



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Welcome back to our final term for 2014. This is a significant one as many students commence their transitions to the next stages of their learning journey. The kindergarten students will start to transition to primary school, the prep students into year 1, the years 6 and 7 students move into secondary school, the years 8 and 10 students select their subjects and the year 12 transition to employment or further training and tertiary study.

During the holidays I attended the Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia (SPERA) National Conference at the University of New England in Armidale. I was invited to have morning tea with the Director and staff of the SiMERR National Research Centre and after being introduced, a young man asked "Did he say that you came from Calen?" When I responded that I did and he said "I went to school at Calen". The young man's name is Chris Nimmo and his family lived at Silent Grove. He left Calen after year 10 when his family moved to Gin Gin. Chris is now a computer programmer and is involved in one of SiMERR's nationwide projects which targets improved opportunities for learning for students in rural communities.

There are two important messages which arise from this story. The first is that while Australia is a vast country, it is really is a small place as we can all find connections. The second is the range of amazing career journeys that our former students have managed to undertake. There are amazing stories of achievement by Calen students and we need to celebrate them. Some of these stories are contained in our booklet "Career Paths of Former Calen DSC Students" which is work in progress. We are always adding other narratives to it. If you would like to obtain a copy, contact the school's office and we will get one to you. Encourage others to pass their stories onto us.

A couple of dates which you should be aware of:

- 15 October:** Subject Selection Night – year 8 to 9 selection of electives
– year 10 to 11 selection of subjects
- 20 October:** Student Free Day. This is primarily for the District Review Panels to meet to examine and verify the results of the senior students. It also provides an opportunity for the inter-school moderation of student work in other year levels.
- 17 November:** Awards Night
- 2 December:** Orientation Day for year 6 and 7 (2014). That is for students who will be in years 7 and 8 in 2015. This is also orientation day for 2015 prep students.

During the holidays at least two of our students competed in some sporting events. Congratulations to Madison (year 5) who competed in the North Queensland Track & Field Trials and who has been awarded North Queensland Shot Put Champion (10 years). Emily was the Queensland Team Vice-Captain for the National Equestrian Titles. I have yet to find out how Emily performed but will have both young ladies write a report for the next newsletter. Well done Maddy and Emily, we are proud of you.

The Eisteddfod season in Mackay has commenced and I wish all of our students who are competing all the best of luck for great performances. Even if you don't know anyone who is competing, go and have a look – you will be entertained. There is quite a depth of talent in our district. Have a great fortnight.

Brian O'Neill
Principal

P&C COLUMN

The P&C hopes that everyone enjoyed their holidays! This term there a few save the dates for everyone.

Date	Event
Tuesday 14th Oct	P&C Meeting 3:15pm at the school staff room, babysitting supplied, all welcome
Friday 17th Oct	CQ Sports Day Canteen, volunteers needed between 10:30am - 1:00pm
Thursday 23rd Oct	Teacher Day Breakfast 8:00am - 9:00am, all welcome to come help celebrate
Sat/Sun 25th-26th Oct	Fishing Competition, volunteers needed to help man the food stall. Please refer to note that went home
Tuesday 11th Nov	P&C Meeting 3:15pm at the school staff room, babysitting supplied, all welcome
Monday 17th Nov	Awards Night, volunteers during and after ceremony to help with supper serving
Friday 5th Dec	Calen Community Christmas Party, times to be advised, helpers to cook and pack up

Wow what a term! Don't forget as mentioned above the next P&C meeting will be Tuesday 14th October 2014, at 3:15pm in the staff lounge room of the administration building.

2014 COMMITTEE	
	President: Casey Lindsay
	Treasurer: Sue Spreadborough
	Secretary: Peta Sturdy
	Vice President: Amy Trembath
Vice President: Natasha King	Fundraising/Grants Director: Dianna Sutton

PETITION TO SEAL MT OSSA-SEAFORTH ROAD

There is a petition to seal the gravel section of the Mt Ossa Seaforth Road, currently available to sign in the school's office. The petition is pointing out the present condition of the said road to the House, in the hope that the gravel section can be sealed. Should the Mt Ossa Ossa-Seaforth Road be completely sealed, it would enable a permanent and safe link between Seaforth and Calen, noting that Calen offers secondary education, permanent police and ambulance stations and other businesses. If you have time, could you please call into the office and read the petition and if happy to do so, sign to show your support for our small community.

CALEN CLASSIC FISHING COMPETITION

The Calen Classic Fishing Competition will be on the **25th and 26th October** at the St Helen's Bowls Club.

Order your shirts from Elma at Calen Leading Appliances, these will need to be ordered and paid for by the 13th October. There will be burgers to eat and plenty of fun activities for the kids including 2 jumping castles, the chair swing, the Adrenalin Rush Extreme Unit, Sumo Suits and the Bungee Run. A bus will be running around the district to ensure that no one needs to drive if they have a few drinks – please contact Colleen Lawrie on 49588205 or 0402 862 152 for more details about the bus.

You can pre-purchase ride armbands for \$20 from the Calen District State College, which will entitle the user to unlimited rides between 5pm and 9pm on Saturday 25 October. The ride armbands will be available on the night for \$25 each. Please note armband payments are non-refundable. Fish weigh in, glow products, showbags, slushies, live music, raffle draws and more all happening on the 25th October.

All proceeds from the event go to Calen School, Pindi Pindi School, Calen Ambulance and Calen Tennis. For more information visit www.facebook.com/CalenClassicFishingCompetition

DATE CLAIMER

OCTOBER 2014	NOVEMBER 2014	DECEMBER 2014
13 Oct Fish Comp Shirt Orders Due 14 Oct Active After Schools Begins 14 Oct P&C Meeting 3:15pm 15 Oct Subject Information Night 16 Oct Yr 4/5/6/7 Camp Debrief 17 Oct Marine Drivers Licence Training 17 Oct CQ Sparty Schools Day 20 Oct Student Free Day 20 Oct CWA Mini Cent Sale 23 Oct Teacher Day Breakfast 23-26 Oct ... Track & Field State Champion. 25-26 Oct ... Fishing Competition 30-31 Oct ... Red Cross Jumble Sale	4 Nov Melbourne Cup 11 Nov P&C Meeting 3:15pm 15 Nov Twilight Markets 17 Nov Awards Night 21 Nov Year 12 Formal 28 Nov Yr 10&11 Last Day School	02 Dec Prep/Yr8 Orientation Day 04 Dec Last Day Active After Schools 05 Dec CQ Sparty Schools Day 05 Dec Calen QUOTA Christmas Party
JANUARY 2015	FEBRUARY 2015	MARCH 2015
01 Jan New Years Public Holiday 26 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday 27 Jan School Commences Term 1		

SUBJECT INFORMATION NIGHT

Do you want to know more about:

- ☛ Subjects offered at Calen
- ☛ School-based traineeships and apprenticeships
- ☛ The Queensland Certificate of Education
- ☛ The S.U.N. program – Start Uni Now Program
- ☛ Or anything else relating to your child's choice of subjects in 2015

Then join us for an evening of information and informal discussions on:

Wednesday 15th October at Calen District State College.

The evening will begin at 6pm with a brief presentation to parents and students. The students and their parents will meet in the Library. Booths will be set up in the Library/CPA and these will be manned by the teachers and representatives of the various organisations that can have an input into your child's education. If you are interested in attending the Subject Information Night, then please let the school know by telephoning the office on 49497333 so that we have some idea of how many people will be attending.

ORIENTATION DAYS

Our school will be hosting orientation days for all new prep, year 7 and year 8 students later in the year on Tuesday the 2nd December 2015. Invitations with more information regarding the itinerary for the day and what to bring, will be sent out to feeder schools and kindergartens closer to the date.

NO HAT - NO PLAY

As the weather continues to warm up, it is a timely reminder that wide brimmed hats are a compulsory item of uniform for any student venturing outside. Due to high incidences of sun cancer in this region, the protection offered by head-wear must be maximised. Please remember the school rule, NO HAT – NO PLAY !!

EVERY DAY COUNTS CLASS TRACKER

This edition the year 10 class achieved the most days at 100% attendance, with six days recorded for the period.

With this latest addition, the Year 9 class are still leading with a total of 71 days at 100% attendance—as you will see from the progressive totals displayed in the table to the right.

Current to Thu 09 Oct 2014			
Year	Days 100%	Year	Days 100%
Prep/1/2	31	Year 8	55
Year 2/3	25	Year 9	71
Year 4/5/6	30	Year10	50
Year 5/6/7	39	Year11	60
		Year 12	25

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Being a Friend versus Being a Parent

It is interesting when considering the number of children and adults alike who believe that a Mum or Dad should be a 'friend' in preference to being a 'parent'. The job of being a parent is so much more than being a friend and holds a great deal of responsibility. This is worth some discussion.

What does being a parent mean:

- Being there for your child – to talk with them, take them places, stay up late waiting for them to come home to know they are safe, helping them with homework that sometimes is beyond your own knowledge, having school meetings with teachers, preparing lunches for years on end (this alone would test any friendship)
- Being with them to celebrate the good times but also to help them through the difficult times (and at times the difficult times out way the good times)
- Even when they say "I hate you" you give them unconditional love by answering 'I love you' and adding 'but I don't like your behaviour' (not many friends would last the distance if they felt unloved).
- Using tough love when needed (letting them know when they have done the wrong thing; getting them to take responsibility for their actions; setting limits)
- Saying 'no' – and sticking to your decision when you know it's in their best interest (this takes energy and strength to resist the emotional blackmail and the language that comes with this eg. you're ruining my life/ my friendships/my future). Life not *always* going 'your' way actually helps build resilience/ it's the struggles that make us stronger (we could go on and on with the benefits of 'no')
- Letting them know what they are doing well but also letting them know what they may need to improve on (which they may not want to hear)
- Being honest but not harsh eg. if an outfit is inappropriate who better to tell them than a parent (a friend most probably wouldn't)
- Being the shoulder to cry on but eager to talk through the issue causing the problem
- Modelling good behaviour and educating your child with skills needed for them to be ready for living in the community – socially appropriate people are more employable than those lacking such skills
- In drastic times - dropping everything and coming to their aid – at these times putting their needs before your own

It takes more than a friend to be a parent. It takes love, commitment, selflessness, and endurance. Let's congratulate ourselves for lasting the distance.

RECREATIONAL MARINE DRIVERS LICENCE

Don't forget that eligible marine class students will be assessed for their recreational marine drivers licence at the Calen District State College on Friday 17th October 2014 during normal school hours. The cost of the training and assessing is \$70 per person and this fee needs to be paid on or before the day of the practical assessment as per the payment details listed in the school note.

SAFETY GLASSES

Our Manual Arts Teacher Mr Shane O'Keefe is asking if any parents have excess safety glasses lying around at home, if they wouldn't mind donating them to the school for students who don't have safety glasses to use during Manual Arts. Your assistance in this matter would be gratefully appreciated. Many thanks, Shane.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Active After School's Program beings again for Term 4 on Tuesday the 14th October. The program will run as follows:

DAY	ACTIVITY	PROGRAM SUPERVISOR
Tuesday	Swimming "Swimming Confidence"	With Mr Shane O'Keefe from 3pm to 4pm
Wednesday	Swimming "Stroke Correction and Fun"	With Mr Nik Ray from 3pm to 4pm
Thursday	Swimming "Stroke Correction and Fun"	With Mr Nik Ray from 3pm to 4pm

If you have already completed a form for 2014, there is no need to complete another form. Please make sure you let Mrs Spreadborough know of any contact details changes though, as our system is not connected to the school system. Everyone must complete the swimming permission note and medical form. Children who are not independent swimmers will need to be accompanied by a parent or carer. Any other students wishing to participate in the program will need to fill out an Active After Schools Program Form (available at the office) and return it to Mrs Spreadborough before the start of the program.

YEAR 4/5/6/7 CAMP

The year 3/4/5 teacher Mrs Rankin together with the year 5/6/7 teacher Ms Allen, would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C for subsidising the camp cost for the parents attending the year 4/5/6/7 camp. The P&C contributed \$1,300 that was evenly distributed among the four parents who volunteered their time to help throughout camp. A big thank you must go to Casey Lindsay, Patty Deguara, Anne Dunn and Sharanne Jones whose help was very much appreciated throughout the four days and nights while on camp in Brisbane.

Next Thursday, 16th of October, Mrs Rankin and Ms Allen have decided to host a camp 'debrief' for the parents and children of the year 4/5/6/7 camp. Unfortunately, not all parents have the opportunity to participate in their children's school camps, so we have decided to have a 'show and tell' to enable parents to share this opportunity. There will be a short slide presentation and many photos to view that captured some of the memorable activities and events that occurred during the year 4/5/6/7 camp to Brisbane.

The evening starts at 7pm and we ask that parents bring a plate of food to share for supper. We are hoping to see many families next Thursday at 7pm.

Thanks, Donna Rankin and Natasha Allen

Primary School Camp 2014



End of term 3 saw twenty-nine students from years four to seven boarding a plane at 6am and heading to Brisbane for four days of education and fun. Mt Tamborine Convention Centre, located amongst towering gum trees, with picturesque views looking back towards Brisbane, was home base for three nights.

The first stop on the 'world wind' tour

was a boat trip on Moreton Bay and a tour of St Helena Island, an early prison. During the voyage, students had the opportunity to identify sea life and use microscopes and video cameras to study these animals further. Once on the island, students toured the ruins and discovered aspects of life in the 1870's; living conditions of prisoners and settlers, farming (Sugar cane was once grown there) and grazing, and the construction and purpose of the many buildings.



The second day gave students the opportunity to explore Southbank. They visited the Queensland Museum and Science Centre. In the Science Centre students attended a lecture on space exploration, solved a crime by completing challenging tasks and collecting evidence and finally, had the chance to experiment with the activities and experiments set up to demonstrate many different scientific concepts. To finish day two, students had the opportunity to hop on the Wheel of Brisbane and view the landscape from a height of sixty metres.



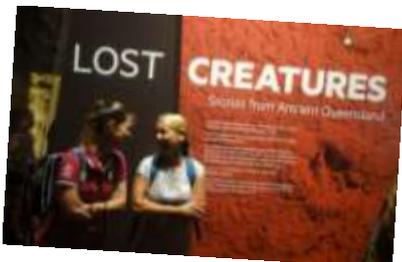
After visiting the enormous aquarium, the polar bear enclosure and ray tank at SeaWorld on day three, the students sat and watched the dolphins perform 'Imagine'. Next, it was time to take on the rides: Storm Coaster, Jet Rescue and Viking flume ride. Some students even ventured on to the Carousel, Sea Climb and even the Air Sea Explorer! To top of a fun filled day, many students headed to Castaway Island to explore the rope maze strung through the tress. The day ended with a parent, bus driver and teacher taking on a motley crew from Calen on the Battle Boat Spectacular.



The final day, and the highlight for many, was the visit to Movie World. The students had the opportunity to venture inside the venue before all other guests. They were given an inside look to what it takes to make the park buzz every day. Chris, our personal guide, demonstrated the use of makeup on Billy "Wolverine" and critiqued Emmalese's promotion of our school and district before all students boarded 'Scooby Doo's Spooky Coaster'. This was the first of adventurous ride for many of the students.

Nights were also very entertaining for the four parents and teachers who attended the camp. Mr Duncan's 'Minute to win it' was a production not to be missed with students taking on many novel but skilful challenges. Tuesday night saw the students being inspired by Miss Allen to perform advertisements displaying innovation, creativity and plenty of entertainment.

Thursday night saw all twenty-nine weary students, three relieved teachers, four extremely helpful parents and one bus driver, arrive home exhausted but full of stories about the wonderful camp they had just experienced.



SCHOOL BANKING TERM 4

IS YOUR CHILD A SMART SCHOOL SAVER?

We measured the 'Savings IQ' of the nation and found Australians who learn about money at school grow up to become smarter savers.

To find the next generation of savers, we're launching a national competition.

Have your child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for, and how they plan to save their money to achieve it and they could win:

- An iPad for themselves and one for their school (six regional winners)
- \$1,000 for their savings (one national winner)

Enter now at commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers

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Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.

The Dofarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

Here's how to win

Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries). Competition runs: 20 October - 30 November 2014.

To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers



CQ SPORTY SCHOOLS

Next Friday the 17th October, Calen will host the first of two CQ Sporty School days, with the next day being on the 5th December 2014. On Friday, students from the Northern Highway Cluster schools (i.e. Farleigh, Conningsby, Seaforth, Hampden, Pindi Pindi and Bloomsbury) will converge on the Calen DSC oval from 10am to 2pm and play sports such as tennis, AFL, cricket, soccer and rugby union. The Calen P&C Association will be running a canteen for this CQ Sporty Schools event.

GLENDEN SPORTS EXCHANGE

A few weeks ago Calen students participated in a series of sporting activities, including soccer, touch football and netball.

The first day consisted of junior events, with plenty of action on the field. It was very encouraging to see our senior students supporting and coaching on the sideline. That night, Calen students were treated to a BBQ and Disco, which went down a treat - fun was had by all and new friendships established.

The second day consisted of the senior students participating in high spirited games. The end of the day brought sad news for the Calen students, as we lost overall, but only by a minor margin. This did not deter the good spirits of the Calen students, as we thanked Glenden for their generous hospitality and comfortable billeting arrangements.

We departed feeling very pleased with our efforts and our attentions turned to our next encounter with Glenden in the near future.

BEHAVIOUR AND RESPECT

Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Calen District State College. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated. It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family.

The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person's entry to the school premises. If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

PARENTS AS CAREER TRANSITION SUPPORT

Youth Connect is hoping to deliver Parents As Career Transition Support (PACTS) Facilitator training in Mackay - potentially on the 21st and 22nd of October. Funded places are on offer to participants employed by/or a volunteers at organisations and schools working with young people – you will need to fill out the form at the below link to access these funded places.

www.youthconnect.com.au/career-transition-programs/pacts/book-now/

The PACTS (Parents As Career Transition Support) Program has been specifically designed to help provide parents, guardians, grandparents and carers with up-to-date information about educational pathways that enables them to support their children effectively when they're making career transition decisions within the secondary school system and beyond.

Key features of a PACTS workshop:

- Interactive facilitated workshops focuses on discussion and participation
- Workshops are limited to two hours duration
- Maximum of 20 parents in a group
- Simple, easy to understand workshop handbook which all attendees receive
- Optional Information Sessions prior to workshops that explain the program
- Workshops are held at school or in the community environment
- Increased understanding about the school, it's people and services
- Networking and forming relationships with other parents

PACTS Program Development Officer – Queensland

Kim Dawson (Email k.dawson@youthconnect.com.au) (Mobile 0410 733 727)

CALEN QCWA MINI CENT SALE



On Monday the 20th October 2014, the Calen QCWA will be holding a card and game morning. It will commence at 9am in the QCWA hall in McIntyre Street, Calen. There will be a mini cent sale, card games and raffle. Entry is \$5 per person which includes morning tea.

EMMA'S FAMILY DAYCARE

Vacancies are now available at The Leap. CCB/CCR Rebates available. Registered through Blue River FDC. Please call Emma: 0439 713 334.

WESTS MONSTER CENT SALE

WESTERN DISTRICTS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
MONSTER CENT SALE
Sunday 26th October 2014, 1.00pm

WESTS TIGERS
— MACKAY —

- Over 200 prizes
- Jackpot prizes
- Major Prize: 1/2 a beast (worth \$800)
- Lucky door prize

Tickets go on sale at 12pm Everyone welcome !

The poster features a red and orange gradient background. At the top, the text 'WESTERN DISTRICTS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE' is in orange, and 'MONSTER CENT SALE' is in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below this, the date and time 'Sunday 26th October 2014, 1.00pm' are written in white. On the left, there is a logo for 'WESTS TIGERS MACKAY' featuring a tiger's head. On the right, there is a stack of raffle tickets with numbers like 25, 111, 123, 124, and 125. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text 'Tickets go on sale at 12pm Everyone welcome !'.

CAPRICORNIA TRACK & FIELD STATE TRIALS

Over the next few weeks two of our students will travel to Brisbane to represent the Capricornia Team at the State Track and Field Championships, having already successfully competed at the district and Capricornia trials.

Jorja from the year 5/6/7 class will compete in the 100m, 200m and 100m relay.

Lane from year 11 will compete in the 200m, 400m and 110m hurdle events.

We wish both students all the best and hope that you can come home with more medals.

AGE CHAMPION 16 YEARS – MACKAY DISTRICT



Congratulations to Lane for being awarded Age Champion for 16 year old boys at the Mackay District Track and Field Trials.

At these trials Lane came first in the 110m hurdles, second in the 400m and fourth in the 200m.