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Tuesday 11th December 2018

Week 9 Term 4

Diary Dates		
Thursday	13 th December	Kindergarten – Year 6 Christmas concert
Friday	14 th December	End of year celebration
Friday	14 th December	Leadership Assembly -5/6 in the Hall at 215pm
Monday	17 th December	Year 6 Graduation and disco
Tuesday	18 th December	Water fun day Magpies
Tuesday	18 th December	End of year concert rehearsal Calwell High School
Wednesday	19 th December	Calwell Christmas Concert
Thursday	20 th December	Water fun day Cockatoos & Rosellas
Friday	21 st December	End of term 4
Monday	4 th February	New students start Term 1 2019
Tuesday	5 th February	Continuing students return for Term 1 2019

Dear Calwell Families,

It's hard to believe another school year is nearly over. We are looking forward to celebrating 2018 with the school community at next weeks end of year concert.

Concert

The end of year concert is one of the most popular and well attended school events. Finding a venue that will seat everyone is a real challenge, especially when the concert involves the whole school, as it does this year. While we would like everyone to come along, the reality is none of the venues we have access to have enough seats. Our aim is to be able to accommodate immediate family members. Could we please ask that little ones sit on mum or dad's lap and that prams be left outside the hall. We must also comply with fire regulations and this means the aisles and stairs cannot be used for seating. In week 5 of 2019 all students will be involved in performing at the 30th Birthday celebration and the PBL launch. This will be a great opportunity for extended family members to join us as there will be sufficient seating at the event.

2019 Classes

Teachers and the leadership team have spent a considerable time shaping classes for next year. As we are still receiving new enrolments and recent notification of students leaving our numbers are a fluctuating from week to week. Therefore, as in past years, classes will be announced on day one next year. Once classes have been announced we are unable to make changes as moving one child has a domino effect on the factors which we consider when grouping students.

When possible, the following criteria are used when forming a class group:

- a balance of gender – similar number of boys and girls
- a mix of academic ability – independent learners, students requiring additional support or extension
- an even spread of year level across the classes
- grouping students to best facilitate teaching and learning
- a friend
- teacher consideration – has the teacher taught your child before?
- family requests

Why are there composite classes? In brief:

- in years 1 / 2, 3 / 4 and 5 / 6 is allows us to spread students across three groups rather than two

- The school is staffed on a range of factors including the number of students enrolled - a ratio of one teacher to approx. 22 students in K to Yr. 3 and one teacher to 30 students in years 4 to 6. Obviously, year group numbers do not split beautifully into these figures. Our priority is to have straight kinder classes, and when possible straight year 6, however this was not possible in 2019.

How do we teach two-year levels in one class?

- students in both a straight class and composite have mixed needs and abilities and age differences
- content is not delivered in year level blocks, it is spread across years
- through assessment and classroom monitoring, teachers identify where a student is and what their next step needs to be to move their learning forward. This is called differentiation. Our teachers target their teaching at the point of need for each student in their class. The class composition is important as we group classes in such a way as to provide the teacher with the best opportunity to meet the needs of all students in the group.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Liz or me to make a time to come and chat.

Linda

Linda Neeson
Principal

Gold PBL Awards and Merit Certificates will be handed out at Lines Friday Morning.

Gold Awards – Being Respectful

Lochlan B KD
Sienna B KD
Jacob K 3/4D
Henry F 1/2B
Hannah L 1/2B

Gold Awards – Be a Learner

Sophie F 1/2L
Emily P 1/2W
Finley 3/4TP
Leon 3/4TP
Olivia 3/4TP
Cooper T 3/4KP
Ar-yhen P 3/4KP
Khade B 3/4KP
Khorbyn D 3/4KP
Lillianna K 3/4KP
Natasha K 3/4KP
Zailee W 3/4KP

Gold Awards – Be Safe

Nathan B KD
Ellie C KD
Hussein E KD
Sienna B KD
Willow D 1/2L
Elesi T 3/4D
Bella T 1/2B

★ *Certificate of Merit* ★

Nathan B KD
Ellie C KD
Hussein E KD
Sienna B KD
Alistaire M KD
Sophie F 1/2L
Elesi T 3/4D
Bella T 1/2B



Big Thank You
to Woolworths Calwell
for including us in their
24 acts of kindness.



End of year Celebration all students
Kinder to Year 6

“Ralph Breaks the internet”

@Limelight Cinemas

Thursday 20th December 2018

Notes & Payment due

Wednesday 12th December



Notes & Payments due....

Excursion to Limelight Cinema	12 th December
End of year concert rehearsal at Calwell High	14 th December
Team Calwell shirt	14 th December



Rehearsal

18th December Calwell High

Notes due Friday 14th

Christmas concert

19th December at 6pm

Students to arrive in costume at 5.40pm



Water fun day preschool

Magpies – 18th December

Cockatoos & Rosellas 20th December

Bring a change of clothes.

We enjoy sharing the quality work our students and teachers are doing through the school Facebook page. We post regularly and use Facebook to provide information and messages to our community.

Please Like us on Facebook and feel free to invite your family and friends!

