



# Calliope State School

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## What's happening in ...

### News from 4A

This term, 4A have been busy building our skills in so many areas! We have been looking at living things, growing seeds and looking at the life cycle of animals, what they need to survive and how we can do our bit to prevent endangered animals from becoming extinct!

We have been thoroughly enjoying melding our geographical and mathematical knowledge to learn all about maps and using them to give directions, and follow coordinates.

Our traditional stories unit has helped us to understand the moral of a story and develop our own stories where a character helps us to learn a life lesson. 4A has been boosting their reading and comprehension skills by focussing on the sequential order of information and identifying whether statements are a true fact or a character's opinion.

But, by far, our favourite subject this term has been Technology where we have explored musical instruments and identified them as idiophones or membranophones, then designed our own using every day household materials.

The students have loved the design and construction phase and Mrs Boland can't wait to hear our instruments in action!



# Principal's Piece

Welcome to week 8! Can you believe we are that far through term 2?

As you may know, I have been away from school for a couple of weeks for a conference in Brisbane and then some minor surgery to remove a skin cancer. I have been assured that the doctor removed all of the offending tissue which is a great relief. It has been great to return to such a warm and caring reception from the Calliope SS community. Thank you.

Today we have had some exciting developments with our new building project. This official start of the project has come at short notice but I'm sure we can all agree that the short-term pain will be worth the long term gain. In case you didn't see the letter I sent home yesterday, there have been some changes to the access to the school that will be in place for the duration of the construction of the new building. The pool end of the school will be closed to all pedestrian access. A new access point has been created adjacent to the Resource Centre at the front of the school. The student bike racks have also been relocated to this area. The initial phase of the construction will include the development of a new staff carpark. Unfortunately, this means that staff cars will not be able to park on the school grounds until the new carpark is complete. We have been exploring other options and will ensure that minimal disruption to parent and visitor parking occurs. I do, however, ask for patience and consideration in the short term. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

With this great progress we will also need to be mindful of the traffic and safety implications during set-down and pick-up times. At school we will be reminding students to be sure to walk their bikes and scooter safely in to and out of the school. Students should not be riding their bikes or scooters until they are clear of the bridge to the west or beyond the pool to the east. If parents could assist us with delivering this message it would be greatly appreciated.

**National Reconciliation Week** is held annually from 27 May to 3 June. It is a time to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. Preceded by National Sorry Day on 26 May, National Reconciliation Week is framed by two key events in Australia's history, which provide strong symbols for reconciliation:

- 27 May 1967 – the referendum that saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the census.
- 3 June 1992 – the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, which recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship with the land. This paved the way for land rights known as native title.

National Reconciliation Week is an ideal time for everyone to join the reconciliation conversation and reflect on our shared histories, contributions and achievements.

<http://shareourpride.reconciliation.org.au>

Jeremy Godden  
Principal

## Chappy Corner

### When a gentle rebuke is not enough

If your child's unacceptable behaviour was intentional – rebellion or a testing of parental authority, punishment is necessary and justified, but with forewarning and as soon as possible. Taking away privileges (which are most things that are not basics to living) work well. "When you remember to put clothes in the washing basket for three days in a row, then you will be allowed to use your iPad again."

*The Blessing of a Skinned Knee' by Wendy Mogel'*

### Fanfare

Please return your permission slip and payment to the office if your student is involved in Fanfare on 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact the office for more information.

### Enrolments for 2017

Our enrolments for 2017 are now open. Families that live within our catchment area are invited to enrol for 2017. Enrolments for Prep 2017 are now open for children born 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. A Prep Information session and interviews will be held in Term 3. Please contact the office for additional information.

### Gladstone Region Combined Schools String Workshop

It is time for our annual String Workshop! This is a fantastic chance for our string students to consolidate on what has already been learnt this year, study for a day under renowned Guest Conductor, David Maddick, and perform at a Gala Concert. Forms can be collected from the office. **The workshop costs \$30 and payment and form needs to be returned to the office by 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

### Personal Details

Do you have a need to update your personal details, phone numbers, mobile numbers, addresses, email, emergency contacts, court orders to name but a few. At times we are finding one or more has changed, which could lead to a delay in contacting you in an emergency. Please advise us and update if your personal circumstances have changed. Please find attached our 'Change of Details Form'.

### Cooler Weather

The weather is certainly getting cooler in the mornings. Please ensure that as per our enrolment agreement your child is wearing the correct winter uniform. Calliope State School jumpers are available from our uniform shop. Please clearly mark your child/children's jackets with their name.

## Dates to Remember

7 June	P&C meeting
9 June	Fanfare
23 June	Report cards go home
24 June	Principal's Parade

## 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**
- **Email- [absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au](mailto:absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au)**

We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

### Contact Details

We would like to remind all parents if you have moved or changed your contact details over the holidays please update your information by calling the office on 4975 8333.

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### Newsletter Distribution

The newsletter is published every Tuesday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing [admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au). If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

### Office hours are 8am-4pm

### Prayer Time with Chappy

**When: Every Wednesday**

**Time: 7:45 – 8:00am**

**Where: Chappy Sonia's office between 3A and 3B**

## Uniform Shop

The opening time for our uniform shop is **Wednesday 8.15-9.00am**. The uniform shop has eftpos. Otherwise cash and cheque are accepted. If you are unable to get to the uniform shop during opening hours, you can fill out an order form available from the office, and leave completed form and cash or cheque payment with the office ladies. Your order will be filled and be ready for collection on Wednesday. Uniforms can be ordered through flexischools - [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

## Community News

### Calliope Catwalk – 13<sup>th</sup> Aug

Save the Date: 13<sup>th</sup> August  
Calliope Catwalk Ladies Day will be an afternoon of fun, fashion and friends and will include the Recycled Fashions and Wearable Art Fashion Awards. There will be entertainment, raffles etc. Tickets can be purchased from Limestone Clothing and through the Calliope P&C, and include nibbles and a 2 course meal. Cost for tickets is \$60.

### Year 6 Fundraising

**Reminder, all chocolate boxes or money need to be returned to the school as ASAP.** Thank you to everyone that has helped support the Year 6 students in raising funds for their camp.



## Sports Day Results

A great day was had by all students on Friday for Sports Day. It was a close competition, with great sportsmanship and team spirit displayed by all students. Congratulations to all students involved and Age Champions.

**Oxley - 1106pts**

**Fitzroy – 1037pts**

**Flinders –1030pts.**

Listed below are the Age Champions from Sports Day.

### Age Champions

8yrs Girls – Mekal - Oxley

8yrs Boys – Braith - Fitzroy

9yrs Girls – Skye – Flinders

Jasmin - Fitzroy

9yrs Boys – Arian - Fitzroy

10yrs Girls – Jordyn – Flinders

10yrs Boys – Travis - Oxley

11yrs Girls – Ellara - Fitzroy

11yrs Boys – Tyler - Fitzroy

12yrs Girls – Tracey - Oxley

12yrs Boys – Darcy - Flinders



### P&C Meeting

Don't forget our monthly P&C meeting which will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 6.30pm in the Administration Building. All parents and carers are welcome.