



1<sup>st</sup> May, 2009  
Week 6, Term 2

# Calare Public School

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to our celebration of Education Week and especially our Open Day on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many parents and friends - especially given the weather - and, as is always the case, the children were delighted and proud to be able to show off their work.

Congratulations to all our public speakers who competed in Bathurst last week. Special congratulations to Harry Roth, who was the overall winner and to Noah Lamrock and Jodie Morris who were both Highly Commended.

Congratulations also to our hockey girls. In their replay against Orange Public School, they were the better team on the day, winning 1-0.

If your child is in a sporting team, this week it is bound to be a busy one. Every day this week we have a sporting team (or teams) competing. Auskick, District Cross Country, the Hockey girls again, Netball and Rugby League all have the opportunity to progress in their competitions and we wish them all the best.

### **BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

Calare Public School will have our "Biggest Morning Tea" this Thursday. Students will have morning tea with their teachers and are asked to bring a donation for the Cancer Council

As you may know, I will be retiring at the end of this term. Our School Education Director, Ms. Ryan, has formed a panel for the purpose of selecting a new principal. The process began last week with the panel meeting to compose an advertisement for the position and will conclude late in June when interviews will be conducted. Our staff representative on the panel is Mrs. Edwards and parent representatives and Ms. Fleur Magick from the A.E.C.G. and P&C President, Mrs. Karen Honeyman.

Have a lovely week.

Mike Willis  
Principal

**THANK YOU TO  
WILLOUGHBY'S  
MODEL CARS AND  
FOOTBALL SHOP  
Shop 3, Orange Arcade,  
Summer St, Orange**

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Willoughby's Model Cars and Football for generously sponsoring our AFL team by paying for the bus to take them to Bathurst today. Your generosity was very much appreciated.

**ATHLETICS  
CARNIVAL  
WILL NOW  
BE HELD  
ON  
FRIDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2009**

### **VISITING PERFORMANCE "ISLAND DREAMING"**

Phil Geia has captivated nearly half a million students throughout Australia with his hugely successful show and shares the playful and joyous culture of the Kaurareg people of the Torres Strait Islands.

This performance will be held in our school hall on **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.** The cost will be **\$3-50** per student. It is open to all students from K-6. Money will be collected from tomorrow Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June till Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Friday is definitely the cut off date as we require final numbers.

Please send money for performance in an envelope to your child's class teacher, clearly marked with their name, class and 'Island Dreaming'.

## CWA PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to William Boyd, Noah Lamrock, Jodie Morris and Harry Roth on their excellent performances at the CWA Public Speaking Competition held last week in Bathurst.

William delivered his speech with great expression and clarity, in an extremely competitive field and we congratulate him on his outstanding achievement.

Noah and Jodie received commendations for their speeches in the Year 3 and Year 5 sections. Congratulations to both Noah and Jodie on this achievement.

Harry Roth was awarded first place in the Year 6 section. This is the third time Harry has won his section in this competition, an amazing effort! Harry now goes on to compete in Inter Group Contest in Parkes on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Congratulations Harry and we wish him all the best in the next phase of this competition.

**SCHOOL PHOTO'S** - The school has been notified by Advancedlife Photography apologizing for the delay in the delivery of our school photos. They have been experiencing problems at their processing lab but the problem has been fixed and Advancedlife is now working at catching up and sending the photographs out as soon as possible.

### **SOUND CHECK – Middle Ear Infection**

Children may experience difficulty with hearing loss without showing any signs. The following check list may help you decide whether your child needs a hearing check:

- Speak or play loudly or inappropriately.
- Pull at their ears.
- Turn up the TV or music loudly.
- Says “huh” or “what”, asks to repeat frequently.
- Inability to focus on tasks or easily distracted.
- Mispronounce words or use one phrase for many things.
- Wait to copy others when following instructions.
- Become withdrawn or has a behavioral problem.
- Not wanting to participate in activities.

Where to get help

- Local GP.
- Audiologist or Orange Community Health Service 02 6393 3300.

### **WHOOPING COUGH (Pertussis)**

In recent months there has been an increase in the number of school aged children in NSW diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis). Please be on the look out for symptoms of whooping cough:

\* a runny nose, followed by a cough, which becomes worse (older children and adults may have only a cough that can last for several months) \* a cough that occurs in spasms, which may be following by vomiting \* a cough with a ‘whoop’ (a sudden noisy gasp at the end of coughing).

In order to prevent further cases, if your child or any member of your family has symptoms of whooping cough please see your doctor.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in its early, infectious stage (within 3 weeks of the cough starting), please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

### **BREATHING, BLOWING & COUGHING PROGRAM**

The aim of this program is to encourage children to blow their nose, this unblocks the nose allowing fresh air into the Eustachian tube and up to the middle ear. Blowing the nose helps remove or dry up some of the fluid in the middle ear. Blowing the nose daily reduces the risk of Otitis Media (middle ear infection).

### **HYGIENE**

To stop the spread of germs, the easiest and most effective thing to do is to wash our hands. It's important that we wash our hands:

- after playing with animals
- after going to the toilet
- before eating or touching food
- after blowing our noses.

When washing hands it is important to wash your hands after playing with pets, as they are like buses for germs. Think about where your dog or cat has been today: in the garden, rolling in the dirt or in the rubbish bin? These are perfect environments for germs. It is also recommended that animals have their own beds rather than sleeping with people.

