Principal’s Report

Student Leaders Elected
I am pleased to announce that the four Student Leaders for 2016 are:
Senior Secondary Boy – Jamie Carroll
Senior Secondary Girl – Leticia Pope
Junior Secondary Boy – Aaron McGuiness
Junior Girl – Amber Murphy

I am really looking forward to working with the student leaders this year, as they assist with many things, including:
- presenting awards at assembly
- meeting visitors to our school and showing them around (last year our visitors included the Premier of Queensland and the Minister for Education and Training)
- cooperating with their classmates and encouraging them to be good learners
- helping with excursions and representing our school with pride at events outside of the school
- representing the school on special days including Anzac day, Harmony Day and other times when we have celebrations at school
- being an ambassador for the school when in the community, on work experience, shopping and travelling on public transport
- helping younger children as tutors, buddies and showing them what good behaviour looks like
- the list goes on; there will be multiple opportunities for each of the four student leaders to help others and represent the other Calamvale Special School students.

Annual Implementation Plan
The school’s Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and budget have been completed for 2016. The AIP sets out what we hope to achieve in 2016, by having a narrow and sharp focus of three priority areas. The selection of these priorities is based on feedback from the School Improvement Unit review last October, our own observations of what is working and what is most important at this time, as well as departmental expectations. The priorities are:

1. Communication for learning
2. Literacy
3. Numeracy

Embedded through these three priorities is senior secondary curriculum renewal and student wellbeing.

The AIP is backed up with a more comprehensive School Improvement Agenda, detailing the strategies, and specifying staff roles and responsibilities.

Staffing Update
I am pleased to advise that Mandy Stewart-Murphy has returned to school from her leave. Mandy will be working Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the remainder of this term. Anthony Kruck will continue to be Acting Deputy Principal for this period.

Two new part-time teachers have joined us. Ms Melisse Catsoulis will co-teach SS3 with Ms Bertwistle and Ms Jane Healy will co-teach with Ms Sharon Jones.

Parent Pick Up Area
I understand there are some concerns with the time the gate to the parent pick area is being opened of an afternoon. Please be aware that it may not be opened at 2.45pm as staff are in class until 2.55pm. A designated staff member will unlock the gate to the area by 2.55pm. Also, the garden areas around H and I blocks (parent pick up zone) have become a class project for SS1 students. These students need to be back in their classrooms before the gate is opened. Please also ensure that staff have seen your child and marked them off the roll before they leave.

Tom Byrne
Principal

P&C Report
The school’s P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Wednesday 24/2/16. The executive members of the association were elected at the meeting. The 2016 executive are:
- President - Courtney McConchie
- Vice-president - Linda Hall
- Secretary - Samantha Specogna
- Treasurer - Rachel Woods
- Assistant-treasurer - Helen Della-Ricca

Congratulations to these office bearers.

The next meeting of the P&C will be at 9.30 am Wednesday 23rd March. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Easter Egg Raffle
The annual P&C Monster Easter Egg Raffle needs
your support. Funds raised through the raffle provide much needed school's Chaplaincy program. The success of this fundraiser depends on family and community support. The best way to help is to donate Easter eggs. These can be dropped into school in the lead up to Easter. The multiple draws will be held at school during one of the Easter events, commencing Monday 21st March. Please support the raffle as it is the major fundraiser for Chaplaincy.

**After School Care and Vacation Care**
“Click” (Lifestyle Options) has commenced after school care at our school. Plans are in place for vacation care during the Easter holidays. There are a number of places available.

Lifestyle Care will provide more information shortly, but you may like to contact Lauren or Grandall on 1300 359 253 or mobile 0488 489 605.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Update**
As our school continues to grow, and the needs of our students keep changing, it is important that our PBL system adjusts to meet these needs. As such, the leadership team is recommending a change to the passport award system used in the middle, junior secondary and senior cohorts. In its place, the leadership team is suggesting using Gotchas. Students earn a Gotcha for demonstrating one or more of the school expectations. The Gotcha is then taken back to the classroom where it is posted on the student’s Gotcha Chart. When the student receives five Gotchas he or she is given a prize and entered into the draw for the end-of-term grand prize. This is usually a disco or afternoon tea with the principal. The student is also granted a PBL award during the Friday assembly. This recommendation will be presented to staff for further review.

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<td>Ryley</td>
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| M2    | Sam     | • Student of the Week for showing kindness and friendship to others  
|       |         | • PBL Award – working hard to extend his friendship and understanding towards his classmates |
|       | Ashley  | Student of the Week for showing great resilience and kindness towards others |
|       | Liam    | Student of the Week for sharing with others when they were having a tough day |
|       | Sarah   | Great effort in using her words to say how she felt and what she wanted |
| M3    | Jayden  | Great improvement in learning and displaying the expectation, “I Can Wait” |
|       | Lewis   | Great effort in displaying the school expectation, “I Can Share” |
| M4    | Ken     | PBL Student of the Week – achieving well in seat behaviour |
| M6    | Bailey  | PBL Student of the Week – outstanding attributes in the areas of work ethics, friendliness and helpfulness |
| JS6   | Bailey  | Swimming Award |
|       | Tasman  | Great trying when taking part in spelling tasks |
| SS1   | Ryan    | PBL Award – participating in class activities in a calm manner |
|       | Tyrese  | Great progress at completing his matching and switch activities |
|       | Georgia | Great trying in all her lessons and activities and being kind to her peers |

**School Photos**
MSP Photography will be taking school photos on Tuesday 2th April, second day of Term 2. Your photo order envelopes will be sent home soon.

**Assembly Awards**

**Coming Events**

- 18/3/16  CSS Swimming Carnival & Meal Deal
- 24/03/16  Last Day Term 1
- 11/4/16  Term 2 commences
- 12/4/16  School Photos
- 25/4/16  ANZAC Day Public Holiday
2016 School Leaders

CONGRATULATIONS
SENIOR LEADERS
2016