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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

11/09/2015

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First of all I need to apologise to those of you who have been trying to contact me over the past two weeks. I have only been at school for one day a week for the past two weeks. Last week I was part of a review team which reviewed the operations of a P-9 school in the Darling Downs South West Region. This was a worthwhile and beneficial exercise. Not only did we make commendations and recommendations but it enabled me to view leadership and management practices through another lens and to bring back ideas which can be applied to our school.

This week I am attending the Isolated Children's Parents' Association State Conference in Cloncurry. I was invited to be a guest speaker regarding school – industry – community –partnerships as a result of the commendation from our review. Even though Calen is not isolated like many of the areas represented at the conference, many of the issues regarding the problems with internet access and downloading educational resources are the same.

Congratulations to David Keeble for his successful application to the Department for a grant to enable our LOTE (German) students to interact online with students in German schools. This will enhance our students' skills in fluent communication in German. There is nothing like having the opportunity to converse with native born speakers to improve one's own fluency in another language.

Our OP eligible students sat the annual Queensland Core Skills Test last week and while I haven't had the opportunity to speak with all, those with whom I have spoken seem to have enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Sue Spreadborough for her work in organising and conducting the QCS.

The upper primary students have returned from their camp and I look forward to hearing of their experiences.

As this is the last newsletter for this term I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Sue Pinkney for her work over the past fifteen years. Sue will be taking long service next term and then will be retiring. Sue has been instrumental in many innovations during her time at Calen. The first no doubt would count as giving our students the opportunity to be involved in the Rock Eisteddfod where we took our first place in the state in the small teams category.

Sue has also been instrumental in the introduction of Information Technology Systems and Film, Television and New Media in our school. Within a couple of years after she introduced IPT and ICT, our school was acknowledged as bucking the state wide trend with girls in information technology. We had quite a few girls doing ITC while most other schools did not. Not only did we punch above our weight percentage wise but our numbers often outweighed the number of girls doing the subject in other schools.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE cont

Sue has always held a student focus – students would email her drafts late at night and get a response within an hour. True to her student focus and dedication, Sue had approached me to say that if the Department could not find a qualified ICT/Media teacher for fourth term, she would give up her leave so that the students are not disadvantaged. This is in spite of her ill health. A suitable and qualified replacement has been found and Sue has been assisting with a smooth transition.

I thank you Sue, as a colleague, your principal and a parent of three of your students for your wonderful, dedicated innovative contribution to our school.

Brian O'Neill
Principal

P&C COLUMN

Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 16th September 2015. Please come along and have a coffee!

Next term we will be announcing our plan for an event in April 2016 - I hope everyone gets behind it! Stay tuned. Have a safe and happy holiday - rest up before the silly season starts!

Casey Lindsay
President



OLD STYLE UNIFORM SHIRTS TO GIVE AWAY

Brand new 'old style' uniform shirts (not the current and new shirts) are available to give away. The sizes and quantities available are listed below:

QTY	Size and Description
3	Size 4 Shirts
9	Size 6 Shirts
5	Size Small Shirts
1	Size 26 (4XL) Shirt
3	Size 14S Shorts

These items will be disposed of "**as first in, best dressed**". Please direct all enquiries to admin staff.

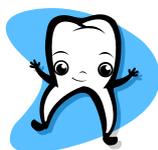
THANK YOU FROM YEAR 4/5/6 CAMP

Thank you to all the parents who donated afternoon tea items for our camp. Your overwhelming support ensured everyone was well nourished and ready for all camp adventures!

Natasha Allen
Year 5/6 Teacher

DATE CLAIMER

SEP 2015	OCT 2015	NOV 2015
12-13 Sep ..Relay for Life 12 Sep Walk 4 William 13 Sep Marian Church Cent Sale 16 Sep Secondary Assessment Due 16 Sep P&C Meeting 17 Sep Sexual Health Talks 17 Sep Netball Gala Day 18 Sep Seaforth Rewards Day 18 Sep Dental Forms Due 18 Sep Last Day Term 3 18 Sep Dance Fever Entries Close 23,25,30 Sep Mky Gymnastics Fun Day 30 Sep Justice Crew Dance Workshop	02 Oct..... Mky Gymnastics Fun Day 04 Oct..... Mackay Eisteddfod Commence 05 Oct..... Public Holiday 06 Oct..... School Commences Term 4 17 Oct..... Calen Tennis Social Event 18 Oct..... Run for MI Life 19 Oct..... Student Free Day 24-25 Oct... Calen Fishing Competition 29-30 Oct... Calen Red Cross Jumble Sale	10 Nov..... Vaccinations for Year 8 16 Nov..... Awards Night 20 Nov..... Year 12 Finish 27 Nov..... Year 10-11 Finis
DEC 2015	JAN 2016	FEB 2016
11 Dec Last Day Term 4	25 Jan..... First Day 2016 Term 1 26 Jan..... Public Holiday Australia Day	



Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services Mackay

(School Dental Service)

Dear Parents,

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled at your school.

Medical/Consent forms have been sent home and need to be fully completed and returned to the school office by: **18th September, 2015**

The School Dental Van will be visiting the school to do check ups and treatment will be completed at the Calen Community College **for students Prep to Yr10**

Further enquires please phone **0417 077 256** **Dental Van 33**

For further information on this service, please visit our website:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/services/school.asp>



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PARKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES



It has recently come to our attention that a number of parents/carers have been parking within the school grounds when dropping off or picking up their children. Parents/carers should be aware that the parking provided within the school grounds is for school staff only, unless prior permission has been granted by the principal. Please obey the signs on the gate and do not use parking areas within the school grounds as a pick up/drop off zone, as to do so, places students at risk. Can we also ensure that the disabled provision in the staff parking remains free at all times.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in Jump Rope for Heart last week. Our school has raised a total of \$2,316.15, an outstanding effort! That is great news for the Heart Foundation and exciting for us as well, as our school will receive 50% of those funds back!

Thank you again for everybody's generous support of The Jump Rope for Heart program. We hope the students had a great time and learnt about the importance of heart health!

Natasha Allen
Year 5/6 Teacher



LITTLE MURRI DANCING GROUP



As part of yarning group lunchtime activities, Mrs Donovan and Sarah Rooney are running Indigenous Little Murri dancing group lessons.

The group meets every Monday, second lunchtime in A10. All students are welcomed, both indigenous and non-indigenous and there is no age barrier.

Mrs Donovan would like as many students who are prepared to learn to come along and discover dancing, which will be displayed for their cultural celebration in October.

VANUATU APPEAL

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the Vanuatu appeal.

There was plenty of great stationery donated and I'm sure the students will really appreciate having the things they need for school. Our bags are now packed and full with excellent supplies. Therefore sadly we cannot accept any further donations.

Once again, thank you very much for your kindness and generosity.

Niamh Duncan
Year 5 Student



STUDENT RECOGNITION

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

PRIMARY AWARDS	YEAR	Student	Award and Reason	Teacher
	PREP	Camille	Award for a great effort with your reading	Mrs Mathiasen
		Talia	Award for writing great sensational sentences	Mrs Mathiasen
		Kaitlyn	Award for trying hard to write sensational sentences	Mrs Mathiasen
		Dylan	Award for excellent participation at all times	Mrs Mathiasen
		Pippa	Award for doing a great job with your sensational sentences	Mrs Mathiasen
		Noah	Award for focusing and great participation throughout the day	Mrs Mathiasen
	01	Cooper	Award for being such a Maths Champion	Mrs Mathiasen
		Princess	Award for getting 100% on her number facts test	Mrs Hall
		Sebastien	Award for trying so hard to make your sentences make sense	Mrs Mathiasen
02	Drew	Award for working really well in reading time	Mrs Hall	
	Ella	Award for working really well in reading time	Mrs Hall	
	Mack	Award for working really well in reading time	Mrs Hall	
	Dylan	Award for working really well in reading time	Mrs Hall	
	Caitlin	Award for working really well in reading time	Mrs Hall	
	Reagan	Award for learning his subtraction facts	Mrs Hall	
	Angelian	Award for learning her subtraction facts	Mrs Hall	
	Hannah	Award for being a number facts champion this week	Mrs Hall	
	Mia	Award for learning her subtraction facts	Mrs Hall	
	05	Brendan	Award for Student of the Week	Ms Allen
06	Jorja	Award for Student of the Week	Ms Allen	

SECONDARY AWARDS	YEAR	Student	Award and Reason	Teacher
	07	Jake	Award for perfect score for IT exam	Mrs Pinkney
		Billy	Award for perfect score for IT exam	Mrs Pinkney
	08	Jack	Award for perfect score for IT exam	Mrs Pinkney
		Tyler	Award for being on time and well prepared	Mrs Gardner
		Emmalese	Award for perfect score for IT exam	Mrs Pinkney
	09	Kelly	Award for being on time and well prepared	Ms Neyland
		Sasha	Award for being on time and well prepared	Ms Neyland
		Isaac	Award for being on time and well prepared	Ms Neyland
		Jack	Award for being on time and well prepared	Ms Neyland
		Michael	Award for being on time and well prepared	Ms Neyland
	10	Croyden	Award for helping coach the rugby league afternoons	Mr Ray
	12	Angie	Award for helping coach the rugby league afternoons	Mr Ray
		Danica	Award for helping coach the rugby league afternoons	Mr Ray
		Caitlin	Award for leadership at Girls Night In Cancer Fundraiser	Mrs Durnsford
		Bonnie	Award for leadership at Girls Night In Cancer Fundraiser	Mrs Durnsford
Angie		Award for leadership at Girls Night In Cancer Fundraiser	Mrs Durnsford	
	Danica	Award for leadership at Girls Night In Cancer Fundraiser	Mrs Spreadborough	

NETBALL GALA DAY

Primary students Regan, Zoe, Lilly, Tahnee, Paige, Paige and Abbie, together with students from Pindi Pindi have joined forces to nominate a team to play netball in the Casey Avenue Netball Gala Day on Thursday the 17th September 2015.

The girls have been training hard on the Calen school oval on Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. We wish them the best of luck.

POEM FROM YEAR 4/5/6 CAMPERS

Arriving at school bright and early,
Ready to catch the departing bus.
We loaded all the bags and pillows,
Wondering about all the fuss.

We boarded the bus for five long hours,
The girls were singing and dancing in seats.
While the boys were fighting and playing games,
All were ready to accomplish dangerous feats.

We unloaded the bus and headed to the lodge
Students were given rooms and a bunk bed.
Then they excitedly ran to the dining room,
Bellies were rumbling hoping to be fed.

Looking and feeling foolishly stupid,
Dressed in blue hair nets and red hats.
The students were wondering what lay ahead
Because the caves were full of guano made by bats.

Climbing the rocks and squeezing into holes,
And sliding down the enormous tree trunk.
Adults were screaming at the top of their lungs
Hoping to end up in their comfy double bunk.

Students listened carefully to all the instructions
Threading buckles and making them tight.
Harnesses checked and students ready to climb,
'Click' test finished and now students were ready for flight.

At sunset the students sat by the fire light,
Keeping warm around the burning logs.
Marshmallows were roasted over the fire
Students listened carefully to the croaking frogs.

Boarded the bus again, off to the Heritage Village,
To experience all of the old-fashioned things.
Horse drawn carriages, shearing shed, hospital and school
Were just a few of the old unbelievable things.

The teacher at the little old school,
He would quickly give you the cane.
If you didn't sit up tall and straight
And make your writing all look the same.

After three long days, we jumped on the bus
Heading for home feeling exhausted and glum.
Parents were happy that the children were safe
Children were sad because they had nothing but fun.



INDIGENOUS LEAGUE TAG GALA

On Friday 28th August, Mackay's Indigenous League Tag Gala Day was held at Abbot Park. Well done to three of our students - Harry, Zoe & Dylan - who all played extremely well in their teams. We also had some members from Deadly Choices who spoke about healthy lifestyles and the importance of school attendance. It was a great day, with lots of fun had by all. Thank you to Tyson Muscat from PlayNRL North Queensland for organising such a great day. I would also like to thank Dan Rooney for his input & support.

Sarah Rooney
Indigenous Teacher Aide



LEARNING SUPPORT

Are you spring cleaning?

As a part of an Oral Language Program that the Preps will be participating in next term, I would like to see if anyone has some of the odds and ends which we need to complete the learning kits. We would be grateful for any donations of the items listed below.

If you are able to help, please contact the school and let us know as we would not like to have too many of the one thing turning up.

Many thanks,

Kylie Leahy
Learning Support Teacher

- ★ Small throwing bean bags (lots of them)
- ★ Magazines
- ★ Coloured plastic or cardboard shapes
- ★ Coloured buttons
- ★ Small buckets (eg M&Ms or Malteser buckets)
- ★ Coloured balls of wool
- ★ Magnets
- ★ Stick on name tags or plastic clear clip on name tags
- ★ Nursery Rhyme Book
- ★ Pegs
- ★ Dinosaur picture book
- ★ Toy alien
- ★ Piece of lycra (2 metres)
- ★ Children's party book

SEVEN STEPS TO WRITING – PREP/YEAR 1

Three weeks ago, Melissa Caruana introduced the first stage of 'Seven Steps to Writing' to our class. We have continued writing three times a week following this Program, with some pleasing results. I am including some of the great work the students have been writing as well as some Sensational Sentences they have been writing with Mrs Galea.

Geralyn Mathiasen
Year Prep/1 Teacher

The scary, grizzly bear looked at the slimy, light green frog and growled loudly. By Bailee

The brown hairy bear looked at the wide-mouthed, light frog and growled. By Zach

I can hear the fireworks explode up in the sky. By Camille

I can hear the big teenager squealing on the rides. By Talia

The brown, huge scary bear looked down at the wide-mouthed, slimy, dark green tree frog and growled quickly. By Rhiannon

I can hear the fireworks go 'kaboom' and the hot dogs sizzling. By Kaitlyn

The white polar bear looked down at the brown, slimy tree frog and growled loudly. By Cooper

The brown, grizzly bear looked down at the wide-mouthed, light green tree frog and growled as quickly as he could. By Bailey

I see the funny clown and the fast slippery slide. By Sebastien

I can see the Ferris wheel spinning as fast as lightning. I can see the fiery clouds fade to grey. By William

I heard the amazing fire crackling. By Pippa

I heard the grey, white whale. By Xen

The huge, white polar bear looked down at the wide-mouthed, dark brown cane frog and growled really loudly. By Bianca

SECONDARY REWARDS DAY AT SEAFORTH

On the last day of term, Friday 18th September, we are going to take the secondary students who have been doing the 'right thing' to Seaforth for the day. We have lots of fun activities planned including fishing, beach volleyball, sandcastle making competition and swimming. We will have a barbeque lunch, but students will need to bring their own morning tea and a bottle of water. The corner store will also be open for students to access during the day. We are unsure if we will be going swimming in the enclosure but if the tides and weather permit, this will be an option for the students. Please bring along a sunsafe swim shirt and sunscreen. We are hoping that all students will participate in this day as it is a good way to finish the term and a chance for the students and teachers to interact outside the classroom. Students are asked to pay \$15 each to go towards the bus for the trip to Seaforth and back and for the lunch. Please complete the permission/medical forms sent home and return to the office.

Please be aware that if your child has been on an orange card any time this semester or is currently on a green card, they are not invited to attend the Seaforth Rewards Day. A school wide decision has been made this term that students who have failed to hand in assessment pieces may also have their invitation to rewards day withdrawn. These students will remain at school to work on completing any outstanding assessment pieces. A teacher will be remaining at school to supervise these students. Students have received letters to advise them that their class teacher has indicated that they currently have an outstanding assessment item. If these are not handed in by Wednesday 16th September, their invitation to Rewards Day will be withdrawn. Please remember that if your child has any outstanding resource fees they are not eligible to attend Rewards Day.

PRIMARY SWIMMING TERM 4

Learn to Swim, Water Safety and Stroke Correction lessons for students in year prep to year 6 will commence Term 4, weeks 1-10 (6th October to 11th December 2015).

All students are expected to participate in this part of the curriculum. A student will only be exempt from swimming under special circumstances such as medical reasons and will need to provide a note. If your child has a sore or open wound, then for health and safety reasons they will not be permitted to swim.

Lessons will be conducted over Term 4 as follows:

	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY
CLASS	Year 1/2/3	Prep / 1	Year 3/4/5	Year 5/6
SESSION TIME	1:50pm – 3:00pm	1:50pm – 3:00pm	9:00am – 9:50am	9:50am – 10:45am

Please ensure your child is prepared for swimming each week with the following items labelled where possible:



- Towel
- Togs (preferably one piece for girls)
- Sunsafe shirt or t-shirt
- Plastic bag
- Additional underwear if necessary

It is preferable that girls with long hair have it tied up or bring a swimming cap. Students are to wear their normal school uniform and change at the start of their lessons.

Permission and medical forms have been sent home and please ensure they have been returned to the office before the start of Term 4.

HOME-BASED BUSINESS GRANTS PROGRAM

The Queensland Government through the Department of Tourism, Major Events and Small Business is offering grants to stay-at-home parents to establish or grow home-based businesses as part of Queensland Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow. Funding of up to \$5,000 (excluding GST) will be provided to each successful applicant in two stages. Any stay-at-home parent who operates or plans to operate a home-based business can apply. Applications close *24 September 2015*. Please visit <https://www.dtesb.qld.gov.au/small-business/home-based-business-grants-program> for more information and the online application form.

The MyNAP Study

Does your child have trouble sleeping and have a diagnosis of ADHD?

An international research team, including researchers from The University of Queensland and Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, is undertaking a study to look at the effectiveness of Melatonin in helping children who have a diagnosis of ADHD, are currently treated with stimulant medication, and are experiencing sleep difficulties, particularly getting to sleep.

This study is designed in a way that it can help provide information for individuals, and also group information. This information will be useful in determining if melatonin has a significant effect on sleep for your child.

Every child will receive both melatonin and placebo (identical dummy tablets) so that we can compare their response to melatonin with their response to the dummy tablet, and decide if melatonin works for them or not. It is not the usual trial where some people get active and some people get dummy tablets. This is an individual medication effectiveness test, where each child and family and their doctor will get a report at the end of the trial about whether melatonin works for them. Results from this study can be given to your doctor to help in treatment planning for your child.

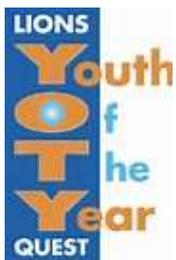
Here are two links that give further information about the study.

<https://www.uq.edu.au/news/article/2015/06/melatonin-offers-hope-adhd-bedtime-shut-eye>

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/296310.php>.



LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR



Lions Youth of the Year is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. A high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement is sought in its potential winners. By emphasising these qualities it hopes to provide outstanding role models for the youth of Australia and an overall increase in the confidence of young men and women. 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/yoty

HAWKER SCHOLARSHIP

The 2016 Charles Allan Seymour (CAS) Hawker Scholarships open on Monday 7th December 2015 and will close on Friday 8th January 2016. The CAS Hawker Scholarship is one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate and post-graduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to \$45,000 over 3 years. Information about the CAS Hawker Scholarship and an application form are available at www.hawkerscholarship.org or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees in Adelaide on (08) 8127 1654.

WANTED SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If anyone has any second-hand uniform shirts available (sizes 6, 10 and 18-20), could they please contact Trisha Matthews on 0423 342 970.

CALEN SENIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Calen Senior Tennis Association Inc. is hosting another Social Tennis Event on Saturday October 17 commencing at 3pm. BBQ tea and refreshments will be on sale. A fee for tennis applies and there will be snap raffles, games and music to add to the fun. Everybody welcome!



CALEN & DISTRICT RED CROSS JUMBLE SALE

Thursday 29th and Friday 30th October 2015

RSL Hall Calen from 9:00am until 12 noon



Items for sale include mens, boys, ladies, girls, children and infant clothing. Kitchen, bathroom and bedroom items (includes curtains, linen and doonas). Also for sale are all types of household odds and ends. Bags of rags will be for sale at \$1kg. Items for the sale may be dropped at the RSL Hall on Tuesday 27th October or on days of the sale. Items may also be left at the home of Mrs Joyce Brown. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday 27th October to help set up and price items. We would appreciate your help any time after 9:30am. Thank you. Any enquiries, please call 49588052 or 49588169.

FOR SALE

2007 Toyota Yaris sedan (red)

One owner

Comes with 12 months rego, mags, low profile tyres and tinted windows.

In good order \$7,000

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12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (15YRS - OPENS) COST \$25
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