Newsletter 12 November 2015

Class Placements 2016
We are fast approaching that time of the year where class lists are being considered for next year. Not all of our teaching staff have been appointed as yet, however we will be looking at 23 - 24 class groups for the start of the year, as enrolments continue to grow. Parents are welcome to drop me an email or note expressing their desires for their children's class placement in 2016. There is limited opportunity for interviews due to time constraints, however, if you wish to speak with Anthony Kruck or me, please make an appointment so we can schedule a time to talk.

I would prefer that requests for particular teachers weren't made, as it is very difficult to meet these requests. We try very hard to match students to teachers, with friends, and with class mates that work well together. Classes are structured on ability level, gender mix, students who work well together, and who will have similar curriculum and learning needs.

My email is tbyrn18@eq.edu.au if you wish to email me.

We will endeavour to accommodate parent requests as students are allocated to classes, but some requests may not be possible.

School Review Report
The report for the four-yearly school review was received yesterday. The Executive Summary will be posted on the school's website in the next few days. Recommendations from the review will be used to develop the 2016-2019 Calamvale Special School Strategic Plan.

Remembrance Day
I would like to say a very BIG THANK YOU to M7 students, Mrs Walker and Mrs Dobson for their Remembrance Day presentation on Wednesday. The poppies were great, the reading terrific and the children's confidence in presenting in front of the school community was remarkable. The assembly was respectful and meaningful to all of us able to attend.

Staffing update
My position as relieving principal has been extended to the end of semester 1 2016.

The additional deputy principal position has been advertised and selection will occur before the end of the year.

We have had two new teachers appointed for the 2016 school year, Mr Matthew Bray from Goodna Special School and Mrs Milissa Evans from Claremont Special School.

Tom Byrne
Principal
Assembly Awards
Award recipients for the last fortnight include:

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<td>Sam</td>
<td>Great work in Maths and literacy all week</td>
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<td>M3</td>
<td>Amanda</td>
<td>Displaying greater confidence with her reading</td>
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<td>Bailey</td>
<td>Commencing his first week at his new school with an enthusiastic approach</td>
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<td>Christopher</td>
<td>Engaging in social play with his peers during lunch times</td>
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Congratulations to these students and to the others not listed who also received awards.

P&C Report
The next meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 25th November commencing at 9.30am. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend. This will be the last meeting for 2015.

Uniform Shop News
School Shorts:
Parents are advised that short prices will rise at the start of the new school year, however there are shorts in stock now.

End of Year and Holiday Uniform Hours:
Thursday 3/12/15 10.00-12.00 (Prep Orientation Day)
Friday 4/12/15 9.00 – 10.30
Thursday 10/12/15 9.00-10.30
Thursday 21/01/16 10.00-12.00
Friday 22/01/16 10.00-12.00

Upcoming Events
November
25th  P&C Meeting
December
2nd  Senior Graduation
7th  Early Years Awards Night
8th  Middle, Junior and Senior Secondary Awards Night
11th  Last Day Term 4
January
27th  Day 1 Term 1 2016

What a fantastic year in M3.

We started our year off with self-discovery, through a range of getting to know you games and activities. During this time, we established our class motto and expectations: based around the values of respect, getting along, hard work, and resilience. New friendships quickly formed, and everyday successes became an integral part of our day.

In Semester One, students examined an English unit on culture. Having some knowledge of Japan, I was very excited to teach the students how to sing a couple of songs. Kira Kira Hikaru (Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star) was definitely a favourite.

Adding to the cultural experience, I brought in my Kimono. This proved to be a bit of a problem solving activity, as I had forgotten how to tie up the Obi (sash) when demonstrating to the students how to wear it. However, after lots of laughter and perseverance, we got it!

Blue Light Disco
It’s time to grab your dancing shoes for the next Blue Light Disco on Saturday 21st November. The Disco is held at the Algester Community Hall situated at the Algester State School Ridgewood Road Algester. Doors open 6:30pm and dance runs from 7pm-9pm. Entry is $5.00. Canteen open for snacks and glow products for sale. Discos are open for children 4yrs to 14 yrs. For the safety of children parents must drop children off at the door and collect them from the door promptly at 9pm. Children are not allowed out unless with a parent/guardian. Full police supervision. Any queries to Sgt Kylie Doyle Acacia Ridge Police Ph 3014 3200.
Arty Students Gain Awards

Congratulations to the following students who won prizes in their age categories for the Art Competition arranged by the Brisbane Tram & Bus Special Children’s Assoc. Inc.

• Jack Cameron - Commonwealth Bank Prize Winner
• Aidan Goodrich - 3rd Prize Water colours
• Kaylee Mair - 3rd Prize Water colours
• Jamie Carroll - 1st Prize Water colours
• Amber Murphy - 3rd Prize Craypas
• Kristen Bennett - 1st Prize Craypas
• Miracle Fitisemanu - 1st Prize Craypas
• Connor Rawlinson - 1st Prize Collage
• Hamdiya Yussuf - 1st Prize Poster
• Reece Virgulti - 1st Prize Black and White

Christmas Project #1:

Operation Christmas Child: a unique international project that provides Christmas gifts, collected & placed in a shoebox and sent to children who have very little, in both remote parts of Australia as well as overseas. Last year we, at Calamvale, participated in this lovely project raising $600 in donations from within our school community and sending off 35 boxes packed full of goodies.

Once again we have the chance to participate and you are invited to make a donation. All money received will enable our senior students to purchase the items and pack the boxes on behalf of us all.

Further information is available at the website: www.operationchristmaschild.org.au or give the school office a call and ask for Chappy. The more money we raise the more children we can bless with a gift.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR CONTRIBUTION BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6th in an envelope marked: ‘Operation Christmas Child’ together with your child’s name and class.

Christmas Project #2:

Our Christmas Giving-Tree will, once again, be placed in the front office in order to receive donations of tin and non-perishable food items from our school community in the lead up to Christmas. Donations can be sent to school with your student and each class will place their contributions under the tree each week. As our students watch our tin castle grow they will know that our generosity is helping others in a practical way. These will then be given to a local charity during a special presentation on assembly at the end of term, for distribution to our local community.

P&C Fundraiser – Christmas Toy Catalogues

Looking for ideas to fill the kids’ Christmas Stockings?

Please support this P&C Fundraiser venture, and place an order from the fundraising books that were sent home last Monday.

There are 2 catalogues – if ordering through Educational Experience – they deliver to your home or school as the fee is the same. Last day for orders for them is 6 Dec.

Parent Direct – take 1 – 2 weeks for delivery. They deliver either to school or home – extra charge of $4 to deliver to home. Last day for Parent Direct orders is 24 November – to allow 2 weeks if delivered to school.

However the orders can be made online by 3rd December.

Transport Reviews

School contracted transport (provided by Townsend) is to be reviewed every year to ensure that transport is maintained. For many of our students who travel to and from school, that time is coming up soon. If your child’s review is due, over the coming weeks, you will receive a copy of the review which you will need to sign and return to school as soon as possible.

Any issues please contact Anthony Kruck (Acting Deputy Principal).