Canberra Trip

I'm pleased to report that all 21 students, carers and staff arrived safely in Canberra early yesterday and enjoyed their flight enormously. They weren't there too long before the first photo from Mrs. Stewart-Murphy was received at school.

As you can see the Calamvale students quickly fitted into Canberra political life, and I believe some new laws will be passed this week.

Today, Senator Joanna Lindgren sent this photo of the group with her from Parliament House.

The Calamvale crew also had morning tea with Local Member Jim Chalmers.

We had some very excited young people last week and it looks like all the excitement and hard work has paid off. I can hardly wait to hear their amazing stories when they return to school next week.
Book Fair
Currently the Book Fair is open at school in the Admin Building Conference Room. It is open for viewing and sales every school day, from 9:00am – 3:00pm and finishes on Friday 28/8/15

Join the fun and help to encourage your child’s love of reading.
Parents unable to make the Book Fair will receive a student “Wish List” book preference notice.
Every sale at the Book Fair benefits our school, so please join us in making it a success for 2015.

Book Week Parade
We are excited to hold the Annual Book Week Parade on Friday 28th August at the following times:

- Early Years at morning assembly at 9:10am
- Middle, Junior Secondary and Seniors at 2:20pm during afternoon assembly

All students are encouraged to come dressed as a character form their favourite book. To be eligible for a prize students must return the slip that went home with the Book Week Parade notice earlier this week. Theses slips go into the lucky dip draw for a prize.

Darling Point Fun Run
Yesterday many of our students took part in the Darling Point Fun Run, an annual event for students with disabilities. They all had a great day and tried very hard.

However, we are proud to celebrate the success of the wonderful Chase Annan in JS3. Chase did an amazing job! He won 2nd place for his age group and was placed 6th overall. This young man is a new student to Calamvale Special School and a true champion. Well done Chase!

Chase before the run.
Chase with his medallion, certificate and prize.

Tom Byrne
Principal
Parent Group Get Togethers

The next Parent Group Information Session is being held on Wednesday 9/9/15 at 9:15am in the Hub. The session is being coordinated by the school’s Occupational Therapist Hannah Tipman, who will be providing helpful information and answer to parents who would like to know more about “successful toilet training.” Parents and carers interested in attending are asked to contact Sharon at reception know if you are coming for the provision of resources and catering. Sharon can be contacted on 3712 5555.

On Tuesday 10 November at 9:15am the school will host an informal morning tea for parents and cares to connect with each other and just have a catch-up with other parents and school staff. More information will come home closer to the time.

Nepalese Earthquake Fundraising Update

The goods donated for the victims of the Nepal Earthquakes were not able to be shipped to Nepal without great expense. However, Jeni Billington and school Chaplain Sharon Stoodley put the donations together and took them to the suitcase sales held in Brisbane Square in the city on 2nd August. The sales were very successful with $292.60 raised from the sale of donated goods and $56 for the sale of Nepalese jewellery. So, just over $350 was sent to the Nepal Special Schools on behalf of our school community.

Thank you everyone for your support.

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>Bailey</td>
<td>Super Eater Award</td>
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<td>Aliya</td>
<td>Excellent work in science and waiting for her turn with science materials</td>
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<td>Amelia</td>
<td>Excellent work in following the school's expectation, “I can ask for help”</td>
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<td>Great improvement in showing communication of his wants and needs</td>
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<td>Great work in Maths and in following the expectation, “I can listen”</td>
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<td>Great improvement in applying the “Think 5” school expectations</td>
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<td>Tianna</td>
<td>For great effort in all her school work across the school day</td>
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<td>Writing words to communicate ideas with his peers and adults</td>
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<td>For participating in class activities and communicating with her peers and teachers</td>
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<td>For displaying all five expectations during class time and in the playground</td>
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<td>Great effort in displaying the five school expectations during physical education lessons</td>
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<td>For leading the Friday Dance program and doing it really well</td>
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P&C Report

Thank you to all for supporting the Billy G Cookie fundraiser. The orders will be coming home next Wednesday, 26 August. Please look out for them coming home with your child, so they can be put in the fridge/freezer.

Reminder: Shop and Play Afternoon Tea: Friday 28 August, 2:15pm – 6:00pm (see enclosed flyer with RSVP)
Father’s Day Stall Helpers

Helpers are needed with the Father’s Day Stall to be held on Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September. If you are able to help, please let Sharon at reception know on 3712 5555. Keep an eye out for the flyer to come home next week.

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

NDIS Planning Resource

There is a myriad of information available through the Internet re NDIS. The following link provides a great planning booklet, which is easy to read, and assists you to plan for your child’s future.
You may wish to download for future reference.


Positive Learning Behaviour Update

The PBL framework at Calamvale Special School is designed to promote a learning environment which is productive, safe and supportive of our students’ educational development. As such, we aim for a school culture that focuses on student achievements and acknowledgement of their positive behavioural outcomes. Part of this focus involves the recognition of student behavioural achievements through school-wide celebrations that involve staff, parents and carers and the local community as a whole. To celebrate the remarkable positive behavioural outcomes of our students during the 2015 school year there will be an evening bush dance held in Term 4. Family and friends of students will be invited to attend this amazing evening of fun and comradery. Further information will be provided soon!

Coming Events

26/8/15  P&C Meeting
28/8/15  Shop and Play Afternoon Tea
3 - 4/9/15 Father’s Day Stall
9/9/15  Parent Group Workshop – “Successful Toileting”
17/9/15  Sports Day
18/9/2015  Last day Term 3
6/10/15  Term 4 Begins
19/10/15  Pupil Fee Day
11/12/15  Last Day Term 4
Woolworths Earn and Learn

Just a reminder to collect Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers if you are shopping with them. Collect stickers to place on your 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.