Principal’s Report

Calamvale Special School always seems to be a hive of activity. Last Friday we had the best Sports Day, on a cool day full of fun and activity. The students had such a good time and tried their best in all the races and other activities. There are some terrific tug-a-war teams across the four houses. The meal deal pizzas were a hit with everyone. A big thank you to all the parents and friends that helped get the meal deals ready. A full report follows.

On Tuesday this week a number of senior students participated in a touch football game at Kuraby Special School. The students played a great game, but unfortunately didn’t return to school as victors, just trumped by the talented Kuraby crew. However, we are looking forward to the rematch at home.

Yesterday many of the middle year’s students were guests of the Showmen’s Guild’s, “Little Ekka”. The girls and boys had a great time on the rides and taking part in the Ekka activities without the crowd and cost of being there. I hear the Dagwood Dogs, chips and donuts were hits. This has to be a red food day!

Individual Curriculum Plans are being finalised right now. Final copies of the plans are coming home for parents and carers for students in Years P-10. Please keep your copy and if happy with the plan, sign and return the slip attached to the plan. Once this slip is returned I am able to approve the plan and record its endorsement.

NDIS Workshop

Just a reminder that the Getting Ready for NDIS Workshop being conducted by Cares Link will be held in the Hub on Tuesday 23rd August from 9.30am – 12.30pm. This 3 hour workshop is designed for our school community. Registrations close tomorrow. Contact the school office to leave your name.

Community Grant Success

Earlier this year our P&C applied for a grant from the Australian Government to have the school's smaller bus converted to carry students in wheelchairs. Yesterday, I received the good news from Dr Jim Chalmer’s office that the application for 50% funding was successful. The conversion will now proceed over the Spring Vacation.

New Building Update

Great news! K Block is finished and M4 and M5 have moved back to their room, in its new location.

Work is progressing quickly on the new build. Handover date is anticipated to be 19th December, in time for the new school year.

Tom Byrne
Principal

Gotcha Awards

Students who received Gotcha Awards over the last two weeks are:
M2 Sarah
M6 Gracie
M7 Christopher & Nyatok
JS5: Amber, Semi & Tiarna
JS6: Chantelle & Brianna

Assembly Awards:

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We invite YOU to the annual Calamvale Special School Book Fair
Date:  
Mon 22/08/16 to Fri 26/08/16
Time: 9.00am-3.00pm each day
Where: Conference room School office

Join the fun and help encourage your child’s love of reading.
Our Book Fair will be open for viewing throughout the week and sales can be made from Wednesday to Friday. Students will be visiting the book fair in their allocated class time. Parents are welcome to come and view the books throughout the day. Alternatively, a “Wish List” will be sent home indicating student book preferences.
Every sale at the Book Fair benefits our school by adding new books to the library. Please join us in making our Book Fair a big success for 2016!

Book Week Parade – see enclosed note.
Assembly Friday 26th August:
• Early Years assembly at 9.10am
• Middle, Junior and Senior Secondary at 2.20pm

Sports Day

Our annual sports day was once again a huge success. It was a fabulous day with all students showing great team spirit, dressed in their team colours and supporting each other. It was wonderful to see students working together, encouraging and demonstrating great sportsmanship. It was great to see a number of parents and caregivers come out to support.

The winning team of the day, for a second year in a row, was the BLUE TONGUE LIZARDS with a score of 555, closely followed by Green Crocodiles with a score of 543, third was Yellow Tigers with a score of 525 and finally the Red Kangaroos with a score of 459.

Individual winners of the day were;

**Early Years**
Female winner: Elyse 16 points
Runner up: Jenna 15 points
Jasmine 15 points
Emma 15 points
Male winner: Thomas 22 points
Aiden 22 points
Runner up: Zayd 17 points

**Middle Years**
Female winner: Nyalok 27 points
Runner up: Hayleigh 26 points
Male winner: Esul 31 points
Runner up: Thelma 29 points

**Junior Secondary**
Female winner: Amber 29 points
Runner up: Shakira 27 points
Male winner: Jayden 34 points
Runner up: Cameron 32 points

**Senior Secondary**
Female winner: Leticia 30 points
Runner up: Hamdiya 24 points
Elysha 24 points
Male winner: Chase 34 points
Runner up: Connor 29 points

**Wheelchair Winners:**
Female winner: Ariane 23 points
Runner up: Madisyn 16 points
Kiana 16 points
Male winner: Joshua 13 points
Runner up: Aiden 12 points
P&C Report

The next meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 24th August in the Hub commencing at 9.30am. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend. The meeting format will be a short business meeting followed by morning tea and discussion.

Coming Events

- 23/8/16 Carers Link NDIS (9.30-12.30)
- 24/8/16 P&C Meeting
- 25/8/16 Dance-a-Thon Kuraby Sp School
- 26/8/16 Book Week Parade
- 1-2/9/16 Father’s Day Stall
- 15/9/16 Art Show (5.00pm – 8.00pm)
- 16/9/16 Last Day Term 3

Positive Behaviour for Learning

In the previous newsletter we discussed the expectations ‘I Can Wait’ and ‘I Can Communicate’. In this edition we will look at ‘I Can Wait’ in more depth.

Learning to wait is a critical skill for any child to increase their chances of success at school. It is also essential in developing good relationships and for making life at home much easier. If a child is unable to wait, they will act out their frustration in tantrums and meltdowns.

One of the simplest ways to begin to teach a young child to wait is through the use of a visual and something reinforcing or rewarding to your child (e.g. time on a swing or chocolate etc.). Choose an activity or object that your child enjoys and find a photo or picture representing that activity or item.

Show your “wait” symbol along with the picture of the reward. Tell your child that you are going to wait for a predetermined amount of time and then they can have their reward. Praise your child for good behaviour during the waiting time. If the child cannot show good behaviour try again for a shorter period until you have success. Keep repeating this, then gradually extend the time your child has to wait for the reward.

CALAMVALE SPECIAL SCHOOL
BOOK WEEK PARADE
2016

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Dear Parents/Carers and Families:

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!
Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

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