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Week 6 Term 3

Calare Public School

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*Participate and
Achieve*

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week! It was wonderful to see so many students involved in such a range of activities last week. All participating students deserve special mention because of the way they performed and for their exemplary behaviour. Thank you again to the staff that volunteered for these extra duties. Without their commitment it wouldn't be possible for our students to be involved in so many extra-curricular activities.

The dance groups had a very successful day on Monday at the Orange Eisteddfod with a second place for Stage 1, first for Stage 2, third for Stage 3 and a first to 4/5B. Congratulations also to the Stage 2 choir (Highly Commended) and Stage 3 (2nd place) who competed in the Bathurst Eisteddfod.

Well done to the Athletics team who participated at the District Athletics Carnival on Friday. Results will be publicised as they come to hand.

Congratulations also to the five Tournament of Minds teams who competed in the Regional Competition on Saturday, an experience I'm sure they will long remember. Well done to the Applied Technology team who received an honourable mention.

Thank you to 1D for the very colourful foyer display last week. KLS work will decorate the area this week. They have captured the spring theme and already have life cycles and stunning bees on display for our enjoyment.

Mr Graham Small, Relieving School Education Director, Orange, visited us on Wednesday and was most impressed by the many wonderful programs and initiatives that have been implemented at Calare.

The one downside to the week was that we had break-ins on Friday and Saturday nights and equipment from the TLC was destroyed and stolen. If you live nearby and see or hear anything suspicious can you please phone the police on 63636399.

Don't forget the Kindergarten Parent Information Evening at 7.00pm Tuesday in the Library. The Concert Band will give a short performance at the beginning of the evening.

Good luck to the String Group who performs at the Orange Eisteddfod this afternoon, the Stage 1 Choir who travels to Bathurst on Wednesday and the Concert Band and Drum Group who perform at Orange Eisteddfod on Thursday.

Special performances at this Friday's assemblies will be given by Stage 3 choir at Stage 2 assembly and classes KS and 4/5B.

Finally, at the Principals' Conference in Mudgee we learned about an excellent website that has lots of handy hints for parents on a multitude of topics. We have photocopied one of the downloaded pages in today's newsletter for your perusal and the link for other relevant information is:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezone

Enjoy your week.

Marie Bloodworth
Relieving Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

FOR SALE

CAKES

TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER

20c or 50c

All proceeds to assist with cost of Year 6 gift to the school.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Five teams from Calare participated in Western Region Tournament of Minds held at Orange High School on Saturday.

The children participated in a long term challenge that they prepared over five weeks as well as a spontaneous challenge that had to be solved in four minutes.

The standard of their performances were excellent. Our Applied Technology team consisting of Harry, Julia, Paige, Gabby, Sam, William and Hugh were awarded honours for their outstanding presentation. An unfortunate equipment failure allowed them to show their outstanding improvisation talents. Their judges were in awe of their ability to cope in such a situation giving them the highest possible praise. Well done team! You truly embodied the spirit of TOM!

Congratulations to all the Year 4 children who participated in the teams. Your contributions were outstanding and the experienced gained by all participants was invaluable.

A special thank you to all the teachers who gave up their time to judge on the weekend so that the children could participate. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

NETBALL FUNDRAISER CHALLENGE

On Monday, 21st September the school netball team is playing the final two rounds of the PSSA knockout.

The girls will be travelling to Sydney the night before and staying at Penrith for an early start at 8:30am on Monday morning.

To raise money to cover some of the costs we are having a teacher versus team netball game next Friday 4th September. The game will start at 1:45pm, and finish at 2:20pm.

We are asking all students to bring a gold coin donation if they would like to watch the match of the year!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Austin Davies

For the third consecutive year Austin Davies has been awarded a prize in the prestigious National Trust Schools Competition. Final placing will be announced at an award ceremony in Sydney on Monday 7th September.

Change to Calare School Uniform
A recent meeting of the P&C decided that a change would be made to the school uniform.

The preferred Winter Uniform list included a Black Coat. This has now been changed to a Navy Coat.

There is no expectation that parents or carers make this change immediately, rather replace the items as you need within the new guidelines.

STUDENTS EISTEDDFOD REPORTS

Below is two reports written by two of our students from 4/5B. 4/5B is an all boys class and they competed in the Eisteddfod Dance section and took out 1st place, well done 4/5B.

MY EISTEDDFOD EXPERIENCE

On Monday I was so nervous because it was the day I danced. As soon as I got to school we had to go to the Function Centre. Then we went up the stairs and saw the stage. We sat down and watched other dances and finally it was our go.

During the other dances, we were getting ready I thought this was my moment. I was dancing so well. I can't believe we won. I was so excited.

My mum was so proud of me
By Rhys

MY EISTEDDFOD EXPERIENCE

Before the Eisteddfod I felt like there was only a tiny bit of hope. When we were practising it was fun but I knew I still had to work on my timing. In the waiting period we saw some pretty good dance troupes and I honestly thought we weren't going to get a place.

During the performance my heart was pounding 100 miles an hour and I had African butterflies. Suddenly my nerves were all gone and I started to smile. The best part was that my timing was much, much better.

After we finished the crowd went wild, woo it was the best feeling ever. When we walked off the stage we felt so proud. I never thought we could pull it altogether but we did and claimed first prize.

By Tom