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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wednesday, 6th August

2025 Term 3

#### Principal's Message

It's been a great start to Term 3! We

greatly appreciate parents taking the opportunity to meet with teachers over the last two weeks to discuss the progress of their child/children. Research shows that the most successful schools engage students, parents, carers and the community as partners in supporting student learning and wellbeing. When working together, we all benefit and most importantly we are making a difference for our children.

This is a very special year for Calen District State College. We look forward to celebrating our centenary with you all over two fun-filled days of events later this term:





- Friday 29 August at 9:30am for the school tour and morning tea, led by Mr Brian O'Neill and our School Captains. This will be an opportunity to hear about how the school has changed over the many years and view our memorabilia in the library. Please RSVP to gmath7@eq.edu.au if you plan to attend.
- Friday 29 August at 6:30pm for our Cocktail Dinner in the CPA. You can book your ticket at www.trybooking.com/ddpzr
- Saturday 30 August from 10am to view memorabilia, children's entertainment, BBQ, special guest speakers, cake cutting and cent sale. It's going to be a blast!

Have you heard we're in the running to be Star's School of the Year!?!

We need your votes to win \$10,000!!

#### You can vote every day up until Thursday 14 August

https://www.star1019.com.au/win/stars-school-of-the-year-voting/

What would we do with \$10,000??

#### give Every Student the Chance to Thrive

At Calen District State College, every student matters—and with the help of Star's School of the Year prize money, we're ready to take bold steps to support their growth. These projects promote equity, engagement, and lifelong learning.



#### 1. Prep Playground Upgrade N

Starting school should feel safe and exciting. An upgraded playground will give our youngest learners a space to build confidence, friendships, and imagination through play. In our small rural setting, this is a vital investment in wellbeing and early development.

### 2. Launching an Agricultural Program

Rooted in a farming community, our students deserve learning that reflects their world. A hands-on agricultural program will offer real skills in sustainability, animal care, and horticulture, while building pride in local industry and connection to future careers.

#### 3. Supporting Transport for Enrichment =

Whether it's robotics, HPV racing or school camp, enrichment activities fuel growth—but distance makes participation hard. Funding bus costs means every student, regardless of location or means, can access these transformative opportunities.

#### At Calen, we may be small—but our vision for our students is big!

# School **Opinion Survey**

#### **School Opinion Survey**

This year's School Opinion Survey runs from 28 July to 22 August. Parents, carers, students in selected year levels, and staff have been emailed a link to participate. Your feedback will help us understand our school's strengths and areas for improvement. Survey responses are confidential. Find out more on the School Opinion Survey webpage or contact school administration.

#### Ready for the Future Year 10 students and parents

Mark your calendar for our Subject Selection Night. senior years of schooling are crucial for postsecondary success. Year 11 and 12 are focused on preparing every student for their future and supporting their positive transitions from school onto their next steps into further education and/or employment.

We strongly urge all Year 10 students and their parents to attend this evening. We will explain how curriculum changes and the requirements essential achieve their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), as well as opportunities to support their transition beyond school.

#### NAIDOC Celebration - the strength and value of cultural connection and respect

Did you know that 20% of our students are Aboriginal

and/or Torres Strait Islander?

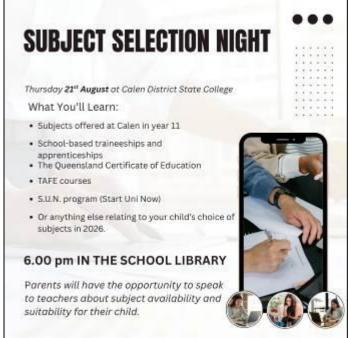
We respect and value the diversity within our community. On Monday 21 July we celebrated NAIDOC Week. It was a very meaningful and successful event for our school community. From engaging in the traditional art and dance workshops to trying new foods and encouraging our students to do the same. It was a respectful and culturally rich experience. Our quests were particularly impressed by the excellent behaviour by the students and commented on

how often they were thanked throughout the day.

Our guests, John, David and Jon Jon prepared the Kup-Murri (traditional lunch) for our school, As this is considered men's business, their involvement was both culturally significant and deeply appreciated. They also went hunting to provide turtle and dugong which were shared as part of the Kup-Murri and done respectfully and lawfully under a permit. Traditional hunting is based on knowledge that has been passed down through generations, including when, where, and how to hunt in a way that respects the land and its animals. It follows cultural protocols and is done under legal permits, which are only granted when specific guidelines are met. While some animals involved may be protected under general circumstances, Traditional Owners are granted limited rights under the law to hunt certain species for cultural purposes. These practices are carried out with great care, ensuring sustainability, respect, and the continued health of animal populations.

## **Tamra Murray**

**Principal** 



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# **Chappy's News**

Over the past six weeks, a small but dedicated group of students have been preparing for the Whitsunday STEM Challenge. They spent their time building and programming robots, decorating them, and creating props.

There were two teams working on two separate challenges. One team entered the "On Stage Performance" category, which required multiple robots in costume, moving in time to music or telling a story. This team came second by just one point after completing an interview with the judges and performing three times. Their performance told the story of a princess who is stolen by a dragon and rescued by a gallant knight on horseback.

The second team built and programmed two robots to play soccer. These robots had to detect the ball, manoeuvre it into the goal, and defend their own goal against the opposing team. In a nail-biting final that ended 1–1 at full time, the game went into extra time. The Calen team scored a golden goal to secure the win and bring home the trophy.

Congratulations to all the students for their resilience in preparing their robots and tackling the challenges on the day!



#### **Winter Uniform**

Just a reminder of our winter school uniform policy:

- Black trousers or black jeans
- Black jumper

Thank you for helping us maintain a consistent and professional appearance.

# **School Fees**

Full school fees are now due, except for payment plans. There are many outstanding fees from families. We would appreciate you finalising this payment as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty paying these fees, please contact the office.



#### Children's Handwriting Winners

Grade 2 Girl - 2nd Jessica

Grade 2 Boy - 2nd Kingston

Grade 3 Girl - Highly Recommended Shirley

Grade 3 Boy - 1st Zeethyn

- 2nd Nate

Grade 5 Boy - 2nd Hunter

Grade 6 Boy - 2nd Ashton



#### Children's Art Winners

Grade 2 - 3rd - Nate

Grade 3 - High Achiever - Allison

#### Children's Craft Winners

#### Decorated Box or Pot

3rd - Colton

#### Pottery/Clay Creation

1st - Braxton

3rd - Zaylia

High Achiever - Lyla

#### Collage/Painting

3rd Rebecca



# 100 YEARS OF CALEN DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE 29<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST



# FRIDAY 29TH

9.30AM -SCHOOL TOUR AND MORNING TEA (rsvp-gmath7@eq.edu.au)

6.30PM-COCKTAIL DINNER \$70
HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DDPZR

# SATURDAY 30TH

10.00AM UNTIL 1.00PM- OFFICIAL DUTIES CAKE CUTTING- MEMORABILIA DISPLAY KIDS ENTERTAINMENT (ARM BAND \$15) BBQ, FOOD AND BAR

> 1.00PM- CENT SALE \$7 LUCKY DOOR PRIZE- RAFFLE AFTERNOON TEA







#### **PREP German**

This term, the Prep class is learning how to describe a favourite toy or mascot in German. This could be a soft toy, animal, or similar item.

To support this learning, we kindly ask that parents send their Prep child to school each Thursday for the remainder of the term with a small mascot or toy. Ideally, the toy should have visible features like eyes and ears, as we'll be learning how to describe these in German. Students will use their own toy as the basis for forming German sentences during class activities.

We're looking forward to meeting all the new mascots!

Mr Keeble



# **DATE CLAIMERS**

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair	1 <sup>st/2nd</sup> Boat Licence -secondary	
7 <sup>th</sup> Careers Market	students	Birthday
11 <sup>th</sup> Mental Health Fitness		6 <sup>th</sup> Term 4 commences
Talks Year 8/9	22 <sup>nd</sup> September Holidays	
16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> HPV Emerald	commence	
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Scholastic Book Fair		
20thSchool Photos		
29 <sup>th</sup> Calen DSC Centenary		
30 <sup>th</sup> Calen DSC Centenary		

School photos are Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August.



#### NAIDOC Week 2025 - Celebrating Strength, Vision & Legacy

This year, our school proudly celebrated NAIDOC Week under the theme "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy." This theme recognises the achievements of the past and looks ahead to a bright future, shaped by young leaders and guided by the wisdom of ancestors.

Students across all year levels took part in a variety of meaningful cultural activities. Primary students enjoyed an engaging Traditional Dance workshop led by Seba Bourne and Palai Mabo. High school students participated in a lino printing workshop led by Tasha Majid, creating artwork inspired by culture and symbolism. Students also collaborated to design and paint a school NAIDOC banner, which now hangs proudly as a symbol of unity, respect, and learning.

We were honoured to have John, David and Jon Jon prepare a Kup-Murri for our school community. Taking the day off work to support our celebration, their involvement, considered men's business, was both culturally significant and deeply appreciated. Over the weekend, they also went hunting to provide turtle and dugong for the meal, done respectfully and lawfully under a cultural permit.

Traditional hunting is guided by deep cultural knowledge passed down through generations, including when, where, and how to hunt in ways that honour both land and animal. While some species involved may be protected under general laws, Traditional Owners are granted limited rights to hunt certain animals for cultural purposes. These practices follow strict legal and cultural protocols, ensuring they are carried out with sustainability, care, and respect.

We extend our deepest thanks to all involved in helping us celebrate NAIDOC Week and acknowledge the strength of the next generation as they carry forward a proud and enduring legacy.





# Calen District State College



#### STUDENT DRESS CODE

All Prep to Year 12 students are to be dressed in the correct uniform at all times. This includes extra-curricular situations that require our students to act as representatives of our school. Our Student Dress Code is supported and endorsed by our P & C.

The Calen District State College school community expects students to wear the uniform without alterations or additions. Our uniform, which has been chosen in consultation with students, staff and parents, is worn in the interests of school spirit and identity and allows all students to participate in all school activities in a comfortable and safe manner.

Students are not to wear jewellery apart from a watch, a flat signet ring, 2 x plain studs or sleepers in ears – no other body piercing is permitted. Make-up and nail polish is not to be worn at school.

Students are required to wear black shoes with impervious uppers (eg leather) Jogger style shoes with leather uppers are ideal and can be purchased at most shoe stores.

Students are required to wear either the school hat or a wide-brimmed hat during any outdoor activity.

#### **BOYS AND GIRLS UNIFORM**

#### ALL UNIFORMS CAN BE PURCHASED AT UNIFORM SOLUTIONS, 134/140 Diesel Drive, Paget. Phone 49 513 549

Shirt Black/green polyester polo shirt with Calen insignia and name on

<u>Shorts/Skorts</u> Black cotton school shorts with Calen insignia.

Alternatively, plain black shorts.

Shoes Black leather (jogger style).

Socks Plain white OR black ankle socks - NO trims.

Hats: Plain black, broad-brimmed preferred. The school hat is

available for purchase from the school office for \$20 each (cash only).

Winter Black trousers or black jeans – black jumper.

Tights and gym wear is not acceptable.



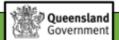
Sports Uniform

Yellow (Mercury) / Blue (Neptune) with Calen insignia.





Seniors (Years 6, 11 and 12 only)
Students are permitted to wear the senior shirt for their year level.



# **PRIMARY AWARDS**

S. Mary	PRIMARY AWARDS			
Year Level	Student	Positive Behaviour Award	Award Issued By	
02/03 Lev	Levi	For making a great start to Term 3 and following our 4 school wide expectations.	Mrs Caruana	
	Isabella	For doing an amazing job when ordering 5-digit numbers in ascending order.	Mrs Caruana	
	Katie	For providing lots of interesting details when writing your holiday recount.	Mrs Caruana	
	Winter	For writing a great persuasive paragraph that expressed your personal opinion.	Mrs Caruana	
	Allison	For doing a great job ordering 5-digit numbers in ascending and descending order.	Mrs Caruana	
Mylee Daniel Kingston	Mylee	For always trying hard and displaying persistence when learning new concepts.	Mrs Caruana	
	Daniel	For being a kind and caring classmate.	Mrs Caruana	
	Kingston	For being a kind and caring classmate.	Mrs Caruana	
	Jessica	For working hard in maths when learning to add two-digit numbers.	Mrs Caruana	
05-06	Calix	For making responsible choices at playtimes.	Mrs Welsh	
	Amber	For always being ready to learn, staying on task and actively listening.	Mrs Welsh	
	Khoast	For initiating and leading our brain breaks last term.	Mrs Welsh	

# **SECONDARY AWARDS**

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Year Level	Student	Positive Behaviour Award	Award Issued By		
07	Silvia	Great help tidying T.F.F units.	Ms Ward		
	Liam	Great help tidying T.F.F units.	Ms Ward		
	Tilly	Great help tidying T.F.F units.	Ms Ward		
	Arianna	Great help tidying T.F.F units.	Ms Ward		
	Ethan	Great help tidying T.F.F units.	Ms Ward		
	Benson	Great help tidying T.F.F units.	Ms Ward		
	Sarah	Great help tidying T.F.F units.	Ms Ward		
	Bailey	Highest mark in Ned Kelly reading comprehension task.	Ms Schroeder		
	Cade	Excellent results in Ned Kelly reading comprehension task.	Ms Schroeder		
	Tom	Excellent results in Ned Kelly reading comprehension task.	Ms Schroeder		
	Clayton	Excellent results in Ned Kelly reading comprehension task.	Ms Schroeder		
	Sarah	Excellent results in Ned Kelly reading comprehension task.	Ms Schroeder		
	Ella	Great Sportsmanship at the carnival.	Mrs Laird		
	Charlie	Great Sportsmanship at the carnival.	Mrs Laird		
	Tilly	Working well in Yr 7 German.	Mr Keeble		
	Charlie	Working well in Yr 7 German.	Mr Keeble		
	Cade	Working well in Yr 7 German.	Mr Keeble		
	Silvia	Working well in Yr 7 German.	Mr Keeble		
	Arianna	Working well in Yr 7 German.	Mr Keeble		
	Ashley	Working well in Yr 7 German.	Mr Keeble		
	Sarah	Working well in Yr 7 German.	Mr Keeble		
	Clayton	Working well in Yr 7 German.	Mr Keeble		
	Jai	Working well in Yr 7 German.	Mr Keeble		
	Tyson	Working hard in HPE.	Mr Lyons		
08	Rebecca	Working excellent in class.	Mrs Donovan		
	Emmie	Maths worker of the week.	Mrs Gardner		
	California	Maths worker of the week.	Mrs Gardner		
	Rebecca	Maths worker of the week.	Mrs Gardner		

	Emily	Maths worker of the week.	Mrs Gardner
	Ту	Maths worker of the week.	Mrs Gardner
	Courtney	Ensuring all work is completed.	Mr Bauer
	Courtney	Showing great leadership to other students.	Mrs Donovan
	Taneesha	Working excellent in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Cadence	Working excellent in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Jazy	Working excellent in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Taneesha	Helping other students complete projects.	Ms Ward
	Lacie	Helping other students complete projects.	Ms Ward
	Deacon	Maths worker of the week.	Mrs Gardner
	Jazy	Maths worker of the week.	Mrs Gardner
	•	Maths worker of the week.  Maths worker of the week.	Mrs Gardner
Cadence Lacie Tarni			
		Scientific Notation Super Star in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
		Scientific Notation Super Star in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
	Jazy	Scientific Notation Super Star in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
	Tessa	Scientific Notation Super Star in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
Cadence Mikayla Taneesha		Scientific Notation Super Star in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
		Scientific Notation Super Star in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
		Scientific Notation Super Star in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
	Meila	Scientific Notation Super Star in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
	Tarni	Working hard to improve in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
10	Lincoln	Maths Student of the week.	Mrs Gardner
	Noah	Maths worker of the week	Mrs Gardner
	Noah	Consistently ensuring his understanding of mathematical concepts.	Mrs Gardner
11	Daniel	Working excellent in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Isabelle	Maths Student of the week.	Mrs Gardner
	Jorja	Great preparation for café assessment.	Ms Ward
	Ella	Great preparation for café assessment.	Ms Ward
	Rhianna	Great preparation for café assessment.	Ms Ward
	Lilly	Great preparation for café assessment.	Ms Ward
	Declan	Great Sportsmanship at the carnival.	Mrs Laird
	Cooper	Excellent result in Accounting.	Mrs Spreadborough
	Isabelle	Maths worker of the week.	Mrs Gardner
	Isabelle	Working independently & ensuring understanding in General Maths.	Mrs Gardner
12	Ella	Great Sportsmanship at the carnival.	Mrs Laird
	Josh	Working hard in Sport & Rec.	Mr Lyons
	Logan	Maths worker of the week.	Mrs Gardner
	Justine	Working independently & ensuring understanding in General Maths	Mrs Gardner
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	Isabella	Maths.	
	Logan	Maths. Working independently in General Maths.	Mrs Gardner
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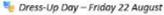
Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share that Children's Book Week is just around the corner, running from Saturday 16 to Saturday 23 August. This year marks a very special milestone, as the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrates 80 years of inspiring young minds through the magic of storytelling.

The 2025 theme is "Book an Adventure!", and we invite all our students to embrace the wonder of books and the endless journeys they offer.

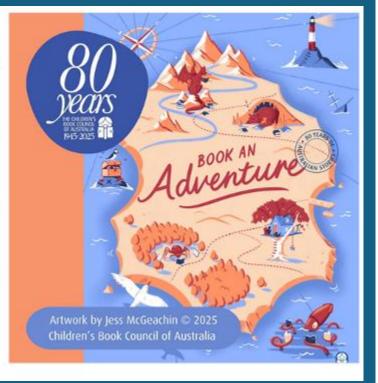
#### Annual Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be held in the library throughout Book Week, providing students and families the opportunity to explore and purchase a wide selection of books. It's a fantastic chance to build home libraries and nurture a lifelong love of reading.



To mark the occasion in true Book Week spirit, we'll be holding a Dress-Up Day on Friday 22 August. Students are encouraged to come dressed as a character that reflects the theme "Book an Adventure!" This might be an explorer, time-traveller, fantasy creature, or any adventurous figure from their favourite stories.

Let's come together to celebrate reading, creativity, and the power of imagination!





# Are you expecting a baby?

Child Youth and Family Health Service presents

The 4th Trimester
What to expect in the first 3 months

# **Parenting Class**



After birth, what to expect, how to prepare, breastfeeding, sleep, settling, hygiene, infant development, mental health and supports.

This is a two-part parenting group, where attendance at both sessions in the chosen month is recommended.

Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

June – 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>
July – 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
August – 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>
September – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
October – 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Free to all expecting parents & caregivers who hold a current Medicare card.

40 Carlyle Street Mackay
Carlyle Community Health Centre
Bookings required – Phone 48857750









