



2nd February, 2009
Week 2, 2009

Calare Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to all our children for the start of a new year.

We would like to especially welcome our newcomers across the school – 29 in years 1 to 6 and 102 Kinders. Thank you for choosing our school and we look forward to getting to know all of you over the coming weeks.

We also have a number of new staff members in 2009. Welcome to Calare to Mrs. Louise Lloyd from Bourke, who is teaching KL, Mrs. Rosie Hassall from Enngonia teaching KH, Mrs. Vicki Bray from Bowen, teaching our Boys class 4/5B, Mrs. Kathryn Delaney who taught here last year as a casual teacher, teaching 2K and Mr. Rob Emerson from Orange Public School, who is an Apple Mac specialist and will work across the school teaching computer skills.

In the second half of last year the Department of Education implemented a new admin program to manage enrolments and student transfers. Unfortunately it has not been able to cope with the State wide demands placed on it at this very busy time of the year. This has meant that we have been unable to generate class lists and thereby establish classes.

We hope to have classes formed as soon as possible.

Don't forget the Swimming Carnival for children 8 years old and over, is on this Wednesday, beginning at 9:00am. We would love to see you there.

Thank you to KG for the excellent photo display in the foyer of their first day at school. Parents are most welcome to pop in and have a look.

Have a lovely week

Mike Willis
Principal

Participate and Achieve

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual swimming carnival for all students in Years 3 to 6 will be held this Wednesday.

Information has been sent home. If your child did not receive a detailed note and permission note, please ensure they receive a copy from the school office.

MOBILE PHONES:

Just a reminder that Mobile Phones are not permitted at school. Please ensure that your child is aware of this rule and that they leave them at home.

If there is a special reason your child needs a mobile phone at school, please contact us to discuss this matter.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STRING GROUP – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (please return to school office)

My child of Year

Is interested in joining the String Group. We have access to a (instrument)

Parent/Guardian Name Phone Contact

BAND PROGRAM:

Band Day this year will be Wednesday. Due to the Swimming Carnival, there will be NO band practices this week. Children wishing to join the band program should have received a note at the end of last year. These notes are due in to the office a.s.a.p. so that we can begin organizing groups. If you did not receive a note, or have lost it, please obtain one from Mrs Thompson.

Band tuition for 2009 will be \$50 per term.

String Group: We are currently considering the viability of starting a string Music Group (violins, violas, “cellos) at Calare for students in Years 3-6. Tuition would take place before school on Thursdays.

Parents would need to provide an instrument for their child – a new violin can be purchased at an approximate cost of \$200.

If your child is interested in participating in this program please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office.

Beginner Band / String Group Parent Meeting:

There will be a meeting for parents wishing to join the beginner band program and / or string group at 5pm this Thursday, 5th February in the staffroom.

This will be an opportunity to provide information about the role of parents, the organization of the program including selection of instruments and to meet the staff who will be providing tuition. We would love to see you there.

YR 5A, 5R & 5SM FITNESS

.Next Monday 09.02.09 5R, 5SM and 5A will begin their fitness program. The children will participate in normal school uniform and do not need sneakers. It is compulsory for all students to participate each day and they must have a note if they are injured or sick, signed by a parent.

Yr 5 Teachers - S Adams, J Raftery, E Miller, M Snare

CANTEEN NEWS:

Welcome back and a big “Hello” to all the new children at Calare. Attached is our Term 1, 2009 menu and price list. There are only a few price changes to note. JJ’s & Red Rock Deli Chips are now 85c. Smith Chips are now 90c and Yogurt Sticks now sell for 15c each.

As we get to know many of the kindy kids and new children who have started at Calare this year, we thought we should make mention to parents to remind their children that certain items ordered for lunch must be collected from the canteen. These items spoil easily and do not travel well in the class lunch box: Slush Puppies, Choc-Top Ice Cream Cones, Middletons, Go Gurts and Calippos, Cool Cups, Hot Chocolate, Jelly Cups – Chocolate Mousse.

Also, should your child not receive something they think they have ordered, they should come and see us as well. We ask that the children to keep their bags after they finish their lunch and bring it to us and then we can make sure they receive the correct item. Children who come with their lunch bag to the canteen to collect items ordered are served before children who come to the canteen to purchase snack items and this allows them to finish their lunch with plenty of time still to play.

Catherine, Belinda and Di

CALARE NETBALL CLUB

The Calare Netball Club will be holding our registration day on Saturday 14th February and Sunday 15th February, 2009 at Calare Public School. We will have more details closer to this date.

President – Jo Eslick

