13 December 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2014. This has been a busy and productive year with much happening and much to celebrate.

Our core business is learning, especially ensuring that our students are literate and numerate. In 2014, Caloundra SHS is taking on a semester project (Improvement by Design) where we will have very focused and targeted intervention to improve our literacy and numeracy skills of our students. North Coast Region support staff will provide assistance and training for our staff and the school has been able to create a new position for 6 months – Head of Curriculum and we congratulate Mrs Blanch who will take on the role of a coach in the school. We are looking forward to the targeted and consistent approach to student learning to ensure that all literacy and numeracy concepts are understood by all. This will ensure future success for our students.

This newsletter gives me the opportunity to highlight our great results for 2013 with all areas showing improvement from 2012. Our student attendance has risen (85% to 90%), our Year 12 outcomes have shown 37% of our Year 12 students applying for university and 86% of our Year 12’s attaining the Queensland Certificate of Education. Our behaviour data shows a massive reduction in the amount of suspensions, with only one exclusion for the year (impressive in a student cohort of 1100 students), with our Year 9 students NAPLAN results earning us the title of one of the most improved schools in the state. Well done to all concerned with the achievement of these outcomes.

Some of our staff leave us at the end of the year and move to other schools and opportunities – Mrs Wadley moves to Kilcoy SHS, Mr Hack moves to Beerwah SHS, Mr Wolhuter moves to Deception Bay, Mr Wedemeyer moves to Mountain Creek and Mrs Turner returns as the Teacher Librarian. As well, some of our staff are taking leave for 2013 – Mr Roberts, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Bindon and Ms Wilmore. Mrs Holmes moves over to Meridan to become an Indonesian teacher and we welcome Mr White as our new Maths Head of Department. Ms Bairstow will continue to act as Head of Department HPE until a permanent HOD is appointed in semester two as Mr Brunyus is retiring next year. We welcome to our school, Ms Williams who is our new Teaching and Learning Head of Department replacing Mrs Brooks who is taking leave then retiring next year. Mr Arico is also leaving us to pursue other interests and Mr Mason will be working at Kawana Waters State College for the year. We take this opportunity to thank our departing staff for their wonderful contributions to the Caloundra SHS community and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Our school resumes on 28th January for Year 8, 11 and 12 students with Year 8, 9 and 10 at school on Wednesday 29th and the whole school is in attendance on the Thursday 30th January. The office will be closed from Friday until the week before school starts (20th January).

Thank you for your support of our school throughout 2013, because it takes a Village to Raise a Child and together we can ensure your child has every opportunity to achieve. We wish all of our school community a safe and enjoyable Christmas and wonderful New Year and look forward to working with you all next year.

Ms Julie Pozzoli
Principal

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Tuesday 28  School resumes for 2014 – see article on start dates

Wednesday 29  Pathway Program for selected Year 12 students

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4  Welcome Back Parade – whole school

Monday 10  P&C meeting 7pm Admin Office Conference Room

Wednesday 12  QCS Year 12 Seminar

Thursday 13  Senior Secondary Investiture

Wednesday 19  School Photos

Thursday 20  School Photos  Junior Secondary Investiture

DEPARTING STAFF

We have a number of staff members leaving our great school for a variety of reasons and moving on. We would like to wish the following staff the best of luck:

Mr Roy Brunyius  Mr Murray Mason
Mrs Maureen Brook  Ms Kath Wadley
Mr Todd Hack  Mr David Wolhuter
Mrs Lisa Holmes  Mr Mark Wedemeyer

ICAS MATHS COMPETITION

Well done to the following students who participated in the annual ICAS Maths competition.

Year 8  Distinction  Ella J, Leneyah S, Daniel N

Year 9  Distinction  Christopher L, Aaron M, Kate M, Emily R, Liam S

Year 10  Credit  Summer H, Gemma M, Reif V

Year 11  Distinction  Tommaso S, Francesco A

Year 12  Credit  Emily G

It is a great achievement to see that 30 out of 57 students received a Credit or Distinction.

Congratulations students.

YEAR 10 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Year 10 Early Childhood students recently visited Caloundra Childcare Centre where they presented their handmade storybooks and puppets.

BUSY TERM FOR HOSPITALITY

Senior Hospitality students have been busy this term with a variety of service functions. Students set up and operated an outside bar and provided table service for 40 guests at a Rotary Dinner function. They provided pizzas and cupcakes for the Word Wizard’s Cup competition. At the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Graduation break up, the students served punch and a range of hot and cold finger foods to 150 guests. The Karma Café has operated for breakfast, lunch and morning tea service in our dining room.

(Please make photos into separate photo groups. If you can not name the photo group, please put a title between them)
REGIONAL CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (TITRATION) COMPETITION

Students from Caloundra SHS have been very successful with the Regional Chemical Analysis (Titration) Competition 2013 and have travelled to the National Finals held recently in Brisbane. Tamara E., Sarah M., and Kayleigh K. placed 8th in Australia and Billie B., Chloe W., and Jennie M. were placed 15th. These are excellent results considering the students competed on a National level. Congratulations, girls!

The competition was held at the University of Queensland and teams from many locations in Australia attended. Students were required to perform titration experiments in which they determined the unknown concentration of a chemical by exactly neutralising it, drop by drop, with another chemical of a known concentration. The science experiment took 3 hours to complete and students were required to demonstrate great skill, precision and careful calculations.

SEMESTER 2 REPORT CARDS

We would like to advise parents/carers that their child’s Semester 2 Report Card has been mailed home and electronically emailed on Thursday, December 12. As of 2014, parents will only receive report cards by email, unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Administration Office. If you have not received your child’s Semester 2 Report Card, please make contact with the school on 5436 8444 at the start of school (January 20, 2014) to confirm and update your details.

Please check your junk mail folder or you can add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to prevent this from happening.

P&C NEWS

P&C COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Proposed meeting dates for 2014 are 10 February, 10 March, 12 May, 16 June, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November and 8 December. Meetings commence at 7.00pm in the Conference Room of the Administration block (Queen Street).

“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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

Please be advised the next AGM for the Caloundra SHS P&C Association will be held 10 March 2014. The meeting venue will be the Conference Room, A Block office, Queen Street entrance.

DECEMBER P&C MEETING AT DOMENICO’S

The last meeting of the year was held at Domencio’s restaurant at Kings Beach. It was wonderful to conduct the meeting in an informal setting, allowing our P&C members to relax and enjoy the evening, once the “business” side of the meeting had completed.

P&C AWARDS

It is with great pleasure to announce the P&C Staff Award for December was presented to Tim Bateup and Vikki Shuttleworth.
Tim has extended his teaching expertise to include photography. He captures all the school events (such as Graduation, Formal, and Presentation Night) and then developed the Horizons magazine, creating a historical account of the school for the year.

Vikki is an outstanding Legal Studies and Business teacher who is confident and warm with the students, encouraging them to expand their interest and knowledge with the justice system and consider careers within the legal/justice and business industries.

This year, the P&C Staff Awards were introduced and we have celebrated the expertise of several teachers at our school. These teachers are recognized for their invaluable contribution to the students and the school. We hope to continue this new tradition, as we know Caloundra SHS is embedded with and thrives on tradition.

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

The P&C Committee members would like to wish all our students, parents, staff and local community a very Merry Christmas and safe holiday.

*Ms Lesley Porter*  
President P&C Association

**CERTIFICATE IV IN JUSTICE – TAKE IT TO THE RANGE**

A number of senior students, who have been studying their Certificate IV in Justice, have participated in an excursion, after school during their end of year celebrations, to the shooting range. The instructor was impressed with their skill and accuracy, with some students indicating they would like a shining career in the Queensland Police Service.

24 of our Year 12 students successfully completed the Certificate IV in Justice, giving them a strong grounding for their futures in the justice system.

*Virginia Schaschke*  
HOD – Business & IT Faculty

**FAREWELL TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

The farewell this Term was held at the Caloundra Bowls Club, where we sadly farewelled 13 of our International students returning to Japan, Italy and Germany.

A fun afternoon/evening was enjoyed “barefoot bowling” by not only the students, but also our Host families. Mind you, a lot of the students were more interested in taking photos of the beautiful sunset rather than the bowling before we then enjoyed a lovely dinner at the Bowls Club.

*Helen Wormald*  
International Student Homestay Co-ordinator

**YEAR 8 QUEST CHALLENGE**

On Saturday 23 November, Year 8 students Alex H., Jenna N. and Amelia S. competed in the State finals of The Quest Challenge after our team was successful at the Regional competition. This competition is designed to challenge students to reach their full potential through cooperation and competition.

The challenge is described as ‘Offering a rare and valuable opportunity for students to learn team work and cooperation, to gain an understanding of complex topics that provide a depth to their school work and to demonstrate school pride in a competitive environment’. Our team enjoyed the challenge and feedback from the organisers was that ‘It was a pleasure working with your students.’
Congratulations to Alex, Jenna, Amelia and to Kate M. (who represented our school at the Regional competition but was unavailable for the finals) and thank you to parents for supporting and encouraging your students and for providing transport to the competitions.

Maureen Brook  
Head of Department, Teaching and Learning

TIPS FOR PARENTS

I encourage you to take some time, at this busy time of year, to discuss your students’ school report with them in detail. Use it as an opportunity to praise them for their successes, whether this is for achievement, effort and/or behaviour ratings.

Also have them identify any areas where they can improve and discuss strategies to assist them in making these improvements in 2014. It may help to have them set goals and write these down so they can revisit these once school starts again next year. Encourage them to enjoy the break so that they are refreshed and ready for the challenges of a new school year.

Maureen Brook  
Head of Department, Teaching and Learning

YEAR 8 SCIENCE

The Year 8 students have been very busy in Term 4 investigating cells. They have used microscopes to look at cell structure and have researched the function of specialised cells. The students produced some very impressive cell models and posters as part of their assessment!

Sharon Lucht  
Teacher

BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY PACKS FOR 2014

Don’t forget your students’ stationery packs for 2014. Parents and carers can order their child’s Back to School packs for the 2014 through Impact Office Supplies online now. This is a convenient and easy way to shop, with Impact delivering directly to your door either at home or work in time for the start of school.

Ordering is simple, fast and completed online by visiting www.impactofficesupplies.com.au and clicking the “Back to School Packs” button. Simply enter the password ‘ARDNUOLAC’ and choose the specific year level you need for 2014 on the drop down list. The full Back to School list for that year level will then appear, all you need to do then is enter your delivery address, the stationery amount you want for each item and you’re finished. Payment is due at the time of ordering via Credit Card.

It is encouraged that parents/carers place their orders online as soon as possible to ensure delivery prior to the new school year.

Click on the relevant year level stationery list below:
Or visit https://caloundrashs.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Pages/Curriculum.aspx

2014 START DAYS FOR STUDENTS

To all parents and carers, please note below the 2014 start of school dates:

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Wednesday 29
First day of school for:
Year 9 and 10 students start at 9.10am
Year 8 second day of school

Thursday 30
All students attend school

2014 START OF YEAR OPEN TIMES

FINANCE OFFICE
Finance office will reopen in 2014 on Wednesday, January 22 from 8.00am to 11.30am.

Should you have any queries with your account, please contact the Finance office on 5436 8454 or email: accounts@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
Parents and carers will have the opportunity to purchase uniforms prior to the 2014 school year as outlined below. Please note as of the start of school, Tuesday January 29 the uniform shops open hours will be every day from 8.00am to 10.00am, CLOSED Wednesday.

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QSCHOOLS APP

Easier access to school information is available through an updated version of QSchools app.

A recent update to the QSchools app means our parents will now be able to find tuckshop and class time information more easily.

On top of being able to access calendar, newsletter and other information from our school website the upgraded app and can also access uniform shop information. It all makes staying in touch and up to date a little easier for your family.

Visit the department’s apps page for more information and all the features: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/

The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Window’s store.

The Websites for Schools development team would love to hear your ideas for future functionality for QSchools. You can leave feedback within the app via Settings, then Leave Feedback.

HOME DOCTOR SERVICE

Did you know there is a Home Doctor Service available in our community? This service is available every night, weekend and public holiday and you can call to arrange for a doctor to visit you at home!

It is easy to contact the Home Doctor Service by calling 13 SICK, that’s 13 74 25. The call centre is open:

- Weekdays from 4.00pm
- Saturdays from 10.00am
- Sundays and Public Holidays all day and night

Home Visiting Doctors are available:

- Weeknight 6.00pm to 8.00am
- Weekends from Noon Saturday
- All day Sunday and Public Holidays

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS!

Parents, students and community members can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number (13 17 88) and let the local police now.