



Calliope State School

10 September 2019



Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

News from Health...

What a great year the Prep's, year 1, 2 and 3's are having in HEALTH.

In Prep this term we have learnt all about emotions and looking out for others. Did you know that if I am in a bad mood, that it can affect my friends' mood? But if I'm in a happy mood, it can also make my friend's happy! Try it!

In year one this term we have had a great term talking about ourselves! The unit is called "We all belong". And the key point of this is everybody is good at something. We all have our strengths and we all enjoy different things. We also learnt that just because we're not naturally good at something, it doesn't mean we never will be. The more we practice, the better we'll get.

In Year Two we have learnt all about staying safe. Who can we turn to if we have a problem? Who can we ask for help if we get lost? We discussed a family password, so if someone ever says "Your mum told me to pick you up" we can simply ask for the family password to see if that person is trust worthy. Does your family have a password?

In Year Three we have had a lot of fun learning about sustainability and what we can do to make a difference to our world. In 2/3E, we have planned for, researched and started Calliope State Schools very own compost bin! The children in the class are responsible for collecting fruit scraps from Prep A and B, washing their bucket and returning their bucket every day! In Year Three, we are doing NUDE FOOD DAY - every THURSDAY! The winning class will be getting a pizza party at the end of the term! Nude Food Day is where you cannot have ANY rubbish in your lunchbox...AT ALL! Not even a popper. By doing this we hope to reduce the amount of rubbish we create EVERYDAY! We have had to talk with our parents about the way we buy our groceries. Even though those little packets are convenient, they produce LOTS of rubbish! Can you do your bit to reduce rubbish in your child's lunch box??

**Yours in Health,
Shay Gilliland**



PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

School Readiness Test for NAPLAN Online

This week our Year 2 and 4 students will be participating in a School Readiness Test to help our school test the technical capability to run NAPLAN Online in 2020. This is NOT a test of our student's skills. The School Readiness Test for Calliope State School will take place on Thursday 12 September 2019 and will run for less than 1 hour per class and is made up of a mixture of question types and subjects.

The School Readiness Test is occurring in all schools as they move towards being able to implement NAPLAN online. A [public demonstration site](#) is available where you and your child can view the sorts of ICT skills that are used in questions they encounter with NAPLAN Online. The demonstration site does NOT tailor to a student's ability though. The questions are just provided to show what a test might look like.

Should you have any questions about the School Readiness Test, please feel free to contact me.

Interim Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our Term 3 interim reports will soon be sent home. Teachers will be available at their nominated times throughout week 10 to discuss these. We are hoping to see many parents take the opportunity to meet one on one with their child's teacher. This is a great opportunity to be involved in supporting your child's learning. Some questions you may like to focus on when meeting with your child's teacher include:

- Is my child where they should be for this time of year?
- What is the next step for my child's learning in this area?
- Is there a plan for supporting them to get there?
- Is there anything we can do at home to support this?

This way, parents and teachers are working together to help each student develop from where they are currently at against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard. For more information on achievement standards, visit the Australian Curriculum website.

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/>

Bikes, Scooters and Racks

A reminder that bikes, scooters and other wheeled transport means, are not to be ridden in the school grounds. We ask that visitors to the grounds including younger children, do not bring bikes or scooters into the school grounds.

All bikes and scooters are to be stored in the bike racks, located near the pool area and inside the school fence. We encourage all students to put a lock on their bikes and scooters to prevent theft and reduce the chance of these going missing.

Feedback

We are always open to feedback as this helps our school to continuously grow and improve. There are many appropriate ways to provide feedback to our school and we appreciate the time and effort people have taken to ensure they are using these avenues. They include our surveys, participating in the P&C, organising a meeting with the P&C representatives, attending the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) meetings, organising a meeting through our office, written communication via the school email addresses or a phone call.



R U OK? Day is on Wednesday, 11 September.

R U OK! Seeks to create a world where we're all connected. It's a day where we remind each other to check in with family and friends and ask that life-changing question "Are you Ok?", reminding people to have a meaningful conversation with mates and loved ones that could save lives. We're never too young to look out for one another and meaningfully connect.

For more information and strategies <https://www.ruok.org.au/>



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage
action



4. Check in

kindest Regards,

**Rebecca Crapp
Deputy Principal**

Term 4 Swimming

Swimming lessons will commence in Week 2 of Term 4, starting **Monday 14 October** and conclude **on Friday 6 December**. *Prep students will commence on Friday 1 November*. The Calliope State School Swimming Carnival for Years 4-6 is scheduled for Friday 6 December. Students in the Prep – Year 3 will have their own combined swimming carnivals in their lessons during Week 9. Students are encouraged to participate in all lessons, as it contributes significantly to your child’s life-long learning, water safety and Physical Education semester reporting.

It is compulsory that students wear appropriate swimming attire – they **must wear a swim shirt, togs and a swimming cap**. *Swimming caps can be purchased privately or a small quantity will be available for purchase from the school. Please source these prior to the commencement of lessons.* Goggles are permissible; however be aware, that some activities in the program expect the students to swim without the aid of goggles. For safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted to be worn in the pool.

Some students will be anxious when it comes to swimming. It would be appreciated if you could find the time to casually question your child on their feelings about swimming. If you feel that there is something that the school should know, please inform the office before swimming starts. If your child has a medical condition (eg- epilepsy) which may affect their participation in swimming, please contact Mrs Betts as a matter of priority to assist with swimming planning.

Swimming is a high risk activity and accordingly students will be placed in groups, suited to their ability and will be taught by Mrs Betts. In addition, school staff will be appointed to attend swimming lessons to support with supervision.

A timetable has been included. For classes with swimming scheduled for the morning session, they are welcome to wear their togs under their school uniform. Students in other sessions will get changed, during their break times or prior to their lesson.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 – 10:15	5C	5D	4C	6C	
10:15 – 11:00	5B	5A	4D	2/3E	
11:45 – 12:30	3B	2D	1D	4A	11.45-12.15 – Prep A
12:30 – 1:15	3A	2C	1B	4B	12.15-12.45 - Prep B 12.45 – 1.15 – Prep C
1:45 – 2:30	3C	2B	1C	6B	1.45 – 2.15 Prep/1E
2:30 – 3:15	3D	2A	1A	6A	

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Procedure for Student Absences:

If your student is away for any reason there are several ways of notifying the school.

- Send a note with your child
- Phone on 07 4975 8366
- absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au

We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE CALLIOPE

Open Monday to Friday
(Closed public holidays)

6:30am – 9:00am

3:15pm – 6:00pm

Located in Calliope School Hall

Sessions Includes

- Healthy breakfasts
- Morning activities
- Morning drop offs to class for Preps/Year 1's
- Afternoon pickups from class for Preps/Year 1's
 - Healthy afternoon tea
 - Homework assistance
- Afternoon indoor/outdoor activities

Phone Hannah 0409267755 or come speak to one of our friendly staff who are only too eager to assist with any enquiries.

Email:

calliope@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Welcome to Week 9! This week's focus is 'Bikes & Scooters' with particular discussion around being safe and responsible when travelling to and from school. It's very important that we are positively representing our school whilst we are wearing our uniforms.

A reminder about our reward excursion to the skate park that will take place next week. Permission notes for this will be handed out this week to students receiving an A and B for behaviour this term.

Cheers,

Christine Johnston
Acting Wellbeing Teacher



Stars of the Week

Prep A	Ashton	Prep B	
Prep C	Gracie	Prep/1E	
1A		1B	Bella
1C	Peyton	1D	Harry
2A	Aidan	2B	Koah
2C	Deshawn	2D	Cobey
2/3E		3A	Indiah
3B	Hailee	3C	Iggy
3D	Prada	4A	Felicity
4B	Chloe	4C	
4D	Zoe	5A	Lincoln
5B	Chrislyn	5C	Talia
5D		6A	Ruby
6B	Imogen	6C	Ezyekiel
PE		MUSIC	
HEALTH	Ella	LOTE	Amy

Congratulations to all our award recipients for their hard work!



P&C News

P&C Committee

We invite all families to consider joining our P&C committee. Membership is open all year round and it is a great way to contribute to your child's school experience.

Our next meeting will be tonight Tuesday 10 September at 6:00pm.

Tuckshop

Home bake this week is yummy Strawberry and Coconut Slice and Milo Balls. Don't forget that Tuesday's are our Flexi Free day which means you can bring in your paper bag orders.

Thank you to our volunteers who help each week, and to the students and staff who enjoy our food. Additional volunteers are always welcomed; especially at the busy period from 11:00am to 12:45pm.

Cheers Lisa O

Uniform shop

Uniform shop is open each Wednesday and Friday morning before school from 8:30 to 9:00am. A reminder that orders placed on Flexischools will be filled and sent to your child's class on either a Wednesday or Friday. If you have any queries regarding orders, please contact our P&C directly.

Volunteer shout-out

Thank you to everyone who supports our school and P&C every week, your time is greatly appreciated.

Tuckshop: Bev K, Louisa D, Wanda L, Jess B.

Uniform Shop: Tienielle, Jess B.

Teacher Aide day

Last Friday we celebrated our amazing Teacher Aides at Calliope State School. Thank you for all the amazing work you do and supporting our Teachers and Students.

As always, we welcome feedback and ideas to help support our students and school community. We can be contacted by email pandc@calliopes.eq.edu.au or by Facebook messenger.

Have a great week.

Melissa Platten
P & C President

P&C. Qld



UPCOMING DATES

**Interim Reports
Sent Home – Wed 11 Sep**

Free Dress Day – Fri 13 Sep

Principal's Parade – Fri 20 Sep

Last Day of Term – Fri 20 Sep

Term 4 Resumes – Tues 8 Oct

Public Holiday – Mon 7 Oct

Year 6 Camp – 14 to 18 Oct

Student Free Day – Mon 21 Oct

Prep Enrolments

We are now taking Prep enrolments for 2020 at Calliope State School. Enrolment packs are available at the school office. To enrol in Prep for 2020, your child needs to be turning five by 30 June, of that year.

If you wish to enrol your child, please book an interview time by either phoning the office on 4975 8333 or visiting the ladies at the office.

Free Dress Day

This Friday 13 September is Free Dress Day. Students can wear their 'Favourite Footy Colours' for a gold coin donation.



Queensland Ready Reading

The Ready Reading program invites parents and community members to make a difference in their local community by volunteering in schools to support children's reading.

Reading is a powerful tool to help children grow their vocabulary, language skills and imagination. It helps them to develop life-long skills that will support their future growth and learning.

The Department of Education's Reading Centre and Volunteering Queensland are working together to help improve literacy for children in Queensland by training up to 3000 volunteers to share their knowledge and time to foster a love of reading.

Calliope State School is holding Ready Reading training on Wednesday, October 23. Please mark the date in your calendar and more details will come.

[Register your interest](#) to become a Ready Reading volunteer.



Notification of Students Leaving Calliope SS

If you have a child /children who will be leaving Calliope State School during, or at the end of Term 3 this year, can you please notify the school Office as soon as possible. Please contact our office via email at admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au or phone on 4975 8333.

Contact Details

We would like to remind all parents if you have moved or changed your contact details to please update your information by calling the office on 4975 8333 or emailing admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY

**OFFICE HOURS ARE:
8AM-4PM
Monday - Friday**

EFTPOS is AVAILABLE in the office



**COME and JOIN
CHAPPY for PRAYER**

When: Every Thursday

Where: Chappy Mel's Office

Time: 9:00 – 9:15am

Chappy Chat

Love Language #4 – Gifts

Are Gifts your child's love language?

Describes your child:

Feels good when someone gives them something.

Enjoys a special present or surprise.

Enjoys:

Birthday presents, surprise treats, earning a treat, having their favourite food made for them.

Tips for parents/care givers:

- Choosing small, inexpensive tokens or homemade presents
- Choosing gifts that fit their interests
- Making a collection of unique gift boxes and wrapping paper
- Keeping a chart and stickers to record their achievements
- Creating a photo book about them
- Making them a special treat or cooking their favourite meal
- Gifting a book you and your child can read together
- Leave a gift for them when you're out of town
- Send them to camp (with a surprise gift in their port)

Happy Parent note:

Sometimes a person can't admit how much they love gifts!

There is nothing wrong with loving gifts, most people who love gifts appreciate the thoughtfulness and sentiment behind it. The gift need not be expensive, sometimes it really is "the thought that counts."

Have a super week, Chappy Mel

LOVING THROUGH GIVING GIFTS

- Keep a small stash of inexpensive gifts
- Give them a flower or stone you find outside
- Make a meal you know your child likes.
- Create a "secret drawer" where your child can keep her small "treasures"- anything from a bird feather to a pack of gum.

- Leave gifts for them when you're out of town
- Shop with them for a special gift
- Send them on a gift treasure hunt
- Personalise gifts
- Gifts that last forever (planting a tree)
- Make them a gift (scrapbook page)
- Make up a song for them / with them





**Thursday 19 September
9:15 – 10:15 am
Green Zone (next to Chappys Room)**

**“I’m still HOT,
it just comes in flushes now!”**

**Menopause... Come and find out
everything you need to know, but were too
scared to ask. Life after 40+ can still be
absolutely fabulous!**

Presented by Dr Lola Kerr, GP Superclinic