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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Year 6 Graduation. It was a beautiful evening and like everything Natasha Allen organises it was executed with professionalism, while being creative with a personal touch. As you have heard Miss Allen will be leaving us at the end of this year as she has been transferred to Clover Hill State School on the Gold Coast. I would like to pay tribute to the amazing contribution Natasha has made to our staff. She is creative and pro-active. Soon after she arrived she introduced the Girls' Club which helped develop a cohesive group of primary school girls. She was also instrumental in organising the "Calen's Got Talent" shows, which have proved to be very popular. We are going to miss you Natasha – thank you and best wishes for your future.

Secondary Art Teacher Jasmine Neyland will also be leaving us at the end of this year. Jasmine who holds a Masters Degree in Guidance Counselling (including Special Education) has been transferred to Beaconsfield State School as a Special Education Teacher. Jasmine came to us last year when Anton Richards was seconded to Regional Office to continue to develop and roll out his computer program – CQ3S. Jasmine has developed the Certificate II in Visual Arts Course and has had it accredited. She has engaged professional artists Margaret Burgess and Tracy Robb to work with our Art students and they have created some amazing work. Thank you Jasmine for your contribution to our school – we will miss you.

This then transitions into an introduction to our new staff members. An increase in enrolments in both the primary and secondary sectors has meant that we are eligible for two additional teachers – a primary and a secondary.

Welcome to:

- Kaci Rivers – Kaci is a graduate of CQU and will be a primary teacher.
- Silver White – Silver is already teaching at Calen in a part-time capacity. She will move to full-time next year as a primary teacher.
- Anton Richards – Anton will be returning to Calen next year.
- Teacher X – this person has not yet been appointed but he/she will be a secondary science teacher.

The Friday before last, I had the pleasure of compering the Senior Formal/Graduation Prom. The students looked wonderful and the night was certainly successful. Congratulations to the 2015 senior students, their form teacher David Keeble and especially to prom organiser Vicki Durnsford.

The year 3/4/5 students have been involved with some agricultural science experiments with Merilyn Green. Thank you to Anne and Steve Dunn for some cane which the students compared and to Adrian and Michelle Zarb of Mt Ossa Rural for the use of their refractometer.

Have a wonderful festive season and I look forward to working with you in 2016.

**Brian O'Neill**  
**Principal**

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# P&C COLUMN

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## Push Cart Derby April 2016

The P&C are organising a Push Cart Derby and Community Fun Day as our major fundraising event for 2016. The Push Cart Derby will involve 5 race categories, each with a \$100 gift voucher for the first place winners:

- Primary school age
- High school age
- Adult / child
- Man o man race
- Ladies race

Push carts will preferably be home built by family and/or friend teams. The cart can then be entered into all the race categories. There will also be novelty events such as best push cart decorations, best team name and best team costume, each with a \$50 voucher for first place. These Christmas holidays are the ideal time to begin building your cart.

As well as the Push Cart Derby, there will be a Community Fun Day with plenty of activities including community markets; face painting; jumping castles; fairy floss; raffles; food and drink stalls and much more.

The aim of this event is to encourage teamwork within families and/or friends working together to build their carts; and then encouraging each other during the races. It's about enjoying time together and doing something a little bit different, and having plenty of fun along the way.

There is a one off cart registration fee of \$50 which allows the push cart to be entered numerous times into all race categories. The race regulations are available from the P&C facebook page, the school, or any P&C committee members.

If you have a team that really want to race but don't know how to build a cart or where to begin, please contact the P&C and we will put you in contact with our volunteer "builders" who can come and work with you to create a race ready cart.

Good luck and have fun over the holidays building your team cart.

## Che Trendell Vice President



# STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FOR 2016

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Parents are directly responsible for providing their children with textbooks and other resources for a student's use while attending school. As a service to assist parents with the cost of these educational resources, the school operates a Student Resource Scheme (SRS). The purpose of the scheme is to provide parents/carers with a cost effective alternative to purchasing textbooks, resources, consumables and/or materials from elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from the school's bulk purchasing processes.

The 2016 SRS Participation Agreement Forms for both primary and secondary students have been prepared and will be issued with report cards at the end of this term. We are asking parents/carers to read the agreement and if happy to participate in the scheme, could they please complete and sign the first page and return to the office as soon as possible. Once the school has received the signed SRS Participation Agreement, we will be able to generate invoices to parents which will enable you to pay your school fees.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding the SRS, please do not hesitate to contact our administration staff who will be more than happy to assist you.

## DATE CLAIMER

DEC 2015	JAN 2016	FEB 2016
07 Dec ..... Sexual Health Talks 08 Dec ..... Small School Swim Carnival 09 Dec ..... Primary Rewards Excursion 09 Dec ..... P&C Last Meeting for Year 09 Dec ..... Dance Express Sign-on Day 10 Dec ..... Yr 7-9 Excursion 10 Dec ..... Break Up Day 10 Dec ..... Calen's Got Talent 10 Dec ..... Little Kids Christmas Party 10 Dec ..... Bunnings Family Night 11 Dec ..... Last Day Term 4 12 Dec ..... Bloomsbury Hall Xmas Party 13 Dec ..... Cyclone Awareness Day	25 Jan..... Pupil Free Day 26 Jan..... Public Holiday Australia Day 27 Jan..... First Day 2016 Term 1	22-26 Feb...Work Experience Week
MAR 2016	APR 2016	MAY 2016
24 Mar..... Last Day 2016 Term 1 25 Mar..... Public Holiday Good Friday 26 Mar..... Easter Saturday 28 Mar..... Easter Monday	11 Apr..... First Day 2016 Term 2 25 Apr..... Public Holiday ANZAC Day	02 May .....Public Holiday

## BOOKLISTS FOR 2016

Student booklists for 2016 will be given out with the report cards on the last day of this term, but should you misplace your list, additional copies are available on the school's website [www.calendsc.eq.edu.au](http://www.calendsc.eq.edu.au)

## DAILY MERCURY YEAR 7 FEATURE ARTICLE

As 2015 was the first year of Year 7 being part of secondary education in Queensland, The Daily Mercury will be running a Year 7 feature in their 'schools news' section of next Tuesday's edition (8<sup>th</sup> December 2015). Our school will be a part of this feature and look out for the photo of our current Year 7 class, as well as a short interview with one our Year 7 students.

## FELTIES FROM YEAR 7-8 HOME ECONOMICS



Top Row: Jake, Makayla, Kasey, William

Bottom Row: Jack, Macen, Nakeda, Connor, Kirra

The Year 7-8 Home Economics class have taken on a new project this semester. Felties!! Each student selected their own pattern and have been busily hand sewing. The results are fantastic and very original.

The class have also been making a backpack. Most students have finished and several have big plans for using it on their Reward Day.

# STUDENT RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following students for receiving an award – WELL DONE!

PRIMARY AWARDS	YEAR	Student	Award and Reason	Teacher
	PREP	Pippa	Award for fantastic reading	Mrs Munchow
		William	Award for reading at a Year 4 level	Mrs Munchow
	01	Zach	Award for excellent work in English	Mrs Galea
		Bailey	Award for excellent work in English	Mrs Galea
		Bailee	Award for excellent work in English	Mrs Galea
		Bianca	Award for excellent work in English	Mrs Galea
		Cooper	Award for excellent work in English	Mrs Galea
		Rhiannon	Award for excellent work in English	Mrs Galea
		Sebastien	Award for writing a sensational sentence without any help	Mrs Munchow

SECONDARY AWARDS	YEAR	Student	Award and Reason	Teacher
	08	Jack	Award for showing leadership in A10 towards other students	Mrs Donovan
	09	Ella	Award for wrapping the Christmas presents for the Primary Christmas Party	Mrs Spreadborough
		Gorgia	Award for wrapping the Christmas presents for the Primary Christmas Party	Mrs Spreadborough
	10	Erica	Award for showing leadership in A10 towards other students	Mrs Donovan
		Shania	Award for showing leadership in A10 towards other students	Mrs Donovan
		Richard	Award for showing leadership in A10 towards other students	Mrs Donovan

## FUN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Calen DSC is hosting the Northern Highway Cluster FUN Swimming Carnival on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Years 1 to 6 students are invited to swim (across the pool or 25m) Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Novelty Events. Butterfly will only be scheduled if time permits. A free swim will be allocated at the conclusion of the day for Years 1-3 students only, then Years 4-7 students only, again time permitting.

The pool will have three sections: Shallow End; Middle Pool; and Deep End for each different ability level in novelty events. Responsible Calen DSC secondary students will assist the Year 1-3 swimmers across the pool. The day starts at 9:30am, with a break for lunch at 12:30pm and all of the FUN concluding around 2:00pm.

The Calen P&C will be catering lunch and have sent home their Hot Dog Meal Deal Order Form, where you can purchase one Hot Dog with one Pop Top drink for \$5.00

Students must wear their full school uniform to and from school – like usual for PE days. Students are to bring their sun safe hat, togs, sun safe shirt, towel (goggles are optional), sunscreen, water bottle and packed morning tea. Each swimmer will receive a prize as a participation bonus as this is a FUN event – no trophies.

Shade tents will be provided inside the pool fenced area – with Calen DSC on one side and Hampden SS on the other side. There will be a Parent/Teacher Relay –v- Year 6 students called the Golden Flipper Event. A schedule of times for the events is set out below.

EVENT	APPROXIMATE TIME
Freestyle	9:30 am
Novelty Races 1	10:15 am
Breaststroke	10:35 am
Novelty Races 2	11:20 am
Backstroke	11:45 am
LUNCH (catering by Calen P&C)	12:30 pm
Novelty Races 3	1:00 pm
Free Time	1:20 pm
Get Changed & Pack Up	1:40 pm
Departure	2:00 pm



## PRIMARY REWARDS DAY

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The primary school is holding an end of year excursion to reward those children who have followed the School's Behaviour Management Policy throughout the semester. The excursion will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December and the following is a brief outline of the day:

### Prep-Year 3 (year 3 students can choose either option)

9:00am	Depart School
9:40am	Little Lunch and play at John Breen Park
10:00am - 11:40am	Kidzlife, North Mackay
11:40am - 12:40am	Lunch at Harbour Beach Park
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Gymnastics Mackay
2:10pm	Departure from Mackay



### Year 3-Year 6

9:00am	Depart School
9:40am	Little lunch and play at John Breen Park
10:15am-12:30pm	Aquapark, Mackay
12:30-2:00pm	Lunch at Harbour Beach Park
2:10pm	Departure from Mackay

The bus will leave the school at 9:00am and return by 3:00pm. The cost of the day (for both groups) will be \$15.00 per child – this covers all of the activities. The Primary Student Council will cover the cost of the buses. Your child will need to wear their School Uniform and bring the items as listed in the permission note. Please note your child is unable to attend this excursion if school fees are not fully paid.



## YEAR 7-9 BREAK-UP DAY EXCURSION

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The Year 7-9 Break-up Day will take place in Mackay this year. The break-up day will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015. This is an opportunity for the students to spend a day together, before the Christmas break. The cost for the day will be \$25.00

Students will leave the school at 8:45am SHARP and return at approximately 3:00pm. We plan to begin our day at the Mount Pleasant Cinema watching "Goosebumps". We will then head to Canelands shopping centre for a bite for lunch. Students will be able to purchase lunch from the Food Court or they can bring a packed lunch to eat. We encourage all students to bring a water bottle, regardless of their lunch choice.

To complete our day we will head over to the Bluewater Lagoon for a quick dip before heading back to Calen. Students are expected to bring a hat – however school uniform is not necessary. Students will need to bring sun safe swimwear, including a towel - sunscreen will be on hand for the students to use. Normal school rules do apply. Please note your child is unable to attend this excursion if school fees are not fully paid.



## CALEN'S GOT TALENT

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Our school is hosting a talent contest for primary students only, next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 11:20am until 1:00pm. There will be a prize for first place and runner-up winners. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the very talented students of Calen DSC dance, sing and perform in our very own talent show. Any questions, please see Ms Allen.

## PRIMARY LEADERS FOR 2016

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Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Primary Leaders for 2016:

**Primary School Captains** .....Hayden and Zoe

**Primary Vice Captains** .....Niamh and Chelsea

**Primary Student Council President** .....Ashleigh

**Primary Student Council Treasurer**.....Emma

**Primary Student Council Secretary** .....Zoe

**Mercury House Sports Captains** .....Kane and Cameron

**Mercury House Vice Sports Captains** .....Tahnee and Lane

**Neptune House Sports Captains**.....Chelsea and Damon

**Neptune House Vice Sports Captains** .....Hayden and Niamh

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

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Thank you to everyone who has supported our School Canteen this year and the last day that the canteen will be open will be Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015. We look forward to another successful year next year and enjoy your break.

## THANK YOU TO MOUNT OSSA RURAL

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Thank you to Mount Ossa Rural for kindly donating to the year 3/4/5 science class a soil PH test kit, as well as lending the use of their Electro-Dot Sight tester and Refractometer. The students have really enjoyed their lessons using these materials and without your support, it would not have been possible.

Many thanks,  
Meryl Green

## KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL

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School Watch is a community based awareness and crime prevention program aimed at safeguarding Queensland schools against vandalism, theft and arson.

We depend on the local community to . . . . **Look, Listen and Report.** If you see something suspicious outside of school hours or during school holidays, please do not attempt to intervene. Call **School Watch on 13 17 88** and let the authorities deal with the matter.

## CYCLONE AWARENESS DAY

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Calen SES in conjunction with Calen Police, Calen Ambulance Service and Rural Fire Brigade are holding a "Cyclone Awareness Day" at the RSL Memorial Hall, McIntyre Street, Calen on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 3pm. The Calen Ambulance Officers will be conducting CPR Awareness. A sausage sizzle will be held. Also if you are interested in joining the SES please come along. Any enquiries please call Linda on 0437 049 356.

## 2016 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

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Included with this newsletter, is the Mackay Regional Council's official Australia Day Awards Nomination Form. The Council has a number of award categories that would be suitable for students, specifically Young Citizen of the Year and Young Sports Award. There are also several other categories available to nominate someone, including Arts and Culture Award, Environmental Achievement, Community Volunteer, Community Group, plus more. Please see attached nomination form for more details and to nominate or alternatively submit an application online at [www.mackay.qld.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au/australiaday). Nominations close January 6, 2016.

## PAPER AND CHRISTMAS CRAFT



Mackay Regional Council are inviting 11 - 15 year olds to join their library team as they create beautiful Christmas decorations out of used books and magazines.

Bookings are essential and can be made online at [222.bit.ly/1B48nRd](http://222.bit.ly/1B48nRd)

Monday, December 14	Monday, December 14	Tuesday, December 15	Thursday, December 17
10am - 11.30am	2pm - 3.30pm	10.30am -12 noon	2.30pm - 4pm
Walkerston Library	Mirani Library	Sarina Library	Mackay City Library

MACKAY REGIONAL LIBRARIES



Mackay REGIONAL COUNCIL

## 2015 GRADUATING YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Congratulations to our year 12 students who graduated from Calen on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Following graduation, the class held their formal at Magpie's Sporting Complex in the Sky's Function Room. Below is a picture of the graduating class.



Back row (left to right) Casey, Caitlin, Kurt, Angie, Bonnie, Axel, Tiarna, Grace, Jacob, Paris, Janita, Madi, Danica, Reagan

Front row (kneeling) Will, Lane



# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY



BLOOMSBURY SOLDIERS

MEMORIAL HALL



SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER

Doors open 5.30pm



Bloomsbury Rural

## DANCE EXPRESS IS COMING TO CALEN IN 2016

BALLET/TAP/JAZZ CLASSES FROM 3YRS

SIGN ON DAY WED DEC 9

@ RSL HALL 2:00-4:30PM

FOR MORE INFO

PHONE KAREN ON 0407675990







# Calen

## Push Cart Derby & Community Fun Day

SATURDAY 16th APRIL 2016 : 10am - 5pm  
CALEN DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE - McINTYRE ST CALEN

### 5 RACE CATEGORIES—

- PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE
- HIGH SCHOOL AGE
- ADULT / CHILD
- MAN O MAN
- LADIES RACE



**\$100 VOUCHER FOR EACH 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER**



### NOVELTY PRIZES —

- BEST CART DECORATIONS
- BEST TEAM NAME
- BEST TEAM COSTUMES

**\$50 VOUCHER FOR EACH 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER**

### FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

- COMMUNITY MARKETS
- FACE PAINTING
- RAFFLES
- JUMPING CASTLES
- FAIRY FLOSS
- FOOD & DRINKS STALLS

\$50 CART ENTRY FEE, INCLUDES ALL RACE CATEGORIES, SEE RULES & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



FOR MORE INFO PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL  
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