**Principal's Report**

**Support Staff Week and Teacher Aide Day**

This week we celebrate and thank the wonderful staff at Calamvale Special School, including administrative officers, the business services manager, school's officer and all of our teacher aides. In many ways these staff members are the backbone of the school who enable teachers to do their best for every student. Having just finalised annual performance development conversations with all staff, the thing that was most often cited as the highlight of the work of our wonderful teacher aides, was seeing students' progress. On behalf of the school community I extend a big THANK YOU to all of our support staff.

**Curriculum Planning**

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who contributed to and endorsed their child’s Individual Curriculum Plan. I have now finalised approval of plans. Teaching teams have finalised this term’s forward planning, with many units of work already completed for Term 4.

We have had a change of Numeracy Coach, as a result of Sharon Jones move to work as Master Teacher with a cluster of special schools. Marissa Bertwistle is now leading the introduction of the YuMi Deadly approach to teaching mathematics.

Marissa has a team of four Calamvale Special School teachers who are being trained by the Queensland University of Technology, in the theory and process of teaching mathematics to students with disabilities. Each of these teachers will have a teacher buddy that they will mentor, as we move towards full implementation of this process by the end of 2017.

**New Building Update**

Over the last two weeks work has moved ahead on the construction, with the pouring of concrete for the ground floor and to the columns to support the first floor. The shape and dimensions of the admin and senior schooling building is really taking shape.

**Dance-a-Thon Success**

The Tri-schools Dance-a-Thon held at Kuraby Special School last Thursday, was a real hit with students and staff. Almost all of our students took part in the dance-a-thon that catered for primary aged students at the first dance, held in the morning and secondary school aged students in the afternoon. There were lots of happy girls and boys when they returned to school, as they had enjoyed a great inter-school event. A big thank you to the team at Kuraby for organising the day and to our HPE teachers for their organisation. We can’t wait for the next Tri-school get together.

**Congratulations** to student leader Letitia, who represented Queensland in Sydney last week in the Women’s Disability Netball team. We are all very proud of her.

*Tom Byrne*

*Principal*

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

Early this Term the PBL Leadership Team began the process of rewriting the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan (RBP) for students. The RBP is a document administered to staff that outlines behaviour expectations for both students and adults in the school. In summary, the RBP for students is designed to facilitate high standards of behaviour so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school community.

As part of the process of rewriting the RBP, the staff agreed upon a new set of school expectations: *We Are Safe, We Are Responsible, and We Are Respectful.*

Reducing the number of expectations from five to three makes understanding the school expectations easier for students to remember and provides a wider scope of practical examples. The previous expectations (High 5) will still be taught to students, however they are now regarded as five core learning principles which underpin our school values and educational outcome priorities. We believe that these three expectations will better promote our high standards of responsible behaviour more holistically across the school environment.

**PBL Gotcha Awards**

With a renewed approach to acknowledging students who work hard at following the school’s expectations, we have a much improved number of students receiving a Gotcha Award, as you will see below.

**Students who received Gotcha Awards** over the last two weeks are:

- M6 Ariane, Hayleigh, Esul, Bailey, Andrew & Thelim
- M7 Albie, Lewis, Christopher, Mason & Nyalok
- JS2 Emily
- JS3 Shakira, Jessica, Kyle & Pierre
- JS5: Amber, Amanda, Kristen & Tiarna
- JS6 Cameron
- SS1 Connar
- SS4 Rhyce

**Assembly Awards:**

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White Balloon Day
We will support the child protection organisation, Bravehearts by participating in “White Balloon Day” on Friday 9th September. Students are asked to come out of uniform and wear something white. A gold coin donation will be collected to support child protection and forwarded to Bravehearts.

QParents
A quick video on what it is and how it may be of use to you can be found at this link: https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about

P&C Report
The postponed P&C meeting that was to be held on Wednesday 24th August, will now be held in the Hub, on Wednesday 7th September 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
7/9/26  P&C Meeting
9/9/16  White Balloon Day
15/9/16  Art Show (6.00pm – 8.00pm)
16/9/16  Last Day Term 3
4/10/16  Term 4 Commences
17/10/16  Pupil Free Day (no school for students)
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2016 Inclusive Golf Championships

Come and join us by participating in one of the following events

Redcliffe Golf Club
Sunday 11th September 2016

18 Hole Single Stableford Championship
Open to participants with a disability that have an official Golf Australia Handicap
Tee off time: 12.15pm
Spaces are limited to 20 players
Cost: $30pp Including drink and nibbles

8 Hole 4-person Ambrose
Open to participants with a disability and the parents, carers and volunteers
Tee off time: 2.00pm
Spaces are limited to 40 players
Cost: $20pp Including drink and nibbles

Come and Try Clinic
Gain some great knowledge and skills from PGA Professionals
Driving Range Clinic: Redcliffe
1.00pm - 2.00pm
Cost: Free

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