

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Calwell High School newsletter - Week 5, Term 4 2020

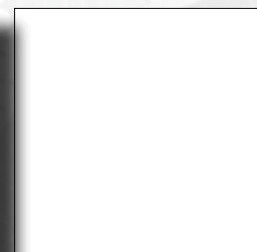
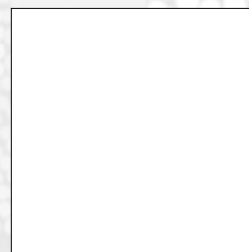
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We would like to acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, learn, and work at Calwell High school. We acknowledge that Ngunnawal and Ngambri land has been a place of learning for centuries. We pay our respect to the ancestors who have paved the way for the education which has been received on Ngunnawal and Ngambri land for past, present and future generations. We would also like to acknowledge any aboriginal and torres strait Islander students, staff, family and community members present with us.



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Principal's Report

We have had many highlights since the last newsletter. One we are especially excited about is the successful grant application by Nicole Canturk and Traci Chatfield to work in partnership with CIT. This is making small group sessions at CIT an option for students and has extended to Certificate II in Construction for Calwell students at school in 2021.

The Deputy Director General Deb Efthymiades visited on 22nd October and was given an excellent school tour by year 10 students Emily Ball, Gabrielle Blackwell, Tasman Hudson and Owen Leverett. She was very impressed with how we are going.

Year 7 2021 Transition Try Calwell Day happened on Thursday 29th October 2020. This day was enjoyed by all and a special thanks goes out to Tom Bluck for all the organisation, Francis Ventura for his hard work on the day as the Year 7 2021 Year Coordinator and to all the Quest students and Peer leaders who helped out.

In the staffing space we have had a few additions to our team, Trish Marton has joined us as Deputy Principal, Matt Bradley in music and Rizia Asuncion in the HaSS/Science teaching space.

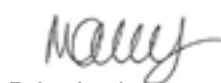
End of Year Events planning is well underway with Year 10 formal, Year 10 graduation, Year 10 walkout, Arts Extrav and Year 7, 8 and 9 awards assemblies being run following covid safe school events procedures.

The executive staff are also conducting learning walks around the school over 5 weeks. These walks will look at student engagement and classroom expectations across the school.

Senior Executive staff are also doing ghost walks into empty classrooms to look at the learning environments.

We all look forward to a safe, fun and productive final few school weeks of 2020.

Megan Altenburg



Principal



Deputy Principals' Report

Without jumping the gun too much, I think it's safe to say that we have successfully made it to the end of what has been a crazy year. Certainly, one that will not be forgotten in a hurry. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the student body in their ability to adapt to the changing environment especially during the remote learning phase in term 2. In particular, our Year 10 cohort has handled themselves with great poise and maturity despite

the uncertainty with their Year 10 certificates and more recently their formal. It was wonderful to see their understanding and willingness to work within these strange confines to find solutions to the curve balls being constantly thrown at them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my extreme admiration for our always hard-working teachers. This year has certainly presented its challenges and you have all upheld the values

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and vision of Calwell High School even through our hardest times. Your ability to so quickly adapt to a whole new way of teaching in such a short time and still provide the continuity of education required, has been nothing short of remarkable. We are so thankful to have such a great group of teachers that continue to deliver above and beyond each and every day.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have helped me adapt to this role as Deputy Principal this year, most notably our fantastic leader and Principal Megan Altenburg. It has been great to forge new relationships with students and parents while doing this role. I look forward to continuing those relationships as I step back into my role as Head of Maths and HPE in 2021. Thank you to Liz Chester who has held the fort in Maths/HPE in my absence, you made it possible for me to fulfil my role this year and have made an outstanding faculty leader as I knew you would.

So to all our Calwell High School community, thank you for your continued support of this wonderful school and I wish you all a very happy holiday and a safe and healthy 2021.

Kindest regards,



Steven Deans

Deputy Principal (Acting)



Dear Calwell families and students,

2020 has been a year that has thrown many changes our way, but an exciting one for me is stepping in as Deputy Principal to work alongside the already strong leadership team. I have been teaching in the ACT Directorate for many years in the Tuggeranong valley and value the community connections I have. I look forward to the opportunity to grow connections here at Calwell with students and families.

Each day I take time to be in classrooms to listen and observe students learning journey. It has been great to talk with students about their experiences of school, and to see so many great things happening in classrooms and around the school. I thank the Calwell staff and students for being so kind and welcoming.

Throughout the term I plan to take time to continue to meet more families and students, and work with the team to begin planning for 2021.

Patricia Marton

Deputy Principal



NAIDOC Week

Due to COVID NAIDOC week this year was postponed until 8 – 15 November. We celebrated NAIDOC week all throughout Week 5. To commence the week we had Paul House, a proud Ngunnawal man, coming into the school to complete a traditional Welcome to Country and Smoking ceremony for the school. On Tuesday students tasted traditional food as we made Johnny Cakes on the BBQ during break 1. Wednesday, students participated in a cultural weaving workshop

hosted by Ronnie Jordan, a proud Kalkadoon Pitta Pitta woman. Thursday, everyone was invited to contribute to the making of a new artwork for the school celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and this years NAIDOC theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. To complete the week on Friday we intend to hold an inaugural staff vs student buroinjin match that we hope to see form an annual tradition during NAIDOC week.

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Important Upcoming Dates

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| Monday 7 th December | Year 10 Graduation |
| Tuesday 8 th December | Year 10 Formal |
| Friday 11 th December | Year 7, 8 and 9 End of Semester Assemblies |

Lions Youth Haven Farm Skills Program

We are looking for a new leader for our 2021 Program which is run at Lions Youth Haven situated on the Kambah Pools Road Kambah.

The program runs for 4x8 week school terms with students coming from a number of schools for one day per week.

Students' accompanied by a staff member' are transported to the farm and spend the day on a variety of farming activities before returning to their respective schools.

The educator/leader should be passionate about working with young people, have a background in farming and be prepared to work both in a team situation and independently under the direction of the LYH Education Director .

Salary is dependent on experience and qualifications

For further information please contact info@lyh.org.au



COMMUNITY REWARDS COMING OUR WAY!

For all of November, the Southern Cross Club is saying a big YES to our Community, by doubling Community Rewards. This means that throughout November, our school will earn 15c from every

dollar spent on food and beverages! This is a super easy way for our school to earn much needed funds to assist the school in any way we can.

If you have a need to catch up with friends or family, why not catch up for a few drinks or a meal at the Southern Cross Club and help our school at the same time, it's a win - win.

If you are joining for the first time, simply assign your points to Calwell High, if you are already a member, we would love it if you could sign your points over to the school. For more information contact the Southern Cross Club.

SAGA Shines Again

Calwell High was painted purple with a few splashes of rainbows and unicorns roaming the school on the 28th of August as our community celebrated Wear it Purple Day. Wear it Purple Day aims to foster supportive, safe, inclusive and empowering environments for young LGBTQI* people.

SAGA, Calwell High School's Sexuality and Gender Alliance, lead the celebrations. After successfully winning a grant from ACT Safe and Inclusive School Initiative, SAGA students planned a range of activities to promote LGBTQI* acceptance. Students hosted a purple cupcake stall, painted fingernails purple and gave away friendship bands to promote LGBTQI* visibility. A whole school artwork was created made up of rainbow love hearts with affirmations and messages of support for sexuality and gender diverse students, families and staff. This was a hugely successful event and we can't wait to make Wear it Purple Day a bigger event next year. Thanks everyone for your support.

Meet Calwell High School's Sexuality and Gender Alliance Group

When students at Calwell High School realised there was an opportunity for their school to better meet the diverse needs of the student community, they mobilised to create an inclusive, student led support network for LGBTQIA+ students, called the

Calwell High School Sexuality and Gender Alliance group (SAGA).

SAGA was founded in 2017 and now includes over 40 student members who meet twice a week to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for LGBTQIA+ young people.

The students have used their voice to advocate for important issues around the school, successfully securing a non-gendered bathroom and creating SAGA hoodies to identify themselves as mentors for other students who might be in need of support. Their next big project is Wear it Purple Day this Friday.

Belonging to the SAGA is an empowering experience for the students, many of the group members now have greater confidence in themselves and their own identity.

"It's very important for the students who might not have come out to their families yet, they can come here and be accepted for who they are," said one group member.

Their great work is making an impact in the school and beyond. The group won the 2020 Young Canberra Citizen of the Year Group Achievement Award in July for their work promoting an inclusive educational environment and being a positive example of students coming together to



overcome adversity.

Through partnerships with ACT Health School Nurse and YWCA Canberra Youth Engagement Team, members can also develop to their skills and knowledge for the future, such as the opportunity to complete a Responsible Service of Alcohol certification (RSA) or a barista course.

“It’s great seeing young people come together to have their own space, to be themselves, to get

to know other people, in a comfortable and safe space,” said Thomas, a long-time member of the group.

The students also had a message for anyone who may be considering joining but might have reservations: “We’re a family and everyone is welcome here.”



Rugby League

On the 3rd November Calwell High School played in the 9/10's Rugby league gala day at Lyneham.

The boys played really well together against some good opposition against Campbell and Mackillop High. We played 3 games across the whole day with the boys giving their best effort in each of them.



The boys were narrowly beaten in each game, with the last game going down to the wire. Overall, the boys enjoyed the day and are looking forward to the next rugby league carnival.

They were great representatives of Calwell and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to Keaton who helped with coaching the boys.

Online eSafety Resources for Families of Young People

The [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) provides advice and support to all Australians in understanding how to be safe in the online world. To support your young person to navigate their digital world and avoid harmful online experiences, the following information can assist you in having the hard-to-have conversations about online safety and setting boundaries.

Your support and guidance can give your young person the confidence to make sound decisions online – and know where to go for help when they need support or advice.

Be engaged, open and supportive

Get involved. Share online time with your young person as a part of family life. Talk about favourite apps, games, and websites.

Keep lines of communication open. Ask about their online experiences, who they are talking to and whether they are having any issues.

Reassure your young person they can always come to you, no matter what. Let them know you will not cut off internet access if they

report feeling uncomfortable or unsafe when online – this is a real concern that may stop your child from communicating with you openly.

Get to know the devices you and your young person use and set them up for [privacy and online safety](#).

Use parental controls as appropriate to set boundaries.

If you feel your young person needs support, please maintain contact with your school so you can work together to support them. Seek professional help if your young person is distressed or shows marked changes in behaviour or mood, remembering that organisations such as [Kids' Helpline](#) and [Beyond Blue](#) can help.

If you feel your young person is in immediate danger or at risk of harm, call Triple Zero (000) and stay with them until they are safe.

You can find additional information and resources at the [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) to support you and your young person.

Online eSafety Resources

- Office of the eSafety Commissioner parent resources: [eSafety Parent Resources](#)
- Fact sheet: [Hard to have conversation](#)
- Fact sheet: [Sharing harmful or illegal content](#)
- Fact sheet: [Self-generated sexual content and personalised images](#)
- Fact sheet: [Image based abuse and sexual extortion](#)
- How to create a family online safety contract: [Family Online Safety Contract](#)

Calwell Little Athletics Club would like to invite you to join us for the 2020/21 Season Discounts apply for multi registrations per family.

To register please visit the links below www.actlaa.org.au or www.clac.net.au

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Careers @ Calwell

There are many exciting things happening within the Careers section at Calwell High School this term and continuing into 2021. Our Careers Advisor, Traci Chatfield, with the Executive Teacher FlexEd, Nicole Canturk, successfully won the 2020 SMART Giving grant which has allowed them to establish relationships with external providers to bring new careers programs for our students.

Through the grant they have been able to heavily subsidise programs in collaboration with CIT to provide Year 9 & 10 students with a variety of taster program days. This term so far, we have had 3 program days and have 3 more weeks to go.

The first saw students attend a workshop held by the accounting section of CIT. Their day started completing a career ready workshop and then they gained insight to components of accounting including budgeting. Students were allocated budgets of varying amounts and tasked with planning a holiday where they had to cost all components.

The second program day students attended a hospitality workshop at CIT Reid. Students gained practical experience in front of house operations for waitressing, mocktail and coffee making and exploring the different commercial training kitchens at CIT.

The third program day was Hair and Beauty at CIT Reid. Students had the opportunity to participate in a winged eyeliner workshop using



different types of make-up. They also learnt about eyebrow tinting and had the opportunity to tint their own (or a friend's) brow. Students then moved to a hair workshop where they learnt different techniques for styling hair including straightening, curling, and braiding.

We have 3 workshops left to complete this term including another hair and beauty, working at heights (where students will complete a wind turbine rescue) and metal fabrication. We are currently planning to continue these opportunities throughout 2021.

The careers section has also formed a partnership with Anthony Cowlshaw from CIT to offer Certificate II Construction Pathways here at Calwell High School. We have had exceptional interest in this from our Year 8 and 9 students with enrolments filling 3 cohorts. The first cohort will commence Wednesday Week 5 with the additional 2 cohorts having a commencement date at the beginning of Term 1, 2021. For our Year 10 students through this partnership we have also arranged a short course in Carpentry where the students will gain practical experience through the project of building dog kennels. Keep an eye on our facebook page to see the finished product in a few weeks.

To ensure your child is informed about these opportunities please ask them to ensure they listen to tutor announcements and check their emails. Our careers advisor Traci Chatfield will also email families regarding opportunities. As places in these programs are limited prompt replies with permission and payment is required to secure your child's place.



Metal & Wood Design Technology

Mr Lorrimer and"oh no not another phone holder".

Many of the assisting Year 7-9 students had already made the timber Phone Caddy or the Name Tag on a Try Calwell Day in past years. But on this occasion they were kept busy learning how to build the new project and demonstrating construction to the visitors.

The new phone holder made from wire was a great success. Students had to twirl two strands together by holding one end in the vice and the other in the battery drill. This only took a few moments but was a cool procedure. Next came the challenge of bending the wire without precise measurements using bullnose pliers. The width of the jaws is roughly the same thickness as a phone so they were used as a rough guide as to where to make the next bend. The sharp ends of the legs were covered by a short length of irrigation system black tubing. Neat. A big thank you to all the Calwell students helped me during the day.

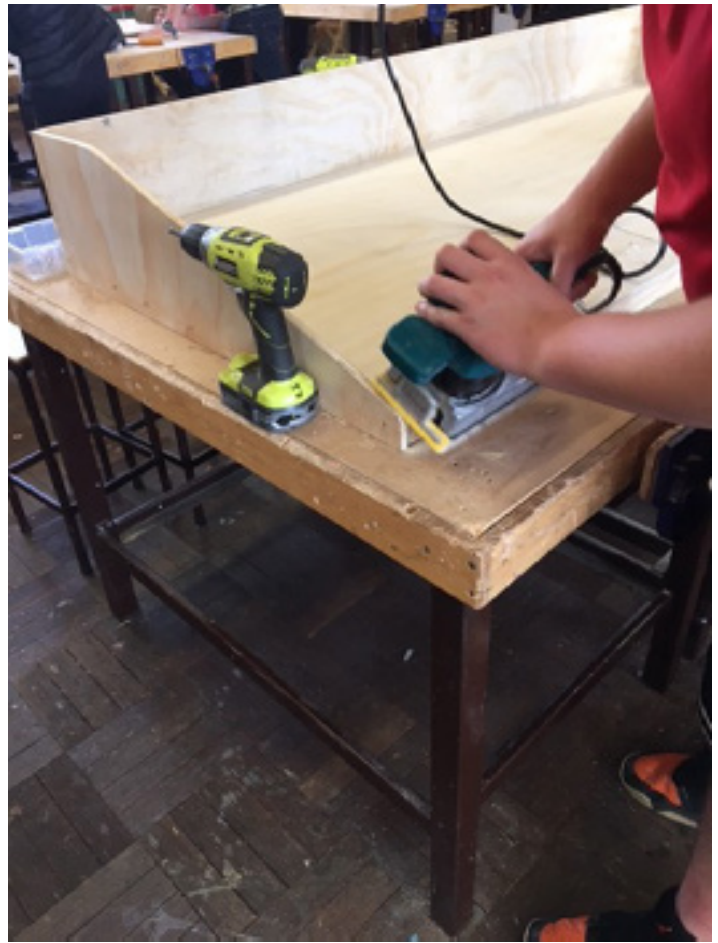


BELOW: Technology students work - chopping boards.



BELOW: Folding BBQ by Cameron Lowe.





ABOVE LEFT: Folding chair construction.

ABOVE RIGHT: Mateja at work.

LEFT: Box construction.

BELOW: Year 7 chopping boards.



Web Design

The students in Dr. Pardo's Web Design class have created a human "web" with their legs while brainstorming ideas on their group's web

page design. Creativity and imagination are the foundation of science and technology. A relaxed environment allows for the best creative ideas to manifest.



Market Day & Business Week

Market Day

During Term 3, Years 7 and 8 undertook Economics & Business Units that engaged them in the planning of their own business activity culminating in a whole school market day at the end of the term. Students were required to plan a stall to appeal to all students in the school, prepare a plan and organise a "loan" from the Humanities faculty to assist with their plans. All students had an enjoyable day with lots of food and activities, and Year 7 and 8 students were able to reflect on the day by looking at their ticket sales, paying back their "loan" and providing feedback on their experience. Well done to Years 7 and 8 for their hard work to make this happen, and a huge thank you to their teachers for supporting their amazing efforts.





Year 10 Business Week

Calwell Business Week (Calwell High Entrepreneurship Experience Program) is an extracurricular activity that the school offers to Year 10 students during the last week of Term 3. Students further engage with the Business Studies unit studied in HaSS during the semester in an engaging team oriented environment. During a 'Shark Tank' like event, the students' work will be judged by representatives from various judges within the Directorate and school community. Their tasks included engagement in areas of presentation, marketing, public relations,

communications, economics and time management in a competitive way. Well done to all Year 10 students, and a particular congratulations to the team A.C.T.I. on winning the overall challenge.





With over 90 items to bid on, the [Conservation Council ACT Region's Christmas auction](https://conservationcouncil.org.au/christmas-auction-2020/) has something for everyone including wonderful gifts for the holiday season. Particular favourites for schools are workshops with [Jackie French](#) and [Mal Webb](#), plus there are a stash of Jackie French and other books.

We campaign to cut greenhouse emissions, protect biodiversity in our urban and natural areas, protect and enhance our waterways, reduce our waste and improve public and active transport in our city.

More than ever, the Conservation Council depends on fundraising auctions like this one. When you bid in the auction you are helping protect the environment.

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"I grew up around school holiday programs and participated in many clinics as a young girl. I've seen hundreds and hundreds of kids go through those camps and have such a great time. I've learnt so much from the camps, and I know you will too!"

Bianca Chatfield
Former Australian Diamond and Vixens Captain



Join the masquerade...

YWCA Canberra's fifth annual LGBTQIA+ & Allies Prom, for LGBTQIA+ people across Canberra age 12 to 25 and their allies.

4 December 2020, from 6.30 to 10pm at the Southern Cross Club in Woden.

This year's prom will include entertainment, a sit-down dinner and a night of dancing and fun!

This is a free event for young people, thanks to the ongoing support of the ACT Government and kind sponsorships from our local community.

Register at ywca-canberra.org.au/get-involved/events/

