



2nd March, 2009

Term 1 Week 6

Calare Public School

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Participate and Achieve

Dear Parents and Guardians

Well done to 6E on the great display of monsters or martians or whatever they were! They were very colourful indeed! Mrs. Barrett and her girls have been talking about the Victorian bushfires and their display this week features art and poetry on this subject. I invite you to take the time to view their exhibition.

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed in the district carnival last week. There were some outstanding performers and, as usual, our children competed with courage enthusiasm and good spirit.

I was disappointed with the attendance at our first P&C meeting of the year last week. I am at a loss as to why, with over 400 families at our school, we only have eight or so people interested enough to attend. If you have any thoughts on this, I'm sure our P&C President, Narelle Roser, would be happy to hear from you.

Again I ask that if you have not already done so, please make sure that you pay school fees promptly. Where we normally receive around \$10,000 to pay for reading materials, paint, cardboard and the like, last year we received only half that amount. This meant that money had to be taken from another source. The shortfall in school fees could have put another Smartboard into one of the 10 remaining classes still waiting.

Have a lovely week

Mike Willis
Principal

UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS:

The following University competitions will be offered at school this year. Children often enjoy the challenges of these examinations and they are excellent opportunities for your child to practise exam technique. Remember these examinations are just a snap shot of your child's performance and results should be viewed in the wider context of your child's overall progress.

The examination dates and costs are listed below. Please send all entry fees to the office with the correct money. Refunds are not available if your child misses the examination as all test papers are paid for in advance. **All entries need to be paid to the office by 27th March.** Sorry no late entries can be taken.

Subject: Computer
Exam Date Wed. 27.05.2009
Cost: \$6-00

Subject: Science
Exam Date Wed. 10.06.2009
Cost: \$6-00

Subject: English
Exam Date Tues. 04.08.2009
Cost: \$6-00

Subject: Mathematics
Exam Date Wed. 19.08.2009
Cost: \$6-00

Special Interest Articles:

- **UNIVERSITY COMP. ENTRY CLOSING DATE IS 27TH MARCH, 2009.**

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Information regarding school photos was sent home to every child last week.

This is a reminder that photos will be taken on **Friday 13th March.** Photo money is to be brought into school and given to the class teacher on the day of the photographs.

Children will be required to wear their full summer uniform , not their sports uniform.

BAND

Beginner Band:

A reminder to parents that beginner band students are required to purchase a 'Standards of Excellence' method book from Landers Music at an approximate cost of \$18. We are aware that some parents are waiting on orders to be filled please do not be anxious if this is the case.

String Ensemble:

A reminder that the String Ensemble has now re-formed into two groups. Beginners will practise at 8:15am and the Advanced Group will rehearse at 8:45am (Thursdays).

Transition Band:

Some children have been selected for an additional tutorial on Thursdays. The children have been informed who they are. They will need to bring their instruments on Thursdays as well as Wednesdays.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all swimmers who represented Calare last Thursday at the Orange Schools District Carnival. We had some great results on the day with many swimmers doing personal bests. The team consisted of Adam, Kaleb, Chris, Tom Blimka, Cameron, Eden Lachlan, Joshua, Joshua, Lachlan, Alex, Chloe, Clare, Danielle, Lauren, Olivia, Elise Jones, Natasha, Abbey, Isabella, Ashleigh, Emma Sophie, Aaron, Lebekia.

Special congratulations to Lauren who was junior girl champion on the day and who also broke records, one of which was over 20 years old. Well done Lauren!!

Many thanks to Leanne and Cecelia for making sure all swimmers got to their correct events and to all parents for their support on the day. The team going to Dubbo for the Western Regional Trials will be announced in next week's newsletter.

PSSA CRICKET:

The Calare cricket team played Bletchington Public School on Cutcliffe Oval last Friday. Bletchington batted first and were bowled out for 61. Luke Coyte was outstanding for Calare with the ball taking 7-10, whilst James Conran chipped in with 2-7. In reply, Calare managed 3-63, with 11 overs to spare. Tyler Mendham top scored with 27 and James Conran batted well to post 18 n.o

Congratulations to all boys, many of whom were playing their first game of competitive cricket. Calare now play Orange Public School in round 2 of the knockout.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

CALARE NETBALL CLUB will be holding a meeting tomorrow night at 7:00pm in the TLC room, everyone is welcome. Any girls wanting to play netball in the Under 8's, please come and sign up at the meeting or give Jo Eslick a call on 6361 2797.

CANTEEN NEWS:

Is it your child's birthday? A reminder that we have birthday cupcakes for all children who order their lunch in the week it is 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 their birth date, they will receive a "Happy Birthday" cupcake as our treat! Not only will your child have a birthday lunch order but also a birthday treat from us! Of course, we can only send out one per child even if the child orders more than once in a week.

Again if your child has not received their full lunch order, or they have received something else instead of what they have ordered, from time to time we have difficulty with our suppliers and we don't receive our full order, which in turn we then have to either refund what a child has ordered or we replace with a similar item eg: chocolate milk for a banana milk, please remind your child to come down to the canteen with their lunch bag so that we can explain why or they can receive what they are missing from their order, children who come to the canteen with their lunch bags to collect items ordered are served first, this allows them to finish their lunch with plenty of time to play. We look forward to seeing you at the canteen.

Catherine, Belinda & Di Canteen Operators.

