Principal's Report

CAPLAN
Calamvale Special School’s approach to whole school assessment commenced on Monday and will continue across the term. The whole of school approach assesses student performance in communication, literacy and numeracy and has been devised in conjunction with the Speech Language Pathologist, Catriona Pine.
Each sector of the school undertake tasks specific their student’s needs. This is our way of doing “NAPLAN”.

Teachers follow up their assessments in the forthcoming weeks, moderating their assessment pieces so that consistent judgements are made about a student’s performance. The moderation aims to make sure that assessment by one teacher is consistent with each other teacher’s judgement for reporting.

NDIS Readiness
Many of our families will be wondering how NDIS will affect them and how they should prepare to get the best support for their child. In each newsletter we will try to provide you with any current information that has come our way.

There are currently a number of organisations that are providing information and training to parents/careers/disability advocates in preparation for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) The following web address provides key information, resources and free training sessions:

http://carersqld.asn.au/services/ndis-full-scheme-ahead

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the school. I appreciate every day the wonderful way we work together as a school community to benefit each of our amazing young people.

Tom Byrne
Principal

Calamvale Park Fun Run

The combined schools (Calamvale, Sunnybank and Kuraby Special Schools) Fun Run was held at the Calamvale District Park on Friday 29th April.

The day was great with excellent participation from all students and support from staff and families. This is the first of a number of combined schools activities planned for 2016. The Fun Run looks very much like it will be an annual event.

Thanks everyone for your support in making the event so successful.

The next combined schools event is Under 8’s Day to be hosted by Kuraby Special School on Wednesday 25th May 2016 from 9:30am to 10:45am.

Gotcha Cards
Gotcha cards are now being used from the middle to senior classes. These are replacing the hole-punch passport system used previously. This system is being used for non-classroom activities and areas such as the eating area or oval. When a student is observed following one or more of the 5 School Expectations, he or she will be presented with a Gotcha card. The student then takes the Gotcha back to class and sticks it onto the Gotcha Chart. When the student earns five Gotchas, he or she takes the completed chart to administration for a Gotcha prize. Upon earning five Gotchas, the teacher will also enter the student’s name into the draw for the end-of-term PBL prize, usually a disco or afternoon tea with the principal. The more entries, the more chance the student has of winning. It is up to the discretion of the classroom teacher how this is structured. At the end of each Semester the student can take his or her Gotcha charts home.

PBL Certificate of Achievement
Awarded for helping to make our school a safe and effective learning environment by diligently following the five School Expectations. For the last two weeks the following students have received Gotcha Awards:

- Raymond SS3  Adam SS3
- Brenton SS3  Trent SS5
- Elysha SS5  Leticia SS5
- Morgan SS4  Hamdiya SS5
- Kristen JS5  Liam x2 M2
- Ashley M2  Sam x2 M2
- Mason M7

YuMi Deadly Maths

Thank you to the families who were able to send in some items to support our “YuMi Deadly Maths” program. Four of our teachers will be attending the YuMi Deadly Centre at QUT, Kelvin Grove at the beginning of June to complete professional development in the area of “Measurement.” The YuMi Deadly Maths program involves relating mathematics to our students “Reality” (e.g., shopping
may be used to experience measurement or number. The aim is for students to participate in “whole body” activities, “hand” activities and “mind” activities. Real world objects are used for students to investigate.

We would like to request that you please send any of the following items to school that you may have at home over the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for your support.

Assembly Awards:

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<td>Great work in building his reading and maths skills</td>
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<td>SS4</td>
<td>Jack</td>
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Uniforms – there are some second hand sloppy joes to give away, and track pants for sale. Please contact the school office.

Celebrating National Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week, held from 27 May to 3 June, provides an opportunity for our school community to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. It’s a time to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The 27 May and 3 June are important dates in Australia’s history, and mark the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

Coming Events
18/5/16 Post School Options Expo – International Exhibition Centre, Bowen Hills
1/6/16 Post Schools Expo at Logan Entertainment Centre with Q&A forum
24/6/16 Term 2 ends

P&C Report
The next meeting of the P&C will be at 9:30 am Wednesday 25th May. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. The meeting format will be different from this meeting, with a short business meeting followed by morning tea and discussion.

Thank you for your support of the Mother’s Day Stall. The children really enjoyed the opportunity of selecting and purchasing a gift for mum. Thank you to those who gave of their time to prepare the stall, man it and make donations including the handicap and wrapping paper. The $414 profit was made by the stall. We hope all our mums had a great day and liked your gifts.

The Fun Run fund raising is not quite finalised but Gross sponsorship was $1,970, less charges and costs bringing a profit of at least $1,254.

The highest fundraiser was Radhika, who raised an exceptional amount. Congratulations and a big thank you to Radhika and her family and friends.
FUN RUN
Calamvale District Park
Breaking Barriers Opening Doors Post-School Options & Disability Expo

2016

Wednesday 1st June

Logan Entertainment Centre, 170 Wembley Road, Logan Central

10.00am. to 1.30pm.

Parents, Carers and students are invited to attend the Breaking Barriers Opening Doors Expo at the Logan Entertainment Centre (LEC) on Wednesday 1st June, from 10.00am. - 1.30pm. This expo is designed to help students and families learn more about what is available after they leave school. The Expo will include Logan-based services in employment support, training, education, sport, recreation, day services and support services for people with disabilities.

In addition to the Expo, there will also be:

➢ The Logan Disability Awards – Presentation of awards will begin in the LEC meeting rooms at 12.45pm.
➢ An Exhibition of Art and Photography by people with disabilities.
➢ A Q&A Forum in the LEC meeting rooms from 10.30am. - 11.30am. Please bring your questions for the panel.
➢ Entertainment

Organised by the School Transition Officers from Education Queensland, in conjunction with Logan City Council, the National Disability Coordination Officer, and F.I.R.S.T. (Foundation for Independence, Recreation & Social Training), this event promises to be an informative day.

The Expo is sponsored by the National Disability Coordination Officer, Horizon Foundation Inc., Life without Barriers, House With No Steps and F.I.R.S.T. The Logan Disability Awards are sponsored by Mylestones.


The Logan Entertainment Centre has free parking and is within walking distance of the Woodridge Train Station (on the Beenleigh line).

This is a free event!