



# Calare Public School

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**NEWSLETTER NO. 3 , WEEK 3 , TERM 2 , 11th February, 2008**

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Mrs Stair and Mrs Raftery, 3-6 staff and parents who assisted with the organisation and running of our Swimming Carnival last week. Despite the inclement weather and Tuesday's interruption we completed all events on Friday morning. Congratulations to Pitta Pitta, the winning house, and to the individual champions: Max Wolfson, Louise Kempson, Luke Petraglia, Lebeka Masila, Aaron Penny and Lauren Kerwick. Well done everyone!

Last week saw all classes working hard and the start of some of our special programs. The Concert Band had it's first practice and auditions have been held for Stage 2 and 3 dance groups. Choirs and ongoing Beginner Band students and tutorials will start this week. It is anticipated new Beginner band will commence next week.

Kindergarten students have quickly adapted to school life. They have settled into class and playground routines and KG will soon be featured as the Class of the Week in the Orange Photo News. Kindergarten had special photos taken last week but the whole school photos will not be taken until September.

Thank you to 2H and KG who are the first classes in 2008 to have work featured in the foyer. As part of their "Mini Beasts" unit 2H have constructed beautifully patterned butterflies while KG have some interesting self-portraits on display. We hope you can pop in and have a look.

Parent Teacher Information Sessions commence this week. This is a wonderful opportunity to come along and meet your child's teacher and find out about overall organisation, expectations and plans for the year. Questions of a general nature will be answered. Parents who are seeking specific information about their child should make an appointment to see their teacher.

Finally, a reminder to label all your child's belongings. Already we have several items in lost property including brand new hats and one shoe.

Have a good week.

Marie Bloodworth  
Deputy Principal

## **ONE ONLY LOST SHOE:**

We do not usually advertise lost property in the Newsletter but there must be one of our students who could be a little lame!

One very new, size 2, black lace up shoe was found last week and has not been claimed. If you have purchased new shoes for your child this year, please check that they still have both shoes. The shoe can be claimed at the office.

## **CALARE SWIMMING CARNIVAL:**

Well done to all the competitors and a big thank you to all the parents who came along (on both days if it was possible!) to cheer on the children and to assist with all the extra jobs required at a carnival. Despite the poor weather on day one, we were lucky enough to finish off successfully with our second attempt on Friday.

Congratulations go to the winning house - Pitta Pitta and to all our successful champions.

<b>Junior Boy</b> Runner up	Aaron Penny Tom Blimka and Lachlan Duncan - Equal
<b>Junior Girl</b> Runner up	Lauren Kerwick Olivia Kerwick
<b>11yr Boy:</b> Runner up	Luke Petraglia Connor Wilson
<b>11yr Girl</b> Runner up	Lebeka Masila Elise Jones and Lara Stevens - Equal
<b>Senior Boy</b> Runner up	Max Wolfson Josh Nagle
<b>Senior Girl</b> Runner up	Louise Kempson Madison Smith

We are very proud of you all!

The District Swimming Carnival takes place on Friday 7th March. All competitors will be notified and a note will be sent home informing you of the details closer to the date.

## **SCRIPTURE CLASSES:**

Scripture classes will commence in Week 4, 18-22 February, 2008. The combined Christian churches scripture program is provided by volunteer members of local churches and some of the clergy. The curriculum has been approved by the Orange and District Ministers Association. All teachers have been authorised and approved by their local church, and have satisfied appropriate 'Working with children check' requirements. All children are welcome to be included in scripture classes. The churches represented in the O & DMA include Roman Catholic, Anglican, Uniting, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Orange Evangelical, Salvation Army, Church of Christ, Open Brethren, Mountain Hope, Harvest, Seventh Day Adventist and Assemblies of God. (See the weekly Observer newspaper for contact details for any of these churches).

Copies of the curriculum can be made available upon request. If at any time parents have questions regarding scripture, please contact your child's classroom teacher, who will then contact the relevant scripture teacher or coordinator.

As you may appreciate it is a big effort to find 60 + volunteers to provide scripture for all of the children in Orange and District schools every week. It is not always possible to fill in for absent teachers, however we work hard to ensure that all children receive as many lessons as possible during the year. We also produce an occasional newsletter to send home with the children which includes information about special events and confirmation classes.

## **LIBRARY NEWS: BOOK CLUB**

The first order for Book Club will be going out this week. If you wish to purchase books for your child the form needs to be returned with the money or a cheque made out to "Scholastic Book Club". Credit cards may also be used for orders over \$15.00. Please refer to the information on the back of the form for credit card payment as you need to pay online or over the phone and fill in the receipt number on the form being returned to school.

Our school is provided with a Bonus Points System, where we receive one point for every dollar. This is a good way for the school to obtain extra books and other resources at no cost. In the past we have been able to obtain television / videos sets, digital cameras as well as book resources.

The first order is due back to the school by Friday 22nd February and is to be handed in at the library. Depending on the timing some terms we will have 2 book orders instead of one as we have done in the past.

All orders and payments must be in an envelope with the child's name and class on the front.

Classes have different leaflets and are graded according

to age levels. If you have more than one child you may pay for your children together in your eldest child's envelope but each child will still need a separate envelope with their order, indicating which sibling's envelope contains the money for your family.

If you have any queries please feel free to come and see me.

Margaret Christensen, [Librarian](#)

## **PARENT / TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

We invite you to attend Parent / Teacher Information sessions at the times listed below.

The meetings will give you the opportunity to meet your children's teachers and to ask any questions you may have. They are designed to provide information about a wide range of topics and will include: class needs; class and grade organisation; topics to be covered in various Key Learning Areas; and Numeracy initiatives beginning this year.

We look forward to meeting you and continuing the great collaboration between parents and staff in providing the best education we can for your children.

## **Meeting Times:**

**Kinder** - Wednesday, 13th February, 2008 at 3:30pm

**Year 1** - Wednesday, 13th February, 2008 at 5:00pm

**Year 2** - Wednesday, 13th February, 2008 at 6:00pm

**Year 3 and 2/3H** - Tuesday, 12th February, 2008 at 5:00pm

**4/5/6D** - Tuesday, 12th February, 2008 at 6:00pm

**Year 4** - Wednesday, 13th February, 2008 at 4:30pm

**Year 5** - Tuesday, 12th February, 2008 at 6:00pm

**Year 6** - Wednesday, 13th February, 2008 at 6:00pm

**5/6S** - Monday, 11th February, 2008 at 6:00pm

## **CLOTHING POOL:**

I apologise to those parents who came to the clothing pool last Friday. We were unable to open as we didn't have any volunteers to help us.

At present the clothing pool will only be opening on Monday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15am each even week. If you are able to help out on Monday mornings or Friday afternoons from 2:30 - 3:00pm then please fill in the form and return it to the front office.

Julie Cox - [Clothing Pool Coordinator](#)

## **DRUM LESSONS:**

Drum Corps group in school - Drum kit lessons after school. Reasonable fees - High student success rate in bands and exams. Phone Gerard Noonan on 0408622819.

**COME AND TRY ORIENTEERING:**

Goldseekers Orienteering commences 6pm Friday, 15th February near Swimming Pool, National Avenue. Special summer program for beginners, no compass needed, entry \$5 includes full colour map. www.goldseekers.org or Richard Carter 6361 1209 for information.

**OESC SOCCER CLUB - SIGN ON DAY**

DATES: Saturday 23rd Feb and 1st March, 2008  
LOCATION: Calare Public School  
TIME: 1:30pm to 3:30pm (both days)  
ENQUIRIES: Debbie Smith 6362 4026  
& Grant Jaeger 6361 3628 (A.H.)

**SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

**WEEK 3**            **Parent Information Meetings**  
(See timetable in Newsletter)

**WEEK 4**  
Tuesday            19.02.2008            P&C Meeting

**Week 5**  
Thursday            28.02.2008            Athletics Carnival

**Week 6**  
Friday                07.03.2008            District Swimming

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**CLOTHING POOL VOLUNTEER:**

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

Mondays 8:45-9:15am            Friday 2:30 - 3:00pm

Name .....

Contact number: .....