Mrs Elisabeth Jackson’s Legacy
Celebrating 15 years
Your Calrossy Anglican School Board has had a busy time. With much planning and policy work – core business for a Board, one item of our business has taken precedence to all others and that is the appointment of our new Principal. We have promised to keep you up to date with progress in this. So here is our update.

Mrs Elisabeth Jackson is entering her final term at Calrossy having served 31 years, 15 as Principal. This tenure has seen extraordinary service to the School and like many, the Board is very grateful for her faithfulness and leadership during this time. There is no doubt Mrs Jackson’s contribution will have a positive and enduring effect on the principles of Calrossy.

The changing of Executive leadership is significant for every organisation and this is no less the case for Calrossy. Having successfully appointed Mr David Smith from St Andrews Cathedral School, Sydney, to the Principal’s position, much of the Board’s focus and effort has been stabilising and facilitating a successful transition.

Achieving School Registration under new and demanding requirements has been very much part of this process. We thank Mrs Jackson for her wisdom and sheer hard work, in achieving this task.

It is extraordinary the size and complexity of Calrossy and the corporate knowledge and experience that needs transitioning from the current Principal to the next. Much is being achieved during these current school holidays, when Mr David Smith, is meeting many people face to face, in a range of interviews and meetings.

2016 will see the end of an extraordinary era, and 2017 the dawn of exciting opportunities. During this period, please be prayerful for the two Principals of Calrossy, their Executive and all the staff.

Every blessing- CAS Board

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I first walked into Calrossy Anglican School more than thirty decades ago, as a music and art teacher. It was a different time and in many ways a different School but what I noticed first was that Calrossy is a community. A community that extends beyond the school gate, indeed a community that reaches far beyond Tamworth and far beyond the classroom. Calrossy is a network of students, staff, parents, friends, Old Girls and now Old Boys, that shape the same values, attitudes and a common interest.

That community embraced me as a young teacher, supported me through my many roles at the School, celebrated professional and personal milestones, comforted me during personal loss and lastly, respected me as a leader.

I have tried to lead our great School with the same values that we espouse — integrity, selflessness, inclusiveness and resilience. There have been tough times and unpopular decisions but in the end as the Calrossy community has grown in size it has also grown in strength. It has also always stayed strong and true to its Christian values and the common cause - that is the education of our wonderful students. I have often written about the diversity of the student body, the wide variety of talents whether they be academic, sporting or cultural and how this very diversity makes a rich tapestry and vibrancy that is Calrossy.

I truly believe there are few responsibilities, or privileges, greater than that of helping shape future generations. I am proud of the girls and boys that have come through Calrossy and many through my door over the years. We are helping build young men and women of faith and integrity.

Over the years we have had students become doctors and lawyers, agronomists and scientists often returning to remote regions to practice, students who have started their own successful businesses, students who have travelled extensively or perhaps have engaged in missionary work and students whose own families are now attending our school.

I recognise this as one of my last opportunities to address the broader Calrossy Anglican School community and say thank you for the honour of being the Principal of Calrossy Anglican School. I also thank Calrossy for all that it has given me. At a time when many of my colleagues, past and present, are talking about my role at Calrossy, I find it humbling and find myself reflecting on the reverse.

Calrossy has been at the heart of some of the leading chapters of my life. Challenging and rewarding chapters that have seen my growth as a teacher, leader and more importantly, as a servant of Christ. But all good things must come to an end and it's time for a new face to take the helm at Calrossy. My Christian faith will continue to guide me into the next chapters of my life, as will my love of education and my gorgeous three grandchildren.

I finish with the words I shared everyday and I implore the Calrossy community to always keep them in mind, "feelings are everywhere... be gentle". I chose this statement years ago to go along with birthday wishes for staff and students because they reflect the very essence of how I have developed my Leadership.

In keeping with the Calrossy 2016 theme,

Love Elisabeth Jackson.
Celebrating
Mrs Elisabeth Jackson

The retirement of Mrs Elisabeth Jackson marks the end of an era for Calrossy Anglican School and indeed the city of Tamworth. Elisabeth Jackson is Calrossy Anglican School’s longest standing Principal and has steered the School through some of its most notable changes and challenges.

For 13 years she has been at the helm of Calrossy, however, she has been at the School much longer, beginning as a teacher in 1985. Her 44 years in education began as Miss El Small, a graduate primary teacher, who always kept retraining in her self-confessed love for teaching. The move to Tamworth came in 1984, to a house on a farm in Moore Creek, where she still lives today. Her enthusiasm for learning also extends to herself. In three decades at Calrossy Anglican School Mrs Jackson has assumed many roles and retrained as a librarian and an administrator. She continues to be many things at Calrossy – the School’s executive leader and at the same time a classroom teacher.

“I love teaching, I love working with the students, and helping them, achieve their dreams,” says Mrs Jackson.

Mrs Jackson is teaching Year 7 girls geography this year, last year it was Year 7 boys maths.

“I enjoy being in the classroom, it gives me the chance to see the school through the eyes of the teachers and I enjoy inspiring young minds to want to learn.”

Clearly, in 44 years’ education has changed a lot but Mrs Jackson says what makes a good teacher will never change.

“A good teacher is someone who inspires the students. Students know if you are genuine and truly enthusiastic about what you are teaching and their learning,” says Mrs Jackson.

Mrs Jackson has managed to also find the key to what makes a good manager. As Calrossy continues to go from strength to strength with 231 staff and 970 students, Mrs Jackson is reluctant to take much credit.

“I have been blessed with supportive staff at Calrossy who have given their all to the school and our students.”

After a solid four decades in education, Mrs Jackson says “teaching is a way of life”. But it’s a life she balances with other interests, she says. She has and always will be a committed church member. Her interests include tennis, gardening, horse riding and most importantly three grandchildren. Mrs Elisabeth Jackson’s time as Principal of Calrossy Anglican School will come to an end in December 2016. Not surprisingly, she says she hasn’t thought too much about what will come next because she is still busy with the now! The now includes HSC exams, 2017 timetables and staffing and the list goes on and on.

And sight up until December 9, 2016 it will include the chocolate tradition… where every boy and girl across Calrossy receives a chocolate heart and well wishes for their birthday. The message is simple, “feelings are everywhere… be gentle”.

A perfect way to remember our Principal, Mrs Elisabeth Jackson.

Farewell luncheon in the Vines

Staff representing all Calrossy campuses gathered at Tangaratta Vineyards for an informal farewell luncheon for our outgoing Principal, Elisabeth Jackson.

Staff members including Penny Small, Joe Goldsworthy, Judy Taylor, Mark Doran and Sandy Cudmore related favourite memories of Elisabeth’s time at Calrossy including some very funny stories of her early days as a maths and art teacher.
How fantastic are our teachers!

Here are a few shots of our teachers getting into character and joining with the students as they celebrate learning across our great School. (From top to bottom) The Primary teachers brought lots of colour and craziness to Book Week; the Science department brings its mad scientists to Grandparent’s Day to showcase just how explosive the subject can be and our enthusiastic English staff take a step back into time and embrace Shakespeare Day.

The best learning happens when teachers ask questions

Have you ever wondered what happens on staff development days? This semester Calrossy’s teachers tackled some big topics on how they can be the best teacher possible.

In a nutshell those topics looked at when the best learning happens for students. The latest research suggests, the most effective learning happens when you stimulate curiosity and when teachers also ask questions.

These are just a few of the pieces of advice that internationally acclaimed Canadian educator, Lee Watanabe-Crockett, had for teachers during his presentation and workshops at the start of term three during a staff development day.

The author and educator was at Calrossy, in a first for regional New South Wales, with his presentation open to teachers from across the area. The invitation was taken up by teachers from as far as Muswellbrook to Nowendoc, with staff from Oxley Vale and Nemingha Public, the University of New England and the Department of Education also taking the opportunity to hear from the leading educational speaker.

“We’re talking about what’s happening in the world outside of school and how that’s transforming globally, what schools have to do to respond to that,” he said.

In a thought provoking presentation Mr Watanabe-Crockett explained how it was expected that 40 percent of jobs that exist in Australia today will disappear in the next 10 to 15 years.

“A whole different set of skills will be required... so we’re asking what are those skills and how do we transform what we do in schools in order to cultivate those skills in students.”

The Canadian author and educator also held a workshop after his talk, taking a group of Calrossy, and visiting teachers, through the process of putting his advice into practice.
New look for Calrossy sports

There is a change happening at Calrossy with the School’s sports uniforms, but there is no need for parent panic. The exciting changes will mean there will be continuity from Prep through to Secondary in sports uniforms, as well as more similarities between the Secondary Girls and Boys. It should mean less money for parents in the long run and the best part is there will be a two-year phase in period. That means there will be plenty of time to wear out the old uniform before buying the new.

However, for new enrolments or for those ever growing students the new look Calrossy sports wear will be in stock from Term 4, 2016, in sizes from 2 to XXXL.

The biggest change is to the sports polo shirts across the School. A red sports polo will be introduced for girls from Prep through to Year 12, while the boys will wear the equivalent blue sports polo. They’ll be paired with a unisex short, that will be available in two lengths with a zip pocket, across the entire School.

Girls will also have the option of a Calrossy skort if they prefer for sport, which will also double as the hockey skirt.

There will also be a new sports jersey that will eventually replace all the existing ones from Prep through to Year 12.

Most of the other changes won’t initially effect Calrossy families, with the School to supply the new athletic singlets for representative duties, basketball singlets and competition tops in other sports.

Our netball girls will, however, take to the courts with a new look next year, with a new red netball dress, that will need to be purchased.
The youngest members of the Calrossy Anglican School community, our Preschool boys and girls, have continued to have a busy and fun year. Highlights included a visit to our Primary campus, to see what happens at “big school”. The preschoolers were joined by older students who introduced them to all the great things they do at Calrossy - from craft to coding and visits to the vegie patch. The preschoolers also welcomed their dads to a special lunch in the lead-up to Father’s Day.

Da Vinci Decathlon

Two Calrossy Primary teams competed at the Da Vinci Decathlon in Armidale last term. The Year 5 Team placed 2nd in the Engineering Division and 3rd in the Code Breaking Division. The Year 6 Team placed 1st in the General Knowledge section of the competition.

Lots of love on Grandparent’s Day

Calrossy’s theme for the year, Love, was overflowing at the Primary Grandparent’s Day. Hundreds of dearly loved nannies and poppies, including more than a few great grandparents, took the time to attend the event. Many of the visitors travelled from across Australia to join their grandchildren for the day at the William Cowper Campus. Our smallest stars, Prep and Kindergarten, opened the concert filling the hall with the sound of their excited voices. The performances included poems from Year 6 and dancing from the Year 4 students, ahead of classroom visits. Each year Calrossy Primary opens its doors to the entire school, allowing grandparents to take a closer look at what happens in the classrooms. It’s a chance to see their grandchild’s workbooks and usually a chance for our boys and girls to share artwork and poems created especially for their loved ones.
Don’t argue with our Year 5 girls!

It’s no real surprise that our talented and talkative Year 5 all female debating team know how to construct and deliver a good argument. The Year 5 debating team proved just how good they are by winning at the recent HRIS debating competition in Newcastle. The team of Leila Ryan, Sophie Doran, Larissa Smyth and Sophia Hanson won their debate, against St. Phillip’s Christian College, as the affirmative. The topic was that “NSW should introduce a pollution tax on all disposable plastic goods.” Well done also to our Year Six debaters, Joshua Riggien, Tahlia Barwick, Will Jarrett and Liam Burke, who lost their debate by the narrowest of margins.

Learning is fun in Prep

This term our Preppies have been doing some fun mathematical and literacy activities. They had fun with sensory experience using shaving cream to write their names and letters, used I-pads for technology integration, stretched rubber bands into shapes and matched coloured blocks and made patterns. They’ve also been talking about Aboriginal culture and started painting some pictures from the stories of the dreamtime.
HRIS Public Speaking Champs

We always knew our students were good at talking but this year they made it official. In the inaugural year of the HRIS Public Speaking competition Calrossy managed two bring home two first places, with a number of other students recognised for their speeches.

Ruby Dalitz in Year 5 and Amity Johnstone in Year 3 both took out first place. Five of our primary students brought home third place ribbons for their public speaking – Jake Hebblewhite, Alistair Scott, Georgia Simm, Annabelle Sayad, Sophie Doran and Annabelle Sadler. A further five were highly commended – Lachlan Murray, Tahlia Barwick, Hannah Bovis, Dimity Laurie and Tom Hebblewhite. Not a bad result from the team of 16 students who travelled to Cessnock for the event.

Book Week 2016

Books were brought to life in Term 3 in a spectacular celebration of the world of fiction. Students from Prep through to Year Six came dressed up as characters. There was an amazing amount of colour and creativity in the costumes, with many much-loved old favourites joining with the new. Students paid a gold coin donation on the day with the money going to the Starlight Foundation.
School leadership teams announced for 2017

There was so much excitement and cheering as the Secondary Girls' 2017 Student Leadership Team was announced at the end of August.

A new tradition was started this year, with the outgoing student leaders announcing the incoming leaders. School Captain - Naomi Cant, Vice Captain - Sarah Nash, SRC Prefects - Kimberly Zifodya and Lucy Herbert, Chapel Prefects - Sarah Blomfield and Brie Caton.

The Cultural and Sporting Prefects (in that order) are, Ballaburra - Grace Ellis and Ellie Bennett; Ellaroo - Lucy Cantrill and Emily Chaffey; Karrawarra - Claire O'Mara and Caitlin Ham and Nangara - Meg Greenwood and Zarleigh Jones. The girls will commence their duties when the present Year 12's are undertaking their HSC. Congratulations girls.

Grandparent's Day 2016

One of the highlights of the year, Grandparent's Day, was another huge success this year. At the Secondary Girls Campus, it was estimated more than 300 grandparents and special family friends descended on the Brisbane Street Campus in a celebration of family and education. A delicious morning tea was enjoyed ahead of a concert, that showcased some of our talented students from the Calrossy Orchestra, to the Senior Vocal Ensemble, drama and dance performances. That was followed by a series of interactive workshops, including a cooking Masterclass with Year 11 Hospitality students, Savvy Science, Maths Mania and Master Makers in the Makerspace. This last activity had the grandparents saying "this wasn't around when I was at school!". Here students created their own mini-technological masterpieces, in interactive displays, using the latest digital technology. There was everything from talking artworks and family trees to music making cardboard guitars.
Treading the boards for Shakespeare Day

To quote Shakespeare, “Be not afraid of greatness”… and our Secondary Girls were not afraid when they took to the stage in term three for the annual Shakespeare Day. Students from Year 7 to 10 took part recreating famous scenes from some of Shakespeare’s best known plays, including Twelfth Night, Romeo and Juliet and Macbeth. The Year 9 girls brought to life two other famous plays, Oscar Wilde’s “The Importance of Being Earnest” and Henrik Ibsen’s, “A Doll’s House”. The day gives our students a chance to bring their English studies to life, test their talent at drama and have fun with friends.

Days for Girls

Our boarding girls this year have thrown their support behind the Days for Girls and Share the Dignity Programs. The programs aim to make a difference in the world – one girl at a time.
The Days for Girls charity is aiming to provide every woman and girl in the world with ready and feasible access to quality sustainable hygiene products and health education by 2022.
To help make this happen our Secondary Girls have been busy sewing and putting together kits for distribution to girls and women around the globe in need. It’s believed some girls were missing up to eight months of school every three years because of a lack of sanitary products. Elsewhere women miss days of income and face days of isolation and shame. The handmade packs provide everything a girl needs including washable shields, liners and underwear and instructions.
Calrossy girls are happy to be part of the not-for-profit program and have so far sewn-up dozens of packs. The girls have also been involved in the Share the Dignity program, where they have been collecting donations of sanitary products for homeless and vulnerable women across Australia.
Making Connections

Our Year 10 boys have been making connections this year, as part of the School’s special careers program, that aims to build a bridge between the classroom and the real world with concrete experiences. Every second Thursday our Year 10 boys participated in various activities to help make that connection between school and real careers. The program is now in its 6th year.

In Term One the boys participated in team building games, completed a career profile, learned how to write a resume and listened to guest speakers. They also visited the Hunter River Lancers and attended the University of New England and Tamworth TAFE to get further insights into possible career prospects and tertiary education opportunities.

In Terms Two and Three the boys were split into two groups. Half of the boys did work experience to gain knowledge and understanding of the world of work. The boys chose a range of professions and industries from engineering, building, agriculture, marketing, primary teaching, personal training, hospitality and aviation. The other half of Year 10 boys were allocated a primary class to help mentor, the aim of which was to see their learning as a developmental process.

In Term Four the boys will complete some community service as well as undertake some practical activities to help them gain independence. The boys have shown interest in the program and embraced the various aspects of it.

- Hugh Howey

Secondary Boys School Leaders for 2017

Congratulations to our new Secondary Boys School Leaders.
Angus Wolfgang (right) - School Captain and Tom Hinchcliffe, Vice Captain for 2017.
Tragic tales to an Aussie classic

"Men at some time are masters of their fates" and our talented Secondary Boys showed their mastery for drama at this year’s annual Shakespeare Night. The boys brought the English playwright to life on stage in a series of scenes from his works including the Merchant of Venice, Julius Caesar, Coriolanus and Macbeth. The performances also provided more than a few surprises with some groups doing modern adaptations of famous scenes. Year 9 brilliantly performed sections of the popular play, “The Club”, by Australian playwright, David Williamson and “Twelve Angry Men” by Reginald Rose. It was great to see the boys get into character and embrace the old English literature. Shakespeare Night has become a highlight on the boys calendar, allowing them to bring the English curriculum to life and explore their acting skills in front of family and friends.

Father Son Breakfast

The tradition of the Father Son Breakfast continued this year at our Secondary Boys, on the Friday before Father’s Day. There was a great turnout of dads and pops at the breakfast, making the most of the opportunity to spend some time together and try their hand at some early morning sports, including darts. We hope all the dads in the wider Calrossy Anglican School community had a great Father's Day.
Equestrian Expo Success

The School’s equestrian team enjoyed its most successful year ever at the North West Equestrian Expo earlier this month in Coonabarabran. Despite a very wet start at the event our team of 32 students, from across the Secondary Girls and Secondary Boys, finished being named the most successful school for the fourth consecutive year. The Expo attracts entries from across the State, with more than 70 schools competing including a number of leading private Sydney schools. Calrossy’s riders returned home with dozens of awards and ribbons, including the Champion School, with the highest point score based on the total points of their top four riders. Calrossy was also named team barrel champions. A number of our students also received awards as individual riders. There are too many to list them all, but in Year 7, Lara De Jong, took out the 12-years girl age champion with Sophie Maynes named the 14-year-old girl champion. The focus for the equestrian team now shifts to the Interschool’s Equestrian Extravaganza at the Australian Equine and Livestock Centre in October. We will also host our own horse sports day at Hallsville, on October 28th.

Sam smashes HRIS record

The Wright House enjoyed victory at this year’s Primary Athletics Carnival held last term. It was a great day with plenty of parents on the sidelines supporting our students. From there 70 of our boys and girls travelled to the Hunter Region Independent Schools Athletics Carnival in August at Glendale. Calrossy placed third overall, out of eight schools in the top division. There was also some fantastic individual results. Year 5 student, Sam Holmes, broke a record in the 10 years boys discus with an outstanding throw of 30.32 metres. Lachlan Rasmussen also broke the record in the 200 metre AWD class, while the 8-year-old Calrossy boys took out that age championship. Fourteen of our students made the HRIS team for CIS.
Secondary Athletic Carnivals and Calrossy Reps see records fall

It’s been another busy and successful year on the sporting field at Calrossy, with both Secondary athletics carnivals held at the Tamworth Regional Sporting Complex. Nangara enjoyed the spoils in the Secondary Girls after a day of hot competition, with Simpson victorious in the Secondary Boys. From there dozens of students represented Calrossy at the HRIS Athletics carnival early in Term Three. In an outstanding display of sportsmanship and skill, Calrossy was named Champion under 12 and under 14 girls team and Champion under 12, 14 and 15 boys at HRIS. We also placed second overall in the school championship. A number of students also took out age championships and broke division two athletic records during the competition. Calrossy’s four relay teams all won on the day, with times fast enough to get them into the HRIS team. More than half of Calrossy’s team made it through to AICES in Sydney in August. Will Nicholson had a fantastic day placing 1st in the 15 year boys High Jump, with a new AICES record of 1.85 metres. That was followed by a string of great results, with Will Burnett 1st in the 13 years Long Jump (5.02m), Mitch Clarke 1st in 15 years 200m (23.48), 2nd in Long Jump, and 100m (11.54). Also in the 15 years boys Mitch Reading came 1st in the 100m (11.52) and 2nd in the 200m. In the 13 years, Zach Clarke came 3rd in the 200m, while the Junior boys came 2nd in their intermediate relay and the Senior boys came 4th.

Sophie Hedley had a successful day coming first in the Junior girls High Jump, Triple Jump, 2nd in the long jump and second in the 14 yrs girls 100metres. Our Junior girls relay team consisting of Ellie New, Finella Palmer, Sophie Hedley and Emma Klasen came 1st. Still on girls, Sharna Tapp came 1st in the 800, 2nd in the 1500 and 3rd in the 400 and Jacinta Cooper came in 3rd in the 100 metres.
We’re kicking Rugby Goals

Our Secondary Boys have kicked plenty of goals this year in rugby. We made three of the Friday Night Rugby finals that were played in late July after being washed out several times. In a nail biting evening of action, Calrossy's 15's pulled off a convincing win against Farrer 29 to 7. In the 14's, the Calrossy boys let Farrer sneak in for a late try, to go down 20 to 19, in the last minute of the game. In the 16's a seriously undermanned side, due to injury and representative commitments, played their hearts out and although well beaten, typified our great sportsmanship and comradeship.

Two of our boys caught the attention of selectors at the Country Rugby Championships in Scone in June playing for Central North. Sam Gray and Nathan Watts were both selected in the NSW Country Squad.

Calrossy also had the highest representation from any single school in the AICES (Association of Independent Co-Educational Schools) Rugby sides. We had nine boys named in the representative sides that played at the NSW Junior Rugby Championships in Sydney in July. Riley Catts, A.J. Pretorius, Sam Gray, Ben Grant and Sam Buster were named in the 16’s, with Joseph Tufrey and Blake Murphy shadows. Meanwhile, Bill Buster captained the AICES 1st XV, with Charles Meyers, Tyler Simshauser and David Hines joining him in the line-up.

Calrossy Water Polo Players named in Australian Rep sides

It might not be the weather for it, but two of our students are hitting goals in water polo. James Newberry has been selected by Water Polo NSW in the Boys under 16 Waratahs team. He competed in the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival in Auckland in July.

Katie Salter was also selected to play in the same tournament, after being named in the Waratahs Junior Squad (combined U18 and U20) players. A great achievement for both secondary students!
Calrossy’s little Olympians

After two washouts, our Infants Athletics afternoon was finally held this term. Students from Prep through to Year 2 participated in running races, relays, hurdles and modified Athletic events including discus, high jump and shot put. It is always a highlight on the School’s calendar as our youngest students enjoy testing their sporting skills and exploring new talents in a supportive encouraging atmosphere. A big thanks to all the parents, Calrossy catering and the maintenance staff who helped make a great afternoon.

NSW PSSA Cross Country Reps

Congratulations to Georgia Simm and Lachlan Rasmussen who competed in the NSW PSSA Cross Country Championships in Sydney in July. Both students did exceptionally well with Georgia coming 21st in the 12 girls age group and Lachlan coming 8th overall in his event. It is a wonderful achievement as they competed against students from all over the State.

Netball girls are first time champs

In their first ever attempt in the Hunter Region Independent Schools Secondary Netball Gala, the Calrossy Secondary Girls have brought home the trophy in the under 16’s. The Calrossy Girls entered the Newcastle-based competition, taking on 14 other schools from across the region including the Central Coast, Hunter and Mid-North Coast.

After the completion of the pool rounds, Calrossy was in second place and played St Phillips Christian College from Gosford in the semi-final. Calrossy won that game and faced Scone Grammar School in the final. In what started as a close final, Calrossy finally emerged winners with an eight goal margin. After many years of playing together locally, the girls were named in the HRIS Under 16 Champions for 2016.

Caption:
The under 16’s HRIS netball champions from Calrossy, from left, Tahlia Tiberi, Amy Raphael, Indiah Bradbery, Lauren Jessup-Little, Grace Barwick, Megan Seis, Heidi Baker, Ella Anderson and Carly Redfern.
National Selection for Indoor Cricket Debutant

In his first year of indoor cricket, Gunnedah’s Zac Clarke was rewarded with selection to the Australian All-Stars Indoor Cricket team. He performed solidly with both the bat, ball and in the field finishing 3rd in the tournament player rankings including a man of the match effort against Victoria, scoring 29 runs from his 4 over “skin”, and taking 2 wickets for just 6 runs from his 2 overs. This was to be the boys’ biggest test for the week against last year’s Australian Champions where they fell just 11 runs short of the Victorian total. This was topped off with being named runner up player of the tournament, a prize nominated by the umpires who spent the week watching the future stars of Australian cricket play in an intense competition. To add further credit to his efforts during the week, Zac was named as an Australian representative in the U13 Australian All Stars Indoor Cricket team, made up of the top 10 players from across the country.

“I didn’t realize how much fun playing indoor cricket could be. I played in a great team and made some good mates. The Cyclones coaching staff were awesome and really helped out a lot.

Green and Gold dream comes true

Jeremy Blakely first picked up a hockey stick before he even started school, starting playing when he was six and like many little sport stars always wanted to don the green and gold. The Year 11 student achieved his dream this year, touring South Africa as part of the Australian School Boys Under 17 Hockey Team.

Jeremy toured South Africa in July playing with the team in a series of invitational and a three-Test series against their South African counterparts.

It was a long wait to wear the green and gold for the talented 17-year-old after being nominated in the side, following the All Schools Nationals last August.

“It was a great experience touring in a different country and representing Australia,” said Jeremy.

Playing in his favourite position as a defender in the midfield against the Western Province U17 team in Cape Town and Durban. However, the home team was too strong and fast in the Test series in Pretoria, with the boys losing three close games. “I was able to experience the diverse and colourful country as well as play hockey. I met some great people from both countries and had an amazing experience,” he said.

While Jeremy has been named in several development squads over the years, this was his biggest representative coup to date.

What’s next? Jeremy will keep playing for Souths United as he enters his final year of school at Calrossy.

He also has his sights set on the New South Wales under 18’s team next year and beyond.

“ To keep enjoying the game and to hopefully keep travelling and gaining new experiences with hockey.”
It was a spectacular evening of colour and action in July when our girls took to the stage in the annual Just Dance Night. It was the sixth evening held to showcase the talents and creativity of Calrossy’s dancing students from Year 7 through to senior students studying dance as a subject choice. “It always amazes me – the power of performance!” says Calrossy’s Dance teacher, Miss Melanie Taylor.

Ten students are studying Dance in Year 11 and 12 this year at Calrossy, with the Just Dance Night a chance for the Year 12 girls to perform their HSC solo pieces before they sat their exams a couple of weeks later.

All our Year 7 girls study dance for two periods and then in Year 8 it is offered as a two period practical elective. In Years 9 and 10, girls can choose it as an elective (five periods) as well as two period practical.

“Each and every year, the girls rise to the occasion on stage – whether it be giving their all in movement, smiling and engaging the audience or embodying the choreography and communicating something really special,” says Miss Taylor.

“The Just Dance Night reminds us all – students, audience members and teachers alike – that dance is first and foremost a performing art.”
Avondale Inter school visit

There was a musical first at Calrossy this term, with our School collaborating with the Avondale School from Cooranbong, near Newcastle. The two schools combined for a musical performance featuring Avondale’s and Calrossy’s Choir, Concert Band, String Ensemble and Jazz Band - made up of Secondary Girls and Boys. The concert was the culmination of a workshop held during the day for musicians and singers. The combined bands and choirs performed for parents and friends that evening. The event was part of Avondale School’s Music Tour, where it is performing across northern NSW and keen to foster partnerships with other members of the Hunter Region Independent Schools. The night was a credit to our music staff and students who presented an enjoyable and skilled concert with little preparation time.

HRIS Music hits the high notes

38 Calrossy Secondary students travelled to Newcastle in August for the HRIS Cultural Festival. The festival saw more than 500 students come together to workshop three or more musical pieces for an evening concert. Calrossy’s young musicians found themselves in leading positions within the ensembles which included the Wind Orchestra, Concert Band, String and Chamber ensembles, Jazz Band and Choir.

Recital a night of top musical talent

There was so much amazing musical talent on show at our annual “Coffee & Cake Music Recital Night”. The Year 11 & 12 music students presented pieces from Frederick Chopin through to Stevie Ray Vaughan on electric guitar, violin, clarinet, piano and saxophone to a very appreciative crowd. Mrs Naomi Turner also presented the Year 12 students with a farewell cake to celebrate the end of their Calrossy Music journey.
Annual Eisteddfod success for Calrossy

Tamworth’s 69th Annual Eisteddfod was a successful one for Calrossy Anglican School, with the school taking out dozens of group and individual awards. Calrossy students took out both the Senior and Primary Scholarships in Speech, with Maddie Hoath and Sophia Hanson impressing the judges. The school also enjoyed group success in the choral and music sections. The Secondary Girls Senior Vocal Ensemble and Choir both won their sections at the Eisteddfod earlier this year. The Vocal Ensemble performed Blackbird, by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, and the choir sang two contrasting pieces with three part harmonies. Accompanied by Mr Peter Hardes and conducted by Mrs Naomi Turner, the girls were recognised for their ability to sing with rhythmic and pitching accuracy, excellent breath control and blended tones. There was more Eisteddfod success this time with the Calrossy Secondary Boys Concert Band. Thirty-two boys from Years 7-9 competed in the Novice Ensemble 15 years and under and performed two pieces, Happy and The Year of the Dragon. The adjudicator commented on the boy’s excellent portrayal of style and articulation, whilst performing as an ensemble convincingly. Calrossy’s youngest students also impressed the adjudicators, with the Primary Choir taking out first place. The choir performed a beautiful piece, Snowgum, by Louise Pettinger, which featured two part harmonies.
Beef, Burgers and even a Jazz Band

Ag Quip is much more than just steak sandwiches for Calrossy Anglican School, with dozens of Calrossy students and staff descending on the event over the three days for a variety of activities. However, it is all about the steak sandwiches at Calrossy’s Shorthorn stand, where Agriculture and hospitality students were run off their feet by the hungry crowds. Three thousand steak sandwiches later the students from the Shorthorn stand earned themselves a well-deserved break.

Meantime, at the Calrossy Anglican School stand Year 11 Hospitality students put their barista talents to the test, offering complimentary coffee and tea to Ag Quip visitors, while clocking up some hours on the job towards their hospitality studies.

The School’s jazz band also entertained the crowds on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday, a number of Calrossy’s Agricultural students took out another win in the Northwest Property Planning Competition, receiving their award from the Minister for Primary Industries, Mr Niall Blair.
Animal encounters for Year 3

It was a milestone moment for our Year 3 boys and girls this year with their first overnight school excursion to Dubbo. A very excited group of students had a great two days at Dubbo. They heard all about the long and hair-raising history of the Old Dubbo Gaol, with a guided tour including the dark cells and watchtower. The Taronga Western Plains Zoo is always a favourite, with our students getting up close to big cats, dropping in on the Meerkats, learning why Hippos are such good swimmers and lots of other amazing animal encounters. It was a great start for the boys and girls to Calrossy’s expedition program that is designed to complement classroom studies and help students’ build independence and resilience.

Nation’s capital keeps Year 6 busy

Year 6 had an action packed five days in the nation’s capital at the end of Term 2. The four night excursion to Canberra has become an annual tradition for our students in their last year of their Primary school education. They literally could not fit anymore activities into their busy schedule. Just some of their engaging visits included Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Telstra Tower and Questacon. Our boys and girls were also lucky enough to see the launch of a new dollar coin at the Royal Australian Mint.
Old Girl, Dr Louise Prowse (2002) was the guest speaker at the Friends of Tamworth library recently, to celebrate History Week. Her topic, Territorial Myths - Construction of Legend and Historical Ownership in Country Towns with special reference to Uralla (Thunderbolt), Gilgandra (Cooee March), Mudgee, Grenfell and Gulgong (Henry Lawson) and Young (Lambing Flat Riots), was well received by her audience. The photograph shows Dr Prowse with audience members, former Calrossy staff, Mrs Di Lockhart and Mrs Pat Harris.

We had a wonderful surprise while exhibiting at the Mudgee Small Farm Field days earlier this term when ex student Jenna Fitzgerald dropped in to say hi. After finishing Year 12 Jenna obtained a Bachelor of Science at the University of Newcastle and became a Geologist. She continued her study and also completed her Masters in Geomechanical Engineering and is now working in this field at Mudgee. Not only that, Jenna’s identical twin Lara has followed the exact same career path and is also working in the mining industry in the Hunter Valley.

Jenna said she had so many fantastic memories of Calrossy, including having a bit of fun with the teachers at detention.

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Morna Mulvogue (1926 -2016)
We were saddened to learn of the death, at the age of 90, of Old Girl Morna Mulvogue on the 11th July this year. Morna attended Calrossy (then Tamworth Church of England Girls School) from 1937 until 1942. In that year she was House Captain of Karobran (later Karrawarra) House and also on the Library Committee. In the photograph below of the whole school in 1940, Morna is first on the left, in the back row.
We are grateful to her cousin, Gae Mulvogue (Class of 1958) for providing us with this information.
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Boys - 2009
Lachlan McLean spent two years at the Australian Defence Force Academy and left to pursue a career with the NSW Police Force. He is now currently a constable in the Dubbo region.

2010
Ben Cederblad is currently working in the Hunter Valley (Muswellbrook) for a mining subcontractor. He is close to finishing his trade as a fitter and turner (Certificate 3 in Mechanical Engineering). Outside of work Ben has embarked on the sport of bull riding and finally made the 8 second whistle in the novice bull at Manilla earlier this year.

2013
Alec Wright is currently finishing a Bachelor of Social Science at the University of New England, soon to be moving on to his Masters of Applied Sociology. He is living on campus and working as an academic mentor.

James Newman took a gap year which included living in India for five months. He began a Bachelor of Communication in 2015 at the University of Newcastle, then transferred this year into a Bachelor of Teaching (technology).

James Smith started a one year Business Administration Traineeship at the RBA after Calrossy. He then took up an associate position in a mid-tier independent financial planning firm in Sydney.

Girls - 1993
Kylie Walsh (nee Thomson) obtained her real estate licence after leaving Calrossy and subsequently purchased the Elders Real Estate franchise in Tamworth. Kylie was a finalist in the Telstra NSW Young Business Woman of the Year Awards and after five years of running her own business, she moved into the corporate world of real estate, firstly with Elders, followed by LJ Hooker. In 2014, Kylie became the General Manager of Di Jones Real Estate in Sydney. She is married with two young daughters.

Angela Duncan (nee Brennan) spent two years in England after the HSC, representing Calrossy as an exchange student at The Bedegbury School, Kent. There she was a Teacher’s Aide and Junior Boarding Mistress. She then spent two years in Europe, travelling and teaching English in a language school in Italy. Upon returning to Australia she embarked on a 12 year career in advertising and publishing, working for Murdoch Magazines, Fairfax Media and Bauer Media. She is married and living in Sydney with three children.

Penny Pritchard (nee Brennan) moved to Sydney after Calrossy and completed an advanced certificate in hospitality and tourism, while working at the Sheraton on the Park and Select Hotels and Resorts International. She then moved into sales and marketing and spent the next 10 years working within the luxury goods market and print media. She is married with three sons and has now embarked on a new career at the Shore Preparatory School Early Learning Centre.

Rahni Ryan (nee Henry) is now working in Dubbo at Landmark dealing with livestock, merchandising and administration. She is married with two children and lives on a property half way between Dubbo and Narrumine.
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1994
Annabel Russ (nee Holmes) studied a Bachelor of Business Majoring in Marketing after leaving Calrossy. She worked in Brisbane for a number of years before moving back to Tamworth. For the past 15 years she has worked at Southern Cross Ten in Tamworth and now manages the Tamworth team. She is married with two children who are enjoying Calrossy life at our Primary campus.

Elisa Russell (nee Bennett) studied a Bachelor of Economics in the USA after receiving a tennis scholarship. She worked on Wall Street for a year before she travelled for three years in the UK. Elisa then returned to Sydney to work for the investment bank UBS. She is married with three children and one on the way.

Michelle Martin (nee Grieve) is now settled in Tamworth after working around the State as a teacher in the Catholic education system. She is married with three boys.

Joanna Collett (nee Hardy) after finishing school she returned to the family farm at Burren Junction where she worked for a year, before starting a teaching degree in Armidale and then changing to become a veterinary nurse. She worked as a vet nurse for five years in Walgett, Narrabri, Wee Waa and Toowoomba and then completed a Bachelor of Agribusiness at Gatton College and working for NAB in Moree and Narrabri. She is married with two children, living on the family crop and grazing property near Wee Waa.

Jaime Ping (nee Cavanagh) in married and living in Toowoomba with her three children. She began her career as a primary school teacher before making the move to high school and is currently enjoying a head of year position.

1996
Jackie O’Brien (nee Mack) is teaching Agriculture at Macintyre High School in Inverell. She is married with a young son and expecting another baby in October.

2002
Sarah Powell (nee Smith) completed a hairdressing apprenticeship and by 2007 embarked in a corporate career, accepting a position at Wesfarmers. Here she worked in and studied General Insurance including Risk Management, Reinsurance and Commercial Underwriting. She is currently on parental leave from IAG as an area manager. She also runs her own full time hairdressing business and is married with one son.

2005
Tara Mellor (nee Follington) moved to Newcastle since leaving Calrossy and now lives in Nelson Bay raising a young family. She has been working in real estate and a property manager for nine years.

Samantha Capper completed a diploma in hospitality hotel management and tourism and went on to many different hospitality roles in the Whitsundays since leaving Calrossy. She also worked in retail and was the manager at Optus in Tamworth for a while. She is now living in Sydney in office and sales support and studying Psychology at University.
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Sally Field took a gap year after school, working at an outdoor adventure centre in the UK. She returned home and completed a Bachelor of Arts and Master in Public Relations, before joining a financial PR agency in Sydney. She has since moved to the Netherlands and works as an external communications and PR advisor at an ethical investment company.

Sally Laurie studied a Bachelor of Nursing at Newcastle University and has since worked at Tamara Private Hospital in Tamworth for 7 years. She was announced post-graduate of the year for Ramsey Health in N.S.W. in her first year of nursing. Since then she has been the Queen of Country Music, travelled the world and most recently moved to Moree, working in various positions at the Moree District Hospital.

Amy Elizabeth Henry (nee Bennett) studied a Bachelor of Primary Teaching at University of New England and remained in Tamworth to teach at a local primary school where she completed her internship. Amy has also completed her Breastfeeding Counselling training and enjoys working as a volunteer in this area. She is currently on leave from teaching, raising her two young daughters.

2008

Millie White is currently living in Tamworth but working in Armidale as the Branch Manager for the ANZ Armidale Branch.

Anna Hombsch moved to Melbourne after graduating from Calrossy and taking a gap year in Europe. After studying Creative Arts Industries at Victoria University Anna landed her first job in a Fine Art Auction House. Anna has been working as a Fine Art Specialist for Mossgreen Auctions in Melbourne. Anna currently acts on behalf of many of Australia’s most significant private collectors, institutions and corporations in her role with Mossgreen.

Madeleine Bird is currently living in Canberra and working as a Marketing Executive for SCENTRE Group, the owners and operators of Westfield Shopping Centres.
2016 Term 4 Events

Term 4
All classes resume (students return in summer uniform) 11 October
HSC commence/conclude 13 October - 4 November
Calrossy Horse Sports 14 October
Secondary Girls P&D Meeting 5.30 pm 17 October
Kinder Readiness Program 18, 25 October 1, 8 November
Primary P&D Meeting 6.30 pm 8 October
Secondary Boys yr 8 commence/conclude 18 October - 21 October
Secondary Boys P&D Meeting 6.00 pm 27 October
Calrossy combined P&D Meeting 7, 8 November
yr 7-10 Exams 11 November
Year 11, 2017 Orientation Day 11 November
Year 12 Formed 14 November
Healthcare yr 7 (compulsory) all week beginning 15 November
Primary P&D Meeting 6.30 pm 16 November
Kinder Orientation 17 November
Secondary Boys Performing Arts Evening 18 November

Secondary Boys yr 10 Expedition commence/conclude 22 November - 25 November
Year 7 2017 Headstart Day 24 November
Secondary Boys P&D Meeting 6.00 pm 24 November
Secondary Girls P&D Meeting 5.30 pm 28 November
Prep Christmas Concert 30 November
yr 6 Celebration 1 December
Boomers Christmas Service and Lunchtime 4 December
Secondary Boys Community Service commence/conclude 5 December - 7 December
PreSchool Christmas Concert (3yr olds) 6 December
Calrossy Anglican School Carol Night 7 December
Secondary Girls Presentation Day 8 December
Secondary Boys Speech Night 8 December
PreSchool Christmas Concert (4yr olds) 9 December
Primary Presentation Day 9 December
Staff Christmas Party 12 December

2017 Term Dates
Term 1 Wednesday 1 February to Friday 7 April
Term 2 Wednesday 26 April to Friday 23 June
Term 3 Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
Term 4 Tuesday 10 October to Friday 8 December

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