23 August 2013

Principals Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to our latest edition of our newsletter. This has been an amazing month as we have participated in a range of activities that make us proud to be part of the Caloundra community, which you will read about in this newsletter.

Partnerships

As a proud State Educationalists, we are a member of the Caloundra Coalition of Schools and are delighted to announce a State Education Expo. This event being held on the 5th September at the Caloundra RSL Function Centre, where we will showcase our local state schools, as well as providing parent information sessions and the opportunity to learn more about our local schools. Entry is free with free child minding provided. We would love to see you there.

Identity

How enormously successful our Golden Anniversary was and how proud past and present students, staff and parents were to identify as belonging to Caloundra SHS. After the enormous effort put in by the committee, the celebrations started with a ball on the Friday night, a fantastic Open Day at the school on the Saturday and a gathering of different era’s on the Saturday night. Congratulations and thank you to all involved in making our 50 year anniversary such a success.

All uniforms including Dance, Drama and Volleyball clothing will be sold through the canteen as from 2014. The uniform shop will be enlarged to cater for the additional uniform sales.

Learning

Our year 10 work experience student placements are continuing and I would like to thank and acknowledge our local community for permitting this learning experience to happen in their worksite. All year 10 students will be undertaking work experience in the week of 16th September to the 20th September.

Outcomes

This week we commenced our SETplan interviews with all year 10 students. This interview is mandatory for enrolment into year 11. We regard this discussion with students and their parents about a student’s future career path of the utmost importance and cannot accept a student into year 11 until this interview has taken place. A majority of our year 10 students have completed their interviews and I would like to thank the staff for providing their guidance during and after school hours. Please contact the office at your earliest convenience to arrange a SETplan interview, if you and your student have not yet done so.

At the end of last month we were audited on our policies and procedures for our VET subjects. I am very pleased to report that we were deemed compliant. This is a significant outcome as very few schools are awarded compliance at their initial meeting. Congratulations to the staff involved.
Teaching

Congratulations to three of our staff on being nominated for a National Education in Teaching Award (NEITA). Ms Denise Miller, Mrs Helen Anderson and Mrs Tracey Fox are outstanding members of staff and deserve this recognition for their teaching capabilities and for their contribution to the school.

Regards

Ms Julie Pozzoli
Principal

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

Caloundra SHS celebrated its 50th Anniversary during the weekend of July 26th - 27th with two hugely successful events. On Friday evening an Anniversary Ball was held at Caloundra RSL with over 300 ex-students and staff in attendance from the 1960’s to the current decade. A wonderful evening was had by all with lots of reflecting about the “good old days” at Caloundra High. On Saturday, 27th July an Open Day was held at the school and an amazing array of faculty displays were on show around the school, the canteen sold a menu of favourite foods from each decade, including chiko rolls, summer rolls and the dreaded red licorice. A special parade was held at noon and the audience was entertained by our student band, vocalists and dancers as well as hearing some entertaining anecdotes about the early days at Caloundra High, when teachers had to boil a billy on the wood camp fire to have a cup of tea at breaks. Again, it was a wonderful day with a huge number of people visiting the school to see how much it has grown in the last 50 years.

A huge thank you to the Anniversary committee members who have worked together for 18 months getting these events organised. Special thanks to Mrs Donna Harm and Mr Greg Gowlett for their ongoing energy and commitment to this event.
Six of the Best Program

It was an exciting day when we opened our doors to Year 6 students from Currimundi State School, Golden Beach State School, Caloundra State Primary School and Talara Primary College. Throughout the full day program students were given a taste of what to expect on their entry to High School, with 120 students participating in a variety of interactive and innovative lessons from many department areas. Feedback has indicated that the day was highly successful and interesting to ALL students who participated.

Thank you to the staff and our 8H Horizons students who assisted in making this day a wonderful success.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Sarah M.

Congratulations to one of our inspiring students, Sarah who has been successfully selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2014. Sarah’s nomination was supported by the Rotary Club of Caloundra Pacific.

THE ARTS
PERFORMING ARTS TRIP

Late July, Performing Arts students attended the captivating performance of 1001 Nights at the Queensland Theatre performed by the Zen Zen Zo Acting company. This collection of ancient tales stemmed from the countries of Persia, Arabia, Turkey and Egypt. The students were entertained by superb acting styles, physical theatre and live traditional Middle-Eastern music. We were instantly hooked on the characters and tales that contained many moments of comedy and suspense. As the character of Sherozade continued to keep the Sultan entertained by her stories, we to felt every emotion and hoped she would live to see another night!

An unforgettable evening of theatre that will remain in our memories for more than 1001 Nights! Thank you to Ms Natasha Williment, the students and parents for such an unforgettable experience!

Miss Selina McGrath-Moses
Teacher

CREATIVE GENERATIONS (CGEN)

Our congratulations go to Jiana W. in Year 9 for being selected to be part of the CGEN symphony orchestra in 2013. CGEN is Queensland’s largest youth performing arts event for state school students with four shows (one of which is to be televised on Saturday, 5th October at 2:30pm on Channel 10) being sold out in the Queensland Cultural Centre in Brisbane. Talented dancers, singers and musicians from across Queensland state schools took centre stage with some of Australia’s leading performing artists in a cutting-edge arena event that included a mix of musical genres such as classical, rock, pop, hip hop, gospel, musical theatre and jazz.

The CGEN symphony orchestra provided the main accompaniment to the vocal, dance and feature items in the show. The repertoire was varied, covering a wide range of classical and popular styles. The performance given by the students was nothing less than spectacular.

Mr Stuart Scullet-Dean
Instrumental Music Teacher

MARINE STUDIES CAMP

This year’s Heron Island trip saw an early 3.00am start for the 19 year 12 Marine Studies students and the 13 international students. We arrived at our destination in good time to catch the “Heron Islander” ferry. The ferry voyage was different, with strong wind for several days preceding the trip resulting in the seas producing a rather rough trip. Congratulations to the few who were not sick, and to those who were, for the dignified way they handled themselves.
The first few days were rather windy with frequent rain spells. This did not distract from managing to get in the scheduled reef walks and dives. This allowed the academic course requirements to be met and for a very high standard of work to be produced. The weather on Wednesday allowed us all to have a really good drift dive from the North Bommie to the Coral Cascades. This was followed by an evening dive in the harbour, allowing us glimpses and blurry photos of Guss, the giant grouper. Wednesday’s dives were the highlights of the trip.

The University of Queensland’s facilities are world class; it is truly a privilege to have access to their research station library and laboratories, as well as the dorms, kitchens and ablution facilities. An unfortunate problem with the water supply, caused by the resorts desalination plant running at a decreased capacity, saw the students manage a water shortage with alacrity.

The students were models of decorum and there was never any need to correct bad or dangerous behaviour.

The field trip was enjoyed by both Marine Studies and the international students.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Fujiidera Study Tour

We recently welcomed students and teachers from Fujiidera High School in Japan for a two week study tour. The students stayed with Homestay families from our school community and enjoyed attending English lessons, going to classes with their school buddies and also a wide range of excursions and cultural activities. A visit to Australia Zoo was very popular and students also enjoyed an indigenous workshop, a dance workshop and special cooking lessons. Homestay families took their students on many outings to local tourist venues and some of our beautiful beaches. Caloundra High students are very welcoming and learn so much from these cultural exchanges.

Special thanks to Mrs Helen Anderson (International Head of Department) and Mrs Helen Wormald (Homestay Coordinator), for their work in organising and managing the tour and to Mrs Kim George (Learning Support Coordinator) for the wonderful, engaging lessons and learning experiences she delivered to our visitors. Trips such as this bring income into our school, which we are able to use to provide resources for our students. Any family considering becoming a homestay family is invited to contact the school for an information pack.

International Host Family BBQ & Surfing Lessons

On Saturday, July 27, a Host Family BBQ/Picnic was held at “Happy Valley”, Bulcock Beach with our 25 international students and their host families, combined with our Japanese Study Tour students and their host families.

We would like to thank all of our wonderful host families for attending this event and also for doing such a wonderful job with our international students to make their homestay so enjoyable here with us.

The Sunshine Coast put on some terrific weather for this event and the majority of the students then participated in their first surfing lesson.

A great day had by all involved.

Australia Zoo

Mrs Kim George (Learning Support Coordinator) and Mrs Helen Wormald (International Student Homestay Co-ordinator), accompanied 53 of our International students who are from Germany, Italy, Spain, France and Japan, along with some of our wonderful school buddies to Australia Zoo for the day.

The students were surprised to be able to get so “up close and personal” with some of our beautiful Australian animals, such as snakes, kangaroos and koalas.

They also enjoyed the lunchtime show, where they met some crocodiles and native birds... a fun day had by all.

A big thank you to all of our school buddies for the wonderful job they did in assisting our international students in settling into school.

Mrs Helen Wormald
International Homestay Coordinator

HOSPITALITY STUDENTS DEVELOP SKILLS

Year 11 and 12 Hospitality Certificate II students have been busy developing their service and coffee making skills recently. Year 11 students presented a delicious range of sweet and savoury foods for a High Tea service for 30 customers. Other classes ran the popular Karma Café, offering take away and sit down service for customers. A group of these students operated the Karma Café, during the recent 50th Anniversary
celebrations, serving visitors coffees and a range of treats. They later presented a High Tea service for the organising committee.

Students received positive feed and were very proud of their efforts.

Ms Marlene Manning
Teacher

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics Carnival

After the rain finally left us, we were able to hold our 2013 Interhouse Athletics Carnival. It was good to see the array of colours and all students participating in both Track and Field events. Competition was fierce with the final result

1st Tribrogaron, 2nd Kurrimundi, 3rd Coondibah, 4th Jowarra

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On Day Two records were broken Logan B. (100m) and Tom F. (High Jump).

After competing at the District Carnival, we now have 15 athletes going on to Regional level. We wish those students the best of luck.

Interschool Sport

Interschool Sport commences Week 10 of this term, with the following sports being offered:

- Boys – Touch, Tennis, Basketball, Softball and Cricket
- Girls – Tennis, AFL, Basketball, Softball and Oztag

Trials will be held Week 8 and 9 for these sports.

Mr Matt Roberts and Mrs Sharon Fullarton
Sports Coordinators

LEARNING SUPPORT NEWS

The Learning Support Team continues to support many students in the completion of assessment tasks, across all grades, in all subject areas. If your child is experiencing difficulty in the completion of tasks or aiming to achieve higher grades, please do not hesitate to contact the Learning Support Team to discuss your concerns further by phoning the Administration Office on 5436 8444 or emailing Mrs Kim George at kige00@eq.edu.au

Opti-MINDS Challenge

Teams are intensely preparing for the Opti-MINDS Challenge to be conducted on Saturday 24th August at Caloundra Christian College. Puzzles have been deciphered, scripts written and students are now rehearsing and acquiring resources for their performances. We wish ALL teams “Good Luck” and hope they are successful in attaining entry into the State Finals.

Kids in Action Conference

This is a two day conference which will be held on September 4 and 5. The conference is about the protection of our valuable environments and the communities’ endeavours to create sustainable living. Students will conduct their own workshops on “Upcycling”. This is the process of converting waste materials or useless products into new materials or products of better quality or for better environmental value. Students will present various items of “Upcycling” to the community, during the conference.

WANTED for the Kids in Action Community Conference

Please don't throw out your 1 or 2 litre long life milk and juice cartons....donate them to the Kids in Action Team, so we can UPCYCLE them into wallets and coin purses. Students can drop donations off to Mrs George in J Block North.
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Murri Pathways

Recently, 18 of our Indigenous students and parents attended our Murri Pathways information session arranged by Sharon Sticklen, Regional Office Community Partnership Officer. Guest speakers from universities (USC and QUT), the Defence Force, TAFE and Uniting Care School-based apprenticeship/traineeship group spoke to the students about courses, careers and future pathways. Kerry from “Murris on the Move” also provided guests with information.

Positive feedback was received from those who attended and provided lots of information for the students to think about when considering their futures.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Writing Paragraphs

As a school we promote the use of our whole-school TEEC paragraph writing model which provides an outline for all students to use when planning extended writing. The model is as follows:

T – Topic sentence – introduces a topic
E – Elaborating sentence – explains in more detail
E – Evidence and examples
C – Closing sentence – links back to thesis or concludes the point and links to the next paragraph

If your student is struggling with writing a paragraph or an extended response, it would be beneficial to remind them of this model so they can use it in their planning.

Mrs Maureen Brook
Head of Department - Teaching and Learning

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Celebrating 50 Years

The Resource Centre was very fortunate to host displays of school library services and interactive activities themed in decades from the 1960s to 2010s. What a fantastic day, ex-students, ex-teachers and especially (for us) ex-school library staff, joined current Resource Centre staff to celebrate this milestone event. It was particularly special to catch-up with: Ann Wensley (Library Teacher early-1970s), Gwen Claassen (Caloundra High’s longest serving library staff member), Greg Larsen (Teacher-Librarian mid-1980s), Brione Buchanan (Teacher-Librarian mid-1980s), and Elizabeth Stubbs (Teacher-Librarian late-2000s).

Thanks especially to Mrs Sue McIntosh (Teacher Aide) for the wonderful research she did for the school library 50th anniversary timeline banner. Of course we all look forward to the next big school milestone and catching up again!

National Student Volunteer Week 4-10 August 2013

Congratulations to five outstanding Year 8 students for their contribution to the Smith Family student2student program. Leanna K., Emily M., Jenna N., Charlie S. and Ella J., underwent training in Semester One and have since been assisting primary school students develop their reading and literacy skills. Michelle Guy, Learning for Life Program Coordinator for the Smith Family recently emailed … “I am hearing wonderful feedback from the volunteer supervisors and the readers about the students, their encouragement and commitment to this program, so thank you for being involved in the Student 2 Student program.”

Mr Mark Wedemeyer
Teacher-Librarian
P&C NEWS

P&C Committee Meetings

“It takes a village to raise a child”. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend our meetings and to become members. At the meetings, you will gain an understanding of how the P&C is helping to make the school a better environment for your student.

Proposed meetings for the remainder of 2013 are 9 September, 14 October, 11 November and a dinner meeting to close the year on 9 December. Meetings commence at 7.00pm in the Conference Room of the Administration block (Queen Street) and finish no later than 8.30pm, with light refreshments provided.

P&C Awards

At a recent meeting, our members decided we would like to recognise Staff achievements. Our first award was issued to Ms Denise Miller in recognition of her commitment to the International Student Program, the 50th Anniversary and to our students.

Caloundra SHS Golden Anniversary

First and foremost, congratulations to the organising committee of our recent 50th anniversary celebrations. It was a huge success – the Ball on Friday night, the Open Day on Saturday and the gathering of the decades on Saturday night – past students and staff, some travelling from interstate and overseas, all coming together to celebrate Caloundra State High School’s 50 years of history. Part of our Chaplain’s invocation, expressed at Saturday’s gathering at the amphitheatre, summed up the feelings of those attending the 50th anniversary weekend when he gave thanks:

“For the many friendships that have formed and blossomed between staff and students over the years; for education and educators, and the ability to pass on knowledge and wisdom from one generation to the next; for all that has been achieved for the good of our community and beyond at Caloundra High for the past 50 years”.

There are still items of memorabilia available for purchase from the canteen including caps, mugs, USBs and the 50th Anniversary book. The 50th anniversary book with its photos, articles and comments provides light-hearted accounts of memories and recollections of staff and students past and present. Hopefully the stories it contains will bring back fond memories, keeping in mind these stories are recollections of past memories, some faded with time, some perhaps figments of childhood imagination. To draw from Chappy’s invocation again: “If there is a wrong, we ask forgiveness”.

Finally, my sincere thanks to everyone involved in making the anniversary celebrations of Caloundra State High School’s 50th year a truly memorable event.

Lesley Porter
President P&C Association

TEXTBOOKS & ID CARDS

Students are required to present their ID cards when to collect their textbooks.

Textbooks can be collected from D13, from 7.45am to 9.10am and second break every weekday.

If your child has borrowed any uniforms from the school, please ensure that your child returns these items to D14 as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding these issues please contact the Teacher Aide room on 5436 8497. We thank you for your cooperation in working with us.

Mr Frank Everett
Textbook Coordinator

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS)

Subject Selection and SRS Participation Agreement forms have been sent home with students and are available on the Caloundra State High School website (www.caloundrashs.eq.edu.au) under the enrolments tab.

SRS Participation Agreement forms for 2014 required to be returned to the Finance Office no later than 30th October 2013. Please note that the agreement form must be completed and returned to the Finance Office, whether you wish to participate in the scheme or not.

Invoices for the SRS fee of $280.00 will be issued to families in the first week of November.

Parents/Carers are able to pay the SRS fee as follows:

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Finance Office hours are 8.00am to 11.30am.
FREE SMARTPHONE APPS
The Education Department has created a range of free apps for students and their families. To find out further information visit http://data.qld.gov.au/about/appsf or view the flyer below.

There is also a new app called Career Hunters app which has been designed for young people and their parents to find information needed to explore career opportunities. The Career Hunters app is free to download from iTunes now, so check it out.

EDUCATION EXPO
On Thursday, September 5 at the Caloundra RSL Function Centre, Caloundra High will join seven other state schools to host a free Education Expo.

Doors will open at 5.15pm with all schools providing displays with staff on hand to answer any questions about what your local state schools offer.

This event is relevant to all parents and carers of children in all age groups. It will provide great insight for those who would like to know more about education and parenting.

There will be free childcare at the Cosmic Kids’ Cave for children from 3 years of age. There is also an Apple iPod to be given away as a lucky door prize.

HOW TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR TEENS TO THRIVE!

www.NathanHulls.com

Attached is a document written by Nathan Hulls - Youth Speaker, Teen Behaviour Expert, Trainer and Coach which may help teachers and parents to understand teens, their fears, their questions and the 6 core needs of teens.

QLDLink – Support Link

Many families need support from time to time.

Do you or someone in your family need support?

At Caloundra State High School, we realise all people face challenges at times. That is why we have partnered with “QLDLink”. If you are experiencing personal or family problems and think you could benefit from support, the school can refer you to QLDLink.

If you would like to be referred for support, for any reason, please speak to Peter Musgrove, Guidance Officer at Caloundra State High School to discuss a referral to QLDLink. Once your referral is received, QLDLink is a will organise a support service to contact you directly and work with you and/or your family at no cost.

Areas of support include family conflict, grief or bereavement, financial stress, drug or alcohol issues, parenting support, mental health concerns, support as a carer and victim support.

QLDLink will ensure your details are kept private and confidential.

CALOUNDRA LITTLE ATHLETICS

Sign on dates are:

Friday, 23rd August 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursday, 29th August 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Friday, 30th August 5.00pm - 7.00pm

First Night (Trial Night): Friday, 6th September from 5.00pm.
(Trial cost of $5.00)

Where: Carter Park, North Street Caloundra

For further information call Kathy Herbert on 0429 888 210 or visit www.littleaths.org.au

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