21 June 2013

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the last newsletter for Term 2.

Partnerships

In May, we undertook an International Accreditation process to move us to level two (this will enable us to take more than 25 international students). This was completed with a glowing endorsement of school policies and procedures, early indications suggest that we will be granted our level two, but we are still waiting confirmation. Thanks to Ms Denise Miller, Mrs Helen Anderson and Mrs Helen Wormald for all of their hard effort.

Chaplaincy for 2014 - Community consultation and endorsement is an annual requirement of approval for the National Schools Chaplaincy & Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP) funding. As a school, we need to demonstrate that the school community is supportive of having a chaplaincy service operating in the school, and assent to the employment of a Chaplain. At the last P and C meeting, the Chaplaincy program was given overwhelming support and will be continuing in 2014.

Congratulations to Mr Ben Lynes who has been successful in his application for the position of Deputy Principal at Caloundra SHS. We welcome Ben into our school community and know he will be an asset to our school.

Learning

Laptops for Year 10 students will be available to students in Term 3. For further information, please read the Business Department article further in the newsletter.

In order to improve our facilities and make them more conducive to learning, a range of facilities improvements have been undertaken. The Flexible Learning Centre (new building) has arrived and should be ready for use after the holidays. A retaining wall at the end of the oval has been completed. Half of J block classroom refurbishment has been completed with the remaining work being finished over the holidays. Landscaping and drainage work outside the Student Centre has nearly been completed, apart from some minor concreting. Unfortunately, rain has delayed the landscaping on the oval side of D block. Over the school holidays the retainer wall outside of the canteen will be painted with the future plans to put our values - Respectful, Responsible, Prepared signs up. E block classrooms will also be recarpeted.

Outcomes

Year 7 Scholarships for 2014 – A total of 18 scholarships have been awarded (13 Academic, 4 Sport and 1 Arts). Recipients were selected from a very high calibre of applicants, with the attraction of joining the HORIZONS class (high achievers) being evident. All four local primary schools were represented (Caloundra State School, Golden Beach State School, Currimundi State School and Talara Primary College) in the recipient list.

Thank you to all students who applied.

Teaching

In 2014, we are due for a quadrennial school review and have joined the Australasian Schools Accreditation Agency (ASAA) to access an instrument to use to conduct our review and gather data for our plan.
I wish every member of our school community a restful and enjoyable midyear break. Please keep safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back after the holidays.

Ms Julie Pozzoli
Principal

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YEAR 10 RUGBY LEAGUE WINNERS
Our Year 10 Rugby League team won the Sunshine Coast Rugby League Grand Final, 16 - 14, against Coolum High on Monday, May 27 at Maroochydore. The competition involved schools from Noosa to Beerwah and although the season was short (seven weeks) the competition was intense and competitive. Coolum had beaten this team 28 - 20 in the fixtures, but the Caloundra boys reversed that result in the game that mattered.

All players deserved the victory, as they contributed in the lead up matches and the final. The team now represents the Sunshine Coast in a Queensland wide knockout competition starting in July at Gympie.

Well done boys.

Mr Murray Finch and Mr Matt Roberts
Coaches

SUNSHINE COAST SECONDARY SCHOOLS NETBALL COMPETITION
Caloundra High School entered two teams in the competition which was held on a Monday night at Fishermans Road, Maroochydore from February to June.

The Open A Team reached the Semi Final and were defeated by St Teresa’s Catholic College.

Open A Team members were Georgia S., Kate M., Taylor B., Blaze L., Sarah M., Jemma C., Melissa H. Izzy M. and Jessica H.

The Open B Team played the Grand Final and defeated Siena Catholic College 21- 19.

Open B Team members were Finley C., Danielle G., Jacinta B., Abby H., Caylan G., Alanah B., Mary A., Lucy G. and Jade T.

Five girls also volunteered their time to umpire and were rewarded with an umpiring award for ‘Commitment’. A great achievement.
The girls had a great season and showed excellent sportsmanship.

We are very proud of the Open Girls Netball Teams.

Mrs Helen Anderson and Ms Marlene Manning Coaches

2013 QUEENSLAND TRAINING AWARDS

Nominations for the Queensland Training Awards closed recently and we have been advised that Dane B., a Year 12 student, has been selected as a Finalist.

The Queensland Training Awards provide organisations and individuals recognition throughout the community and industry. It is an honour to be selected as a Finalist, with the winners being announced at the Regional North Coast Awards evening to be held in August. Dane was nominated for the School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year category after successfully completing a Certificate II in Retail with Australian Academy of Sport and his Host Employer, The Pet Stop. Completing the school-based traineeship was an enormous accomplishment for Dane, then to have his nomination favourably received and to be selected as a Finalist is a triumph for this young man.

Raynor Grevell Vocational Liaison Officer

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Jiana W., who is one of our talented music students and has recently been accepted into the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University’s State Honours Ensemble Program for 2013.

This program brings together the finest young Queensland secondary school musicians from state, private and independent schools, along with home-school and distance education programs. These students will work under the tutelage of a team of eminent international and national conductors in the world-class environment of Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University.

Congratulations Jiana, we are proud of you.

Mrs Raynor Grevell Vocational Liaison Officer

TALENTED MATHEMATICS DAY

On Thursday, June 6, over 90 students from the Caloundra Coalition of Schools - Caloundra SS, Golden Beach SS, Talara PC, Currimundi SS, Meridan SC and Caloundra SHS - competed in a Mathematics problem solving day. The first challenge required students to use their engineering skills to build structures made from straws to complete five different tasks. The Students were then mixed into different teams for the second event promoting team work to successfully solve mathematical problems. In the final event the students scored points for successfully completing number patterns within a strict time limit.

All students enjoyed the challenge of each activity and in particular working with students from other schools. Team winners each received a voucher from sponsors MacDonalds and went into a draw for two main prizes from Lazerzone.

WHITE CARD COURSE

Once again, a General Safety Induction (Construction) course was offered at school and delivered at the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre. Mr Kev McAndrew travelled from Caboolture SHS to offer this course to our students for a very competitive fee of $35.00. The students were treated to a tour of the Trade Training Centre, making the course a bit more relevant to their career paths.

There were 29 students (including 5 students from the SCTTTC) attending and have now received their White Cards. This will allow the students to attend work experience on construction sites and in all construction industries.

Mrs Raynor Grevell Vocational Liaison Officer
SUNSHINE COAST UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Some students from Year 9 and 10 had the opportunity to attend the Sunshine Coast University to sample courses. Many students were treated to courses from faculties such as Business, Health, Engineering, Law and many others.

There was excited chatter on the bus ride back to school, with many of the students now setting their sights on a University pathway after Year 12.

Mr Peter Musgrove
Guidance Officer

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Year 11 Health Education

The Year 11 Health class has been studying bullying this term. Upon further analysis the class decided to focus on bullying that occurs with the Lighthouse Centre students. As a result the Health class interviewed and spent time with selected Lighthouse Centre students – what an empowering three lessons. The lighthouse centre students welcomed the class emphatically. Some students have decided to further explore a “buddy system” based on this experience. For further information on bullying visit the Federal Governments new bullying website “The Safe Schools Hub” located at http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au

Physical activity: have fun and be active

Over the past few weeks the Health & Physical Education Department has been running lunchtime competitions in both Touch Football and Basketball for Year 8 and Year 9 students. Throughout these competitions students had the opportunity to team up with their friends, relieve any stress and simply have some fun with their fellow Caloundra High peers. Our HPE Department believes in the importance of physical activity, this can be also emphasized at home. Being active is good for you in so many ways. It can provide a huge range of fun experiences, make you feel good, improve your health, it is a great way to relax and enjoy the company of your friends and family.

Being physically active can:

- Boost your confidence
- Improve your fitness
- Improve your overall health and well-being
- Improve your skeletal/muscular structures
- Help you maintain a healthy weight
- Helps you to relax and stress less
- Opportunity to have fun with friends and make new ones

Source: www.health.gov.au

Year 12 Health Education

The class has just finished a major assessment piece in which students analysed the National Alcohol Strategy. Some excellent analysis points were raised – please read the following extract, a wonderful piece of writing from one of our students:

“Although courses such as the RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) exist to teach about the service of alcohol, teenagers can still access alcohol and drink to intoxication. Data from the Caloundra SHS 2012 Alcohol Survey states that 37% of students’ parents supply their son/daughter with alcohol. This is a concerning statistic for the entire Caloundra community with many minors having alcohol purchased for them. The main barrier that comes with stricter regulations on alcohol is that parents, older siblings, and friends over 18 will continue to supply alcohol to minors due to the growing cultural ideal that alcohol is not an illicit drug.” Written by Courtney T.
The Year 12 Health class is continuing to study alcohol abuse and the harms associated with Schoolies. **Is your student attending schoolies?** If so, have you had the conversation with your child about schoolies? The Queensland Government website [http://www.schoolies.com/cache/Parents-Guide-Schoolies-Information-Booklet.pdf](http://www.schoolies.com/cache/Parents-Guide-Schoolies-Information-Booklet.pdf), is an informative resource for all parents preparing their child for the possibility of attending schoolies. Please note the Queensland Government does not promote participation in schoolies.

**Ms Nikki Bairstow**  
A/Head of Department – HPE

**ARTS ALERT**

**Animal Farm**

Senior Drama students and teachers - **Miss Amber Wasson, Miss Jessica Lancaster** and **Ms Selina McGrath-Moses** travelled to Brisbane to watch the production ‘Animal Farm’. Year 11 Drama students will be completing a responding written assignment based on this production.

Thank you to Miss Lancaster for organising this opportunity for our drama students.

**Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod**

Our Year 8 and 9 JET Dance Troupe, along with the Year 10 to 12 EDGE Dance Troupe competed at the Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod in May. Both groups performed exceptionally with EDGE receiving 5th place overall.

Congratulations to all students involved and thank you to our dance leaders and helpers – **Tea-Louise B., Hayley N., Ashley L., Reina P., Emily B., Nicole S. and Brooke S.** Of course none of this would be possible without the hard work and assistance of our fantastic Dance teachers, **Miss Amber Wasson and Mrs Amber Williams.**

**Drama Extension Evening**

Year 9 and 10 Drama Extension students performed their collage drama assessment pieces to an audience of family and friends on Wednesday, June 5 under the direction of **Ms Selina McGrath-Moses** (Drama teacher). It was wonderful to see the talent of our drama extension students on show.

**Picnic Under the Stars Music Night**

On Thursday, June 6 Year 11 and 12 Music students along with the Vocal Group performed a range of instrumental and vocal performances to family and friends. The night was full of standout performances from our talented music students. Thanks must go to **Miss Jessica Lancaster** (Music Teacher) for organising this fantastic performance opportunity for the students.

**Year 12 Artworks**

Year 12 Art students have just completed their first unit of work for the year “Mask and Masked”. The students have produced some outstanding artworks with four students receiving an ‘A’ level of achievement for their master pieces.

**Ms Anita Hounslow**  
Head of Department – The Arts
YEAR 12 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Pirates, Fairies and Sea Creatures Make Kindy Visits Fun

This term, the Year 12 Early Childhood students had fun visiting the Caloundra Kindergarten, and applying their knowledge gained about child development and play. Students worked in small groups to plan, implement age appropriate activities for the children and evaluated their effectiveness. Students learnt valuable lessons about teamwork, extended their capacity to interact with young children and developed self-confidence during activities.

Ms Marlene Manning
Teacher

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

With holidays fast approaching, students who are yet to be placed for their Work Experience program may use this time to approach prospective employers about the possibility of securing a placement for the week dedicated September 16 to 20.

Work Experience offers students a unique opportunity to gain a better understanding and knowledge of what goes on in a business and what individual employees do in their jobs. It allows them to interact with adults in a professional capacity and to operate independently in a grown-up environment. In addition work experience provides valuable insights into work practices and cultures and helps young people develop some of the knowledge, skills; behaviours and capabilities enable them to progress into further learning, training and employment.

Parents are encouraged to assist their son/daughter to find a placement or alternatively, contact our Vocational Liaison Officer, Mrs Raynor Grevell on 5436 8473. Raynor is available to assist any student in finding a work experience placement.

YEAR 10 SETPlan INTERVIEWS

Subject Selection for 2014 will be finalised at the Senior Education and Training (SET) plan meeting which will be held in the week commencing August 19 with all current Year 10 students and their parents. This meeting is mandated by the Queensland Government and is compulsory for all parents to attend. Further details regarding this meeting and subject selection will be sent to parents shortly.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Remediation Thank You!

A big thank you to all the Year 11 and 12 students and their families for assisting us during the Student Laptop Remediation program. Although it was a difficult time to be without their computers, the majority of students kept to our strict timelines. We managed to get about 95% of our computers remediated by the ACER technicians who were on site for 15 days. Most days we were able to submit and have returned 40-50 machines. With such a mammoth task as this, there were some issues that the crew were unable to repair. Unfortunately, there were some students who were not forthcoming with their computers to get the upgrades completed. We are hoping that

ITALIAN CLASS NEWS

This term students planned a hypothetical trip to Italy during their Italian class. Their presentations included: when they were going, the duration of their stay, what the weather would be like, clothes they would pack, what monuments/sites they wished to see and of course Italian foods they were eager to try. Their pronunciation and variety of vocabulary was impressive.

One of the highlights of our Italian class was discovering the wonderful tradition of ‘Carnevale di Venezia’. Students described how they made their carnival masks and presented themselves wearing the masks to the rest of the class - all in Italian of course!

FRENCH CLASS NEWS

In Year 8 French classes students created a photo album of their family and friends which they showed to each other and their teacher. Students explained in French something about each person in the photos. They planned a trip to a French-speaking country and learnt how to order food at a café. Now their bags are packed, they are ready to be international travellers to French-speaking countries.
the team may be able to give us one more day next term to catch up on the students who missed out on this process. We will contact the students and parents who are affected, if the ACER team return.

**Year 10’s coming on board to the 1to1 laptop program**

The 1to1 laptop program will be extended to include our Year 10 students at Caloundra State High School from Term 3 2013. The laptops that are available to the Year 10 cohort are varied. To enable all Year 10 students to participate, we have been allocated approximately 140 additional devices this year with specifications different to the laptops that we have already for our senior students. There are currently about 230 Year 10 students enrolled, so there will be a mix of Acer Iconia W701 tablet PCs and Acer Aspire 1830T ultra-low voltage laptop PCs available (both 3G for take home and non 3G for stay at school). For full specifications and details of the rights and responsibilities for the students please visit the school website to see the Laptop Charter.

A guide to the features of the Acer Iconia Tablet have also been added to the 1to1 laptop page on the Caloundra High website for your information or click on this link Acert Iconia Tablet - Features Guide

To access this program there is a cost of $75.00 (which is half of the annual cost). Please note that the Student Resource Scheme fees must be paid in full or a payment plan in place and up to date.

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**Legal Studies Excursion to the Queensland Supreme Court**

Legal studies students from Year 10, 11 and 12 braved the early morning Brisbane commuter traffic to attend the Queensland Supreme Court. The students had a worthwhile experience viewing some interesting cases and enjoying the experience of the Legal system. Throughout both days the students were able to view a variety of cases being conducted including sentencing. The student’s behaviour, as always, was outstanding making our teachers proud of their professional attitude and commitment.

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**CHAPPIES CORNER**

**Building Bridges Graduation Ceremony**

The Year 10 Building Bridges program concluded recently with a graduation lunch at OAKS Oasis Resort. Participants and their family members were invited to share a delicious lunch and celebrate the students’ accomplishments.

As their final challenge of the Building Bridges program, students gave a speech in front of assembled guests telling of their experience and what they have learnt from it. Following are excerpts from some of the students’ speeches:

“The reason why I signed up for Building Bridges was to get a couple of days off school, but then it turned into much more. I learned about myself in different situations that I didn’t know before. I thought it was going to be a physical journey, but then it became more of a mental challenge. Those that know me know that I can get pretty fired up about the smallest of things, and it’s hard for me to let stuff go. The trek really taught me how to deal with stuff that I’d usually get fired up about. I’m learning to think twice about the consequences and what’s worth fighting for and what’s worth letting go.”

“Building Bridges was a program that helped with my self-confidence. Building Bridges made me push to the edge, fearful but grateful in every way because now I have a better understanding of myself. Building Bridges has taught me many things I didn’t know about myself. I learnt to trust myself and others, to think positive in every situation, self confidence in myself and team work. I enjoyed getting to know more about my team members and being involved with people I didn’t know. I also enjoyed the activities we did because it was something I haven’t done very often or never did such as abseiling and screaming my head off because I had a leech on me.”

“This experience helped my confidence; just being able to stand up here shows how much of an improvement it did for me. In the past, just speaking in front of my class would freak me out and make me believe that people would judge me badly. I’m
still pretty nervous but I’m doing it because of the people in my group who has giving me the courage to stand in front a crowd. But I’m slowly getting used to it.”

“I took most things for granted before I went on the trek, just simple things like my mums cooking or making me eat vegetables, to major things like how much support my mother gave me. I realized I should’ve appreciated it more and to be more thankful. My perspective has changed on many things, such as not relying on technology as much as I did before and having a house over my head.”

World Vision 40 Hour Famine

Students are invited to create lasting change in some of the world’s poorest communities by participating in the 40 Hour Famine. This year the 40 Hour Famine will help support projects that fight hunger in Malawi, Ethiopia, East Timor, Nepal, Tanzania and Uganda, and helps World Vision respond to emergencies and other needs around the world. $40.00 can help feed a family of six for a month!

The Famine will be held August 16-18, and participants can choose what they will give up for the 40 hours: technology, food, furniture, speaking, etc.

Sponsor booklets are now available from Chappie and participants can register online by joining the Caloundra SHS group. Go to www.40hf.com/CaloundraSHS

Chappie Stu
Chaplain

TEACHING AND LEARNING

AIME Program

On May 20, seventeen of our Indigenous students from Years 9 to 12 attended the first day of the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) program at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Mrs Tia Paehua (Indigenous Teacher Aide) and Mrs Maureen Brook (HOD Teaching and Learning), accompanied the group along with past Indigenous student Bryce Taylor, who was on vocational placement with us as part of his TAFE Certificate III in Education Support. Jack Manning Bancroft, who is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of AIME, as well as being an Australian Human Rights Medallist and former NSW Young Australian of the Year, worked with the students on the day along with local and interstate AIME program providers and the university student mentors.

Students were involved in sessions including Aboriginality, Respect, Work-life Balance, Resilience and overcoming challenges and worked with students from other local high schools. The goal of the program is to support Indigenous students to successfully complete high school then go onto tertiary studies.

Feedback was very positive with Year 11 student, Maddison, learning to ‘surround yourself with positive people who will support you in what you do’, Bryce encouraged others to be the best they can be ‘mentally, physically and culturally’ and the message from a video presentation was that ‘Indigenous means…respect, culture, pride, greatness, success and being the best’.

We are thankful to the University of the Sunshine Coast Student Services unit who funded the bus and to AIME for providing this opportunity to our students.
LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM NEWS

The Learning Support Team has continued to support many students throughout Term 2, both in classrooms and intensive targeted assessment support sessions held in C08 Computer Room. Students, parents and staff are encouraged to notify the Learning Support Team if any students are experiencing difficulty in completing assessment and/or homework tasks. It is often through proactive actions of expressing concerns that students are identified as needing support and assistance is arranged.

Parents can phone requests for assessment support on 5436 8444 or email kigeo0@eq.edu.au. Students can either email or come and see a Learning Support Team member in the English Staffroom J Block South. Please remember, the sooner the Learning Support Team are aware of any concerns, the quicker assistance and support can be arranged.

Advanced Learners

All Advanced Learner students would like to thank the Sunshine Coast Council and Sharon Stott (Strategic Environmental Project Officer) for their time and valuable input into the upcoming Kids in Action Conference/Kids Teaching Kids Program. Sharon has volunteered to be one of our Sunshine Coast Council mentors who will continue to support our cause and assist us to deliver our information sessions about household waste and its effects on biodiversity and sustainability on the day of the conference. Sessions for Advanced Learner lessons are now conducted TWO mornings a week. (Tuesday and Thursdays at 8.20am)

The Advanced Learners group continues to plan ahead for several events that will take place in Term 3.

These events include:

- 50th Anniversary Celebrations and Open Day events on July 27
- Opti-MINDS Creative Sustainability Challenge begins on July 15
- Julie Arliss: Gifted and Talented Junior Conference on August 22
- Kids In Action Conference/Kids Teaching Kids Program on September 4 and 5

Mrs Kim George
Learning Support Coordinator

Tip for Parents

Encourage your students to take some time to relax during the holiday period, so that they are refreshed and ready to learn and succeed when they return in Semester 2.

Mrs Maureen Brook
Head of Department - Teaching and Learning

RESOURCES CENTRE NEWS

Voices on the Coast

What a fantastic day, students, authors, illustrators, parents, teachers and the wonderful University of the Sunshine Coast as a venue, these comments from the students, says it all:

"My favourite part of Voices was an illustration workshop called 'Visual Ramblings' which was about finding inspiration for characters from seemingly ordinary objects and shapes." Zoe, Year 10

"Steph Bowe (author and presenter) convinced me that I can achieve my dream of being a published author." Summer, Year 10.

"The best part of Voices on the Coast is meeting the authors, listening to and communicating with them, connecting to what they're saying and picking up a few tips and ideas for stories." Zander, Year 9.

"John Heffernan is my favourite author from Voices, because during the Workshop and Author Talk, I learned so much about him and the way he writes. He also seems like a great role model." Alyssa, Year 8.

Readers’ Cup

Congratulations to our Year 9 Interschool Readers’ Cup Team for a wonderful performance in the heats and a strong finish! Ultimately, the finals were won (once again) by Chancellor State College, best of luck to them at the State competition in September.

Year 8 Readers’ Cup gets underway next term with school based competitions and selection of the Caloundra SHS Year 8 Interschool Readers’ Cup Team to compete at Immanuel Lutheran College in October. Could this be the end of a dream run for Chancellor?
Reality Bites ... Australia's Premier Non-Fiction Literary Festival

Real stories ... real people ... experience the diversity of issues and ideas shaping our world ... enjoy literary events, panel discussions, conversations and workshops join Mary-Lou Stephens, Chris Saara, Sam Wagon Watson, Alesa Lajana, Geoffrey Datson, Mark Dapin, Dr Anne Summers, and many other well-known and well-loved Australian authors.

Choose from free, weekend events, or single sessions starting from $12.00 @ Cooroy Library, 25-28 July. Proudly supported by Sunshine Coast Council and 90.3 ABC Coast FM. For more info visit: www.realitybitesfestival.org

Reality Bites Student Writing Competitions

Students are invited to enter two competitions for non-fiction story writing by young people:

- **Mark Tredinnick True Story Award**: Theme: *Local Life*; 600-800 words; Secondary School Students are eligible; Entries close 30th June 2013.10 July.

- **Young Women’s Writer Award**: Topic: *R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Find Out What it Means to Me*; 1500 words; Secondary School Female Students are eligible; Entries close

Holiday Reading

Don’t miss the fantastic display of new novels and non-fiction books at the Resource Centre … get in early to borrow YOUR favourite holiday read before the last-minute rush.

BUFTA Bond University Film & Television Awards

Encourage your Year 11 or 12 student to enter a short film for their chance to win a full tuition scholarship to study Film and television at Bond University (valued at over $92,000). For competition details, prize information, film-making tips and examples of past finalists, visit www.bufta.com.au

Trees for Life

During the school holidays, Sunshine Coast Council is running Children’s Workshops @ Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanical Garden, Palm Creek Road, Tanawah.

Workshop bookings are now open, and are essential. For more info visit: www.community.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/events

Get Healthy

The Get Healthy Information and Coaching Service is a free, confidential telephone-based service which helps people make lifestyle change.

Simply phone 13 HEALTH on 13 432 584 or email your phone details to contact@gethealthy.qld.gov.au for a call back.

P&C NEWS

P&C Committee Meetings

Proposed meetings for the remainder of 2013 are 15 July, 12 August, 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 and finishes no later than 8:30pm, with refreshments provided.

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.

iPad Competition

The winner of the iPad competition was Skye G. in Year 12. The ticket was drawn at the Year 11/12 Assembly. Congratulations, Skye!

Caloundra SHS Golden Anniversary

Progress is gaining momentum as the weekend of 26, 27 and 28 July draws near. Tickets for the Anniversary Ball on Friday, 26 July are still available from Caloundra RSL.

Visit the school website and the Facebook page for updated information.

Mrs Lesley Porter
P&C President

EMPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

A school-aged child (13+) can work a maximum of 4 hours on a school day. On a day when a school-aged child is not required to attend school they can work a maximum of 8 hours. A parent commits an offence if they allow a child to work when they are required to be at school. For further information refer to Justice Department website (http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/fair-and-safe-work/industrial-relations/child-employment/child-employment-other-than-in-the-entertainment-industry/restrictions-on-children-working)

SMARTPHONE APP NOW AVAILABLE

Our school website is now listed to a Smartphone App: QSchools and is available from either iTunes or Google Play for free.

The school website has a range of school information including the updated calendar of events and news items. The QSchools App is designed to notify
you of any calendar events, news pages or newsletters that are added and published to our school website.


Benefits of the app for parents/carers:
- Access the latest school news and calendar events
- Receive emergency announcements and information
- Search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- Follow multiple schools (some of our feeder schools are also listed and available for you to access)

We hope that the access to the Smartphone App will make it easier to stay up to date with the schools happenings.

TEXTBOOKS & ID CARDS

Reminders have been mailed or given to students who have overdue text books. If your child believes they have returned the item, please ask your child to talk to the staff in D13, otherwise if payment has not been received the amount will be added to your child’s account. Students are unable to borrow resources until this matter is resolved.

ID cards are used for identification purposes and borrowing resources. Please ask your child to collect their ID card/planner (if Student Resource Scheme has been paid) from the Finance Office between 8.00am to 12.00pm, students are to visit outside class hours. If you are unsure whether your child’s fees are up to date please contact the Finance office on 5436 8454 or email accounts@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au.

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.

Mrs Kim Smith
Textbook Coordinator

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FEES

Student Resource Scheme fees should now have been paid in full or a payment plan arrangement in place. If you are unsure if your student’s fees are up to date, please contact the Finance office on 5436 8454 or email accounts@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au.

If your child’s fees are not paid and a payment plan is not up to date or entered into, your child will not be able to borrow textbooks or attend non-compulsory school excursions.

There are now a number of ways to be able to pay these fees eg. Bpay, Payment Plan and Centrelink. Please call the Finance office on 5436 8454 to find out more.

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Parklands Community Group in conjunction with Sunshine Coast Council Natural Areas Team and Currimundi Catchment Care Group wish to invite students, parents and staff to National Tree Day at Bancroft’s Red Gum Reserve in Little Mountain (Parklands) on Sunday 28 July, 2013 to participate in the Australia wide tree planting.

Registration will start at 8:00am at Daintree Blvd, right off Village Way in Parklands (UBD page 99 F3). Participants are required to wear covered shoes, appropriate clothes and a hat. Council will provide gloves, water and all planting equipment and supplies.

Volunteers will be rewarded with a free sausage sizzle at 11:30 and a presentation of the history and stories of various native animals by “Geckos”.

Mr Ron Burnett
Chair, Parklands Community Group