Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Semester 2 to all of our returning students and families, and welcome to all of our new students, including our newest group of International students studying with us.

Vale Alan Walker

Over the holidays we were very sad to receive the news that Alan Walker, a long time staff member, tragically lost his life. Mr Walker held the role of Network Manager for our school’s very large computer network. He was a classroom teacher and he was a student welfare officer, line managing a Year 12 home group.

Alan was highly regarded as a teacher and as a leader in ICTs in Education Queensland. He always had the best interest of his students as the priority in his work.

On Friday 15 July a memorial service was held here at school to honour Mr Walker's significant contribution to education generally and Caloundra SHS specifically. It was attended by over two hundred current and past staff and students; a tribute to the high level of respect held for him by our school community. We will miss him.

Borneo Trip

Welcome back to our intrepid travellers led by Mrs Sandy Connie and Mrs Mary Walsh. Congratulations to all students, parents and staff involved in this magnificent learning opportunity and incredible life experience.

Thank you to Sandy and Mary for their dedication and commitment to this major exercise.

Uniform

As indicated prior to the holidays, my expectation is that full school uniform is to be worn every day by all students. This includes navy jumpers and appropriate school shoes. Thank you to all parents who have worked hard to meet this obligation. It would be appreciated that if your student is out of uniform for any reason, line managers are informed so that we can assist in the short term by providing school jumpers as a loan.

Reporting

In the next couple of weeks, student END SEMESTER 1 report cards will be sent home to each family. This report provides information on academic achievement, effort and behaviour for all students who completed sufficient studies to qualify. I have high expectations, as I am sure does each of you, around the performance of students in these reports.

The core purpose of attending school is to achieve to one’s maximum in all areas of study. In particular, each student is personally responsible for the EFFORT and BEHAVIOUR results they achieve as these results are dependent only on personal commitment.

Students who achieve poorly in these areas will be identified and supported, however I believe it is very important to recognise that the student must accept accountability for these outcomes and understand that if they follow the advice given and utilize the support available, they will improve.

Congratulations in advance to the vast majority of student who will get strong, positive results on their report cards. I acknowledge your hard work and commitment to your studies. Thank you also to our hard working teaching staff for their support and guidance of all students in our school.

Wireless Network

We are currently in the final stages of a “fit out” of wireless connectivity across many areas of the school to prepare our site for the impending roll out of additional lap top computers for students at Caloundra SHS. I would like to acknowledge the enormous efforts of our ICT team led by Mrs Virginia Schaschke in this very complex process. The end result will be wonderful for our students and staff.

Finally, welcome back to Mr Gary Hay, Deputy Principal, after a term of leave and thank you to Mrs Victoria Anstey for her excellent work replacing Mr Hay during Term 2.

Until next newsletter

Peter Kelly
Principal

Diary Date Claimers

Please consult this calendar of events and activities for future planning.

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The day was a little windy and all the planes made it into the air, some longer than others. The first flights were on Channel Seven Local News that night and a couple of students were interviewed. This project has been made possible by the generous support of the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation who gave the school a grant of $5000 to encourage students to get into engineering and innovation.

The Year 10 subject and a new Year 9 elective in 2012 gives the students the fun, knowledge and hands on involvement to take on the OP subject Year 11 and 12 Aerospace Studies in future years. If students are interested in the Aerospace Studies subjects at Caloundra SHS, please contact Mark Heinrich Aerospace Studies Coordinator on 5436 8444.

Mark Heinrich
Aerospace Coordinator

Senior School

QCS

QCS preparation will continue for our 162 OP eligible students this semester, prior to testing programme scheduled by QSA on 30 and 31 August.

Preparatory sessions will occur each Tuesday afternoon from 2:00pm to 3:00pm and will concentrate on improving students’ performance in each of the criteria assessed in the QCS tests. Parents are urged to encourage students to attend each of these sessions.

In the final week of Semester 1, students sat the 2010 past test papers as part of our formal practice testing program for Semester 1. Feedback will be given to students on their performance in these tests on Tuesday 26 July from 2:00pm to 3:00pm (Period 4).

SET Plan

Year 10 students have been completing a careers program in their course of study – Certificate I in Work Education. On completion of Semester 1 all students have prepared a Senior Education Training Plan (SET Plan). This Plan details students’ academic progress, highlights their short and long term goals and career aspirations.

The SET Plan is a confidential document, negotiated between the student, their parents and the school. The completion of this document and subsequent interviews with students, their parents and school has been mandated by the Queensland Government.

These interviews will commence on Wednesday 24 August following the Subject Selection Evening. Details of interview times will be posted to all parents in the hope that they will be available for this important interview.

Work Experience

Our Year 10 students will participate in their Work Experience Program in the week 12 to 16 September. Most students have finalised their work experience placement and a special thank you to Mrs Raynor Grevell for her hard work in assisting these students. A small number of students have yet to advise Raynor of their intended industry/career/employer preference and this must be done immediately.

Parents are asked to talk to students about their placements and encourage students to see Raynor immediately if placements have not been finalised.

RYDA

On Wednesday 27 July, Year 11 students have been invited to attend a Youth Driver Awareness Program (RYDA) offered by our local Caloundra Rotary Clubs in association with NRMA Insurance.

The program targets 16 to 17 years old students who are at the stage of their lives when they start to drive or alternatively, ride in a vehicle driven by their peers. The RYDA Program focuses on attitude and awareness with the aim of helping young adults become better people on the road. In addition it highlights the

F15 Jet Fighters Over Caloundra

On Friday 17 June from 10am, nine F15 remote control model aircraft made their maiden flights on the bottom oval at Caloundra State High School. The models are built from plans, with foam and carbon rod, by the Year 10 Aerospace Studies students from Caloundra State High School and Meridan State College.

This is the third time these models have been made and they all took off. They travel at speeds of up to 100 KPH.

To test fly the planes we had the designer of the F15 model, Chris Paterson from Calamvale College, come to help out. Chris has many years experience in remote control model designing, making and flying, and has the knowledge and experience to make any adjustments necessary to get the planes into the air. Most students had the opportunity to fly their own planes with the help of Mr Paterson.
privileges and responsibilities of owning and driving a motor vehicle. It is a highly successful program offered for the first time to students in 2009 and is one of the highlights of the Year 11 calendar.

The cost of the Program is $15 per student. Unfortunately the program will be available to the first 200 Year 11 students who return their permission form with payment as numbers are limited due to the program and size of venue. Letters and permission forms have been sent home with your son/daughter. Please urge your child to participate in this very worthwhile program.

Jan McLean
HOD Senior School

History Excursion

On Thursday 16 June, 26 very excited Senior History students gathered at school for a rare experience. We boarded a bus to take us to Chenrezig Institute at Eudlo to hear an address from the Dalai Lama. The trip out was enlivened by our bus driver who noted, as we passed a flock of alpacas, that there was more than one type of Lama in Eudlo.

Along with about 3000 other lucky individuals we enjoyed the festival atmosphere of the day, including an interesting range of stalls and food providers. Early in the day we were entertained by Tenzin Choegyal, a Tibetan musician. Unfortunately the students missed much of the workshop on Secular Ethics with Rachael Kohn, as the session was brought forward and so they did not get to contribute to the questions that were to be put to his Holiness. However, he spoke at great length in response to the questions asked and so only managed with a small number of questions from the list.

We saw the Dalai Lama bless the Garden of Enlightenment and heard him speak about compassion and the role of ethics in our modern lives. He was an engaging speaker and the students were very inspired by him. Although we were sitting in the sun for much of the day the students were very well behaved and a credit to their school. A priority for relief funds is East Timor, a nation on earth. Famine can be customised and does not necessarily mean going without food. Participants can go without technology, furniture or even regular water usage (try using only 40 litres over 40 hours without food. Participants can go without technology, furniture or even regular water usage (try using only 40 litres over 40 hours for drinking, washing etc!). Some may even want to go without

with them providing a formal uniform to scholarship winners who also have the parent resource contribution for Year 8 covered by the scholarship.

Reports

Semester 1 reports for Year 9 to 12 students will be posted home on 27 July while Year 8 Trimester 2 reports will be posted on 18 August.

School Photographs

The photographers will be at school on Monday 1 August to take photographs of our students for the production of school photograph packs and 2012 student ID cards. Catch up photographs will be taken in the morning of 2 August for the Monday. Your student will receive an envelope printed with their name and details before this date and are required to bring the envelope, and money/financial details if wishing to purchase photographs, on the photo day, to hand to the photographer. Purchased photographs are usually returned to us for distribution early in Term 4.

Hats

All Middle School students are required to wear a hat when in the sun, whether this be during class time (e.g. Physical Education lesson), on parade or in breaks. If you have a student in Year 8 or 9 it would be appreciated if you could check that he/she has a suitable hat or cap to wear at school each day so that they are able to be sun safe while outdoors. Students in all year levels are also encouraged to wear sunscreen to protect their skin from sun damage.

Maureen Brook
DP Middle School

Chappy Chat

Great Keppel Island Trip

‘Goin’ Off’ is an annual SU holiday camp for high school students of the Sunshine Coast. It’s happening during the first week of the September holidays (Sep 18-23) on beautiful Great Keppel Island.

Campers will have five days full of fun and excitement with activities such as tubing, snorkelling, swimming, beach games plus loads more. All activities, meals, transport and dormitory accommodation are included in the price of $365.00. For any students who want to go, but are facing financial difficulties, some help can be offered. See Chappy for a brochure and registration form.

Motivational Media

Students were again treated to an excellent presentation exploring concepts such as forming values, setting a life-direction, coping with rejection and daring to dream. Through real life stories, music, movie clips and more, this year’s Motivational Media asked the question ‘What About Me?’ and challenged viewers to use their lives to make a positive change in the world today.

40 Hour Famine

Students have the chance to create positive change by doing the 40 Hour Famine. Over the last two years the Caloundra SHS community has raised approximately $20,000.00 for World Vision. Money raised this year will again assist hungry kids suffering in the Global Food Crisis. A priority for relief funds is East Timor, a country just 600km from Darwin. East Timor is experiencing what has been dubbed the ‘hungry season’ and is one of the poorest nations on earth.

Students can be involved by ‘going without’ for 40 hours. The Famine can be customised and does not necessarily mean going without food. Participants can go without technology, furniture or even regular water usage (try using only 40 litres over 40 hours for drinking, washing etc!). Some may even want to go without
Speaking for 40 hours! No matter how the famine is experienced, participants must sign up, get a famine book and collect as many donations from family, friends, neighbours etc as possible so the greatest good can be done for the ones who need it the most. Participants can create an on-line famine profile by visiting www.40hourfamine.com.

Students can see me for more information or to join the famine. The 40 Hour Famine occurs from the 19 - 22 August, but can be done at anytime that suits participants.

Stuart White
Chaplain

Textbook Resource Centre

The Textbook room is open before school each day 7:45am to 9:10am and 2nd break for the collection of ID cards and textbooks. Students are unable to borrow texts until the resource has been returned or paid for. If students lose a textbook please contact staff in D13. They will be given a form with the appropriate details/cost of the resource. Please take this form with your payment to the Finance Office during “out of class” time. If the resource is subsequently found, contact D13 to collect the appropriate form to obtain a refund.

Students are responsible for the bar-coded item loaned to them and are reminded on a weekly basis to return overdue texts. Invoices are sent home for missing items. If your child believes this to be incorrect in any way please come to D13 to resolve the matter. Year 12s are reminded they are unable to purchase ‘Graduation Tickets’ until resources have been returned or paid for.

ID cards are to be carried at all times in school hours and are for identification and borrowing purposes. If students lose an ID card a replacement card may be issued at the cost of $6.00. Please see staff in D13 for the appropriate form.

Parents are reminded to put their child’s name on books, clothing and other items. A large amount of lost property is collected during the year and students may check with the Janitor (under A Block).

Donations of unwanted uniforms to the school would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Kim Smith
Textbook Co-ordinator

Arts Alert

Welcome back to Semester 2. The Arts Department had a busy start to the year and we have more fantastic performances and opportunities for students this semester. I would like to welcome Mrs Alycia Gray to our department this semester replacing Mr Nick Knijnenburg who is now working at Immanuel Lutheran College.

Drama and Dance Extension

Entry into the Drama Extension classes in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be by application and audition. Students currently in these classes will not need to re-audition for 2012 classes.

These Extension classes will be a fee paying curriculum in 2012. The fee for the first year will be $90 Uniform fee and $40 course fee and will include the following:

• Drama Extension Uniform (pants and shirt)
• Drama Extension Hoodie Jacket
• Drama Extension School Bag
• Drama Extension Water Bottle

Application packages are available from P Block staffroom.

Please contact Anita Hounslow for more information on 5436 8449.

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Junior PEP – ‘The Perfect Princess’

Our Junior PEP students were involved in the 2011 production – ‘The Perfect Princess’ in June. This year we had Years 6 and 7 students from Currimundi State School, Golden Beach State School and Talara State College along with Years 8 and 9 Caloundra State High School students. This was a fantastic production written and directed by Ms Kele-Jane McNamara which was sold out on both evenings.

All students and staff worked very hard on this extremely successful production. Thank-you to Kele-Jane McNamara, Amber Williams and all of the senior PEP mentors for your dedication to PEP this year. We look forward to doing it all again in 2012.

Cheerleading Competition

On Sunday 19 June our cheerleaders along with Ms Janeen Crane and Mrs Helen Andersen travelled to Brisbane to compete in the 2011 Australia Asia – Pacific World Cup Cheer and Dance Competition. The students have been working hard all year for this competition and performed extremely well receiving second place in their division. Congratulations to all students involved and thank-you to Janeen and Helen for supporting the students on the day.

Drone Reynolds, Sarah Edgerton, Amber Reynolds
Brylee Eather & Abbey Anderson

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Don’t forget to claim your Education Tax Refund

With the start of a new financial year it’s time to start thinking about whether your family is eligible for an Education Tax Refund.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children.

If you are eligible, you can get back up to $397 for each primary student and up to $794 for each secondary student.

Refunds can be claimed on a range of school items including computer equipment and textbooks. From 1 July this year, the Education Tax Refund will be extended to include school uniforms.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

To check your eligibility and the full list of what can be claimed visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au or phone 13 28 61.