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## PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

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I can't believe we are in Week 4 of Term 2 already. It has been an extremely busy term and a half, but also very enjoyable. In this newsletter, Brian and I would like to bring everyone up-to-date with some big-ticket items that are having or will have an effect on our school and in particular, student learning and engagement.

### Deputy Principal Position

As the school had been allocated a deputy principal, Brian ran a recruitment process at the end of Term 1. We are delighted to have Mr Pree Jeewandara starting at Calen next week. Pree was the deputy principal up at Doomadgee State School.

### Message from Mr O'Neill

I wish to advise that I will be on leave for a large part of the rest of the year. Later this month, I need to have surgery to have something cut out of the top of my head. When I recover from this, I have two further surgical procedures. Some of you may be aware that I have been having regular injections in my eyes to treat the swelling and bleeding at the back of the macula. Added to this condition, I have also been diagnosed as having cataracts in both eyes and my vision has been deteriorating rapidly. The surgeon could not operate until the bleeding and swelling were under control. They are now under control and I am scheduled for surgery next month.

My new theme song is going to be "I can see clearly now." However, don't expect to hear me sing it – I am tone deaf!

My leave next semester is designed to assist me to travel the state to support the principals of the other eighty-three combined sector (P-10 and P-12) schools around the state, and present papers at conferences in Normanton, the Torres Straits and Costa Rica. Taking leave will permit me to accept these invitations without interrupting the school. In addition, it will also permit me to work on PHD research and thesis.

However, I will still be around – I love this school and everyone associated with it. I intend to be here to assist in orientating our new deputy principal, Pree into the school, continue to work with the debating teams (although Pree Jeewandara and Alli Luckel have volunteered to assist) and work with the staff.

### Student attendance -why does it matter?

Regular school attendance gives students a better chance at life. Students achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day because:

- they have increased access to learning opportunities
- they maintain friendships
- they stay connected to their learning

- they develop self-efficacy as a learner
- they have better long-term life outcomes.

The school is working extremely hard to ensure all of our students have equality through having access to high quality and engaging learning in a safe, supportive environment. If your child doesn't attend, they can't access it. Here are some statistics from the first 13 weeks of school:

- Our overall attendance rate is 89.2% (slightly higher than similar P-12 schools)
- 54 of our students have less than 85% attendance rate. (16 primary and 38 secondary). Of these students, there are 13 primary and 25 secondary students whose attendance is below 80% (they are missing on average one day per week)
- We have 37 primary and 28 secondary students who have an attendance rate of between 95-100%.

Even though our overall student attendance is pretty good, we will continue to work diligently in this space to ensure all of students have the same learning opportunities. The first part of this is to enable all students to attend.

### School Review

Thank you to all the parents and carers who participated in our School Review at the end of Term 1. The reviewers looked closely at our school's performance data, and teaching and learning curriculum documentation, and spoke with a wide range of staff, students, parents, carers and community members to get an accurate picture of the school.

Yesterday we received the final Review Report from the review team. We will be working through the report with staff and our Assistant Regional Director too so our school's new 4-year strategic plan can be developed. The Review Report will be available on our school website later in Week 7.

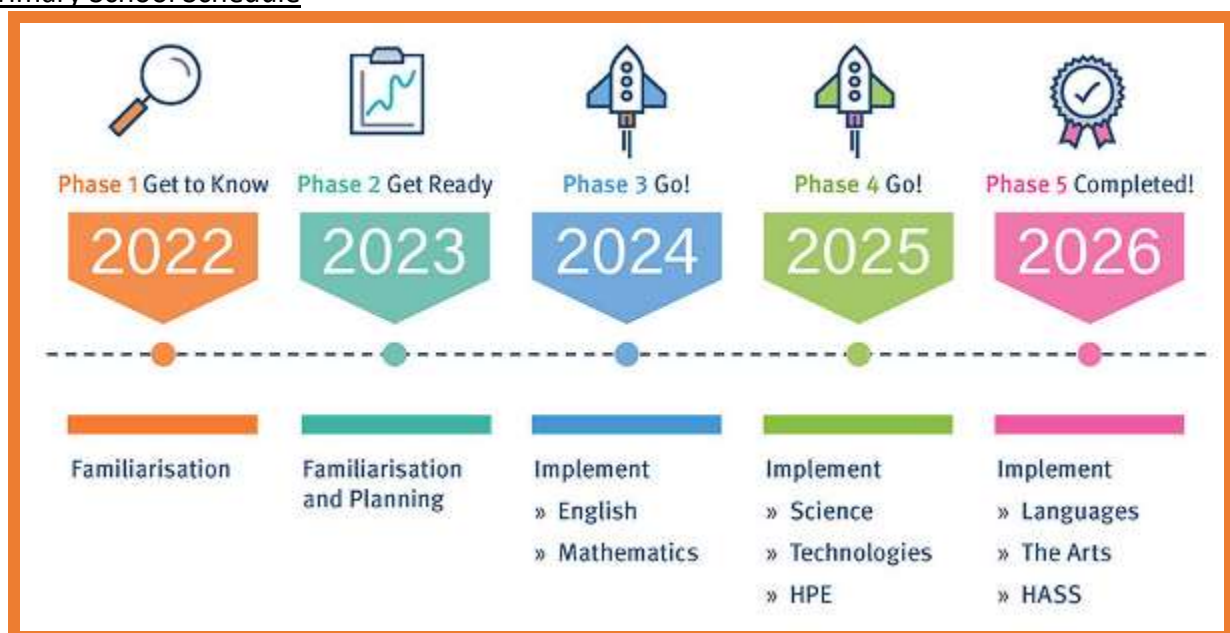
### Updated Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum sets out, through content descriptions and achievement standards, what students should be taught and achieve, as they progress through school. All our lesson plans and units of work are derived from the Australian Curriculum.

In June 2022, the Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, Grace Grace announced the department expectations for using the updated Australian Curriculum in Queensland schools.

A staged implementation schedule for P-6 was released to ensure a smooth transition to the updated curriculum in reasonable timeframes, considering the workload of teachers. For our secondary school, we are in the process of developing an implementation schedule to ensure that all learning areas of Version 9 of the Australian Curriculum (ACV9) are implemented by the end of 2026.

### Our Primary School Schedule



## Our P-10 School Schedule

We can make local decisions about the timing of implementation and is using 2023 as a familiarisation year. When making decisions about which learning areas and year levels we will first focus on, we need to consider school and departmental priorities, continuity of learning for students, and teacher workload, particularly for teachers working across multiple learning areas.



Our teachers have been undertaking internal and external professional learning to familiarise themselves with the updated curriculum. Our 2023 in-school professional learning schedule includes the planning and implementation of the updated learning areas within the Australian Curriculum.

Jim O'Brien  
Principal

Brian O'Neill  
Principal

## **100% Attendance**

Congratulations to students who received certificates for 100% attendance during Term 1. All students received a lanyard. The following 5 lucky students won the lucky draw, and received a \$5 canteen voucher each – Lyla, Charlie, Benji, Nate and Chad.





## Mother's Day



What a great time was had with our Mums, Aunts and Grandmas last Friday afternoon at our 'Paint and Sip' Mother's Day special.

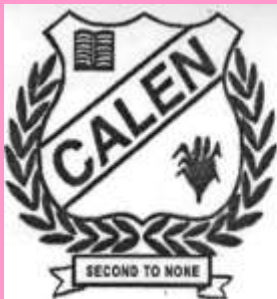
Special thanks to Angela Danks, who delivered the afternoon. We all had so much fun. I would like to thank all parents/carers for a fantastic afternoon.

Hanna Atherstone

## Year 12 Mother's Day raffle

Year 12 parents/carers

Please return your Mother's Day raffle tickets and money to the office. Students are reminded to bring in a 'treat' item for the third prize basket.



**Calen District State College**

**Year 12 Formal Fundraiser 2023**

***Mother's Day Raffle***

***1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$300.00 CASH***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$80.00 Gift Basket donated by Simply Devine***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Treat Basket donated by Year 12 Form Class***

**Drawn: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**\$2.00 a ticket**

# WALK ON YUWIBARA COUNTRY



On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March the Year Six students from the Northern Highway Cluster Schools participated in "Walk on Yuwibara Country" at Cape Hillsborough. Upon arrival the students participated in a 'Welcome to Country' and 'Set Circle'. The children were then divided into three groups and rotated activities throughout the day. These activities included a boardwalk guided tour, writing their own personal Acknowledgement of Country; and learning about different plants and their uses.



Thank you to everyone who attended the day, especially to all of the Aunties who ran each activity. The students enjoyed the day and learnt lots about Yuwibara Country.

The whole school Athletics Carnival is on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June.



## DATE CLAIMERS

MAY	June	JULY
26 <sup>th</sup> ....National Sorry Day 26 <sup>th</sup> ....Under 8's Day 29 <sup>th</sup> ...Chess Competition – MCC	9 <sup>th</sup> .... Athletics Day 22 <sup>nd</sup> ...Mackay Show Holiday 23 <sup>rd</sup> ...Northern Highway Cluster – Athletics Day 23 <sup>rd</sup> ....Cape Hillsborough – Primary Excursion 23 <sup>rd</sup> .... End of Term 2	10 <sup>th</sup> ..... Term 3 resumes 12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> ...Whitsunday Voices

### Additional Date claimers

- 5<sup>th</sup> June – QCWA International Day, 120 McIntyre Street, Calen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Springtime Festival – St Helen's Bowls Club

### Chappy's Chat



Hi again from Chappy. This term has been busy supporting students in a variety of ways. I have spent lots of time in the woodwork room assisting students work on their toy cars, bird boxes and general tool skills. We have been very fortunate to have the Beaconsfield Men's Shed sharpen our chisels. Past Principal, Mr Ray Turvey and his team spent 12 hours giving them a good make over.

The College has been invited to attend the Whitsunday STEM Challenge in June. We are borrowing some equipment in order to participate and get a taste of what robotics can add to the exciting learning opportunities at Calen District State College. The photo shows Travis and Logan with basic training robots that they will eventually transform into autonomous soccer bots that will be programmed to play soccer against 2 other robots. We will keep you updated on our progress.

I am onsite every Wednesday and Friday to support students and staff in any way I can. My role is to provide academic, social, emotional and spiritual support to our college community. If you, or your children want to call in for a chat, I would be very happy to spend some time getting to know you and provide whatever support I can.

If you have any concerns about the social or emotional health of your children, please call the College and ask for Chappy, or the Guidance Officer or the Youth Worker to get back to you, or organise an appointment.

Have a great week,  
Chappy

## Thanks to Doug Gardner

Special thanks to Doug Gardner for addressing our Year 11/12 HRE class last week. Doug presented a very informative and eye-opening session to our students and gave us a good understanding of the importance of organ donation.

Danielle Ward

## National Sorry Day



**May 26 is National Sorry Day.**

On this day, we commemorate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families under government policies during the Assimilation era (officially 1910-70).

Those children stolen from their families have become known as the Stolen Generations. Many survivors have provided an account of the violence they endured and the ongoing pain they experience as they try to find their families. While some have managed to find their families, many have not. This has left an indelible pain that resonates in all aspects of their lives.

The exact number of children who were removed may never be known. However, there are very few families who have been left unaffected. In some families, children from three or more generations were taken.

On this day, we acknowledge the ongoing grief and loss experienced by many individuals and families, and we recognise the pain and intergenerational trauma that continues.

Regards

Dot Donovan

## P & C News

Welcome back to Term 2 from the P & C. We hope to see you all again this term. We would welcome any new faces. Our monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, commencing 3:15pm in the staffroom. If you are unable to attend and would like to keep up to date with what we are doing, you can become a member and receive monthly emails with our minutes. We have a Facebook page to keep you up to date - follow us on Calen District State College P & C.

We have had some exciting things happen over the school holidays. A big thank you to two of our dads - Anthony and Gert who installed our new school sign at the front of the school.

Last term, the P & C funded a bus in order for students to participate in a chess competition. We have had some builders look over our BBQ area and canteen. We are hoping to bring some new upgrades to this area. We are excited about adding some colour to our school with painted paths, murals and revamping gardens. If you have any ideas please come along and share them with us, alternatively message us on Facebook.

On the note of our school gardens, we would like to share something the students have been able to identify at our school. We have some native, stingless bees living nearby including a possible rare species. The students have been engaged in learning about them with Mr Bauer in their spare time and we would like to let everyone know that the 20<sup>th</sup> of May is World Bee Day.

At our last P & C meeting we had a wonderful \$100 gift card donation to the school's breakfast club. This was kindly donated by the Calen QCWA ladies. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.


Just a reminder that the North Jacklin Motor group fundraiser is on again. If you would like to help the school raise some much-needed funds, and possibly win a Mitsubishi ASX valued at \$33,000, tickets were previously sent home with students and additional tickets are available at the school office.

Remember to mark on your calendars our Casino Night on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2023. This will be held in the CPA commencing at 4pm. To keep up to date with ticket release and other details, follow the Calen Casino Night Facebook page. Hope you all have a wonderful Term 2.






## PRIMARY AWARDS

 <b>PRIMARY AWARDS</b>			
Year Level	Student	Positive Behaviour Award	Award Issued By
Prep/1	Keeva	For trying her best to stay on task.	Mrs Peach
	Dom	Working hard to know his sounds.	Mrs Peach
	Allison	A great effort towards her learning.	Mrs Peach
	Dusty	For beautiful listening at parade.	Mrs Peach
	Kingston	For being an engaged learner and great effort with 'Word' reading.	Mrs Peach
	Daniel	For being an engaged learner and great effort with 'Word' reading	Mrs Peach
	Ivy	For being an engaged learner and great effort with 'Word' reading	Mrs Peach
01-02	Darcy	For being an engaged learner and great effort with 'Word' reading	Mrs Peach
	Maddie	For getting 60/60 on your adjacent consonant spelling test.	Mrs Caruana
	Rayna	For showing a positive attitude towards learning to read.	Mrs Caruana
	Cora	For showing great improvement in handwriting.	Mrs Caruana
02-03	Nate	For actively participating in all class learning.	Mrs Caruana
	Sylas	For challenging himself to achieve higher than his expectations in all learning areas.	Mrs Welsh
04-05	Zaylia	Great role models – always willing to give a helping hand.	Mrs Atherstone
	Lyla	Great role models – always willing to give a helping hand	Mrs Atherstone
	Hannah	Great role models – always willing to give a helping hand	Mrs Atherstone
	Amber	Great role models – always willing to give a helping hand	Mrs Atherstone
	Liam	Showing courage and not giving up during completion of assessment tasks. Great work!	Mrs Atherstone
	Sophie	Showing courage and not giving up during completion of assessment tasks. Great work!	Mrs Atherstone
	Jack	Showing courage and not giving up during completion of assessment tasks. Great work!	Mrs Atherstone
	Xander	Showing courage and not giving up during completion of assessment tasks. Great work!	Mrs Atherstone
	Mia	Great effort – actively participating	Mrs Hall
	Sophie	Great effort – actively participating in class	Mrs Hall
	Zaylia	Great effort – actively participating in class	Mrs Hall
	Emily	Great effort – actively participating in class	Mrs Hall
	Xander	Great effort – actively participating in class	Mrs Hall
	05-06	Rebecca	Providing fantastic assistance with one of Mrs Atherstone's project.
Tara		Providing fantastic assistance with one of Mrs Atherstone's project	Mrs Rankin
Chad		Providing fantastic assistance with one of Mrs Atherstone's project	Mrs Rankin
Tom		Always managing class time wisely to complete tasks to a pleasing standard.	Mrs Rankin

## SECONDARY AWARDS

 <b>SECONDARY AWARDS</b>			
Year Level	Student	Positive Behaviour Award	Award Issued By
07	Charli	Working hard in English.	Miss Luckel
	Josh	Working hard in English.	Miss Luckel
	Vanna	Showing kindness and empathy.	Miss Luckel
	Cadence	Showing kindness and empathy.	Miss Luckel
	Rylie	Working hard in English.	Miss Luckel
	Jazy	Working hard in English.	Miss Luckel
	08	Jett	Focused in class.
Jett		First to finish his backpack.	Ms Ward
Kaspa		Participating in Business lessons.	Miss Luckel
Cooper		Science Student of the Week	Mr Bauer
Phillip		Being thoughtful and sharing in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
Mika		Excellent progress in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
Taitum		Motivated attitude in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
Talia		Student of the Week - Design and Technology	Mrs Laird
Mika		Student of the Week - Science	Mr Bauer
Phillip		Fantastic effort in completing his assessment	Mr Roberts
9		Xander	Great presentation of class work.
	Bianca	Helping with PBL Rewards	Mrs Gardner
	Rhianna	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Zach	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Ryan	Outstanding helpers at the swimming carnival.	Ms Ward
	Isabelle	Helping trial a recipe in Home Economics.	Ms Ward
	Heidi	Helping trial a recipe in Home Economics.	Ms Ward
	Isabelle	First to finish her boxer shorts.	Mrs Gardner

	Heidi	First to finish her boxer shorts.	Mrs Gardner
	Lily	Motivated attitude in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
	Ella	Motivated attitude in Maths.	Mrs Gardner
	Taitum	Striving for excellence in History.	Miss Luckel
	Zach	Striving for excellence in History.	Miss Luckel
	Xander	Striving for excellence in History.	Miss Luckel
	Cooper J	Student of the Week - Graphics	Mrs Laird
	Bailey	Student of the Week - Shop A	Mrs Laird
	Baylee	Student of the Week - Science	Mr Bauer
	Ryan	Top effort in class in preparation for his exam	Mr Roberts
10	Kaylen	Working hard in English.	Miss Luckel
	Travis	Focused in class.	Mr Bauer
	Lily	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Justine	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Ella	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Ella	Outstanding helpers at the swimming carnival.	Ms Ward
	Isabella	Working well in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Lily	Working well in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Travis	Working well in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Maddison	Working well in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Abbey	Working well in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Justine	Working well in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Ella	Working well in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Kaylen	Working hard on English assignment.	Miss Luckel
	Jordan	Working hard on English assignment.	Miss Luckel
	Isabella	Constructive thinking.	Mr Bauer
	Travis	Precise Engineering	Mr Bauer
	Logan R	Precise Engineering	Mr Bauer
	Tyler	Awesome effort in completing his assessment.	Mr Roberts
11	Amy	Helping with PBL Rewards.	Mrs Gardner
	Hunter	Helping with PBL Rewards	Mrs Gardner
	Tasha	Helping with PBL Rewards	Mrs Gardner
	Chloe	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Ella	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Hunter	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Zach	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Tasha	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Tasha	Outstanding helpers at the swimming carnival.	Ms Ward
	Emmersyn	Great first efforts as a Sports Captain.	Ms Ward
	Michael	Working well in Maths.	Mrs Donovan
	Will	Working well in Maths.	Mrs Donovan
	Jasmine	Working well in Maths.	Mrs Donovan
	Zac	Working well in Maths.	Mrs Donovan
	Bree	Working well in Maths.	Mrs Donovan
	Tasha	Working well in Maths.	Mrs Donovan
	Michael	Helping Mr Roberts putting up the lane ropes.	Mr Roberts
	Hayden	Helping Mr Roberts putting up the lane ropes.	Mr Roberts
12	Tom	Selling tickets for the school formal at Mackay Off-Road Challenge over Easter.	Mrs Durnsford
	Tasha	Selling tickets for the school formal at Mackay Off-Road Challenge over Easter.	Mrs Durnsford
	Chloe	Selling tickets for the school formal at Mackay Off-Road Challenge over Easter.	Mrs Durnsford
	Abbie	Helping with PBL Rewards	Mrs Gardner
	Alaura	Helping with PBL Rewards	Mrs Gardner
	Jack	Helping with PBL Rewards	Mrs Gardner
	Tom	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students.	Mr Roberts
	Lawson	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Emmersyn	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Alaura	Helping out with Cross Country and running with our Primary students	Mr Roberts
	Abbie	Exceptional help with the catering for the swimming carnival.	Ms Ward
	Alaura	Exceptional help with the catering for the swimming carnival.	Ms Ward
	Jack	Exceptional help with the catering for the swimming carnival.	Ms Ward
	Lawson	Exceptional help with the catering for the swimming carnival.	Ms Ward
	Angelo	Exceptional help with the catering for the swimming carnival.	Ms Ward
	Tom	Exceptional help with the catering for the swimming carnival.	Ms Ward
	Lawson	Student of the week – Senior Engineering	Mr Bauer
	Angelo	Helping Mr Roberts putting up the lane ropes.	Mr Roberts
	Emmersyn	Helping Mr Roberts putting up the lane ropes.	Mr Roberts
	Jeremy	Helping Mr Roberts putting up the lane ropes.	Mr Roberts
	Tom	Helping Mr Roberts putting up the lane ropes.	Mr Roberts
	Abbie	Helping Mr Roberts putting up the lane ropes.	Mr Roberts
	Jack	Helping Mr Roberts putting up the lane ropes.	Mr Roberts

## Cross Country Age Champions

Congratulations to the following students who won age champions for our annual Cross Country and Swimming Carnival.

2023					
Cross Country Age champions					
Primary Age Winners/Age Champions					
		Girls	House	Boys	House
5 years	2018	Keeva	N	Riley	N
6 years	2017	Kaitlyn	N	Cohen / Daniel	N
7 years	2016	Livi	M	Connor	N
8 years	2015	Jessica	M	Lane	M
9 years	2014	Lily	M	Tate	M
10 years	2013	Zaylia	M	Mitchell	M
11 years	2012	Ella	M	Bailey	N
12 years	2011	Meila	N	Harlem	N
Secondary Age Champions					
13 years	2010	Tessa	N	Trae	M
14 years	2009	Isabelle Larissa	N	Declan	N
15 years	2008	Rhianna	M	Travis	M
16 years	2007	Ella	M	Kaylen	M
17 years	2006	Tasha	M	Austin	M
18/19 years	2005/2004	Alaura	M	Rhys	N

Congratulations to Hayden who broke the following record:

18/19 years Boys breaststroke New Record 1.02.00 Old Record 1.02.67

## Swimming Carnival Age Champions

Age Group	Year	Boys	Girls
9 years	2014	Jack	Lily
10 years	2013	Mitchell	Emily
11 years	2012	Bailey Gordon	Ella
12 years	2011	Colton	Sammy
13 years	2010	Liam	Tessa
14 years	2009	Zach	Isabella
15 years	2008	Jordan	Abbey
16 years	2007	Tyler	Chloe
17 years	2006	Michael	Amy
18/19 years	2005/2004	Luke	



## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN—JOB OPPORTUNITIES



SU Australia, a Christian inter-denominational youth and children's organisation, invites applications for the position of Chaplain at the following schools. Applicants may have the option of working across more than one school.

### Hampden State School

Part time position.

Applicants need to demonstrate their suitability to provide support and care to young people. Training and experience in youth work or pastoral care required, as well as a Working with Children Check (Blue Card).

For more information, please contact:

**Greater Mackay Field Development Manager**  
**Sally Day**  
**Sally.day@su.org.au**  
0427006390

For the role description and to apply, head to:

[www.startchaplaincy.com](http://www.startchaplaincy.com)

1300DISASTER are proud to offer the 2023 Mackay School 1,000 CPR Challenge to the Mackay Region. This competition is open to primary and high school students from years 6 to 12, parents, teachers and businesses in the Mackay region, with the goal of assisting 1,000 students in learning life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Students will be provided assistance in gaining a Unique Student Identifier (USI) Number if they do not already have one, which is a great starting point in opportunities when it comes to gaining nationally recognised certificates for students in the future.

The primary AND high school with the highest enrolments into the challenge by **11:59pm on Friday, the 30th of June, 2023** will each receive \$5,000 to spend on first aid supplies, fire safety supplies, training, defibrillators or resilience upgrades for each winning primary and high school. \$10,000 will also be donated equally to The Bushfire Foundation Inc., a national charity and RACQ CQ Rescue - a vital service in our region. For each additional 1,000 students that enrol into the challenge, another \$5,000 will be awarded each to a runner-up primary and high school and \$10,000 to be distributed between two more local charities.

The school with the highest accuracy percentile in compression rate and depth on our Bluetooth connected CPR manikins will receive \$2,500 to spend on first aid supplies, fire safety supplies, training, defibrillators or resilience upgrades for the winning school.

So get your students, teachers, parents and business community involved for a cause and upgrades to the resilience of your school.

Proudly supported by The Bushfire Foundation Inc., and the National Animal Disaster Relief charities.



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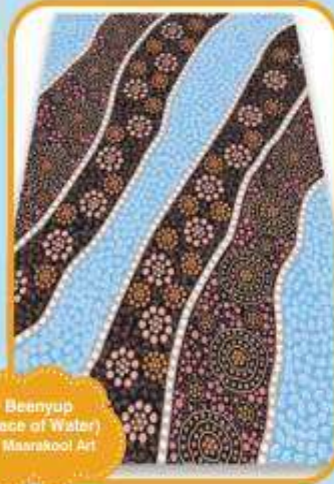
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My Country  
by Kamara Morgan



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## Vaping and young people, information for parents and carers.



While it's true that tobacco smoking has fallen out of favour amongst Australia's youth in recent years, they're taking up an increasingly popular and dangerous alternative: 'vaping'. The following resource was created to fill the knowledge gap around vaping and e-cigarettes, empowering parents and carers with the latest research and information to engage in meaningful conversations with their young people about the potential harms. As Australia's most trusted lung health charity, Lung Foundation Australia remains deeply concerned about the potentially large and avoidable burden of disease resulting from vaping and e-cigarette use amongst young people, and encourages parents and carers to help dissuade this harmful activity.

This resource <https://lungfoundation.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Factsheet-Vaping-and-Young-People-For-Parents-Jul2021.pdf> offers evidence-based information on vaping, its health, safety and legal issues in Australia, and the ways in which it presents a serious health risk to the body and lungs.

