



# Calen District State College

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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

24/10/2014

**No. 13/2014**

Last week we had the honour of hosting Winter Olympian Alex Ferlazzo. Alex, who hails from Townsville was in Calen visiting grandparents Sarino and Mary Ferlazzo, Uncle Anthony, Aunt Julie and cousins Michael, Joshua and Samuel. Earlier this



year Alex represented Australia in the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, in the luge. This is despite the fact that there is no luge track in the Southern Hemisphere.

Alex spent the day visiting every class, introducing the luge to the students, showing the equipment and spreading the message that regardless of the size of the barriers you can still realise your dreams, if you have the determination.

On Tuesday night Alex visited the 4CRM studio with Aaron, Jack and Michael. The boys interviewed Alex as part of their program which involves reading the short stories they have written and the book reports they have composed evaluating the books they have read.

Last term the Mackay Regional Council conducted a Rural Safety Training Day at our school. I received a letter from the leader of the organising team, Councillor Laurence Bonaventura who complemented the primary students on their behaviour, the secondary students for their willingness to assist each of the presenters (this even involved dressing up as cane trains) and catering for the day. I was touched when I received Laurence's letter. We have great kids here, we have dedicated staff; this is a terrific school and I am so very proud of all of you.

On Monday we hosted the teachers from the primary schools in our cluster from Bloomsbury to Farleigh, for professional development regarding the NAPLAN marking guidelines and moderation of student work. This was a great opportunity to network and exchange ideas.

Four of our secondary teachers were involved in verification panel meetings for the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA). These panels verify senior students' work to check for comparability of standards. Sue Spreadborough is the chairperson of the District Accounting Panel; Sue Pinkney is a member of the Film, Television and New Media Panel; Sandy Gardner is a member of the Maths A panel and David Keeble is a member of the Maths B panel.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lane (secondary) and Jorja (primary) who are representing the Capricornia Zone in the State Athletics Championships.

Jasmine Neyland has been proactive in getting professional artists Tracey Robb and Margaret Burgess to work with our students in murals and printmaking. Thank you Margaret and Tracey for supporting our students and school. I will be absent for the duration of the week. I will be at a conference in Townsville on Wednesday and Thursday and then at a meeting in Rockhampton on Friday. Have a great fortnight.

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



Jack, Aaron and Michael interviewing guest Alex Ferlazzo during their visit to the 4CRM studio.

## **P&C COLUMN**

Thank you to all of the parents who came to our P&C meeting. CQ Sporty Day was a great success and thank you to the year 10-12 students who came down to lend a hand. It's great to see our students involved in volunteering.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we celebrated "World Teacher's Day" with a BBQ breakfast for all school staff. It's not just the teachers that make our school what it is - the teacher aides, cleaners, groundsman and office staff play a role in educating our children. Just to recap on some important dates:

Date	Event
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

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

## **ICECREAM CONTAINERS NEEDED**

The school is looking for clean, empty ice-cream containers with lids. If anyone has any they would like to donate, could they please bring them to the school office so that we can pass them onto the home economics department.

## DATE CLAIMER

OCTOBER 2014	NOVEMBER 2014	DECEMBER 2014
23-26 Oct... Track & Field State Champion. 24 Oct ..... Eden Bros Circus 24-25 Oct... Homebush SS Celebration 25-26 Oct... Fishing Competition 29 Oct ..... Mobile Education Trailer visit 30-31 Oct... Red Cross Jumble Sale 30-31 Oct... CQU Yr8 Excursion 31 Oct ..... Collinsville v Calen 31 Oct ..... Secondary Disco	01 Nov ..... Bloomsbury School Fete 04 Nov ..... Melbourne Cup 07 Nov ..... Active Travel Survey Closes 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 02 Dec.....Yr 6/7 Graduation Night 04 Dec.....Last Day Active After Schools 05 Dec.....CQ Sporty Schools Day 05 Dec.....Calen QUOTA Christmas Party 20 Dec.....Yr12 Results Released Online
JANUARY 2015	FEBRUARY 2015	MARCH 2015
01 Jan ..... New Years Public Holiday 26 Jan ..... Australia Day Public Holiday 27 Jan ..... School Commences Term 1		

## EVERY DAY COUNTS CLASS TRACKER

This edition the year 8 class achieved the most days at 100% attendance, with five 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 23 Oct 2014			
Year	Days 100%	Year	Days 100%
Prep/1/2	34	Year 8	60
Year 2/3	26	Year 9	71
Year 4/5/6	33	Year10	54
Year 5/6/7	40	Year11	62
		Year 12	25

## SECONDARY DISCO



Next Friday the **31<sup>st</sup> October 2014**, the Secondary Student Council will be holding a Halloween themed disco at the RSL Hall, from 6pm to 9pm. The cost of entry is only \$5 if dressed in theme and \$7 if out of theme. Entry price includes one free toasted sandwich, however extra sandwiches can be purchased for \$2. Softdrink will be available for sale at \$1 per can.

## STUDENT FEES

Student Resource Scheme (SRS) fees and subject fees are overdue. Statements will be sent home this week, if you have any outstanding monies can you please fix these accounts up ASAP. If you are unable to meet the payment deadline or wish to enter into a payment plan, please contact our administration staff who will be very happy to assist you. **Please remember that students will not be eligible to take home projects which they have constructed at school or participate in extracurricular activities (formal, reward days, camps, excursions etc) if they have fees outstanding or they have not filled in the payment plan section of the Participation Agreement Form and are up today with their payments.**

Thank you,

**Tammy Fischer**  
Business Services Manager

## **RELEASE OF YEAR 12 RESULTS**

All results contributing to the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and Overall Positions (OPs) and Field Positions (FPs) will be available in student learning accounts on the Student Connect website, <https://studentconnect/qcaa.qld.edu.au>, from **9am on Saturday 20 December 2014**.

Students must know their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in and check their results. Students will be able to access their results more quickly if they have previously activated their account. If students don't know their LUI, ask the school office for it. Schools will be closed when results are released, so students make sure you find out your LUI before the end of term.

Students will begin receiving their Senior Education Profiles in the mail from Monday 22 December 2014. Depending on students' individual circumstances, their profile will comprise one or more of the following documents: QCE; Tertiary Entrance Statement; Senior Statement; and Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA).

## **CALEN CLASSIC FISHING COMPETITION**

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

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. 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.

Fish weigh in, glow products, showbags, slushies, live music, raffle draws and more all happening on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.facebook.com/CalenClassicFishingCompetition)

## **YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION**

Students and their families of the graduating year six and seven class are invited to the Magpies Sporting Club Mackay for dinner and speeches on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, week 9.

The event will run from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, with speeches before 7:00pm. We will be having a buffet dinner consisting of Roast Beef, Lasagne, Garlic Chicken and an assortment of sides. The dress code is Smart Casual and all drinks, including soft drink can be purchased at the function room bar.

The buffet prices have kindly been discounted as we will be supplying a graduation cake instead of buffet dessert. Adult prices: \$28.00 pp, Student Prices: \$18.00 pp. Please make all payments to the office prior to Monday November 24<sup>th</sup>, Week 8. Please also, let the office know if the number of people attending has changed. **Note:** Calen DSC asks for all outstanding school fees to be settled before students are eligible to attend this event. Overdue Library books should also be returned prior to week 8.

Thank you,

**Natasha Allen**

**Year 5/6/7 Teacher**

## **RELAY FOR LIFE 2014**

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On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014, some of the year 10-12 students headed off to the Pioneer Valley Relay for Life. With our two team captains Rebecca and Logan, our team raised an amazing \$2,000 for the Cancer Council. Two major highlights of the night was watching Logan (age 5 years) run and win the survivors lap, followed by Rebecca in second place!

Rebecca and Kayla read a poem at the candle lighting ceremony. Mrs Dot Bailey also spoke about our school involvement with our survivors. The night was a great success and thank you to our parents Deb Lamb, Deb Hall, Jenny Attard, Tony Lindsay and all involved. Our school has been invited back next year and was commended on their behaviour and their involvement of "Finding a Cure".

Thank you to all of the students who walked, skipped, piggy-backed, danced and ran all night. You are a wonderful group of students, who not only made me proud but your school too.

Thank you,

**Casey Lindsay**

**Relay for Life Co-ordinator**

## **WIN A \$500 BICYCLE VOUCHER!**

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Fill in an anonymous online survey about how the children in your family travel to and from school, to have the chance to **win a \$500.00 voucher for the Mackay bicycle shop of your choice.**

Active Towns, a Mackay Regional Council and Queensland Government initiative and the Department of Education, Training and Employment's CQ Sporty Schools project are working together to find the barriers to active school travel in the Mackay region.

Follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRVZ9M3> to complete the survey **by Friday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2014** to have a chance to win!



## **MOBILE EDUCATION TRAILER (MET) VISIT**

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Next week on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014, the Mobile Education Trailer (MET) will be visiting Calen School. The trailer will offer new interactive and fun activities with a major focus on goals setting and career options. The program is delivered at no cost to schools or families by the Widening Participation Program at CQUniversity. It is aimed at students in Years 6 and 7. Parents are invited to accompany their children during the presentation. The MET session will run from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

## **CQU EXCURSION**

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On the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October, our Year 8 students will be travelling to Central Queensland University (CQU). They will spend the two days working on short films, then they will present to the parents. The University will pay for a bus to transport our students and they will also provide lunch for the students. However, students may like to bring along something to eat for morning tea or they can purchase something at the University canteen. The bus will leave our school at 8:45am and return by 3:00pm. This excursion is free and compulsory for all Year 8 students.

## **COLLINSVILLE v CALEN**

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Next Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014, secondary students from Collinsville State School will be travelling to Calen to participate in the inaugural "Collinsville –v- Calen" event.

Set out below is the itinerary for the day:

### **FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

9.00 am	Collinsville students due to arrive
9.20 am	Junior Football and Senior Netball
10.20 am	Morning Tea
10.30 am	Senior Football and Junior Netball
11.30 am	Lunch
12.00 pm	Collinsville students depart



## **YEAR 12 FORMAL**

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Final preparations are being made for the end of year formal for our current year 12 students.

The evening will take place at Souths Leagues Club on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 commencing at 6:00pm.

All invites have been sent out and if you have not already done so, can you please come to the school office not later than Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to pay for your tickets and confirm your attendance.



## Q SCHOOLS MOBILE APP

The QSchools app is a convenient way to share up-to-the-minute information with the school community. The app is designed to integrate with school websites so when our school publishes content, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters. Emergency announcements and push notifications, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published by the department.

Department of Education, Training and Employment

# QSchools

mobile app

- 1** Download or update the QSchools app  
Compatible with the following devices:  
Android Apple Windows 8
- 2** Search for your school  
The QSchools app allows you to search by:  
- School name search  
- Map search  
- Schools near your current location
- 3** 'Favourite' your school to receive updates  
By favouriting your school, you will:  
- Have access to school information, newsletters, reports and more  
- Automatically receive important updates and push notifications from your school



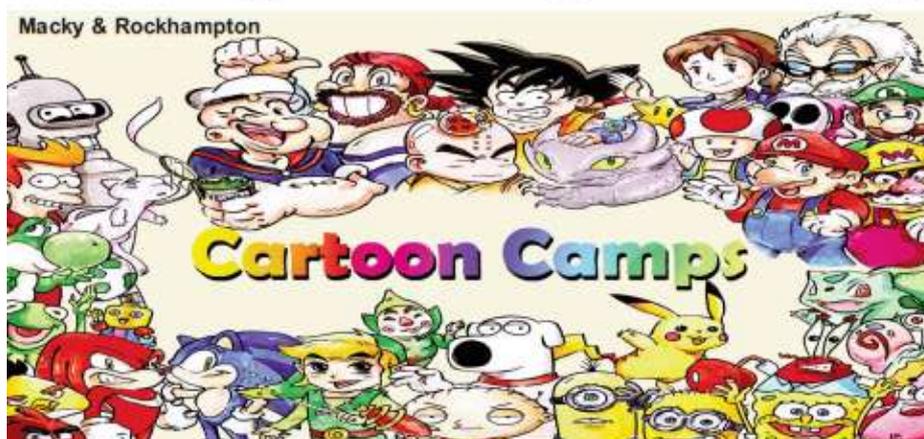
## CARTOON CAMPS

Cartoon camps are once again coming to Mackay. The program will be held from:

***Monday 15th to Friday 19th December 2014***

**at Whitsunday Anglican School, Celeber Drive, North Mackay, QLD**

If you are interested in attending, programs are available at the office or via a link within the electronic





**Cr Laurence Bonaventura**  
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12 October 2014

The Principal  
Calen District College  
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Dear Brian

**Rural Safety for Children Field Day**  
**Calen District College - 16 September 2014**

The Rural Safety Working Group would like to express their thanks and appreciation for all of your assistance with the recently held Rural Safety for Children Field Day.

The ability to use your facilities to host this year's Field Day for the children was fantastic, the assistance we received from your College Staff and your Students ensured we able to provide important messages on Rural Safety to Students

Also on behalf of the Rural Safety Working Group Committee and the Safety stand presenters a very big thank you to your senior level and catering students for looking after everyone throughout the day. Their behaviour was exemplary, their open offers to help were appreciated and their culinary skills were five star. Well done!

The day was a success with over 200 school children participating in the event and the feedback received to date from teachers and presenters has been very positive.

Once again thank you for your involvement in this event.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lg Bonaventura".

Cr Laurence Bonaventura  
Chairperson - Rural Safety Working Group

# FLOOD WATCH

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## What is Flood Watch?

Flood Watch is a new service for the Queensland community that will be provided by the Bureau of Meteorology to notify the Queensland community when there is an increased risk of riverine flooding. It joins the best of our rainfall and flood forecasting capabilities into a single product.

Flood Watches will be available from 15 October 2014, allowing Queenslanders to make the best decisions this summer and make the most of our great climate. Flood Watch replaces and improves upon the previously-issued Preliminary and Coastal Rivers Flood Warnings.

## What Information is in a Flood Watch?

Flood Watches for specific catchments (e.g. Fitzroy or Burnett) will be issued. They will contain short, general statements about the developing weather situation, including forecast rainfall totals. We will indicate which catchments are at risk from flooding, how to find rain and stream level observations, and how to access updated Watches and Warnings.

## What does Flood Watch mean for me?

It is important to remember that a Flood Watch is not a warning of imminent flooding. The aim is to provide an early advice of a developing situation that could lead to flooding. There is some uncertainty attached to a Flood Watch, but it can help you to prepare. Even the smallest of actions, taken early, can reduce the impacts of flooding if it occurs. A Flood Watch notifies people living or working along rivers and streams to monitor the latest forecasts and rain and stream level observations. You should also prepare to move livestock, yourself and your possessions to higher ground if flooding develops.

## How will I get Flood Watches?

Flood Watches will be provided through emergency services, local government and the media. Flood Watches will also be available directly from the Bureau of Meteorology through:

- its website at: [www.bom.gov.au/qld/warnings](http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/warnings); and
- the Bureau's Telephone Weather Service. All of Queensland's Flood Watches and Warnings are available for the cost of a local call on: 1300 659 219

# Homebush State School Turns 125 Year

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## Homebush State School

## Turns 125 Years Old!

Homebush State School is celebrating 125 years on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> / Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October. A formal dinner will be held on the school grounds on Friday evening commencing at 6pm. Tickets are available from the office at \$50 per head which includes a 3 course meal, entertainment and prizes.

The Saturday celebrations commence at 11am and conclude at 6:30pm. The formal ceremony starts at 12pm, followed by a fabulous family fun day. There will be a myriad of activities including a range of historical, art and dance displays as well as live entertainment and children's rides and activities. A variety of hot and cold food and drinks will be available for purchase including a fully licensed bar. Keep this date free and head out to Homebush School to join in and help celebrate this most auspicious occasion. For more information please contact the office on (07)49597286.



# BLOOMSBURY SCHOOL FETE



Order your wristbands from the school office for unlimited turns on these rides - 49475736  
Pre-ordered up to Friday 31st October - \$15.00 each  
Purchase on the day - \$20.00 each

### FOOD STALLS

Hot food and Cold drinks  
Lolly Bar and Ice Cream Sundaes  
Fairy Floss, Snow Cones, Donuts and Popcorn

### STALLS

Bar, Plant Stall, Face Painting, Bottle Stall,  
Hoopla Ring Toss, Pot Luck,  
Trash and Treasure, Glitter Tattoos,  
Show Bags, Fishing Game

## BLOOMSBURY SCHOOL FETE

Saturday 1st November 2014

3:00pm to 7:00pm **BIG RAFFLE DRAW - 5:00pm**



DJ Kerry will be there

HAUNTED  
HOUSE



### SILENT ART AUCTION

There will be some incredible Art Works available for our silent auction.



All enquiries: 49475736

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## ST HELENS BOWLS CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT

### TRIVIA NIGHT

ST HELENS BOWLS  
CLUB  
SATURDAY 22  
NOVEMBER

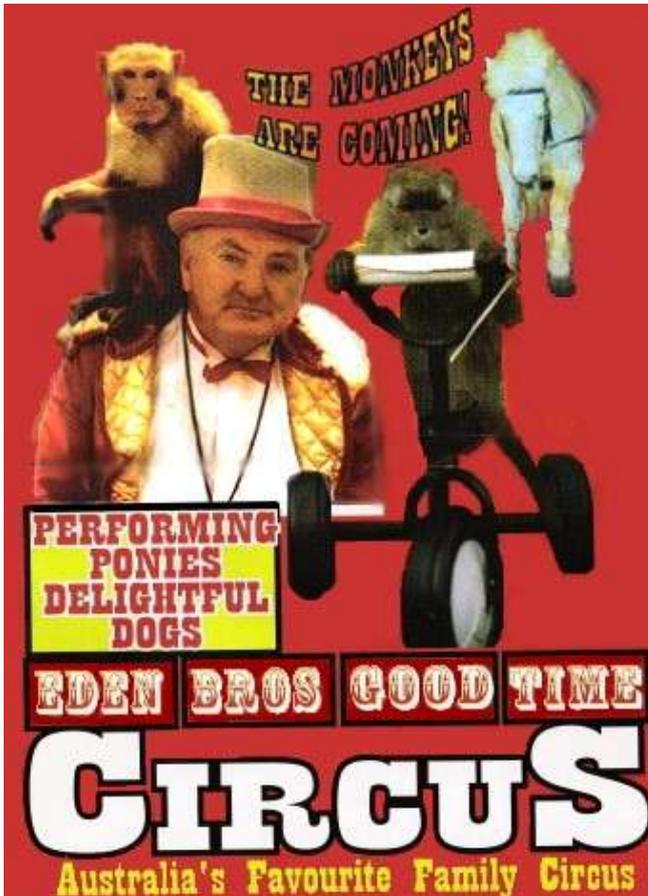
7.30PM START  
\$5 PER PERSON

TEAMS OF UP TO 8  
BYO NIBBLIES  
BAR WILL BE OPEN  
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE  
WINNER & RUNNER UP PRIZES



TO BOOK A TABLE OR A SPOT  
PHONE PAUL 0439637504  
OR KIRSTIE 0428588116

## EDEN BROS GOOD TIME CIRCUS



The Eden Bros Good Time Circus is performing at the Calen School tonight (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014).

There will only be the one performance.

The show begins at 7:30pm and the tent is set up on the school oval.

Tickets are \$15 each (discounted to \$12 if voucher presented).

Children under 3 years of age are free.