PARKING

At the last P&C meeting, we discussed the importance of road safety around our school. There has been an increasing number of parents and caregivers who are double parking at the front of the school. This is not only illegal, but very dangerous for our students. We ask that all parents and caregivers assist by parking in a legal parking space. It is important to be aware that there are often available parking spaces in the Queen Street carpark which is situated next to the senior ovals. We also have a staff member on duty at the end of each day at this gate to assist with supervision of students walking in this area.

NEIL JENKINS
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

JUNIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Students from Years 1 to 3 will participate in the annual Junior Swimming Fun Carnival on Friday 5 November 2009. Students will be divided into divisions based on the "Level" achieved during swimming lessons. Children will need to have participated in the current block swimming program to be eligible for this carnival.

Parents are most welcome to attend. A note outlining times for the three year levels will be sent home shortly.

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.

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.

COLLECTING CHILDREN EARLY

We have noted that increasing numbers of students are being collected from school appointments that are unrelated to school. Whilst we realize that from time to time children will need to be withdrawn from school for medical or other purposes, we would ask parents to keep these occasions to a minimum. The amount of learning that children do is related to the amount of time that they spend at school.

We are seeking to maximize the amount of time that children spend at school so that they can maximize their learning opportunities. We

thank all parents for their cooperation on this issue.

BRENDAN BOPF
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM FOCUS

In our last newsletter I spoke of the importance of the home school link and (hopefully) dispelled the notion that schools exclusively are for learning and home is for playing – we trust you believe, as we do that learning occurs every day in many different ways, in a myriad of different settings, only one of which is the classroom.

For those of you looking to contribute to your child's literacy and/or numeracy learning I provide the following information.

Please remember though, communication is the KEY – spend time each day talking to your child, I'm sure you will be amazed by what YOU learn!

New parent resources – achieving with literacy and numeracy.

Literacy and numeracy skills are vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life.

A new suite of parent resources, *Achieving with Literacy and Numeracy*, has been developed to assist parents with their children's literacy and numeracy skills.

The new resources include a range of fact sheets and activities for the early, middle and senior phases of schooling.

Parents and carers are encouraged to visit the new website, which also

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includes video clips of parents sharing their literacy and numeracy tips. The videos can be played in English and 12 other languages.

The website also provides useful information on how to get involved within your school community, support services available and details about the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's literacy and numeracy skills please contact your class teacher.

The resources can be downloaded online at:
www.education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy

MANDY WHITE
HEAD OF CURRICULUM

P&C NEWS

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:

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

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

CHAPPY CHAT

CASUAL DRESS DAY FUNDRAISER

As the end of October is not far away "Octobeard" is in full bloom. Mr Brown has a beard that would rival Ned Kelly, Chappy Caleb's beard is going strong and Mr Rosenthal is trying his best.

This Friday is a casual dress day, we ask the students to bring along a gold coin donation to support chaplaincy in the school.

We would greatly appreciate your support.

CALEB BAKER SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

STOP THE PRESS!!

For parents of students who have borrowed school uniforms from our school uniform pool, can these uniforms be laundered and returned. We have a large number of school uniform items that have been borrowed but not returned, and as a result has greatly depleted our uniform pool stock.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please note that in the coming weeks, next year's class rolls will begin to be sorted. A letter will be going home allowing parents to notify the school if they intend to transfer their children to another school at the end of the school year. Please watch out for this letter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

If your children have outgrown any of their school uniforms and you would like to donate to the school for our uniform pool please hand them to Mrs Smythe in the office. We would greatly appreciate any donations that families provide.

STOP THE PRESS!!!

As swimming has commenced this

week we have had several items come to us with no name on them. Please ensure that ALL your Childs swimming togs, towel, rashy and goggles are clearly named.

STUDENT BANKING

Once again we ask for the assistance of parents willing to undertake student banking duties. Two parents are needed each week to receipt the deposits and transfer them electronically to the bank. The whole operation takes approximately one hour. If we could get 4-6 volunteers, then the roster rotation may be less then once per month. No experience is required. Please advise the office if you are able to help.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

AUSTRALIA ZOO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Join us at Australia Zoo these school holidays! If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew help our animals, as well as enclosures, produce enrichment and help out with training. It's all exclusive and hands-on action, and a day you won't! Places are limited so call **07 5436 2025** to make a booking.

Ages: 7 - 12 years

Price: \$79

Includes: Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap, water bottle, lunch and awith one of our animals.

Duration: 5 hours

Location: Australia Zoo

Dates: Friday 11 - Thursday 24 December 2009 and Friday 1 - Tuesday 26 January 2010

Further details are available on our website:

<http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 29 Final payment due for Yr 2 Maleny 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 Maleny 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
- Nov 16-18 Yr 7 Bells Creek Canoeing Excursion
- Nov 19 Yr 6-7 Surf Skills
- Nov 27 Prep Orientation at 2pm
- Dec 1 Carols Rehearsals at 1.30pm
- Dec 3 Carols by Torchlight at 5pm
- Dec 7 Surf Challenge Carnival
- Dec 8 Yr7 Orientation Day at Caloundra State High and Meridan State College
- Dec 9 Yr 7 Presentation and Dinner/Dance
- Dec 10 Free Dress Day
- Dec 11 Last Day of School Year and Free Dress Day
- Dec 12 Christmas School Holidays Start.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- PA Heath, for a "super" effort, and being organised in swimming this week.
- PB Justin, for giving 100% all of the time.
- 1A Kya, for excellent listening,

- 1/2C Breanna, for being an attentive listener and working well on all tasks.
- 2A Hayley, for doing well in her maths test.
- 2B Jye, for great manners and for being very helpful all year.
- 3A Tyla, for being organized for school each day and putting in a great effort in his weekly spelling.
- 3B Harrison, for outstanding efforts in all areas of the curriculum.
- 3C Laurie, for staying focused on his work and completing the classroom tasks.
- 4A Abbey, for work consistently and well and always displaying good manners.
- 4B Hrithik, for working diligently in class and being a helpful and considerate class member.
- 4C Hayden, for working well to complete his computer projects.
- 5B Oy, for being helpful to the teacher.
- 6A Grey, for making a great effort to finish his work this term.
- 6B Reif, for always working independently and on task.

- 6C Carter, for working hard in all areas.
- 7A Ben, for wonderful attention and great ability to ignore distractions and for being a great helper.
- 7B Els, for settling in extremely well and working hard on her English.
- 7/6D Jesse and Lucy, for very good attention to tasks class.

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