

To Learn, to Live, to Grow

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Calamvale Special School News and Information



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Administration News

Important Dates:

Term 1 January 27-April 9, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what is already proving to be a very exciting, busy and challenging year. A special welcome to our new students and parents who are joining us for the first time. I am confident that by working together we can achieve great results for the students we are responsible for. Hopefully, everyone had a restful holiday break and were able to catch up with family and friends over the summer vacation period.

Most of the students have settled well into the school. Some students are still getting use to the new classrooms and areas of the school which they may not have experienced before.

Fortunately staff changes have been minimal this year. Mrs van der weide (Senior 4 class) is back from long service leave and Mrs Joanne Rogers (Middle 1 class) is back part-time with us after the birth of her son, William. Miss Kirsty Fulop a teacher who had been working at Redlands District Special School joins us and is the teacher in Junior 4 class. All other teachers, admin, guidance officer and permanent teacher aides remain the same from 4th term last year. The school will be serviced by two new speech and language pathologists on Wednesday for the first semester. The OT, Jenny and the Physiotherapist, Caven are back again this year..

The day 8, Thursday February 5, total student enrolment this year will be 106 students. The school is staffed by the number of students enrolled at the school as well as if the students have a dual diagnosis. 106 students will be the highest starting enrolment since the school opened in 1986. We had 105 students in 2007 and 103 students in 2008. We have 17 class groups, the same as last year. All classes have a full time aide and a few classes will have additional teacher aide time support. The final staffing number will be advised by Education Queensland shortly after the day 8 enrolments are confirmed.

Teachers will be contacting you shortly regarding the Individual Education Plan meetings and arranging a suitable time to meet to discuss your student's education priorities for the year. I can't stress how important that a parent or carer attend these meetings. It is an opportunity to meet the teacher and mutually establish aims, goals and objectives for your child. For students in the senior school, the Senior Education Plan will also be reviewed or established depending on the individual student

Class requirements or booklists, have or will be sent home soon.

You may qualify for an educational tax refund if you receive the Family Tax Benefit part A. Please keep your receipts for any stationary items that you purchase for your student to use at Calamvale Special as you might be able to claim them on your tax return. Rebates are available, up to \$375 for primary aged students and \$750 for secondary aged students. Please check the Australian Tax Office website for further information.

A School camp at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre is scheduled for late March. Due to the nature of the activities at the camp physically capable students will be targeted to attend. Another camp later in the year will be held for the less physically able students.

Regards,

Kevin Grace
Principal

All students are required to wear a hat for outdoor play. Staff will continue to encourage students who have difficulty in keeping their hats on.

All students are required to wear enclosed footwear, not sandals or thongs. For those students who find it difficult to wear shoes, it would be very helpful to staff if you can provide shoes that the student can't remove. If you are not sure what shoes to purchase ask the teacher. Correct sizing is very important.

