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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Welcome

It's been a stop start beginning to Term 2, with 2 public holidays in the first 4 weeks. However, students are now in the flow of their learning, with engaging and focused lessons allowing them to be challenged, while at the same time having a safe learning environment to continue their learning journey.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who brought their children to march at the recent ANZAC Day parade. We had over 80 students march, as well as many staff. That was a fantastic effort and shows the high community spirit of Calen and district. I was sorry I missed the march but I had to visit my dad in Brisbane as he turned 90 on ANZAC Day.

Student attendance -why does it matter?

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 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 88.7% (slightly lower than similar P-12 schools)
- We have 75 students who have an attendance rate of between 95-100% (up from 65 at this time in 2023). That's a fantastic effort!
- 64 of our students have less than 85% attendance rate.

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

Updated Mobile Phone and Wearable Device Policy

We are now in the second term of having our updated Mobile Phone and Wearable Device policy. The purpose of the updated policy was to align with the Education Queensland advice titled: **Away for the day** - advice for state schools on student use of mobile devices and wearable devices (2023).

Phones are away during the school day. As parents and carers, you also play an important active role in helping your children have a safe and positive online experience. 'The Phones Away for the Day' website has a number of resources and strategies to help you be proactive in protecting your children online as well as ways you can support them if things do go wrong.

To find out more, visit qld.gov.au/PhonesAway.

Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Month

May is [Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month](#). Our school joins with all Queenslanders in saying 'No' to domestic and family violence.

Not all DFV involves physical abuse. [Coercive control](#) is a pattern of abusive, threatening behaviour aimed at controlling another person.

For help and resources visit the [Domestic and family violence website](#) or call DVConnect or 1800 RESPECT for 24/7 specialist advice and support.

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival is on Friday 7th June. The students have been practising their events during their HPE lessons. The staff are looking forward to catching up with many of you on the day. It's always a fun-filled carnival.

Jim O'Brien
Principal

PBL AWARDS



Congratulations to the students pictured who received the highest PBL points for the week.

Year 7 History – Ancient China

Last term our Year 7 students learnt about the history of Ancient China. Students learnt to understand the geographical processes that influence the characteristics of places, how places are perceived and valued and particular individuals in past societies. They looked at the effects of changes on societies, individuals, and groups, and described the events and developments from the perspective of people who lived at the time. Students also learnt how to use chopsticks. They enjoyed the challenge of picking up M&M's using chopsticks, and tasted fried rice.

Mrs Donovan



Mother's Day Gifts



The Primary Student Council has two remaining Mother's Day gifts. Gifts packages are \$10 each.

It all starts here

Cultural Arts in Dance Program

Uncle Patrick Thaiday -First Nations Co-ordinator -PCYC and the CAID program



Here is an update on our dance students, joining in the Cultural Arts in Dance (CAID) Program which was kindly supported by the PCYC. Uncle Patrick is a former Bangarra Principal Dancer & acclaimed Australian Award Winner in Dance. He has been delivering the CAID Program alongside experienced dance artist NAISDA, Billie Jo Mooney.

CAID Program's vision is to provide a safe and culturally artistic environment for Indigenous, and non-Indigenous students to express, develop and sustain creative abilities through dance. The 10-week program enabled participants to further explore their culture, identity and connection to land, waters and skies through a creative lens.

Our students will be performing a dance for the school, parents, and community in the coming weeks. This will be in line with the celebration of NAIDOC (27th May – 3rd June). Our students had a one-hour lesson once a week with Uncle Patrick and BJ. It was great to see the response from the students who totally enjoyed the experience of our culture.

Have a great week

Aunty Dot 😊

Upcoming School Sport Events

The school Athletics Carnival will be held in Week 8 - Friday 7th June.

Due to the number of events and time constraints, some of the athletic events will be completed during school hours prior to the Athletics Carnival.

Week 6 - Friday 24th May: Period 4 (1:50pm-3.00pm), the **800-metre race** will be conducted for 13 years and older students (boys and girls) on the senior oval. Parents are invited to attend if their child/ren are participating in the race.

Mr Lyons and Mrs Wheeler

Premier's Challenge



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year our school has registered to take part in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The PRC, now in its 19th year, continues its mission to encourage reading, and ignite a love of learning among children and students.

For a student to successfully complete the PRC, students are required to read or experience the following number of books during the reading period running from 7 May to 23 August 2024:

- Prep to Year 2: 20 books or experiences
- Years 3 to 4: 20 books; and
- Years 5 to 9: 15 books.

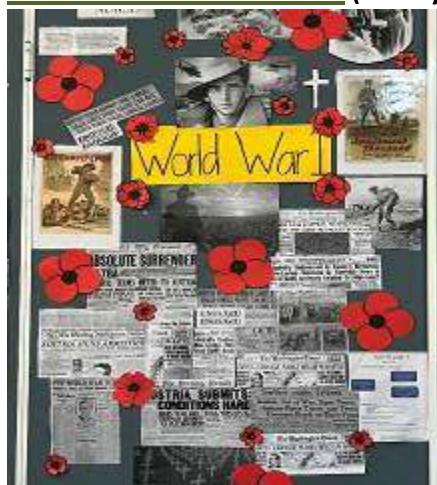
Next week your child will bring home a Reader Record Form to record the books they read during the challenge.

Thanking you in advance for your support,
Melissa Caruana.

DATE CLAIMER

MAY	JUNE	JULY
8 th QCWA Mother's Day Hoy	7 thAthletics Carnival	8 th ... Start of Term 3
17 th ..Quizworx Performance for Years 1-6	12 th ...P & C Meeting	10 th ...Student Reports sent home
24 th ...Fire Education – P/1	14 th ...Cluster Under 8's Day at Bloomsbury	10 thP & C Meeting
27 th ...Interschool Chess Competition - Mackay	17 thNH cluster – Trace & Field Carnival	11 th -12 thWhitsunday Voices Festival
27 th -3 rd June...National Reconciliation Week	20 th ...Show Holiday	20 th -21 stEmerald HPV
	21 st ...End of Term 2	
		07 Sept – Springfest

Year 9 - World War 1 (28 July 1914 – 11 November 1918)



Our year 9 Students have been learning about World War 1 - how the First World War was a global conflict between two coalitions: the Allies and the Central Powers. Fighting took place throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Pacific, and parts of Asia. The sacrifices of our troops who lost their lives for our Nation to be free was immense.

Known as the Great War, World War 1 was one of the deadliest conflicts in history and set the stage for another World War just 20 years later.

Mrs Donovan

So, your child has brought home a decodable reader...

How do we use 'decodable readers'?

Your child will be using 'decodable readers' at school, and bring them home to read.

These are books that enable your child to practise the sounds and spellings that they are learning. Most of the words are words that they can decode because they contain spellings they have already learnt.

When your child reads these books to you, please let them have a go at reading all of the words by themselves. Sometimes, your child may need help with a word, but before you step in, please give them a few seconds to work it out for themselves.

If your child gets stuck, a great prompt to use is: 'Say the sounds (pointing to each of the 'sounds' in the word) and read the word' (slide your finger along, under the whole word).

You can also ask your child questions about the stories they read to you.

Some of the words in these 'decodable books' might contain spellings your child hasn't learnt yet. At the back of the book, you'll see a list of the words that your child might need help with. When your child comes to one of these words in their book, simply read it for them. If the word was 'the' and your child didn't know how to read that word, you could simply point to the word and say: 'This is 'the', just say 'the' here.

Check it out here >> <https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/decodables-help>

You can also download First Steps collections for free here >>

<https://sounds-write.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

📱 Have you downloaded the Sounds-Write Initial Code app? 📱🌟📱 Available on the Apple App Store for iPads with iOS12 or later. Try the **free version** with sample activities and unlock the full version with an in-app purchase.

🔍 Search 'Initial Code' on the App Store .

Master the art of blending, segmenting, word reading, and writing with our engaging app. It's perfect for students looking to boost their phonics skills.



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Help your child to read and write
OUR FREE COURSE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

'All the lessons are well explained in this course with ample examples to build good understanding of how to teach your child to pull sounds apart in words and push separate sounds together to form a word as how phonics works. However, the part that I love the most in this course is how to correct your child when he/she makes a mistake in his/her reading. The resources provided are also very useful to guide you on how to carry out the lessons with your child in simple steps. This course is highly recommended to all parents.'

- SOON KHENG, C

An illustration of a young girl with blonde hair, wearing a blue shirt, sitting and reading a book. To her right, another child is sitting on the floor reading a book.

This course introduces you to the Sounds-Write phonics programme and gives you the invaluable knowledge, resources and activities you need to help your child start learning to read and write. Tailored for children aged 4 to 6, this course equips you with the tools to foster their reading and writing skills from the start. Whether your child is utilising Sounds-Write at school or you're engaged in home-schooling, this comprehensive course has you covered 🏠💡

...And the best part? It's entirely free!
<https://sounds-write.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

Do it for Dolly Day



Do it for Dolly Day

Bring a gold coin donation to be able to wear blue on Friday, 10th of May.

Your contribution will help raise awareness for bullying and suicide.

The charity Dolly's Dream has been honoured in the Australia Day Awards and driven change and recognition in our schools.

The Student Council would love to see every student proudly participating.



Congratulations Liam



Liam is a goalkeeper with Football Queensland Academy U14 boys' team in Mackay/Whitsunday Coast. The team participated in a State Titles Carnival over the Easter school holidays. Liam helped his team to dominate against the teams they played and came away undefeated at that competition.

Over this Mayday long weekend, Liam participated in another carnival, with Far North Queensland and Gulf, Whitsunday Coast (Mackay), Central Coast, Wide Bay and Mt Isa. Liam's team dominated against all teams and were undefeated.

Liam is doing extremely well in his chosen position and is being watched closely by selectors. Congratulations Liam!

Senior Fundraising

The Year 11/12 students participated in a fundraising Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, North Mackay. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted the students. It was a long day, but we are extremely grateful to all who attended.



Senior Easter Raffle winners

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Prize: \$300.00 Sarah Esterhuyten

2nd Prize: Scratch-it Board - Janet Hunter

3rd Prize: Basket of Goodies - Michelle Dreier


Congratulations to you all!

Thank you to all the local business that helped sell the tickets and to the school and community for your support.




Mrs Donovan & Mrs Gardner
Senior Teachers

Primary Awards

 PRIMARY AWARDS			
Year Level	Student	Positive Behaviour Award	Award Issued By
Prep/1	Riley	For having a responsible attitude in the classroom.	Mrs Peach
	Jack	For always being so thoughtful and considerate to others.	Mrs Peach
	Hayden	For always being so thoughtful and considerate to others.	Mrs Peach
	Lachlan	For a great effort and improvement with your reading.	Mrs Peach
	Julian	For a great effort and improvement with your reading.	Mrs Peach

	Keeva	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning.	Mrs Peach
	Thomas	For a great start to Term 2. Well done!	Mrs Peach
	Harlen	For a great start to Term 2. Well done!	Mrs Peach
	Julian	For making great progress with your reading. Well done!	Mrs Peach
	Imogen	For making great progress with your reading. Well done!	Mrs Peach
	Dom	For making great progress with your reading. Well done!	Mrs Peach
	Finnley	For having a positive attitude towards your learning.	Mrs Peach
01-02	Brody	For being a great role model in the classroom and always putting in 100% effort.	Mrs Caruana
	Maddy	For being a kind and caring classmate who is always willing to help others.	Mrs Caruana
	Winter	For working hard in Maths when learning about the likelihood of events.	Mrs Caruana
	Huer	For doing a great job applying your number facts to solve missing numbers in magic squares.	Mrs Caruana
	Darcy	For actively participating in Maths lessons to develop your understanding of growing patterns.	Mrs Caruana
	Brodie	For actively participating in Maths lessons to develop your understanding of growing patterns.	Mrs Caruana
	Kaitlyn	For being a word detective and identifying adverbs in our focus text.	Mrs Caruana
	Allison	For doing a great job reading aloud during partner reading.	Mrs Caruana
03-04	Matthew	For participating and succeeding in Maths games.	Mrs Welsh
	Daniel	For taking accountability in his learning and always doing his best.	Mrs Welsh
	Arabella	Fantastic teamwork in Art!	Miss Casey
	Maddie	Fantastic teamwork in Art!	Miss Casey
05-06	Ashton	Managing class time efficiently and working on completing HASS assessment in record time.	Mrs Rankin
	Bailey	Helping fellow classmate in Mathematical lessons.	Mrs Rankin
	Cade	First to finish Maths mental (Subtraction) - 100% correct.	Mrs Rankin
	Amber	Being an amazing helper in Art lessons.	Miss Casey
	Bailey	Asking many inquisitive questions in class discussions.	Mrs Rankin
	Liam	Showing improvement when working mathematically.	Mrs Rankin
	Ashton	Quickly completing all tasks in record time.	Mrs Rankin
	Benson	Giving up their whole lunchtime to help younger students complete poppies for Anzac Day.	Mrs Rankin
	Sarah	Giving up their whole lunchtime to help younger students complete poppies for Anzac Day.	Mrs Rankin
	Isla	Always prepared for lessons and ready to learn.	Mrs Rankin
	Tilly	Improved results and always doing the extra jobs for the school.	Mrs Rankin
	Mitchell	Asking questions to improve his understanding and overall results.	Mrs Rankin

SECONDARY AWARDS

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">SECONDARY AWARDS</h2>				
Year Level	Student	Positive Behaviour Award	Award Issued By	
07	Benji	For assisting your peer in their English presentation.	Ms Luckel	
	Austin	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan	
	Rebecca	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan	
	Relahni	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan	
	Kaiyah	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan	
	Lillie	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan	
	Addison	Great help in Technology, Food and Fibre!	Ms Ward	
08	Tessa	Always participating in class discussions.	Ms Luckel	
	Deacon	Always participating in class discussions.	Ms Luckel	
	Tessa	Maths Student of the Week.	Mrs Gardner	
	Deacon	Working excellent in History.	Mrs Donovan	
	Lachlan	Working excellent in History.	Mrs Donovan	
	Cadence	Working excellent in History.	Mrs Donovan	
	Rylie	Staying focused in Science.	Mr Bauer	
	Colton	Always completing your work in Science.	Mr Bauer	
	Ashlee	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan	
	Cadence	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan	
		Colton	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan

	Lachlan	Great participation in HPE.	Mr Lyons
	Cadence	Working hard in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Mikayla	Working hard in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Rylie	Working hard in Science.	Mr Bauer
09	Jett	Maths Student of the Week.	Mrs Gardner
	Jorja	Staying focused in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Talia	Staying focused in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Jorja	Working independently in Business.	Mrs Spready
	Talia	Working independently in Business.	Mrs Spready
	Noah	Always completing your work in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Dylan	Always completing your work in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Emily	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Mika	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Talia	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Jorja	For always working hard in class.	Mrs Donovan
	Lincoln	Great participation in HPE.	Mr Lyons
	Noah	Working hard in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Jett	Working hard in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Lincoln	Working hard in Science.	Mr Bauer
10	Rhianna	Maths Student of the Week.	Mrs Gardner
	Ryan	For staying focused in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Reagan	Staying focused in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Taitum	Staying focused in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Declan	Staying focused in Science	Mr Bauer
	Taitum	Working hard on your English Assessment.	Ms Luckel
	Baylee	Working hard on your English Assessment.	Ms Luckel
	Isabelle	Working hard on your English Assessment.	Ms Luckel
	Ryan	Working independently in Business.	Mrs Spreadborough
	Jorja	Working independently in Business.	Mrs Spreadborough
	Isabelle	Working independently in Business.	Mrs Spreadborough
	Reagan	Always completing your work in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Baylee	Always completing your work in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Daniel	Great participation in HPE.	Mr Lyons
	Ryan	For exceptional contributions to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
	Reagan	Working hard in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Xander	Working hard in Science.	Mr Bauer
	Ella	Working hard in Science.	Mr Bauer
11	Ella	Working independently!	Mrs Spreadborough
	Justine	Working independently!	Mrs Spreadborough
	Travis	Contributing to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
	Justine	Contributing to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
	Harry	Contributing to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
	Ella	Contributing to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
	Justine	Maths Student of the Week.	Mrs Gardner
	Joshua	For assisting with the Primary Cross Country.	Mr Lyons
	Kaylen	For assisting with the Primary Cross Country.	Mr Lyons
	Travis	For completing work in Chemistry.	Mr Bauer
	Lilly	For completing work in Chemistry.	Mr Bauer
	Logan	For completing work in Chemistry.	Mr Bauer
	Baliley	For completing work in Chemistry.	Mr Bauer
	Ella	For exceptional contributions to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
12	Hayden	Working independently!	Mrs Spreadborough
	Chloe	Great ambassadors for the school.	Mrs Spreadborough
	Ella	Great ambassadors for the school.	Mrs Spreadborough
	Amy	Great ambassadors for the school	Mrs Spreadborough
	Austin	Contributing to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
	Chloe	Contributing to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
	Riley	Contributing to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
	Tasha	Contributing to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
	Ella	Contributing to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
	Chloe	Maths Student of the Week.	Mrs Gardner
	Ella	Maths Student of the Week.	Mrs Gardner
	Amy	Maths Student of the Week.	Mrs Gardner
	Austin	For assisting with the Primary Cross Country.	Mr Lyons
	Tasha	For assisting with the Primary Cross Country.	Mr Lyons
	Riley	For assisting with the Primary Cross Country.	Mr Lyons

Will	For assisting with the Primary Cross Country.	Mr Lyons
Zach	For assisting with the Primary Cross Country.	Mr Lyons
Michael	For assisting with the Primary Cross Country.	Mr Lyons
Hayden	Being self-motivated in Distance Education subjects.	Mrs Spreadborough
Amy	For exceptional contributions to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
Ella	For exceptional contributions to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
Tasha	For exceptional contributions to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
Michael	For exceptional contributions to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
Hayden	For exceptional contributions to Senior fundraising.	Mrs Gardner
Amy	Representing the school on Anzac Day.	Mrs Spreadborough
Hayden	Representing the school on Anzac Day.	Mrs Spreadborough
Ella	Representing the school on Anzac Day.	Mrs Spreadborough




MOTHER'S DAY

Hoy and Mini Cent Sale

WED **15** MAY

9.30 AM

Join us for a special morning and treat yourself to delicious food,
Hoy & Mini Cent Sale

\$10 Entry includes Morning Tea & 1 Hoy
Game Board

QCWA Calen, McIntyre Street, Calen

Thanks to
Our Amazing
Sponsors :-
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**Pindi Pindi State School P & C
and the
Yalboroo Community Hall
are hosting a**

Biggest Morning Tea and Cent Sale

Sunday 19th May 2024

YALBOROO COMMUNITY HALL

Doors open from 9 :30am

For information contact **Peta 0459 111 766** or **Theresa 4958 7731**

**\$10 entry for Adults/High School Students,
\$3.00 for Primary and under
this includes morning tea & lucky door.**

**Proceeds from the Entry Fee will go to the
Cancer Council.**

Join in the fun & bring your favourite tea cup -
The best tea cup wins a prize!



Energy Queensland

Energy Queensland Work Experience: Open to all Year 10 – 12 students from across Queensland. <https://www.energyq.com.au/careers/work-experience>

Energy Queensland (including Ergon Network and Energex) offers work experience placements for **high school students currently in Years 10, 11 or 12**, or students completing a relevant course through TAFE. Work experience is a great way to gain insight into the everyday work in the Electricity Supply Industry. Trade based placements occur throughout the year and will last for five (5) days, starting on a Monday and finishing on a Friday. For trade-based placements, students must obtain a General Construction Induction Card (White Card) from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO); unit of competency = CPCCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry. Non-trade based placements can be for a shorter period.



<https://aureachout.com/>

STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUR TEEN

'have a nice dream'

- Chat to your child about their worries and sleep - really listen;
- Work on a regular sleep schedule - together;
- Encourage a relaxing bedtime routine & create a relaxing sleep space;
- Take the lead & promote positive daily habits;
- Set realistic time limits for screen time and homework - together;
- Provide a good nutritional dinner at least hours before bedtime;
- Monitor & review to see if your strategies are working;
- Discuss with your SBYHN or GP for more strategies if you are worried.

For more information head to <https://au.reachout.com/> or contact Megan, SBYHN at mwebs101@eq.edu.au

SLEEP IS IMPORTANT AS IT HELPS PROMOTE:

- Mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Attention, memory and motivation.
- Analytical & creative thinking.
- Physical health & development.
- Decision making and reduced risk taking!



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DID YOU KNOW TEENS NEED BETWEEN 8-11 HOURS SLEEP PER NIGHT.



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Kuttabul

Roadhouse

Kuttabul Roadhouse are wishing to employ junior staff (14-15years). This is for after school work and some weekend hours. Please email Raj or Kamal at sure.4740@gmail.com.

