Principal’s Report

Farewell for 2016

Tomorrow is a sad day for all of the Calamvale Family. We say goodbye to our 6 graduates Aiden, Elysha, Joshua, Morgan, Raymond and Ricky. We wish them all well and the very best for their future. It has been a privilege to have known each and every one of them and to have taken them all to Canberra in 2015.

Graduation was held on the 30th November at the Algester sports club. Once again the catering was amazing and the award winning ham was delicious.

Thank you to the families, friends and staff in attendance. A huge thanks to Rebecca Gater and her parents for their help with the table decorations and decorating the venue on the day.

Special thanks to Sugar Rush Cakery for the donation of the graduation cake. It was beautiful and very tasty. The senior students and staff enjoyed the left overs on Thursday.

Thank you to the teachers who are leaving us this year. *Ancie-Kate Landers for not only her commitment and work with the students but also improving the sensory motor room. All the very best at Ipswich Special School.

*Chris Eves who is moving to Melbourne. Chris’s work both in the classroom and also as one of the Positive Behaviour team members will be missed by many.

*Louise McKinnon for her reliability and doing an amazing job with EY3. We look forward to you returning.

*De Boddy for her work throughout the school we wish her well with her future study.

*Jill Hole has been a very valued member of the senior team for the last 2 years. Her work with our transition students has been essential. Jill will continue to support Rebecca Gater in her role of transition officer next year.

*Nick Drover who is moving to Melbourne to teach. He has been instrumental in the implementation of our Balanced Literacy program within the school.

We have a number of teacher aides who are also leaving tomorrow to pursue careers elsewhere, or spend their days in leisure. We wish Ros, Karin, Catherine W, and Kevin the very best in the future endeavours.

Building Update

Today was a special day for the graduating students as they had the opportunity to be the first students inside the new building. We all wore our hard hats and vests. It is looking amazing. We are looking forward to the completion over the break. Parents will get to have a look around at our welcome morning tea on Monday 23rd January.

End of Year Celebrations

Early Years Awards Night was once again a great success. It is always a thrill to see the students perform in front of their families and receive their awards.

On Tuesday Night the middle and secondary school had a wonderful night celebrating the success of the students. The musical pieces were well received.

It was a special treat on both nights to have a live staff item. Parent have requested this for many years and finally in 2016 it happened.
Puppet Show

Thank you once again to Chappy Sharon for organising and funding the Annual Chappy Puppet Show. The children once again had an amazing time. They were engaged throughout the performance. With lots of laughter to be heard.

Thank you to the P&C

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C executive and the other parent helpers who continue to provide funds, resources and activities for the students. They are a small hardworking group who commit their precious time for the benefit of many. A huge thank you to Helen Della-Ricca for her many years as Treasurer.

Holiday Wishes.

From all the staff at Calamvale Special School we wish our students and families a happy and safe holiday season. We look forward to a productive 2017.

Mandy Stewart-Murphy
Acting Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning

2016 has been a wonderfully successful year for Positive behaviour for Learning (PBL) at Calamvale Special School. This year saw many refinements to our current PBL system, as well as many new additions to better accommodate the individual needs of our students. Perhaps the most popular new addition among our students has been the implementation of the new Gotcha system. The students are always excited and proud to show their completed Gotcha charts to the Principal and then be rewarded with a prize from the choice box. But 2016 also saw a reaffirmation of the PBL throughout our school culture and staff. With the help of our new external PBL coach, Louissa Chalk, we completed our School-Wide Evaluation Tool (SET) data. The SET tool is a series of questions asked to both students and staff to gauge their general knowledge of how PBL is being used in the school. We also completed the Effective Behaviour Support (EBS) survey, which gauged staff opinions about the overall effectiveness of the PBL system. The results of both of these surveys will now be used to guide the PBL process for 2017. Undoubtedly it will be another great year!

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:

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<td>Liam</td>
<td>Great progress in sharing information using his voice.</td>
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<td>Gracie</td>
<td>Consistently displaying all five expectations</td>
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<td>Bella</td>
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P&C Report

P&C Raffle

Thank you to all the people who purchased raffle tickets, which raised over $1000 for the P&C. The P&C wish to thank the following people and businesses for their support.

Browns Plains Vet, Tony Collivas Optometrist (Kym Mitchell), Sandra's Handmades (Sandra Carroll), Nutrimetics (Rachael Woods), Tupperware Fundraiser, Steven Fudge's Cradle Mountain Photo (Mandy Stewart-Murphy), The Beach House, Jimboomba House Restaurant, Vanquip (Peter Virgulti), Avon (Debbie Hayman), Horrocks Family, Gloria Jeans (Chaplain Sharon Stoodley), Becky's Place & Krissi's Beauty Therapy (Krissi Manning).

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop will be open:

- Thursday 19th January 9am-12pm,
- Monday 23rd January 9am-12pm,
- every Wednesday from 25th January 9am-12pm.

Welcome Morning Tea

P&C would like to invite you to a parent morning tea on Monday 23rd January from 9:00-10:30 - all welcome. This will be held in the undercroft of the new building.

Coming Events

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