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# CALWELL COMMUNIQUE



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**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Week 10 Term 4**

Diary Dates		
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of term 4
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	Kindergarten Students Only
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	Preschool Rosellas & Magpies Start Term 1 2019
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> February	All students return for Term 1 2019
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> February	Preschool Cockatoos Start Term 1 2019

Dear Calwell Families,

Our final newsletter for 2018 and the school community has much to be proud of and celebrate.

In Term 3 the school review process, done by an external panel of professionals, saw us presenting school data and evidence of our achievements against the priorities in the Strategic Plan 2015 – 2018. The report we received included many affirmations and commendations that praised our work and the significant successes we achieved over the past four years. This confirmed that we have quality programs and processes in place which support improving student outcomes, as well as building the capacity of our teachers. The recommendations were very few and put simply said keep on the same path and sharpen your focus in one or two areas. This was very gratifying to hear, especially for the leadership team.

Over the past two terms we have been developing the new five-year School Improvement Plan for 2019-2023. We look forward to sharing the completed plan with you early in 2019. The plan concentrates on further strengthening student outcomes in reading, writing, mathematics and also focusses on student well-being. We will also be continuing to work on strengthening our partnership with parent/carers through a range of opportunities for parents/carers to actively engage in their child/ren's learning.

## Goodbyes

It is the time of year when we have to say farewell to staff. I am pleased however, to say that we have minimal change. Alex Dunnett and Jamie Smith were placed in the school for 2018 and will be moving to new schools in 2019. I would like to thank Alex and Jamie for working with and guiding the year 3 /4 and 5 /6 students respectively. They have both supported the students in their classes to achieve positive academic and social emotional outcomes. Alex and Jamie are in the very early stage of their teaching career and we wish them every success in future positions.

Sara Meins has reached the end of her tenure at Calwell and is moving on to Bonython Primary. During her time here, she has worked fulltime on as a year 1 /2 teacher; taught part-time as the release teacher (visual art & drama) as well as growing her family. We thank Sara for the various contributions she has made to Calwell and wish her all the best. We were so delighted this year to find a qualified Indonesian teacher in Jacqui Ramesh. The students and staff all enjoyed working with Jacqui and re-establishing the Indonesian program in the school. Sadly, Jacqui has been offered fulltime work and will no-longer be able to work here at Calwell. While this is very disappointing we are working hard to see if we can find another teacher and look at options on how we can continue the program into 2019. Thank you for again shining the light on the value of teaching a second language Jacqui.

## After School Care

Camp Australia will continue as the provider of the After and Before School Care Program which offers care to preschool to year 6 children. If you wish to make a booking for before or after school care for 2019, Camp Australia can be contacted online: [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) or by phone 1300 105 343.

## Holiday Projects

There is significant work being completed in the playground area during the break. If everything goes to plan there will be some exciting new additions for our students to enjoy.

### Week 1 2019

We look forward to welcoming our new Preschool and Kindergarten children on Monday 4 February. Kinder children and parents will meet in the hall for a brief welcome prior to moving into the Scrivener unit.

Children new to the school or returning to Calwell in years 1-6 will begin on Tuesday 5 February. Children will start the day in their 2018 class groups to give them an opportunity to catch up with their classmates and teacher where possible. Students should line up on the blacktop in their 2018 class groups. 2019 classes will be formed during the morning. Students and teachers will be in their new classes after lunch.

Our great team of professional, dedicated and hard-working teachers and administrative staff make this school great. My appreciation and a huge thank you goes to all members of staff for the many contributions you have made throughout the year and your willingness to go the extra mile to help our students achieve to the best of their ability.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the members of the P&C, School Board and any parents/carers who have volunteered in the school or contributed in any way. The support, engagement and commitment we receive from our community adds significant value and ensures our students are provided with a range of additional experiences and opportunities. The students have really valued and enjoyed special lunches, the craft club and knitting clubs; while our English program has continued to benefit from parental help with the reading program. This year, each student has again received the wonderful gift of a book from the P&C.

I would like to thank all members of staff for their hard work throughout the year. We have a fabulous team who make this school a great place to come to work every day. On behalf of all the staff I wish you a joyful festive season. Stay safe, relax and have fun!

*Linda & Liz*

Linda Neeson & Liz Baker-Matterson  
Principal & Deputy Principal



We will be handing out our last round of PBL Certificates and bands at 2.30pm on Friday in the hall.



**Gold Awards – Be a Learner**

Matheius B 1/2L  
Isaac F 1/2W  
Jacob G 1/2W  
Blaik S 3/4D  
Matilda A 3/4TP  
Ella R 3/4TP  
Izzy T 3/4TP  
Olivia W 3/4TP  
Tadija P 3/4KP  
Paulo R 3/4KP  
Tadija P 3/4KP  
Paulo R 3/4KP  
Tanarra M 3/4TP  
Elissa F 5/6M



**Gold Awards – Be Safe**

Liam K 1/2L  
Amelia B 5/6C  
Dejhana O /6C  
Bella B KD  
Lochlan B KD  
Abby O 3/4TP  
Nikita S 3/4TP  
Maya E 3/4TP  
Kelvin S 3/4TP  
Gladis A 5/6M  
Owen G 5/6M  
Thao L 5/6M  
Sumah L 5/6M  
Jay S 5/6M  
Kate S 5/6M  
Clare W 5/6M  
Jaydan W 5/6M



*Certificate of  
Merit*

Willow D 1/2L  
Liam K 1/2L  
Lochlan B KD  
Bella B KD  
Gladis A 5/6M  
Owen G 5/6M  
Thao L 5/6M  
Sumah L 5/6M  
Jay S 5/6M  
Kate S 5/6M  
Clare W 5/6M  
Jaydan W 5/6M



**Gold Awards – Being Respectful**

Isabelle A 5/6C  
Tadija P 3/4KP  
Lucy M 3/4TP

Liam K 1/2L  
Zailee W 3/4KP  
Elissa F 5/6M

Jacob K 3/4D  
Tadija P 3/4KP

**CALWELL  
COMMUNITY  
CAROLS**  
At the Calwell Shopping Centre  
Friday 21 December 2018  
from 6pm  
All Welcome!