Welcome back to Term 4. I hope all families have had a relaxing and enjoyable Spring break.

The term has started well with a successful Sports Day last Monday. The students had a very enjoyable day and participated really well, despite the warm weather. Thanks to the parents, carers and other family members that came along to support their children. The introduction of house colours and names added a lot of interest and added to the excitement of the day. A more detailed report is contained within the newsletter, but I’d like to acknowledge Mr Dickson and Ms Rogers for the huge effort they put in to make the day work so well.

The School Improvement Unit review will be conducted from Friday 23/10/15 - Tuesday 27/10/15. The team is made up of three Special School Principals who will meet with teachers, teacher aides, parents, students and community members to consider the range of areas the school is being measured against. Consideration of the school’s priorities, the 2012-2015 school strategic plan and the Department’s expectations for state schools will all be looked at during the review. Our school’s priorities for 2015 are:

- Communication – every student having an effective communication system
- Literacy and Numeracy for learning
- Quality teaching

There will be opportunity for the reviewers to meet with parents, particularly on the first two days of the review. Recommendations from the review will be used to develop the next school strategic plan 2016-2019.

Fishing Camp

This week, 18 Junior Secondary students travelled to Bribie Island for the Annual Special Schools Fishing Camp. I understand from staff that the students are having a great time and several of them received awards at last night’s presentation dinner. Pictured is Daisy with her catch and Connar and Ms Silva with the first catch of the day.

I’m looking forward to hearing about the ones that got away when the Junior Secondary students return to school on Friday.

FOUND:

A pair of reading glasses have been found in the school which don’t seem to belong to any staff...is it possible that a parent is missing them? If you are, please see Denise at reception.
The winning team of the day, streaking away was the **BLUE TONGUE LIZARDS** with a score of 903, second **Green Crocodiles** with a score of 766, closely followed by the **Yellow Tigers** with a score of 727 and finally the **Red Kangaroos** with a score of 664.

**Assembly Awards**
Award recipients for the last fortnight:
Congratulations to these students and to the others not listed who also received awards.

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**P&C News**

**Date Claimer:** Chappy’s Tupperware Party to be held at school in the Hub from 9.45am on Thursday 22/10/15. Purchases from the Tupperware assist the P&C with Christmas Raffle prizes. All are very welcome to attend.

Polo shirt stock has been replenished for anyone looking for sizes that may have been out of stock. Also a new supply of school bags has come in.

**Coming soon** – P & C will be sending out Educational toy & gift catalogues that you can do some Christmas shopping from. The school will then benefit from the “host” vouchers received to be used on resources for the school.

**Next P&C Meeting:**
The next meeting of the P&C Association will be held in the Hub on Wednesday 28th October, commencing at 9.15am

**Upcoming Events**

**October**
- 19th Pupil Fee Day
- 22nd Tupperware Party hosted by our Chappy
- 23rd – 27th School Improvement Unit Visit
- 28th P&C Meeting

**November**
- 6th Bush Dance (6pm-8pm)
- 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
How long has it been since you’ve been to a Tupperware Party?

"Too long," I hear you say.

Well, never fear! Your devoted P&C committee is looking after you.

On THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER, 9:45am in The Hub.

We’ll be hosting the first ever CSS Tupperware Party and you’re invited to come along and join the fun, with prizes and a delicious morning tea.

**RSVP for P&C TUPPERWARE PARTY**

Count me in, I wouldn’t miss it for quids, I’m as keen as mustard.

I can’t make it but would love to place an order. Please send me home a catalogue.

My Name: My Student: of class:

Special Dietary requirements? Let us know so you can feast along with us:

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In anticipation of the spirit of giving that accompanies the coming Christmas season, we thought you would appreciate continuing the newly-formed tradition of supporting the following projects:

**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 OCT 23rd 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.

**Pupil Free Day**

Next Monday, 19th October is a Pupil Free Day for staff professional development. Teaching staff will be involved in collaboratively developing a Pedagogical Framework that captures how we teach at Calamvale Special School; understanding the role of the school nurse; preparing for the school review; utilising the lessons taught through the Song Room program; and recording student data on the Department’s system.

Teacher aides will have the opportunity to extend their skills in using Intensive Interaction to engage students in learning and social relationships.

**New Admin and Learning Spaces Building**

The start-up meeting for the construction of the new building was held on 7/10. Initial concepts and preliminary siting and architectural designs were discussed as well as an onsite visit to consider a number of alternatives. Parent representatives on the working party are Courtney McConchie and Sonia Ozanne. Regular consultative meetings will be held throughout the drafting and construction stages of the building to ensure we end up with a facility that meets the school’s needs.

**Staffing Update**

I have been advised by the region that Mr Grace has submitted his notice to cease employment and will not be returning to his principal position at Calamvale Special School. I am waiting on advice as to the process for filling the position permanently. I will inform you of this when I know.

Mrs Stewart-Murphy is currently on leave and is being replaced by Mr Kruck.

Mr Kruck is being replaced by Mr Love.

Ms Simpson is back from her holiday in Europe.

Ms Cann is doing a variety of duties across the school this term and is replaced by Ms Borneland.

We have been advised that the school is eligible for a second deputy principal from the commencement of the 2016 school year. Again, I am waiting on the recruitment process details to action this.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Tom Byrne
Principal

**Sports Day 2015 Report**

This year our annual sports day had many changes. On Monday we held our first sports day with house teams and multiple events. It was a fabulous day with all students showing great team spirit, dressed in their team colours and supporting each other. Sportsmanship and Inclusive competition was the order of the day. Students challenged themselves and worked together to ensure everyone had a great time. It was great to see a number of parents and caregivers who came to support and also participated with some of our staff in the fun events.