

Earlier this year, the ACT Minister for Education and Early Childhood outlined a plan to consult with students, parents and carers, community members, teachers, educators and education leaders to listen to their views on what “The future of EDUCATION” in the ACT should look like.

On 24<sup>th</sup> May, our School Board Chair – Megan Fox, attended a briefing session with many other school board representatives about this program. During this session we were encouraged to think about how we, as a school community, can contribute to the conversation. At our next School Board meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June, we will be identifying some options to facilitate your voice in this process and how we can support greater equity in the school system.

You can read more about the plan here [http://www.education.act.gov.au/school\\_education/the-future-of-education/what-is-the-future-of-education-project](http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/the-future-of-education/what-is-the-future-of-education-project). You can also provide direct feedback at [www.yoursay.act.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.act.gov.au).

### **2016 School Board Chair Report**

It was a pleasure to be Calwell Primary School Board Chair in 2016. I thank my fellow Board members for their commitment to the important role in guiding and overseeing the operation of the school.

During 2016 our school experienced unexpected changes in the Executive Team. Whilst the changes brought challenges, they also brought welcome new skills and experience to the team. We thank the school team for their commitment to improving outcomes for each of our students at Calwell Primary.

We also thank the members of the school community who provided feedback through the 2016 School Satisfaction Survey and other school data gathering processes. Review of this feedback led to consideration of initiatives including introducing Positive Behaviours for Learning and implementation of a STEAM program. The Board fully supported the decision to embed a framework for these programs during 2016 and we look forward to seeing them continue and grow in 2017 and beyond. The Board endorsed significant investment in updating digital technology during 2016 to meet the changing nature of the learning environment.

The school team’s use of various communication methods continued to have a positive impact on parental engagement. In particular, students and parents/carers have embraced the use of SeeSaw to connect home with classroom learning.

We also acknowledge the achievements of our P&C who continue to offer activities for students and our community which further enhance the school experience. Their contribution to both the social fabric of our school and financial support for learning programs is invaluable.

I encourage you to read our 2016 Annual School Board Report and direct any questions to the Board or our Principal, Linda Neeson.

Megan Fox  
School Board Chair

The full 2016 Annual Board report is available on the school website [http://www.calwellps.act.edu.au/community\\_information/school\\_board](http://www.calwellps.act.edu.au/community_information/school_board).

## Canteen

We are excited to announce that our Canteen providers are offering a "Treats Day" for Week 10 on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. For one day only, the normal menu will be replaced by Chicken Nuggets and Wedges. There is also a vegetarian option and allergy friendly Chicken Meatballs. Snacks and drinks will also be available. Please note that there will be an earlier cutoff time for orders in Week 10 – orders will need to be received by 9am Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, but you can order now so you don't forget.



Our regular menu is still available every Wednesday through to Week 9.

## P&C Planning Session

Attendance at our P&C meeting this term was too low for us to make any plans for the remainder of 2017. We have been lucky to have a small group of dedicated volunteers who organise and run events and activities like Craft Club, School Discos, Breakfast Club and Mothers/Fathers Day stalls. These volunteers need your support if we are going to be able to continue these events and activities. We have many ideas on new and different activities which we think our students and school community would enjoy, but without more volunteers to work with us with planning or supporting the events on the day, we cannot make these happen.

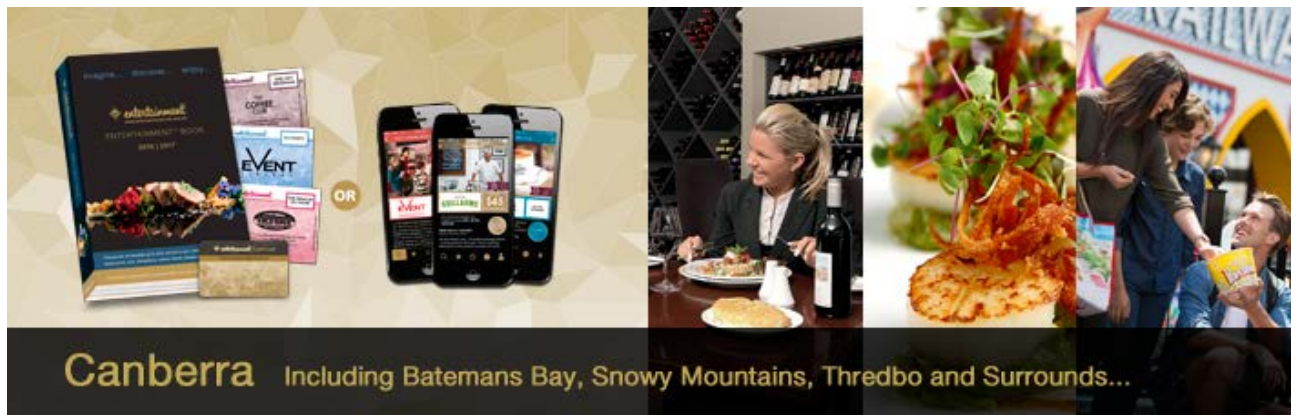
We will be scheduling a P&C planning session before the end of this term and hope that we will have many more community members come along to discuss what the P&C can offer for the rest of 2017. We will be sending a note home with options for times for the planning session so that we can accommodate as many of you as possible. Please think about what you can do to support the P&C – we need you.

## Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Our range of pre-loved school uniform items are available for purchase. Due to space limits, our range is now limited to items with school logo and the girl's dresses.



Please email [calwellpc@y7mail.com](mailto:calwellpc@y7mail.com) or leave a message at the Front Office with the items you are interested in. We will check what we have and arrange a time to collect them. With winter well and truly upon us, our stocks are getting low, particularly in the smaller sizes. If you have some winter uniform items that your child has grown out of, please consider donating them to our pre-loved uniform shop so we can help out other families in the school community.



If you have been using your 2016/2017 Entertainment Book, it's time to upgrade to the 2017/2018 version. It has some great offers to save you money from now right through until June 2018. A copy of the book is now on display in the Front Office, so you can see for yourself the great deals on offer. Or you can preview the book online here: <http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/Tell-me-More/Canberra>.

The 2017/2018 Book or digital membership costs remains great value at just **\$60**.

There some great new offers this year, such as the 2 for 1 deal at Flip Out. Many of the favourites are back again, including discounted entry to Questacon and the National Zoo and Aquarium, 5% discount on Woolworths Gift Cards and guaranteed best deals on accommodation and car hire. There are over \$20,000 worth of deals and offers in the book. **For each book or digital membership sold, we will receive \$12.** If you'd like to purchase a book or digital membership, go to Calwell Primary's order page, [www.entbook.com.au/239a85](http://www.entbook.com.au/239a85) or email [calwellpc@y7mail.com](mailto:calwellpc@y7mail.com).