22 February 2013

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2013. By now, your child will have settled in and be immersed in the business of learning.

This year, we have categorised our school direction into an acronym – PILOT. The P in Pilot stands for Partnerships. Your child’s success at school is dependent on all of us working together; we all have a stake in ensuring that each student can succeed. Part of the focus of this partnership is the focus on student attendance. If a child is not in school they are not learning; if they are not learning, then they are not achieving – please remember that everyday counts.

The I in PILOT stands for Identity. This year we have changed our uniform policy so that our students present a unified image to our community with the introduction of completely black shoes. Community perception has seen the uniform policy instigate the removal of facial piercings, taping of the piercings or the wearing of transparent facial jewellery. A summary of the student dress code is included in this newsletter. Caloundra SHS is a school to be proud of and we want that broadcast in everything that we do.

The L in PILOT is for Learning and this year our focus will be on ensuring that students are in class and learning, and that impediments to learning are removed including the poor behaviour of other students. No one can opt out of learning at Caloundra SHS, as our expectation is that everyone is actively learning.

The O in PILOT is for Outcomes, so with students actively learning they will be achieving the outcomes that they are capable of. 2013 will see the focus of extending our highly achieving students and an example of this can be seen with the creation of the Year 8 HORIZONS class who were selected based on their academic performance. Our aim is on improvement in all areas.

Finally the T stands for Teaching and 2013 will see the continuation of the teaching pedagogy the Art and Science of Teaching. Feedback is an important tool for improving outcomes, so a focus will be on providing more feedback to all parties.

Our students are now familiar with the PILOT direction and I encourage you to be part of our school direction, as we strive to improve our school. We are committed to PILOT and I look forward to sharing our success with you in the year ahead.

Regards

Julie Pozzoli
Principal

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS

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

| February       | March                  | April
|----------------|------------------------|------
| Thursday 28 February | Year 8 & 10 Vaccinations | Monday 15 April | Return to school |
|                | Sunshine Coast Regional Swimming Carnival |                |                |
|                |                        | Monday 11 March | Year 12 University Showcase (11am to 12pm – Student Centre) |
|                |                        | Wednesday 13 March | Junior PEP Auditions (Years 6 to 9) |
|                |                        | Thursday 21 March | Year 12 Home Economics Excursion |
|                |                        | Tuesday 26 to 27 March | Year 12 Leadership Camp |
|                |                        | Thursday 28 March | Last day of School for Easter Break |
WELCOME NEW STAFF

Please welcome our new staff members for 2013.

Mr Ben Lynes, Deputy Principal

My previous position was Head of Innovations at Redcliffe SHS. I taught Senior Chemistry, Laboratory Skills, Japanese and Junior Science. In my past positions I have organised and accompanied school trips to Japan every two years; and established the RediLab Trade Training Centre at Redcliffe SHS (where Year 11 and 12 students from six schools study vocational certificates in laboratory operations).

(Back row, left to right: Mr Dennis Collins, Miss Jessica Lancaster, Mrs Kim George, Mr Mark Wedemeyer, Miss Katherine Baxter, Ms Kristine Robbie. Front row: Mrs Amy Dixon, Mrs Diane Dewbery, Ms Selina McGrath-Moses)

Mrs Kim George, Learning Support Coordinator

I have moved from Moree NSW where I had been teaching for 20 years in both classroom and Senior Executive positions. I am currently Learning Support Coordinator throughout Caloundra State High School. My role includes providing and organising support for all students in their completion of their academic education.

Miss Jessica Lancaster, Teacher

I am the new Music teacher and am also teaching Year 11 Drama and Year 9 English. I am excited to become a member of the Caloundra State High School team and am looking forward to working with the Vocal group and Art student’s this year.

Mrs Diane Dewbery, Teacher

My name is Diane Dewbery and I teach English and SOSE. I have just returned, with my partner, to the Sunshine Coast, after working the last two years as a teacher on Palm Island. I am very much looking forward to working at Caloundra High School.

Mrs Amy Dixon, Teacher

My name is Amy Dixon and I have recently moved to the Sunshine Coast from the Gold Coast, and have been teaching in the Brisbane and Logan areas for the last nine years. I am a Drama, Dance and English teacher and I’m enjoying taking on some fabulous English classes, and working with some great staff here at Caloundra State High School.

Ms Selina McGrath-Moses, Teacher

My name is Selina McGrath and my subject specialisation is Senior Drama and English. My other responsibility is District Panel Chair for the subject of Drama. My previous schools have included Coolum State High, Burnside, Nambour and Chancellor, to name a few. Prior to that I have taught seniors in the UK and a variety of other countries! Since I began teaching here at Caloundra I have met some wonderful dedicated staff and students, and look forward to the year ahead as we embark on our learning journey for 2013!

Ms Kristine Robbie, Teacher

I am new to teaching this year, after spending over 20 years in the travel and tourism industry. I have lived on the coast for the past 6 years and I will be teaching English, Social Science (SOSE) and Film & Television (FTVNM) at Caloundra State High School.

Miss Katherine Baxter, Teacher

I am an English, Social Science (SOSE) and Hospitality teacher. Prior to Caloundra High I was working in a small rural school (Prep to Year 10).

Mr Dennis Collins, Teacher

I have come from Charleville SHS where I have spent the last two years on boomerang transfer. One year as a PSF, where I had the opportunity to teach students science in Primary schools and help their teachers in the classroom with science lessons. My base school was Maryborough SHS where I taught for 6 years. I will be teaching Math and Science (Physics and Aerospace) at Caloundra High. I have been teaching for 14 years. I look forward to my time at Caloundra SHS meeting student and parents and being part of the whole school community.

Mr Mark Wedemeyer, Librarian

I have been a secondary school teacher for over 30 years; a Teacher-Librarian for about 25 years; and lived on the Sunshine Coast for almost 20 years. I have come to the conclusion that Caloundra SHS is one of the best schools that I’ve worked in: great kids; terrific facilities; and friendly, professional staff.

SENIOR SCHOOL INVESTITURE

There were many proud smiles to be seen from both parents and students alike, at the 2013 Senior School Investiture when the Year 12 cohort crossed the school’s new stage to be presented with their 2013 Senior Badges.

School Captains, Brylee E. and Liam B. and Vice Captains, Caylan G. and Eli R. were presenters for the ceremony that re-introduced the Student Leadership team and recognised the efforts of Sport House and Performing Arts Captains.
Caloundra High School staff wish all Year 12 students, the very best of luck in their final year of schooling. Wear your badge with pride.

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The school leaders and the student council representatives will meet next week to join committee groups, each with projects to pursue.

**UNIFORM UPDATE**

Please note that there have been changes to the Uniform Policy as follows:

**Shorts:**
- Plain navy blue knee length dress shorts.
- School sports shorts to be worn with polo shirt only.

**Skirt:**
- Navy blue knee length inverted pleat skirt to be worn with white/blue cotton blouse (formal) only.

**Facial piercings:**
- Only one facial piercing can be worn at any time – it must be a completely clear plastic stud with no adornment or the piercing must be covered by tape/band-aid (i.e. only if new piercing) or removed during the school day
- No sleepers or rings are allowed in the face at any time.

**Earrings:**
- Maximum of two plain small studs or sleepers per ear (only flesh coloured plugs can be worn, NO tunnels or dangley earrings).

**Facial hair:**
- Must be clean shaven.

**TIPS FOR PARENTS**

In Week 3 all students received an individual Assessment Requirements Planner listing Semester 1 assessment and dates for their particular subjects. To assist your student in being well prepared for all assessment items please consider the following suggestions:
• Have the Assessment Planner displayed in a prominent place at home and refer to it regularly with your student.
• Have your student record the items and dates into the forward planner section in their student diary and encourage them to use this to plan their time to ensure they start assignments early and revise for tests.

Other ways to help your student succeed include:
• Checking your student’s ‘My Learning Goals’ documents that they use in each subject to set their achievement goals and track their progress from week to week.
• Encourage your child to attend tutorials or see their teachers out of class time for additional help if they are not achieving their learning goals.
• Regularly speak to your child about their homework and encourage them to record all homework in their diary so they remember to complete it.

Mrs Maureen Brook
Head of Teaching and Learning

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION DATE CLAIMER

What: A presentation on ‘The Research Process’ by our Teacher-Librarian, Mark Wedemeyer

When: Monday, 11th March 2013 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Where: Caloundra SHS Resource Centre

Who: All interested parents

Why: To allow you to understand the research process used by students in completing assignments. This will give you skills and strategies to use to assist your child by providing information about the processes they should be using while working on assignments and research-based homework.

RSVP: Please phone the school office on 5436 8444 by 6th March 2013, if you are attending.

WELCOME TO OUR INDIGENOUS TEACHER AIDE

Tia Paehua is our new Indigenous Teacher Aide and has been supporting some of our Indigenous students in Year 8 and 9 in English or Mathematics. Tia has lived in the Caloundra area for many years and has previously worked at other local schools, so has connections within the wider community. Tia works on Wednesday and Thursday and when not in class is based in N block (in the old Middle School office). Tia is also a key contact person for parents of Indigenous students. Tia and Maureen Brook (Head of Teaching and Learning) are developing Individual Learning Plans for our Indigenous students and are investigating opportunities including the university-based AIME program and FOGS expo. A parent information session will be arranged once more information is available.

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Welcome to our Term 1, 2013 International Students!

A very big welcome to our eleven international students that are here with us at Caloundra High this term. Bruno and Marina from Brazil, Miki from Japan, Nina (Austria) and Feli, Franz, Louisa, Maria, Inka, Saskia and Sophie from Germany.

SCTTTC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

On February 7, Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre (SCTTTC) awarded students with various scholarships. Caloundra High had two successful students winning scholarships. Stafford R., who was the recipient of the Caloundra SHS P&C Scholarship for Dual Construction and Taiya V. received the QYIL Creating Constructive Young Women Scholarship also for Dual Construction. Congratulations to both students.
RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

ORIENTATION WEEK WINNERS

It’s been fantastic to meet all of the new Year 8 students at Orientation Week workshops in the first couple of weeks of school. They’re so keen and enthusiastic!

Congratulations to the winners in the Resource Centre Orientation Week Challenge:

- Best Map: Nikkita B. (8C), Skye C. (8L), Ly L. (8C), Rebekah L. (8L), Sonia O. (8C)
- Best Suggestions: Jai D. (8A), Kaydan C. (8A)
- Best Details: Charlie S. (8H)
- Best Request: Tim M. (8H)
- Best Ideas: Leanna K. (8H), Lauren W. (8H), Sofia W. (8H)

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS - Winners of the Resource Centre Orientation Week Challenge
Absent: Skye and Kaydah.

RESOURCE CENTRE LITERACY SUCCESS

The first term of the Literacy Success workshops started recently for selected groups of Year 9 students (9A, 9B, 9C and 9D). The focus of this program is building literacy skills in preparation for NAPLAN testing in Semester 2. In particular, students are learning about QAR (Question-Answer Relationship), how to use QAR to improve their answers to questions, and text types, both structure and language features. Thanks to parents who have supported their students with homework activities, and especially encouraged them to choose reading material to match their interest (there’s nothing like a good old-fashioned book).

YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE

On Monday, March 11, there will be a University Showcase at the school during Period 2 for Year 12 students. This is a good career opportunity for our Year 12 students and is organised by the University of the Sunshine Coast.

A panel of speakers will give a presentation on general tertiary information including pathways to university, costs, how to apply, accommodation, lifestyle and transition issues.

This presentation is followed by an opportunity to visit exhibits, speak to representatives and collect relevant information.

All of the major study destinations of our students will be represented including the University of the Sunshine Coast, UQ, QUT, and Griffith University. The Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE and the Australian Defence Force will also be represented.

This is a good opportunity for Year 12 students to get information for future study after they leave school.

Mr Peter Musgrove
Guidance Officer

WORLD CHALLENGE EXPEDITION TO CAMBODIA AND LAOS

A group of eight senior students from Caloundra High (together with teachers Mrs Sandy Connie and Ms Mary Walsh) have recently returned from their life changing expedition with World Challenge to Cambodia and Laos during the summer holidays. The expedition was student-led with all decisions relating to budget, accommodation, transport and activities made by the team.

Highlights of the trip included visiting World Heritage listed Angkor Wat temples, the S21 museum and Killing Fields in Phnom Penh, working and living in a rural Cambodian village and school, as well as trekking through the Laotian jungle escorted by an elephant. The team were able to take 11 suitcases of donated school resources for the students of Mikak Village School and spent the week teaching English, playing ballgames, helped build foundations for a new classroom and painted a new library.

The expedition was a very humbling experience for all, and our Caloundra High team have returned to Australia with much gratitude and appreciation for all we have. Many thanks to the Caloundra High community who have donated money, goods and provided support for this incredible journey.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Inter-house Swimming Carnival was held on 15 February under some trying conditions due to the extremely wet weather. Students were happy to jump in the pool and the participation rate was high. The results were:

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Overall House Points
- 1st Tibrogargan
- 2nd Coondibah
- 3rd Kumimundi
- 4th Jowarra

Our Successful swimmers will now compete at the Central District Swimming Carnival on 22 February at Cotton Tree Pool.

Mr Matt Roberts and Mrs Sharon Fullarton
Sports Coordinators

CHAPPIES CORNER

Every 26 seconds a child is sold into a life of slavery for the very first time.

Caloundra SHS students are doing something about this. Through the chaplaincy service, students have an opportunity to partner with Destiny Rescue, an internationally recognised non-profit organisation dedicated to rescuing children from human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

STUDENT TEXTBOOKS, UNIFORMS & 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 urge 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 7.45am 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 Co-ordinator*

STUDENT FEES

Student fees should now be paid or have 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.

There are a number of ways to be able to pay these fees eg. Bpay, payment plan and centrelink. Please call to enquire.
Destiny Rescue currently operates in six nations: Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar ( Burma), India and Mozambique. Because of this organisation hundreds of children have been rescued from enslavement and hundreds more have been saved from entering the sex-trade through various prevention programs.

Students are invited to Make a Stand on the weekend of March 16-17, participating students will be standing for 260 minutes as a show of support for this important cause. Students are encouraged to participate with friends, and together make a stand sometime over that weekend.

In addition, students are allocated fundraising booklets with which they can collect donations for their stand. All donations and booklets are to be returned to Chappy or the Finance office in A block following Make a Stand. All donations through the Make a Stand campaign are tax deductible.

So far there has been an overwhelming response to this project, once again showing the calibre of Caloundra SHS students to get in and help those less fortunate than ourselves. Parents, please encourage your child if they have decided to Make a Stand so real lives may be rescued and transformed.

Valentine’s Day Roses

Caloundra SHS students were again treated to a special gift as they left school on Valentine’s Day: a beautiful long-stemmed rose, chocolate and message of love from City Edge Church and Chaplaincy. Why? To say to each and every student that they are valued and loved.

UNIFORM WASHING TENDER

Caloundra State High School’s Sports Department is looking for someone to submit a tender for the washing of the school’s sports uniforms for the 2013 year.

If you are interested, please contact Robyn Hicks, Business Services Manager on 5436 8444 or by email: rhick32@eq.edu.au for further information.

CALOUNDRA HIGH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Caloundra High will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on the weekend of the 26/27th of July, 2013.

The CSHS Golden Anniversary Ball will be held at the Caloundra RSL Club on Friday, 26th July 2013, starting at 7.00pm.

Tickets for the ball will be available from both the RSL and the RSL website from Monday, February 25th 2013.

Ticket price - early bird sales will be $75.00pp until the 30th April and $85.00pp thereafter.

What’s Included:

- 3 course plated Meal
- Band – Bad Habits
- Each round table will seat 10

Drinks and memorabilia will be available in the foyer from 6.00pm, including book signings by Anne Wensley, author of our 50th Anniversary Book, ‘Caloundra State High School Celebrating 50 Years’.

There are only 480 seats available and we are expecting a full house so get your friends together and take advantage of the early bird discounted ticket price.

For any other information please contact the committee at caloundra.high.turns.50@gmail.com

There is also a facebook page you can visit: http://www.facebook.com/caloundra.high.turns.50

INDIGENOUS WINTER SCHOOL

This program is open to all Indigenous students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who are considering tertiary studies at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. The program has been running since 2002 and has grown significantly since then, with Nura Gili receiving in excess of 300 applications last year. Unfortunately, we only have 150 spots to offer, so applications must be fully complete and include all requested details, to be considered.

For your information, included below is a link which provides a brief overview of Winter School.

http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/winterschool.html

PLEASE NOTE: The closing date for applications is 5.00pm, FRIDAY APRIL 12. Incomplete or late applications cannot be accepted.

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Principal: Ms Julie Pozzoli
Deputy Principals: Mr Gary Hay, Mr Ben Lynes and Ms Denise Miller
Business Services Manager: Ms Robyn Hicks

Please note that the Junior Secondary School Office in Bower Street has been closed and all enquiries are to go to the main administration office on Queen Street.
Main Office: Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm
Finance Office: Monday to Friday 8.00am to 12.00pm or
email: accounts@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au
Uniform Shop: Monday to Friday 8.00am to 9.00am and
2.00pm to 3.00pm