

# Calamvale Special School Newsletter



*To Learn, to Live, to Grow*

## Important Dates:

Thurs 7 Feb	Day 8 enrolment figures
Wed 20 Feb	P & C Annual General Meeting
Wed 27 Feb	Student immunisations (HPV)

Welcome back to a new school year in 2008! I trust that most students are adjusting to their new teachers, teacher aides and classmates.

## Day 8 - Thursday 7 Feb 2008

Thursday 7/2/08 is the day in which schools receive funding for staffing based on number of students present and effectively enrolled at school. For this reason it is imperative that parents and carers advise the school either by phone or in the communication book (the next day) if your child is absent on this day.

## New Staff and Staff Changes

We have a number of new staff that have commenced work at Calamvale Special School in 2008.

- They are Mrs Elizabeth Rogers (M1), Mrs Helen Allen (S2) and Ms Amber Baker (non contact teacher). We also welcome back Mrs Rachel Campbell (M6) who has returned from maternity leave.
- A number of staff are also acting in different positions this term while Mr Kevin Grace is on long service leave. Ms Nicole Finch is acting Principal, Mrs Eleanor Angwin is acting Deputy Principal and Ms Jacinta Allen is acting Head of Curriculum. Mr Kevin Grace will be returning on the 15/4/08.

## P & C Annual General Meeting

The P & C AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 February at 7.30pm in the conference room. We encourage all new and existing parents to come along and be involved in making decisions that will affect your child's school and education. This meeting will include a light supper and tour of the new fully operational multi sensory room. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## IEP Meetings

Your child's teacher will be contacting you shortly to arrange an IEP meeting. These meetings are required to assist the teacher in planning educational goals for the coming year.

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### **Parent Pick Up and Drop Off Area**

Most parents should now be aware that our parent pick up and drop off area has changed. **A reminder to all parents and carers that this change applies both in the morning and in the afternoon.** This change has significantly reduced the amount of congestion in the car park. We request that parents and carers please adhere to this change as it is necessary for the safety of all students', parents and staff. Teacher aides are rostered on at this time to meet and walk students to their classes from this drop off point.

### **Invoices for Payments**

This year we have modified the way in which money for class programs is requested. Parents will be issued with an invoice outlining the costs required for activities (swimming, cooking, shopping etc) which can be paid either weekly or in 1 lump sum for the term (depending on what is more convenient). Receipts will be issued from the office as payments are received.

### **Booklists**

Most parents would have received booklists from their child's teacher in past week. Some parents may receive an invoice for payment rather than a booklist depending on the type of programs your child is involved in and what the teacher requires.

### **Parent Detail Information Sheets**

The school will shortly be sending home the current details (phone numbers, addresses etc) of all parents and carers in the school. Could you please check that the details are correct and/or update and make changes if necessary and return the form to the school at your earliest convenience. It is vital that the school holds accurate parent/carer information in case of an emergency.

### **Immunizations**

The Queensland Government is again offering free immunizations to school students:

- Year 8 (students turning 13) - Hepatitis B and Chickenpox
- Year 10 (students turning 15) - Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis
- Year 8, 9, and 10 (female students turning 13, 14 and 15) - HPV (to protect against cervical cancer)

Students who are eligible this year received letters last Friday. Forms must be returned to school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February whether you want your child to receive the vaccination or not.

### **Parent Volunteers**

In the next couple of weeks, a letter regarding parent volunteers will be sent home. Many of our programs are unable to run without the support of our volunteers. Last year we ran a very successful volunteer program and we hope to do the same this year.

Nicole Finch  
Acting Principal

Eleanor Angwin  
Acting Deputy Principal