CALOUNDRA HIGHLIGHTS

Week 4 - Term 4 - Friday 30th October 2026

Queensland Junior Schools Cup

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the end of Week 4!

This week, we have taken the opportunity to celebrate one of the most important groups of people in our school community - our wonderful teachers.

Friday 30th October marks World Teachers' Day in Queensland. A day dedicated to recognising the extraordinary contribution teachers make to the lives of young people. This year's national theme, 'Shine a Light on Teachers', is particularly meaningful to us at Caloundra State High School, where our motto, 'Lighting the way to broad horizons and bright futures', reflects the very heart of what our teachers do every day.

Teaching is so much more than delivering curriculum. It is about inspiring curiosity, building confidence, recognising potential and helping young people discover what they are capable of achieving. Every profession begins with a teacher and with that comes both an enormous responsibility and a wonderful privilege.

At Caloundra SHS, we are fortunate to have dedicated teachers who genuinely care about making a difference. They bring creativity, expertise, patience and kindness to their classrooms, often going well beyond what is expected to ensure our students feel supported, challenged and encouraged to succeed. While their impact may not always be immediately visible, the difference they make can last a lifetime.

To all our teachers, thank you. Thank you for your commitment, your professionalism and most importantly, for the care you show our young people each and every day. Our school is a better place because of you.

I also encourage our families to take a moment to acknowledge a teacher who has made a difference in their child's life. Sometimes a simple thank you means more than we realise.

This week also marked an important milestone for our Year 12 students as they commenced their external assessments. It has been encouraging to see the positive attitude, maturity and commitment our students have demonstrated as they approach this final stage of their secondary schooling.

Our students have worked hard to prepare, supported by teachers who have invested significant time and effort in helping them achieve their personal best. As they head into their second week of assessments, we wish them every success and encourage them to remain focused, look after their wellbeing and approach each assessment with confidence.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 12 students and look forward to celebrating the completion of their schooling in the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our wonderful school community.

Natasha Wicks - Principal

Year 12 External Assessment Protcols

The External Assessment timetable is available HERE. These exams are extremely important for our Year 12s and the final challenge of their schooling journey. Students MUST attend on time and prepared for their exams. If a student does not attend and does not have a valid reason for their absence, it can impact significantly on their QCE attainment.
A reminder to all families that these assessments are strictly monitored by QCAA and as a result, it is imperative that you contact the school immediately if, for some reason, your child is unable to attend their scheduled exam. You can contact the school on 5436 8444 and ask for Michelle Fry, HOD Senior Schooling or email mfry33@eq.edu.au

Senior Celebration Week

Senior Celebration Week will follow the External Assessment block. On **Tuesday 17th November** there will be a Senior BBQ breakfast at 8am followed by a Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30am and **Year 12 Clap Out at 10:45am** (Gate 9, Bower St). Parents and friends are warmly invited to join us in celebrating our graduates.
Year 12 students are invited to celebrate at Aussie World on **Wednesday, 18th November** before their Senior Graduation Ceremony that evening (students to arrive at 4:45pm). Tickets are now available for collection from the Finance Office.

FACULTY FOCUS – HPE

The Health and Physical Education (HPE) faculty has hit the ground running in what is shaping up to be a busy Term 4! Alongside our classroom learning, our Signature Programs continue to provide plenty of opportunities for students to challenge themselves, develop their skills and achieve great things. With so much happening across our programs, there is simply too much to capture in this short column, but you can keep up with all the action via our school Facebook page.

Week 2 was a highlight, as we celebrated and recognised the outstanding achievements of our student athletes at the Annual Sports Awards. It was a fantastic evening filled with pride, excitement and plenty of reasons to celebrate the incredible talent within our Caloundra SHS community. A special thank you to Mr Gilliland for his tremendous efforts in organising such a memorable event and making the evening so special for our students and their families.

A huge congratulations must also go to our Junior Seahawks Volleyball teams, who competed at the Junior State Schools Cup last weekend! Our Year 7 girls took out the State Championship, while our Year 7 boys finished as State Runners-Up. Adding to this outstanding result, our Year 8 boys secured an impressive third place in the state. These are exceptional achievements and a testament to the dedication, hard work and talent of our students, as well as the commitment of our staff who support and develop our Volleyball program. We are incredibly proud of all involved!

Finally, we are always looking for opportunities to grow and strengthen our Signature Programs and we would love to hear from potential sponsors! If you or someone you know is interested in supporting one of our amazing programs, now is the perfect time to get involved. Sponsorship helps us continue to create valuable opportunities and experiences for our young people. If you would like to support our students and join the Seahawks team, please contact sponsorships@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au to find out more about how you can contribute.

Mr Poole
HOD HPE

2027 Year 12 Senior Jerseys & Formal

There is plenty of excitement building for our current Year 11 students as they begin looking ahead to 2027 and the many milestones that come with becoming a senior student. The Senior Formal and the presentation of their Senior Jerseys are two significant occasions that students will undoubtedly look forward to as they enter their final year of schooling. A reminder to all students and families that students must be fully financial with all outstanding school fees and charges finalised to be eligible to receive their Senior Jersey and attend the Senior Formal. Families are encouraged to contact the school Finance Team to confirm their current account status and discuss any outstanding balances. We look forward to celebrating these important milestones with our 2027 Year 12 cohort!

Unique Student Identifier (USI)

All Year 9 students should have created their Unique Student Identifier (USI) and provided it to Mr Cripps by now. If your child has not yet done so, please remind them to complete this as soon as possible and email their USI to Mr Cripps at djcri0@eq.edu.au. A USI is a unique, lifelong education number required for nationally recognised training and study, including Vocational Education and Training (VET). All students complete a Certificate II qualification in Year 10, so they must have a USI to participate. For more information or assistance with creating a USI, visit www.usi.gov.au.

Year 9 Community Program

Year 9 students have had the opportunity to nominate for our Community Program, which will run during Level Up classes on Wednesday afternoons for three weeks, commencing 11th November. Activities will include working with students at Caloundra State School through sport and dance, as well as participating in a beach clean-up. Parents and Carers of students participating in the program will recieve a consent request via QParents.

Experience UniSC Excursion

On Thursday, 5th November a group of Year 10 students will visit the University of the Sunshine Coast campus at Sippy Downs. This excursion will give students the opportunity to explore university study options and learn more about university life. Students have nominated their areas of interest to help tailor their experience. Available study areas include Business, Creative Industries, Law, Health, Education, Science, Technology and Engineering.

2027 Dress Code Changes

There will be a small change to the school dress code from 2027. Students in Years 7–9 will be required to wear their formal shirt on one day each week (the designated day is yet to be confirmed). On the other days, they may choose to wear either their formal shirt or school polo shirt. Students in Years 10–12 will continue to wear their formal uniform every day.

Sponsor Spotlight

Komatsu is a valued Lighthouse Keeper Supporter of Rugby League at Caloundra SHS, supporting a program that focuses on discipline, teamwork and responsibility. Their involvement highlights the importance of community partnerships in sustaining high-quality student programs. We thank Komatsu for backing student development through sport.

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Behaviour Beacon

Our Behaviour Beacon for Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 4 is Respect: We follow directions given by any staff member at our school.

Staff directions help keep students safe, support learning and uphold our shared school values. We are reminding students that this expectation applies to every staff member at our school, not just their teachers.

Students may sometimes feel frustrated or disagree with a direction. They can acknowledge those feelings while still responding respectfully. Our message is simple: follow the direction first, then discuss any concerns in a calm way afterwards. If an instruction is unclear, students should calmly ask for clarification. Arguing, refusing or walking away can turn a small issue into a bigger one, strain relationships and lead to further consequences.

Families can reinforce this message at home by discussing how managing reactions and choosing an appropriate time to raise concerns calmly helps everyone move forward respectfully.

Week Ahead - Week 5, Term 4

Monday 2nd November

- **Year 12 External Exam Block 26/10-19/11**
- 11 Biology - Ecological Sampling at Maleny 6:30am-1:30pm
- HPA 8-11 World Gym Experience 10am-1:30pm

Tuesday 3rd November

- 11 Biology - Ben Bennett Park Ecological Studies, during class, Wk 4-8 Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
- 9-11 GEM Program, P3

Wednesday 4th November

- Bu'ran'dou Leadership Program (7-8: P3, 9-10: P4)
- 7 H.E.R Project - Empowerment and Resilience Project, P3

Thursday 5th November

- 10 UniSC Experience Day 8am-2:40pm

Friday 6th November

- **Canteen (Tuckshop) Day**
- Bu'ran'dou Leadership Program (11-12: P3)

Year Level Parades

Year 7 – Monday Resource Centre
Year 8 – Friday Resource Centre
Year 9 – Tuesday Student Centre
Year 10 – Wednesday Student Centre
Year 11 – Thursday Resource Centre
Year 12 – Tuesday Resource Centre

QUICK LINKS

Administration Office Open Hours
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 3:30pm

Finance Office Open Hours
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 12:30pm

School Contacts
Main Office: 5436 8444

Absence Line: 5436 8400

Attendance:
attendance@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au

School Website
Facebook Page
Year 11 Wednesday Exam Schedule
Year 12 External Assessment

Uniform Shop Operating Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Closed on Wed, Fri & Public Holidays
7:30am to 9:00am
Order online via Qkr!
cshsuniformshop@gmail.com
The P&C Meets each month on the 2nd Tuesday at 5.30pm.