Principal's Report

Staffing Update for 2017

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Mr Anthony Kruck has been successful in winning the permanent position as Calamvale’s second Deputy. Anthony has been acting as Deputy Principal since 2015 and has been a committed member of the Administration. The Administration and P&C welcome Anthony as a permanent member of the team for 2017 and beyond. Miss Rebecca Robinson will be joining the senior team. She is excited to be part of the Calamvale family and visited last week. We welcome her to Calamvale Special School.

Building Update

The building is progressing and on schedule to be completed by 16th of December. We hope to have an inspection next Tuesday. We have been busy ordering all the new furniture and technology for the classrooms. We are still hoping for the Graduates to have a walk through before leaving. The P&C welcome Morning Tea will be held in the undercroft of the new building. This will be a great opportunity for parents to see some of the new facilities.

End of Year Celebrations

Next Wednesday night we celebrate the graduation of our 6 year 12 students. They have all had a wonderful year and for some have been at Calamvale for many years. Graduation is a wonderful night to acknowledge this significant part of their life as they and their families prepare for the next part of the journey.

The Early Years celebrate 2016 with their Awards Night on December 5th at the Calamvale Community College in the Performing Art Complex. Start time is 6pm. The students and staff have been working hard to prepare their items for your entertainment. On December 6th, the Middle years and Secondary students will also have their awards night at the College. With a prompt start at 6 we hope to have a much earlier finish this year. P&C will once again be selling raffles tickets and refreshments. If you get lend a hand on either night please let the P&C executive or the school know.

Class break up celebrations will be held on Thursday 8th of December. Friday will be spent relocating many of the classes in preparation for 2017. As usual room allocations will reflect the needs of the students and provide a safe, supportive environment for optimal learning. A map will accompany the class list. Supervision will be available on Friday.

Brisbane Convoy for Kids

On Saturday the 5th November Mr Kruck, Mrs Batchelor and Mrs Martin attended the “Convoy for Kids” along with a number of our students (Andrew, Avijot, Georgia, Joseph, Leticia, Kayla, Lewis, and Michael) and their parents/carers. We travelled in our school bus and were part of the convoy with over 300 trucks. We travelled from Heathwood to Redcliffe Showgrounds as part of the convoy which raised over $30,000 for Hummingbird House (an organisation that supports children who are terminally ill and their families). It was an amazing day and it was wonderful to hear so many truck/bus horns creating the perfect harmony for the trip. When we arrived at Redcliffe Showgrounds, there were stalls, rides, petting zoo and trucks on display. We were very fortunate to receive a trophy for the “Best Bus/Coach Winner” and we also received a “Convoy for Kids” flag to fix to the front of our bus for next year’s convoy. I would like to thank our amazing students who supported this great cause. Everyone had a great day and we look forward to doing it all again next year. A special thanks to Mr Kruck, Mrs Martin and Mrs Batchelor for giving up their Saturday to support such a wonderful cause.
2017 Class Lists

It is hoped that class lists will accompany report cards. We have attempted to meet parent requests the best we can. As you can all imagine we have many factors to take into consideration when organizing classes and matching staff. Decisions are made collectively with past and future teachers present where possible with the best student outcomes our prime mission. We look at what is best for the whole child. We will use what time is left to prepare the students and staff for a smooth transition into 2017.

P&C Survey

Thank you to the families who returned their survey forms, based on the information provided P&C meetings will continue to be held on the Fourth Wednesday of the month at 9.30 in The Hub. Our first P&C meeting for 2017 will be held on 23rd of February. The AGM will be on March 22nd. All parents and community are welcome to become members of the P&C. The P&C will also be looking for executive members for 2017. We thank the 2016 P&C members for their efforts and work this year and look forward to an exciting new year. A huge thanks to Helen Della-Ricca for her contribution as treasurer for many years. We already have 4 dates booked for June, July, August and September for Canberra fundraisers. A fundraising subcommittee will be formed in early 2017. If you have children in year 10, 11 or 12 in 2018 your support and assistance will be needed to once again fund the carers required to support students with complex needs.

Thank you Townsends

We would like to thank Townsend Buses for their wonderful donation of $560 for the Didjeribone show on Wednesday. It was an excellent show that captivated the students. Some of the students also enjoyed the ice cream and pizza Townsend’s organised. Townsends are a great supporter of our school. They regularly provide buses for our excursions and give a generous donation in semester one that goes towards the Big Day In. We are truly lucky to have such a great company as part of the Calamvale Family.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

As the 2016 draws to a close, it is an important part of the PBL process to reflect on the progress made over the course of the school year. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the staff at Calamvale Special School recently made this review by taking part in the Effective Behaviour Support (EBS) survey. This week the results of the EBS survey have arrived and they look good! In summary, the survey shows that a vast majority of staff believe there is an effective PBL system implemented at the school. Staff overwhelmingly believe that the PBL process is on the right course and is having a positive influence on student learning at our school. The results from the EBS survey will now be further analysed and the information gathered will provide direction and clarity for the PBL process in 2017.

Tom O’Brien
PBL School Coach

PBL Gotcha Awards

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

M2  Liam, Sam, Sarah, Ashley
M6  Thelim, Arianne
M7  Albie, Lewis, Nyalok, Christopher, Bella, Mason
JS5  Lachlan
SS1  Georgia, Ryan
SS4  Jamie, Ali, Rhyce

Mandy Stewart-Murphy
Acting Principal
## Assembly Awards:

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<td>Student of the week for always displaying a kind and helpful manner</td>
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<td>Thai</td>
<td>Great trying practicing the signs that he has been taught during the school year.</td>
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<td>Science: For being able to tell what materials classroom items are made from.</td>
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<td>Great improvement in maths. For successfully using a number line to complete addition sums.</td>
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<td>Great progress in maths. Chantele can complete addition of three digit numbers with carrying over, independently.</td>
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<td>For doing a great job reading and playing with the EY students</td>
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<td>Great effort with his accuracy and directional skills when throwing a ball</td>
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<td>Student of the week for being happy and enthusiastic during our morning session activities</td>
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## P&C Report

Don’t forget to sell and return your raffle tickets. If you require more contact the P&C or the office. There are some amazing prizes to be won.

Courtney McConchie P&C President is available most Wednesday mornings for uniform purchases.

## FRIDAY FUN DANCE CLASS

This Friday will be the last Zumba class for 2016.

The P&C will seek interest from parents at the start of 2017 to ascertain if the program will continue. They require a minimum of 11 students to cover costs.

## Coming Events

- 30/11/16   | Graduation
- 2/12/16    | School Reports go home
- 2/12/16    | Graduating Students' Mystery Tour
- 5/12/16    | Early Years Awards Evening
- 6/12/16    | Middle, Junior & Senior Secondary Awards
- 9/12/16    | Last Day of Term

## ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOPS

- CLAY HAND BUILDING, CERAMICS, GLASS, ART PAINTING

### Logan West Community ArtShare Alliance Inc

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**LIMITS ON CLASS SIZES**

- Book Early

**Enrolments are accepted on a first in, first served basis.**

## Carols @ Multicap

**Free Entry**

Share in the magic of Christmas!

**Saturday 26 Nov | 5-7.30pm**
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
and a happy new year.