Principal's Report

Welcome back to our continuing families and welcome to Calamvale Special School to our new families. Term 4 is a very enjoyable time in the school calendar, as there are a number of end of year activities that come with this term that give us the opportunity to celebrate student achievement, the work of the staff and the support of our community. I trust all families had an enjoyable vacation. The students are again very excited to be back at school. They have all returned eager and happy to be here.

Pupil Free Day
Next Monday, 17th October is a Pupil Free Day for staff professional development. Teaching and non-teaching staff will be involved in unpacking the school’s new Pedagogical Framework that captures how we teach at Calamvale Special School; understanding the requirements for future unit planning; completing a workshop so as to better understand the deaf community; receiving an update on changes to student protection policy; and learning about changes to the Departments self-help systems for HR and Work Place Health and Safety. A very full day, but we like to make the most of the few pupil free days gazetted each year.

Bus Conversion Funding
I am pleased to announce that the bus conversion to accommodate two wheelchairs has happened over the holiday period. A minor alteration will occur next week and the project will be finalised. It got its first run earlier this week when transporting students to Fishing Camp.

Funding for a Liberty Swing
The P&C grant application to the Queensland Community Gaming Fund was successful with a $19,616.50 grant awarded to the school for the purchase of a Liberty Swing. Together with donations made by organisations and individuals we can now progress the purchase and installation of the swing specifically designed for children and young people who are in wheelchairs. We hope to have the swing installed by the end of the school year. Pictured is the type of swing we will have installed.

Art Show
The Art Show held on 15th September was a great hit. A wonderful display of a whole range of different art works created by our students made a very impressive display. The choir performed the new school song for the very first public performance and did a wonderful job signing and singing.

Thank you to all who came along, took part in the silent auction, bought their children’s art pieces and supported the school.

Thanks to Mandy Stewart-Murphy for the organisation of the Art Show.

New Building Update
The building remains on track for handover on 20th December. The roof is now completed and internal work has commenced.

Staffing Update
We welcome Ms Jessica Harding to EY3 this term, replacing Ms Sharon Jones. Ms Harding has previously taught at Calamvale Special School and is very excited to be back.

Mrs Mandy Stewart-Murphy returns from leave next Monday. Thanks to Mrs Angwin and Bertwistle for stepping into the leadership roles in her absence.

Special Olympics after School Swimming Program
Last newsletter carried news of the Special Olympics Swimming Program after school. Just a reminder, that this organisation will be offering a range of swimming programs for our school community as soon as there are a reasonable number of students expressing interest in swimming. Please check out the loose leaf flyers coming home again, with today’s newsletter for more information.

Prices quoted are for a 9-10 week program.

The number of programs and type of program range is from learn to swim to mini-squad.

To express an interest in registering your child or young person, please contact aquatics.qld@specialolympics.com.au

Or phone Liz on 0418 185 598

Tom Byrne
Principal
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) involves the explicit teaching of behaviour expectations to provide students with the best possible chance for success. Students need to know the school expectations and what positive behaviour looks like. The PBL Leadership Team is tasked with guiding staff members, students and parents/carers with how to reinforce expectations and support positive behaviour throughout the school community and home. One way to achieve better behavioural outcomes is by appointing an External PBL Coach to help guide the Leadership Team. In fact, the External Coach is an integral member of the PBL Leadership Team and is instrumental for the implementation of these positive behaviour goals. External coaches come from the network of schools who have trained to implement PBL and have experience and expertise in the PBL process. This month we have been lucky enough to be appointed a new External Coach, Miss Louissa Chalk. Calamvale Special School is now the third school that Miss Chalk is providing assistance to. Miss Chalk has several years of experience implementing and maintaining successful PBL programs at special schools. Miss Chalk will be providing leadership and guidance for our PBL Leadership Team for the remainder of 2016 and throughout the 2017 school year.

Assembly Awards:

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PBL Gotcha Awards

The number of students receiving Gotcha Awards these past two weeks has been really pleasing, as you will see below:

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P&C Report
The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday 27th October, in the Hub, commencing at 9.30am. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

FRIDAY FUN DANCE CLASS

Last Friday, 7 October, the Middle, Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary students and staff enjoyed a session of Zumba with the hugely popular JJ. We all had a ball. JJ stayed after school to offer his first dance class to about 15 students.

He will conduct classes every Friday from 3.10 to 4.10pm at our school. JJ was at the Kuraby Special School dance-a-thon recently and his fun style was loved by students and staff alike. His lessons will be a little bit dance and a little bit Zumba, but mostly they will be fun movement to music. The lessons will be open to all students, their siblings, parents, carers and staff.

Cost is $10 per student per lesson payable on the afternoon. (Siblings, parents and carers can join in for free.)

Parents and carers please note that if you are not in attendance, you must arrive by 4.05pm to pick up your child. Remember, if your child normally goes home by bus, then you must let your child’s teacher and bus driver know that they are to stay at school on Friday afternoon and that you will be picking them up.

We hope to see many more students actively involved with Zumba on Friday afternoons.

Disability Review and online survey has been extended
The Queensland Disability Review has been extended, giving parents, carers and students more time to have their say to ensure a world-class inclusive education is available to all students enrolled in Queensland state schools. The online survey (www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/disability/qld-disability-review.html) will now close on 14 October.

Did you know?
The laws in Queensland are changing and from 2017 it is compulsory for all children to undertake a full-time Prep Year, before they can begin Year 1. Find out more at the Education website (www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/find-school/enrolling.html).

New report on Queensland state schools now available
Did you know that all Queensland state schools are reviewed by the Department of Education and Training every four years?

The reviews are undertaken by the department’s School Improvement Unit (SIU) and are a great way for schools to get quality, independent feedback on what they’re doing well and where they can improve.

The SIU recently published its first annual report, which is a comprehensive analysis of the 369 school reviews it conducted last year.

The report found that Queensland state schools are doing some great work, including the commitment of staff, positive learning environments, care and concern for students, and a strong focus on improving literacy and numeracy achievement.

A short animated video highlighting the key findings from the report is available online. To watch the video or to read the report, visit the School Reviews website (www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au).

Letter from Member for Stretton, Duncan Pegg
Dear Parents, Students & Teachers
Every day teachers and students at your school are working together to achieve a quality education.
I recognise that your efforts need to be supported and that’s why I’m pleased to confirm the Queensland Government is providing additional funding for school maintenance.
I am pleased to let you know this year Calamvale Special School will receive $31,804 for priority maintenance projects. This funding will help your school stay on top of priority maintenance needs and is part of our record education investment that is delivering more teachers and better facilities for Queensland schools.
For more information or if I can help you with any state government issues please contact me at 3414 3110 or via email stretton@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Duncan Pegg MP
Member for Stretton

Coming Events
17/10/16 Pupil Free Day (no school for students)
19-21/10/16 Junior Secondary Camp
27/10/16 P&C Meeting
11/11/16 Remembrance Day
18/11/16 Graduating Students’ Mystery Tour
23/11/16 P&C Meeting
30/11/16 Graduation
2/12/16 School Reports go home
5/12/16 Early Years Awards Evening
6/12/16 Middle, Junior & Senior Secondary Awards
9/12/16 Last Day of Term
Dear Parent/Guardian

This year Calamvale Special School has been invited to join The Brisbane Convoy for Kids, the annual convoy is held on Saturday 5th of November to raise money for Hummingbird House, the first children’s Hospice in Queensland.

Students will go in the school buses and be a part of the convoy with over 300 trucks and utes starting at Heathwood, travelling along the Gateway Motorway and ending at the Redcliffe showgrounds where there will be rides, activities, petting zoo and much more.

To cater for our students there has been a Chill Out space available for use.

Due to space restrictions on the buses, positions will be given on a first come first served basis. So please return your notes as soon as possible to secure your spot. Parents and carers are welcome to attend but we can only allow one per student. Food is available to purchase at the showgrounds or you are welcome to bring your own.

The buses will leave from school at 9:00 am and will return at 2:00pm.

Arrival at school: 8:30am
Departure from school: 9:00 am
We will then travel to Heathwood to join the convoy and travel to Redcliffe.

Once at Redcliffe, students will be able to go off with teachers or parents/guardians and explore activities, trucks and have lunch.

Buses will leave Redcliffe at 1:00pm
Arrival back at school 2:00pm

Tom Byrne
Principal

Brisbane Convoy for Kids – Saturday 5th November Permission Note:

I give permission for my child to travel by school bus to Redcliffe in the Brisbane Convoy for kids.

Name: ___________________________________________ Class: ____________

Parent/Guardian Attending YES / NO

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________________________
Join our team

ARTHUR DAVIS PARK
SANDGATE

Can't make it on the day? Join our virtual walk team

#walkforprems2016
#
familieshelpingfamilies

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER
JOIN US TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR PREMATURE AND SICK BABIES
Register or donate at walkforprems.org.au

Our Living Landscape
Exhibition: 21st Oct - 2nd Nov, a collection of artworks from the land to the sea. Inspirations from our living landscape.

Karin Brear
Kathy Delaney
Narelle Scott

TERM 4 SWIM SCHOOL

Calamvale Unified SWIM SCHOOL
LEARN TO SWIM & SQUAD TRAINING
Expressions of interest for Term 4 Swim School NOW OPEN!

- Michael Phelps IM Swim Program
- Learn to Swim
- Stroke Correction
- Squad Training
- Private Lessons

Term 4 Swim Start Date: Monday 10 October 2016

Pool Location: Calamvale Special School
29 Nottingham Road, Calamvale

Calamvale Unified Swim School
Inclusive swim school for all ages and abilities

E: aquatics.pl@specialolympics.com.au
M: 0410 185 598 (DxC) T: 3420 581 (DxC)
Christmas has hit the stores which means that it's time to give thought to our annual Calamvale Special School Christmas Projects.

As has become our practice, we will put together shoebox gifts for our annual Operation Christmas Child project which will be shipped to disadvantaged children at overseas destinations. Our senior students are looking forward to buying gifts to fill our boxes with the generous donations from our school community. Simply use the tear-off form at the bottom of this page if you would like to take part. For more info on this project, check out: operationchristmaschild.org.au or take a look at this youtube clip: http://youtu.be/9nooMF3t0Cc

The Christmas Giving Tree will, once again, go up in the reception area and you are very welcome to send non-perishable food items with your student to be added to this local community project. These donations will be passed onto iSee Care, the organisation that provides our care hampers.

Gratefully,
Chappy Sharon

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
If you choose to participate, please return to school in an envelope by Friday, Oct. 28th
Find enclosed my donation of $_________ for the annual Christmas Shoebox project. I understand that this money will be used to pack and send a shoebox filled with presents to a child who would not normally receive a gift.

My name_________________________ Class____________________

Thank you for your generosity

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TEennis Gala Day

presented by

Tennis Queensland
LifeStream Australia

Bring your students to the Queensland Tennis Centre for a day of fun and inclusive tennis activities with other schools.

This event is a free come and try day.

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER
10AM-2PM
QUEENSLAND TENNIS CENTRE
190 KING ARTHUR TERRACE, TENNYSON

For more information or to register attendance please contact:

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