The Student Leaders’ Investiture Ceremony was held this morning and I would like to congratulate and thank everyone who was involved. This ceremony marks the opportunity for students to have one year to lead and develop their management, project planning, communication and leadership skills. These skills are extremely useful to have as part of one’s skillset as one embarks on one’s career.

An annual highlight for me and which is one of the beautiful things about belonging to a P-12 school, is watching the prep students hand the senior badges to the year 12 students.

I was also proud of senior student (and gifted singer) Tiarna for leading the singing of the National Anthem. Well done Tiarna.

Although we are a relatively small school, it can be difficult getting to see one of us when you want to, if you arrive at school without an appointment. It would therefore be appreciated if you could contact the office to make an appointment if you would like to discuss a matter with one of us and that way you won’t be waiting around.

This year we have introduced “Literacy and Numeracy“ (LAN) classes into Junior Secondary (years 7, 8 and 9) as distinct lessons in addition to the English and Maths classes. David Keeble who is co-ordinating the LAN classes has written an article explaining the concept of LAN for this newsletter and I draw your attention to it.

The CQU Theatre students will be visiting Calen DSC on Monday 23rd February to perform “The Safety Circus” to our year 3 students. My son Daniel (a former Calen DSC student – he went from preschool to year 12 here) is a Theatre student at CQU and is looking forward to performing at his old school.

Please observe the parking signs along McIntyre Street as I don’t want you to get booked when you drop off your children or when you call in to see us.

Have a good fortnight.

Brian O’Neill
Principal
P&C COLUMN

Great to see a new face at our P&C meeting on Tuesday 10th February. Remember we are grateful for everyone’s input.

We are currently looking at having a sports shirt as part of our uniform. This shirt would either be in gold or blue for house colours, with the name of the coordinating house on the collar. The cost will be under $20 each and it can be worn on sports days and weekly on PE day. An order form will be home in the next few weeks.

A big thank you goes out to the Calen Hotel for allowing the P&C to hold a fundraiser BBQ last Friday night at their "Jag the Joker". The support from the community was great and the burgers were fantastic!

The next P&C gathering will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 10th March 2015, wherein the committee for 2015 will be elected. Like all P&C meetings, it will start at around 3.15pm in the School’s admin staff room and babysitting is available.

2014 COMMITTEE

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

eDIARY

Our school has introduced a new electronic student eDiary for secondary students. Features of the eDiary include:

- The ability for all teachers to insert non-deletable homework to their classes of students.
- The ability for our school to communicate live announcements and update events.
- The ability to communicate school policies and showcase galleries of student works.
- Allows you as parents to login to check your child’s homework status and message your child’s teacher for each individual subject.

The first step in this process is to create your eDiary account by following the instructions below:

1. In an email from noreply@myediary.com.au you should receive an invite to create your eDiary account (check your junk folder as well).
2. Click on the confirmation link and answer the necessary details.
3. Remember your password, then at any time to get back to your eDiary click on the “Sign In” button located at: https://calendsc.myediary.com.au/

If you have not received your invitation, simply go to www.myediary.com.au and click on “Sign In” and then “Didn’t receive confirmation instructions?” if we do not have an email address recorded for you, an invitation will not be sent. Please contact the school office with your email address and we will update our records and send your eDiary invitation.

For a detailed Parent eDiary manual go to help.myediary.com.au and click on manuals.

Please also watch the MyEDiary promo video at www.myediary.com.au

Students can view homework assigned to them by their teachers, school events, announcements or enter notes and other reminders.
### Secondary Disco

#### FEBRUARY 2015
- 13 Feb: Secondary Disco
- 17 Feb: Vaccinations for Year 8/10
- 18 Feb: SES Cadets Sign On
- 19 Feb: Bowls Club Trivia Night
- 21 Feb: Summer in the City
- 23-27 Feb: Work Experience
- 23 Feb: Safety Circus for Year 3
- 24 Feb: Bus Committee Meetings

#### MARCH 2015
- 01 Mar: Slade Point Athletic Sign On
- 10 Mar: P&C Annual General Meeting
- 13 Mar: Ride to School Day
- 13 Mar: Year 12 Mocktail
- 27 Mar: Cross Country (tentative)

#### APRIL 2015
- 02 Apr: Swimming Carnival (tentative)
- 02 Apr: Last Day School Term 1
- 03 Apr: Good Friday Public Holiday
- 04 Apr: Easter Saturday
- 06 Apr: Easter Monday Public Holiday
- 20 Apr: School Commences Term 2
- 25 Apr: Anzac Day Public Holiday
- 29 Apr: School Photos

#### MAY 2015
- 1-3 May: Wintermoon Festival
- 05 May: Vaccinations for Year 8
- 12-14 May: NAPLAN

#### JUN 2015
- 19 Jun: Athletics Carnival
- 25 Jun: Mackay Show Holiday
- 26 Jun: Last Day Term 2

#### JUL-DEC 2015
- 13 Jul: School Commences Term 3
- 15-16 Jul: Whitsunday Voices
- 29-31 Jul: Secondary Camps
- 15 Sep: Vaccinations for Year 8
- 18 Sep: Seaforth Rewards Day
- 18 Sep: Last Day Term 3
- 05 Oct: Public Holiday
- 06 Oct: School Commences Term 4
- 19 Oct: Student Free Day
- 16 Nov: Awards Night
- 20 Nov: Year 12 Finish
- 27 Nov: Year 10-11 Finish
- 11 Dec: Last Day Term 4

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### SECONDARY DISCO

**What**

**HIPSTERS ~V~ HIPPIES**

**When**

**FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2015**

**6PM – 9PM**

**Where**

@ RSL Hall, McIntrye St, Calen

**$8 out of theme, $6 in theme**  
*(Includes 1 free toasted sandwich)*

**$2 softdrink and $2 toasted sandwich**
INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Primary and Secondary Leaders 2015

Congratulations to the following primary and secondary students who were presented with their badges at the Investiture Ceremony held at our school’s CPA on Friday 13th February 2015.

**School Captains & Vice Captains** – Presented by Principal, Mr Brian O’Neill

Secondary Captains .................................. Angie & Lane
Primary Captains ..................................... Delta-Jade & Harrison
Primary Vice Captains ................................. Josephine & Armani

**House Captains** – Presented by Mr Nik Ray

Secondary Mercury Captains ......................... Angie & Axel
Secondary Neptune Captains ......................... Paris & Lane
Primary Mercury Captains ............................ Varonica & Damon
Primary Mercury Vice Captains ...................... Jody & Jack
Primary Neptune Captains ........................... Jorja & Dylan
Primary Neptune Vice Captains ........................ Armani & Jack

**Student Council Executive** – Presented by Mrs Casey Lindsay, P & C President

Secondary President ................................ Tiarna
Secondary Secretary .................................. Grace
Secondary Treasurer .................................. Jacob
Secondary Public Relations ........................... Janita
Primary President ..................................... Bree-Ann
Primary Secretary .................................... Madison
Primary Treasurer ..................................... Lily

**Student Council Year Level Representatives** – Presented by Mrs Amy Trembath, P & C Vice-President

Primary
Year 3/4/5 ........................................... Zoe, Abbie, Bodie
Year 5/6 ............................................... Emily & Mikaela

Secondary
Year 7 .................................................. Juliska & Bethanie
Year 8 ................................................... Kobi & Emmalese
Year 9 ................................................... Sasha & Gorgia
Year 10 .................................................. Richard & Jacob
Year 11 .................................................. Ally & Brooklyn

**Seniors Badges** – Presented by Mr David Keeble & the Calen District State College Prep Students

Caitlin  Axel  Jacob  Danica  Janita
Madi  Reagan  Paris  Grace  Will
Tiarna  Bonnie  Casey  Lane  Angie

**Prefects** – Presented by Mrs Sue Spreadborough

Caitlin  Grace  Casey  Lane  Angie
NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Choral Fest is here again! Later in the term, a group of Year 4/5/6 students will attend the 23rd Choral Festival at the MECC in Mackay. They will be learning a variety of songs by well-known Australian Composer, Paul Jarman. As luck would have it, Paul Jarman will also be the Conductor for this year’s festival.

Any interested primary students are encouraged to meet me in the Library at Thursday lunchtimes. A note will be sent out shortly.

Miss Amanda Walz
Primary Music/Art Teacher

CLASSROOM MAKEOVER

The Daily Mercury has partnered up with Staples™ to give you the opportunity to win a $5,000 classroom makeover for our school.

So how does it work?

STEP 1: Register. Our school has already registered with the Daily Mercury.

STEP 2: Collect tokens. We need everyone at our school and the wider community to start collecting as many daily tokens as you can from the Daily Mercury between Saturday 14 February to Monday 16 March.

STEP 3: Count your tokens. Our school needs to register our final tally of tokens by 5pm Monday 23 March. Entries after this date will not be eligible.

At the end of the competition, the school with the most number of tokens per student will win a $5,000 classroom makeover from Staples™. All schools stand an equal chance of winning, as The Daily mercury will pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner!

So, what are you waiting for?

For more information, visit www.dailymercury.com.au/classroom-makeover

SCHOOL FEES AND SRS AGREEMENTS

Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement forms are now due back - if you haven’t already handed your student’s form back can you please fill it out and return it to the office ASAP. If this form is not returned or you choose not to participate in the scheme, you will need to supply all of your student’s textbook and resources yourself, including cooking ingredients, sewing materials and Manual Arts materials. If you do decide not to participate in the Students Resource Scheme can you please send this form back indicating this. 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.

We now have Centrepay available through the school as an alternative payment option - if you would like more information regarding this or would like to set up Centrepay, please phone or come in and see us in the office.

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-to-date with their payments.

Tammy Fischer
Business Services Manager
LAN PROGRAM FOR 2015

As you may already be aware, our junior secondary students are involved in the LAN (Literacy and Numeracy) program this year. This program is a new opportunity for students to receive targeted teaching to address identified strengths/weaknesses away from the curriculum.

The LAN program gives students 3 lessons per week where they can “plug the gaps” in their knowledge or be extended to build upon existing strengths with two goals in mind:

- To help them to improve their NAPLAN results
- To better enable them to succeed in all their school subjects

Currently, students across years 7-9 are involved in a 5-week course aimed at improving writing skills, with a specific focus on improving students’ use of paragraphing using the ‘PEEL’ method. This method will allow students to improve their written work, which will have flow-on benefits across all subject areas.

The LAN program is a first for Calen, allowing for the teaching of specific skills to the students who need them, regardless of their year level. We look forward to working with both students and parents to make this program a success for our students.

If you have any questions about the LAN program, please contact David Keeble at school on 4949 7333.

SAFETY CIRCUS

Roll up, roll up the SAFETY CIRCUS is coming to our school soon on Monday 23rd February at 9:15am. Following last year’s very successful Safety Circus tour, the Mackay Regional Council has included and funded the Safety Circus as part of their Active Towns Project. Free family passes to the Safety Circus will be sent home shortly to all of our year 3 students.

Parents, grandparents and younger siblings of our year 3 students are most welcome to attend the performance. The organisers would like to see as many adults as possible come to the show, so that the show’s important messages can be reinforced following the performance. The CQ University Conservatorium of Music students are getting excited about performing at our school and all of the actors have returned early to university to rehearse and then perform at 30 different venues throughout the region.

Any questions regarding the Safety Circus, can be directed to Crime Prevention Unit at Mackay Police Station by telephoning 49683560 or emailing CrimePrevention.MKY@police.qld.gov.au
WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience for all students in years 10, 11 and 12 is now only one week away, commencing on Monday 23rd February 2015. Parents can you please ensure that your child has contacted their employer, to make an appointment to attend an interview to discuss such topics as: “start and finish times”; “what to wear” and “what to bring”.

Students are reminded that when they attend their work experience interview with the employer, they should treat the event like they are actually going for a real job interview. Remember impressions count and they should dress appropriately, ensure they are well presented (i.e. clean shoes, hair tidy etc), bring a good attitude, be polite and most importantly try not to let any nerves affect you. As a suggestion, students could possibly practice a mock interview with parents before attending their work experience interview and run through some questions which may be asked by the employer. If students have any questions regarding their work experience, please come and see the school office.

INCORRECT UNIFORM

Some students are not wearing the correct uniform, in particular there are students presenting at school with either shorts that are not the correct length, correct material or correct colour. Please ensure that your child does not leave for school wearing denim shorts or shorts that have a length which is less than 15cm from the ground when in a kneeling position. If a student is observed wearing a pair of shorts which do not meet the uniform policy, they will be referred to the office whereupon they will be offered an alternative pair of shorts to wear for the day depending on availability or they will have to complete their day’s work in a room at the office. A copy of the uniform policy can be found in our school’s Prospectus and an excerpt is set out below:

SHIRT - Black/green polyester polo shirt with Calen insignia and name in collar available from Uniform Solutions, Shop 2, 88 Sydney St, Mackay (Tel 0749 513 549)

SHORTS / SKORT / SKIRT - Black cotton school shorts with Calen insignia are available from Uniform Solutions. Alternate shorts/skorts/skirts must be plain black. NOTE: length must be within 15cm of the ground, when in kneeling position. Nylon shorts are not acceptable, mini-skirts and micro-shorts are not acceptable.

JEWELLERY - Wearing of jewellery is restricted to the following items: watch; medi-bracelet or locket; signet ring if of family origins; religious pendant (this needs to be accompanied by a note from parent); sleepers or stud earings (one pair only).

HATS - Wide brimmed hats are a compulsory item of uniform for any student venturing into the playground. The preferred hat is available from the school office for $15. NO HAT - NO PLAY!!

SHOES - Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 taking Industrial Skills, Shop A, Shop B, Science, Home Economics or Hospitality MUST have shoes with leather “uppers” for safety purposes. Incorrect shoes mean pupils will not be able to fully participate in these activities. NO SHOES - NO PLAY!!

PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT CALEN DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE IS A UNIFORM SCHOOL AND WE EXPECT ALL STUDENTS TO BE CORRECTLY DRESSED AT ALL TIMES

The wearing of a school uniform is a source of pride to the school community and, as such, a student shall maintain his or her uniform in a smart and presentable fashion at all times. Your assistance in enforcing the school’s uniform policy is greatly appreciated.

VACCINATION CLINICS

Vaccination Clinics for Year 8 students and Year 10 male students

Queensland Health’s School Based Vaccination Program will commence its first round of immunisations on Tuesday 17/2/15 for all Year 8 students and year 10 students. The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses. Only students who have signed consent forms (ticked yes) will be vaccinated and no child will be vaccinated without parent consent. Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccination. For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Based Vaccination Program, visit, www.health.qld.gov.au/immiunisation or call 13 Health on 13 42 25 84.
NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

What an exciting time of year for many students settling into new roles and friendship groups. These first few weeks can have a big influence on the year ahead. It is important students feel confident and well organised to meet the demands of a new school year.

I joined the school last year and have been getting to know many of the students, teachers and parents. I work to provide students access to current health information and referral to outside services if required. I work at Calen District State College every second Tuesday. One of my key messages to students is to remember the basics - eat well, drink plenty of water and get a good night’s sleep. Further information on the positive relationship between sleep and better learning is available at The Raising Children Website. Here is an excerpt to encourage everyone to hit the hay.

Sleep can affect concentration, memory and behaviour. It’s no wonder that how well your child sleeps has an impact on how well they learn.

About sleep and learning
Good-quality sleep helps your child concentrate, remember things and behave well. These all help them to be a successful learner.

Poor sleep, or not enough sleep, affects concentration, memory and behaviour, making it harder for your child to learn. Children who don’t sleep well are more likely to feel sleepy and have difficulties with learning.

Concentration
Children who are sleepy have trouble concentrating during the day. If your child can’t keep their attention on what they’re trying to learn, whether it’s climbing a tree at the park or singing a song at school, it will affect his learning.

Memory
Remembering things is part of learning. For example, if your child is tired, it’s harder for them to remember basic stuff such as how to spell words, how to do maths calculations, or where to find information in a book or on the internet. It’s also harder for them to remember how to do things such as playing a musical instrument.

Our brains create and strengthen different types of memory in different sleep cycles. For example, just before your child wakes in the morning, their brain uses the last stages of REM sleep to sort and store memories and information from the previous day and get ready for the day ahead.

Behaviour
Sleepy children tend to have more problems with behaviour at school – and at home too! For example, a sleepy child might play up in class or refuse to follow the teacher’s instructions. A sleepy child might miss out on learning because the teacher is busy managing their behaviour. They might also miss out on playing with other children if they don’t like the way they’re behaving.

If your child is having problems with their concentration, memory or behaviour, checking their sleep is a good place to start. If you are worried, or the problems go on for more than 2-4 weeks, talk to your doctor or child and family health nurse. For more information visit: http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/sleep and learning

Ann Templer
School Based Youth Health Nurse
SCHOOL WEBSITE

Check it out!

Do you need another copy of the canteen order form; can’t remember the date of when something is happening at the school; want to check the school prospectus or maybe you didn’t get your copy of the school newsletter – all of these problems can be fixed with a click of the mouse.

Jump online to www.calendsc.eq.edu.au and check out what is available.

SCHOOL BUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Pindi Pindi Bus Committee Meeting (Yellow Bus) will be held on TUESDAY 24th February 2015 at 5:30pm at Pindi Pindi State School. If you have any issues, please come along to the meeting so that we can hopefully resolve these problems.

Bloomsbury Bus Committee Meeting is to follow and commencing at approximately 6:00pm. Once again any issues please come along and have your say.

Any problems please contact the president of both committees, Debbie Lamb on 49587841 or 0407 022 906.

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

The National Ride2School Day is coming up on Friday 13th March 2015.

It’s time to drag the bicycles out of the shed or out from under the tree, repair any flat tyres and get them operational in time for this event.

More details will be given in our next newsletter.

PARKING NEAR CALEN SCHOOL

Calen Police would like to remind everyone that it is illegal to park in the bus zone out the front of our school. This year there has already been one offender who has been issued an infringement notice for illegal parking out the front of the school.

The Calen Police Officers would like to strongly emphasis that if people continue to park illegally out the front of our school despite being warned not to, the next course of action will be to have vehicles towed and impounded.

As well, please remember that the 10-minute designated drop off zone is strictly monitored and you are not allowed to exceed this time limit. If there are no carparks available immediately close to the school, please consider parking a short walking distance along McIntyre Street.
LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM – LEO CLUB

The Lions Youth Exchange Program gives Australian youth aged 16-21 years the opportunity to live with Lions families overseas during their end-of-year summer holidays. The Program does not involve tuition or school attendance but is rather a cultural holiday whereby students can immerse themselves in a new culture, enjoy supervised sightseeing and practise second language skills such as French, German, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, etc.

Leo Clubs focus on the individual and social development of teens, and the personal and professional development of young adults. Membership is open to teenagers and young adults aged 12-30 years. Each Leo Club is mentored by, and works in partnership with, their local Lions club.

If you wish to know more about these two Lions Australia youth programs, details are available on the national Lions Australia website:

www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye
www.lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/leos

PCYC EMERGENCY SERVICES

PCYC Emergency Service Cadet Program Mackay

Applications are now open for cadets and adult leaders. To avoid disappointment please lodge your interest now as limited positions are available.

Location: 22 Ness Street, West Mackay
at the State Emergency Service Facility
Training: Thursday Evenings 7pm – 9pm during school term.

The PCYC Emergency Services Cadet program is delivered in partnership with Police Citizens Youth Clubs Queensland (PCYC) and Queensland Emergency Services.

The program is offered to youth between ages of 12 to 17 and operates out of emergency sponsoring facilities. Cadets learn a diverse range of emergency service skills and are encouraged to explore a career pathway in emergency services and volunteering. Its free to join and participate!

To find out more about the PCYC Emergency Service Cadet Program in your area call: 3909-9572 or email jennie.schoof@pcyc.org.au
EMERGENCY SERVICES CADETS

IF YOU'RE AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 17 YEARS THEN WHY NOT CONSIDER BECOMING AN EMERGENCY SERVICES CADET

YOU MAY GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM THE FOLLOWING:
- QLD Police Service
- State Emergency Service
- Volunteer Marine Rescue
- Coast Guard
- Surf Lifesaving QLD
- QLD Ambulance Service
- Rural Fire Brigade
- QLD Fire and Rescue Service

You may also have the opportunity to gain a Certificate II in Public Safety.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Sign on Night
PCYC North Mackay off Norris Road
18th February 2015
6pm - 7pm

W: pcyg.org.au/Cadets | P: (07) 3509 9572

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BECOME A VOLUNTEER ADULT LEADER

IF YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOULD LIKE TO ENHANCE YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, APPLY FOR THE POSITION TODAY!

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK ONE EVENING A WEEK DURING SCHOOL TIME!

You may have the opportunity to gain a Certificate II in Public Safety and attend emergency services workshops with Cadets.

NB: The position is open to people 18 years and over.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Sign On Night
PCYC North Mackay off Norris Road
Wednesday, 18th February 2015
6pm - 7pm

W: pcyg.org.au/Cadets | P: (07) 3509 9572
AFL Queensland is looking for community umpires in the Mackay area.

Umpiring AFL is a great way to earn money, keep fit and make friends.

In addition, AFL coaches and staff can also act as referees when students are looking for further employment in the future.

All enquiries regarding umpiring can be emailed to:

**AFLmackayumps@gmail.com**

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**SIGN ON DAY 2015**

**Date:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**Where:** Cathy Freeman Oval
Wren Street
Slade Point

**Time:** 1 pm to 3 pm

**Cost:** $110 per athlete

- Includes Registration, Insurance & Club Day levies

(All new members must bring copy of birth certificate at sign on)

**President:** Bill Gilbert
0409 508 260

**Vice President:** Balinda Gall
0417 851 633

**Registrar:** Amanda Dickson
0437 558 560

**Coach:** Cheryl Dixon
National credited Level 4 Coach
0432 262 182
TRIVIA NIGHT
21st February

St. Helens Bowls Club
7pm start
$5 each player
teams of four or more
BYO nibblies
all questions related to sport,
music & entertainment
Bookings: 49588141 after 4pm