Newsletter 23 July 2015

Ministerial Visit
I have been advised that the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for Education and Training, Mr Duncan Pegg Member for Stretton and Mr Peter Russo Member for Sunnybank will visit Calamvale Special School on Monday 3 August from 9 – 9.45 am.
Purpose of the visit is to make an announcement concerning future building of learning spaces. The Minister has indicated that she would like to meet and interact with students, teachers and parents. The Minister would also like to visit the site for the capital works funded building.
This represents a great opportunity for Calamvale Special School and is very timely, as more purpose built classrooms are needed.
Members of the P&C are very welcome to be present when the Minister visits and to meet with her.

Enrolment Update
Day 8 enrolment numbers were 127 students. Currently we have 130 students with two new students commencing this term. Almost daily there are calls from parents enquiring about enrolment opportunities for their children.

Sporting Schools Grants
We have applied for funding under the Sporting Schools Grants Program and I’m pleased to report that in Semester 1 the school received $3450 and this semester we will receive an additional $1800, making the 2015 grant worth $5250. The funds are used for sporting opportunities within school time by funding outside agencies engaged to teach ball skills and team participation. Last term it was AFL and touch football. Term 3 is softball and Term 4 swimming.
Last year the total Sporting Schools Grant was $7490.

Canberra Update
We have a very excited group of students as the time gets closer to departure on 19th August.
Mrs Stewart-Murphy was a happy “camper” yesterday with the arrival of the Camp Jackets. They look very warm and wind and rain resistant. Just waiting on the sew-on-pockets and they will be right to go.
Last week the Greenback RSL Community Benefits Auxiliary donated $4,822.60 to cover the cost of carer flights. This coming Friday, the Commonwealth Bank will present a cheque for $5,648 to cover the remaining costs of flights. The representatives of the bank will be here at 2.00pm for afternoon tea prior to assembly. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend both the afternoon tea and the assembly.

Lunch Time Activities
Commencing next Monday students will be offered a range of lunch time activities in their long break. The two sectors of Middle Years and Secondary Years will have separate activities. The students will be able to choose form bike riding, library (opened four days per week), choir and percussion, art and craft, photography, girl’s club, boy’s club, fit club, soccer and oval games, gardening and a civics program offered to students in wheel chairs by SS4 students. The idea behind the lunch time activities is to engage all students fully, learn team skills and have the opportunity to put their communication system to use through play and creative activity.
JS5 and Anh Do
Towards the end of Term 2, JS5 as part of their science unit, produced an amazing shadow puppet play telling the story of author and comedian Anh Do’s journey to Australia. The students wrote the script, narrated it, designed the puppets and background and were the puppeteers. So good was the performance that it was videoed. Mrs Stewart-Murphy put the video on the school’s Facebook and the next day Mr O’Brien was contacted by Anh Do. Subsequently he wrote to the class and sent small gifts. The news of this happening reached local media with The Southern Star (Quest) publishing a story in the next edition. Yesterday 4BC were in on the act, interviewing the teachers. Congratulations to all for making the students’ learning so rich.

School Opinion Surveys
Just a reminder that the 2015 School Opinion Surveys for parents are to be completed online by Friday 31 July. Thank you to parents and carers that have already completed the survey and I ask that those that haven’t as yet, take a few minutes to do so.

NAIDOC Day
Our school will celebrate NAIDOC Day on Friday 31st July. The students will have a variety of rotational activities, including story telling with Elder, Aunty Peggy Tidyman. The activities will commence at 11.00am and conclude with assembly at 2:15pm. Parent and friends are invited to attend assembly.

EY1 and EY2 Colour Day
On the 23rd June, EY 1 and EY 2 had a Colour Day to celebrate the end of the semester. The students were joined by their parents to and participate in fun, sensory and gross motor activities based on the colours of the rainbow. We spent the morning playing with bright play dough, painting butterflies, and exploring coloured pasta and rice, followed by choosing their favourite colour themed songs and stories. The students also shared morning tea with their parents. We had all the colours of the rainbow represented in the food we shared, such as orange chips, blue cupcakes, red watermelon, brown biscuits and yellow bananas. Thanks to all the parents who joined us in the morning and to those parents who brought in food. The students had a fantastic day!

Change of Contact Details
From time to time telephone and mobile phone numbers change, as do home addresses and emergency contacts. If your contact details have changed in the last few months and you haven’t notified the school, please contact Denise on 3712 5555, or dbouy2@eq.edu.au to update. Several times this term we have been unable to reach parents as numbers are no longer current.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Calamvale Special School has 5 Expectations as part of its PBL program: I Can Listen, I Can Ask For Help, I Can Communicate, I Can Wait, I Can Share. Starting in Term 3 there is now an Expectation of the Week. The schedule for this Term is as follows:

- Weeks 1 and 6: I Can Listen
- Weeks 2 and 7: I Can Ask for Help
- Weeks 3 and 8: I Can Communicate
- Weeks 4 and 9: I Can Wait
- Weeks 5 and 10: I Can Share

The expectation for Week 2 is I Can Ask For Help. Having an Expectation of the Week helps provide students deeper understandings of each expectation. It provides a great opportunity for parents/carers to discuss these expectations with their child, as well. Why not take this opportunity to discuss I Can Ask For Help with your child? Maybe discuss ‘safe’ people we can ask for help when we are out in public, such as police officers or security guards. Or maybe the different ways people can ask for help, such as spoken words or sign language.

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back!

Starting on Wednesday 15th July anyone from our community – staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths they can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. Once the sticker cards are completed they can be placed in a collection box, either at school or the local Woolies. These completed sticker cards can be redeemed for school resources and equipment. This community program enables learning centres across Australia to earn educational resources from shopping at Woolworths. Support us by collecting the stickers, completing the sticker cards and placing them in our collection box.

Lunches/Snacks at school

Lunches and snacks play an important role in supplying children with their daily nutritional needs, building healthy bodies and minds. Our school community is committed to providing and promoting healthier food and drink choices, in line with the Queensland Government initiative Smart Choices, the Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools.

Smart Choices requires schools to promote healthy eating across all areas of the school environment. Food and drinks are categorised into three groups based on how nutritious they are:

- **GREEN** – these foods and drinks are excellent sources of important nutrients. They should be encouraged and promoted in the school as the best choice.
- **AMBER** – these foods and drinks have some sugar, fat or salt added. They should be selected carefully.
- **RED** – these foods and drinks have limited nutritional value and are higher in sugar, saturated fat, sodium and kilojoules. These foods should be limited.

As part of our lunch program, we would request that foods do not come to school in tins as this can create some safety issues (cuts, etc). A good alternative is to send the food to school in plastic containers.

Also as part of The Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code Food Safety Standard 3.2.2 we are unable to heat food in the microwave as food that needs to be reheated needs to be done so at a certain temperature to avoid bacteria, so we would appreciate it if you could please send in food that does not require heating as well as eating utensils (forks, spoons, etc).
Bust-a-Move
Bust-a-move classes will be continuing of a Friday afternoon
*Commencing 7th August*

Staffing News
Welcome to Mrs Liz Rogers who has returned from maternity leave, doing 4 days a week. Liz is sharing the HPE and HRE role with Mr Josh Dixon.
Mrs Simone Donovan is team teaching with Mr Nick Drover while Nick supports Goodna Special School each Monday and Tuesday as literacy coach.
Today we say farewell to Ms Jennifer Billington who ends her contract with us before heading off overseas. It has been a real delight having Jeni as part of our staff. We wish her well in all future endeavours.

I wish to thank the P&C and members of the school community for their wonderful support during the sad weeks that have just passed. The loss of a student is always hard to take, but when it is one that has been so cared for by the school community it seems even harder. As well, two parents passed away in the last few weeks. I’m sure your thoughts are with these families at this time.

*Tom Byrne*
Principal

P&C Report
Just a reminder that the Calamvale Carnival will be held on Saturday 25 July.
A separate P&C Newsletter went home earlier this week with the Cookie Dough order forms attached.

**Next P&C Meeting**: Wednesday 26/8/15 Parent Room 9.30 am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

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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<td>Daniel</td>
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<td>Bill</td>
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<td>Summer</td>
<td>Fantastic work in Numeracy</td>
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<td>Mitchell</td>
<td>Excellent work in Mathematics</td>
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<td>Liam</td>
<td>• Great improvement in following the expectation “I can communicate” using his words to share information</td>
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<td>• Great effort in settling into a new school and following the expectation, “I can listen”</td>
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<td>Displaying a “have-a-go” attitude across her whole school day</td>
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<td>Amanda</td>
<td>Great improvement – Active listening during whole class teaching</td>
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<td>&quot;I can listen&quot; when completing writing</td>
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<td>Posing questions and raising comments about living and non-living things during science</td>
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<td>Boa Han</td>
<td>Great work – always doing good listening and following teacher instructions</td>
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<td>Great work in displaying appropriate behaviour when travelling on public transport</td>
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<td>Tayla</td>
<td>Great work in helping others and being a responsible member of SS3</td>
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<td>Joseph</td>
<td>Great work in listening and following instructions during the Community Access Program</td>
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<td>Trent</td>
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### Coming Events

- 30/7/15 NRL Gala Day
- 31/7/15 School Opinion Survey Closes
- 3/8/15 Ministerial Visit
- 12/8/15 Ekka Show Holiday (School closed)
- 26/8/15 P&C Meeting

### NDIS in Queensland

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) starts in Queensland on 1 July 2016.

To find out more, read the Queensland specific factsheets and frequently asked questions about the NDIS in Queensland below.

You can also view the NDIS in Queensland page on the National Disability Insurance Agency's (NDIA) website:


### CRU Visit to School

The CRU team will visit Calamvale Special School on Tuesday 4th August to provide NDIS Information Session from 9.30-11.00 am.

Please confirm by email to Denise if you can attend: dbouy2@eq.edu.au