



# Calare Public School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 2 , WEEK 2 , TERM 1, 4th February, 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a very smooth beginning to school this year and this has enabled us to form our classes this morning. We have 26 classes for 2008. These include four composite classes - K/1K being taught by Mrs Ehrlich, 2/3H in the care of Mrs. Hordynsky, 4/5/6D with Mrs Dixon and 5/6S who are being taught by Mrs Adams this year. Multi-aged classes are a consequence of the higher numbers of children enrolled in particular grades. We have chosen children for these classes on the following criteria:

- \* They are capable students and
- \* They are independent workers at their age level.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child being placed in one of the multi-aged classes, please don't hesitate to come and speak to Mrs. Bloodworth or myself.

The new Kindergarten children have settled into class very well and, if I didn't know better, I would have thought they had been at school for months. I like to think that our extended Kinder Orientation program in Term 4 last year has had a beneficial effect in this area.

Good luck to everyone competing in the Swimming Carnival tomorrow. Please remember that this is a school day and all primary children should be in attendance. Those children who are not competing in the carnival have the choice of attending the carnival to barrack for their team or attend school as usual. Lessons will be provided for children who choose not to attend the carnival.

Have a lovely week

Mike Willis

Principal

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

A reminder that the Swimming Carnival for all children in Years 3 - 6 will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 5th February, 2008. The carnival commences at 9:00am sharp with the Open Boys and Girls 100 metres Freestyle and then the 8 yrs Boys and Girls 50 metres Freestyle. Competitors must be at the pool on time to avoid disappointment of missing their early races.

### CONGRATULATIONS HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to lead our Sporting Houses in 2008.

#### AMANGU:

##### Senior House Captains:

Mitchell Vennard Cassi Dunn

##### Senior House Vice Captains:

Liam Tucknott Scarlet Sprankle

##### Junior House Captains:

Cee - Jay Ah-See Gabrielle

Swords

##### Junior House Vice Captains:

Toby Westcott Amber Priest

#### BENDJALONG:

##### Senior House Captains:

Jesse Foxall Emily Wright

##### Senior House Vice Captains:

Todd Farrell Hayley Swain

##### Junior House Captains:

Callum Marks Roisin O'Connor

##### Junior House Vice Captains:

Joshua Swain Sophie Mackay

#### PITTA PITTA:

##### Senior House Captains:

Ryan Harmer Monica Faucett

##### Senior House Vice Captains:

Max Wolfson Lucy Hill

##### Junior House Captains:

Tom Blimka Abbey Wilson

##### Junior House Vice Captains:

Holly Scott

#### KALKADOON:

##### Senior House Captains:

Cody Drabsch Telisha Schumacher

##### Senior House Vice Captains:

Cain Johnston Sophie Gascoyne

##### Junior House Captains:

Mitchell Kelly Isabella Bankovic

##### Junior House Vice Captains:

James Duffield Stephanie Drabsch

#### LIBRARY NEWS:

Class times for Library have now been organised. They are as follows:

Monday	3K	23H	3T	3G	
Tuesday	1E	2H	1PW	1BF	2S
Wednesday	6E	6A	6R	5C	5SB
	56S	5W	456D		
Thursday	KS	KG	KT	KC	K1K

Friday 2G 4S 4B 4K

### **LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED:**

**Borrowing will start for all classes next week.**

Kindergarten to Year Four must have a cloth library bag to borrow books. Library bags from former schools and those made at home are suitable. A library bag for Years 5 and 6 is optional.

Kindergarten may borrow one (1) book. Years 1 to 4 two(2) books and Years 5 and 6 may take out three (3) books at a time. Those children who have to borrow a music book for band are allowed an extra book.

Borrowing is for a two week period, but most children borrow each week in their library lesson time. The library is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning as well as each lunch time. Children may return books at these times if their book is finished or found to be at the incorrect level of reading ability.

On some occasions you may find that the book chosen is too hard. I try to suggest an easier book but find that the younger children often get upset if I tell them to put it back and select another one. Other children tell me that Mum or Dad will read it to them. If you find that your child is continually bringing home an unsuitable book please do not hesitate to see me or feel free to come and select a book with your child in the mornings.

Overdue notes are sent home when the book becomes overdue by about two weeks. If the book is lost it is expected that it will be paid for so that a replacement book may be purchased. A special place perhaps could be found at home to keep the school library books which may then relieve the problem of lost books.

There are still quite a few books outstanding from last year. If any have been found over the holiday period please send them back as soon as possible.  
Margaret Christensen, [Librarian](#)

### **2008 STATE DANCE AND DRAMA ENSEMBLES:**

Children interested in auditioning for the State Dance and Drama or Ensembles should please contact Mrs Alchin for relevant details. These children are required to attend weekly rehearsals in Sydney so outstanding levels of skill and commitment are required.

### **SCHOOL DANCE TROUPES:**

Once again we will be running dance troupes in Stage 1, 2 and 3. Due to large numbers of children wishing to participate, auditions will be held over the next few weeks. There is a \$35 levy for all children participating in the dance programme to cover the cost of costumes, music etc. Stage 2 and 3 children are also required to have a pair of blade jazz shoes. These can be purchased from the local dance shop or second hand from other children. They are often cheaply available over the internet. If your child is interested in joining the dance programme, please encourage them to listen for audition

times on the daily notices.

### **MUSICAL THEATRE TROUPE:**

This year we are looking to trial a Musical Theatre Troupe. This troupe is an extension to the dance programme. Children who wish to dance should in the first instance seek entry to the appropriate stage dance troupe.

The aim of this troupe is to combine the skills of drama, vocals and dance to produce an item of a musical theatre nature. It is hoped this troupe will provide an opportunity for choir and drama students to be more involved in the performing arts.

Hence we are looking for children who can **either** sing, dance or who are very dramatic!! Obviously we are not expecting the children to be able to do all three, although if there is anyone out there who can, we're interested in YOU!

We will be producing an item based around the movie Hairspray. As the children will need a costume, which will hopefully include a wig, there will need to be a costume fee of approximately \$40. The children will also need a pair of black jazz shoes. (Note: the children will also need these for the Stage 3 Dance Troupe.)

As this is an extension programme, rehearsals will be held on Wednesday mornings from 8:30am in the TLC. Children wishing to participate must be able to attend at this time.

There are roles in the performance for both boys and girls, including a lead boy and girl role! Auditions will be held in the near future.

Any inquiries should be directed to Mrs Alchin or Mrs Thompson.

### **CANTEEN NEWS:**

Our Term 1 menu is now up and running. A copy went home with the last newsletter. If you do not have a copy, we have copies in the canteen. Don't forget to check out the Monday Meal Deals on the back of the menu.

### **IS IT YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY?**

Birthday cupcakes for all children who order their lunch in the week of their birthday. All we need is the birth date included on your child's lunch order and we will send out a cupcake with the lunch order that day, as our birthday gift to your child. Even if the birthday is on a Tuesday, Thursday or weekend, if your child has a lunch order on the Monday, Wednesday or Friday and marks clearly on the lunch bag the birthday, they will receive a "Happy Birthday" cupcake as our treat!

Remember the canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. I look forward to seeing you soon.  
Catherine, [Canteen](#)

**BAND NEWS:**

**Beginner Band:** All Yr 3 -6 children interested in joining our beginner band program should have received a note at the end of last year. Any child who missed out should obtain information from Mrs Thompson. Notes should be returned as soon as possible.

**Ongoing students:** Children who received tutorials from Mr Armstrong or Mrs Mickle last year should bring their instruments and music this Thursday.

**Concert Band:** Concert Band resumes this week at 8:15am in the school hall.

**P&C MEETING ADVANCED NOTICE:**

The first P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th February at 7:30pm in the Staffroom.

The P&C is an integral part of our school community and it is important that as many parents and citizens as possible to attend. In the past our number attending meetings have been lacking. With over 600 students, we often had less than 10 parents present. To be able to provide for the needs of all the children at Calare it is important to have as many people involved as possible. Many hands make light work!

This first meeting is not the AGM, so there is no fear in being nominated for a position on the executive. Come along and meet other parents and become involved in the Calare School Community.

**CLOTHING POOL:**

The Clothing Pool provides good quality school clothes at very reasonable prices. All clothes are donated to the school, all money raised goes directly back to supporting the needs of all students at Calare.

To keep this worthwhile project going, we need a band of volunteers. If we do not get enough helpers, the clothing pool will not operate.

We open every second week (assembly week) on Mondays and Fridays. Mondays we are open from 8:45 - 9:15am. Your child (ren) are welcome to be with you whilst at the clothing pool. On Fridays we are open from 2:30 - 3:00pm. You will be guaranteed a close parking space getting to school this early and you will be finished in times to pick up your child(ren).

If you would like to help in our Clothing Pool, please fill in the form and return it to the front office.

Julie Cox, Clothing Pool Coordinator

**SIGN ON DAY - EMU'S RUGBY UNION**

Orange Emu's Junior Rugby Union will be holding its sign-on day on Sunday 17th February, 2008 at the Emu's Clubhouse, Woodward Road, Orange between 11:30 noon and 1:30pm for the following age division.

- Walla's Under 7's (two handed touch)
- Under 9's (modified rules)
- Under 11's (modified rules)

Juniors Under 13's, Under 15's, Under 17's  
Enquiries contact Amanda 63614943 or 0427481963

**ORANGE CITY JUNIOR RUGBY UNION:**

Junior Rugby U13, U15 & U17 (played on Saturdays)  
Walla Rugby U7, U9, U11 (played on Sundays)

**SIGN ON DAYS:**

Friday 8th February 5:00-6:00 and  
Sunday 10th February 2008 11am -1pm  
at Waratahs Sports Club, off the Northern Distributor Road, North Orange.

Any further information can be obtained from Tony Dalton 6362 0182 or Fletcher Niven 0418 635893

**PHOTOGRAPHS AT SCHOOL**

Taking photographs of students can constitute a collection of their personal information. Occasionally photographs are taken of individual students and classes of students at school.

If you **DO NOT WISH** your child to be photographed under any circumstances, please sign the statement below and return to school office by the end of next week.

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I DO NOT WISH MY CHILD TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED AT SCHOOL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

**PARENTS SIGNATURE:**

**CHILD'S NAME:**

**CLASS:**

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**CLOTHING POOL HELPER:**

I would like to volunteer at the clothing pool. I am available on ( please circle).

Mondays 8:45 - 9:15am

Fridays 2:30-3:00pm

Name .....

Contact Number .....

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

**WEEK 2**

Tuesday	05.02.2008	Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Tuesday	05.02.2008	Kinder Photos

**WEEK 3**

**WEEK 4**

Tuesday	19.02.2008	P&C Meeting
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