



CITY OBSERVER

NEWSLETTER OF CALOUNDRA CITY SCHOOL

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6 August
Year 6 Parliament House

21 August
Prep & Year 1 Camp
Luther Heights, Coolool

22 August
P & F Inaugural Golf Day

28 August

From the Principal



Dear CCS Parent or Friend,

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that one of Caloundra City School's Patrons, Mrs Joan Ford has passed away last week after a brief illness. Joan was a great supporter of our School in every possible way, giving very generously to the School and last year asked that a bursary prize be presented to a Science student in Year 9 each year.

Joan Ford's generosity extended beyond the school community into the entire Caloundra region. She supported many charitable organizations and as an accountant, also voluntarily audited the accounts of many of these organizations. Joan Ford along with Judy Henzell and Judy's daughter Mary Henzell were founding members of Zonta in Caloundra and through this international women's group, Joan gave unstintingly of her time and energy in raising the profile of women and helping women on the coast, in very practical ways.

Joan was in every way a wonderful role model for many people, always the 'quiet achiever' working behind the scenes. She was from my perspective, despite her diminutive stature, a giant among women, for her charitable work and for her generosity of spirit and her enormous zest for life.

Until two weeks ago she continued to work as an accountant at the Henzells' Agency three days a week, mentoring many young staff members. In her spare time she played mahjong, which she loved and only recently she began learning how to play bridge. All of this at the grand old age of 84 years! She was truly a remarkable woman and as one newspaper reporter commented: a 'grand dame'.

Joan will be sorely missed by the whole school community and the entire Caloundra region. Our deepest sympathies go to the entire Ford and Henzell families at this very sad time and particularly to Joan's son and Board member, Dr Jeff Ford and his wife Ann.

Joan's funeral, on Wednesday, was attended by many hundreds of people from Caloundra, the surrounding coastal area, Brisbane and from as far away as Perth. It was a wonderful tribute to Joan that so many people, who have worked with her or known her socially, were in attendance at the funeral to pay their last respects. She has touched so many people's lives over her lifetime.

I would like to thank all members of our school community, and particularly our School Captains, Ben Jenkins, Aleeshia Chick and Melissa Lock for their attendance at Joan's funeral on Wednesday. I

Years 8, 9 & 10
Immunizations

12 September P
& F Saturday Night
Fever Ball

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know this meant a great deal to Joan's family.

I would like to create a special garden at Caloundra City School in memory of Joan Ford and will be writing to all school families in the near future about our plans for this garden and other landscaping that we will be embarking upon next term.

Pelican's Nest

Pelican's Nest continues to go from strength to strength each week since its opening this year. We recently opened the fifth room of Pelican's Nest and already the Centre is operating at near capacity.

I would like to thank the Director of Pelican's Nest, Ms Sandra Taylor and her staff for the great work that they do each and every day. They have created a very positive, happy and exciting learning environment for the young children who attend our Centre. Ms Taylor has provided excellent leadership in her role as Director and I think all who attend, will agree, that the dedication of our staff and their commitment to the children and the Centre is outstanding.

After some discussion and mutual agreement, one staff member of Pelican's Nest, Mrs Fernanda McDonald has left the Centre. There is a due process for any grievances and unfortunately in this circumstance this process was not followed and an inappropriate email was sent to many members of our school community. The school apologises for this intrusion of privacy. We will be welcoming a new staff member in her place very soon. Ms Taylor will advise parents shortly of the new staff member's appointment at Pelican's Nest.

Building Fund

Thank you to all parents who have contributed to the School's Building Fund for the 2007 to 2008 Financial Year. Should you require a duplicate receipt of your contribution for taxation purposes, please contact the Administration staff, who will arrange a duplicate receipt to be sent to you over the holidays.

We have some new families commencing at the start of Term Three and I know that all students and families will welcome these students and parents into our school community. I hope that all families are making the most of the beautiful weather and holiday period and look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Tuesday, 15 July.