



Calliope State School

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Calliope Kids
are:
Safe
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What's happening in ...

News from 6C

This term, the Year 6 students have been making connections with the community by inviting a number of guests to the classroom to share their knowledge and experiences. This has allowed the students to; hear first-hand experiences about specific topics, hear from a variety of perspectives, see and discuss real artefacts and primary sources linked to our learning areas, and practice listening and being respectful audience members for different presenters.

Thanks you to John from QLD Ambulance Service for teaching us about snake safety. We learned about how to identify snake bites and what to do in the case of an emergency.

Thank you to Mrs Thomas from The Hub Fitness Centre. Mrs Thomas' presentation linked with our HaSS unit "Making Decisions". It was fascinating learning about what decisions need to be made when creating small and large businesses. The kids analyses whether or not it would be viable to start a new gym in Calliope.

Thank you to the teachers and students of Mt Larcom State School for talking to us about your agricultural program. It was inspiring to learning about the opportunities that are available for students to pursue learning and future careers in agriculture.

Thank you to Ms Sheppard from Gladstone State High School for answering our questions about high school orientation days. We are pumped to meet our new teachers and peers and embark on the next chapter of our education journey.



PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Class Placements for 2019

At Calliope State School we use a collaborative process for the placement of children into classes which ensures greater efficiency, increased understanding and improved opportunities for learning. We recognise the professionalism and commitment of all teaching staff in arranging the annual allocation to classes from Prep to Year 6. We aim to provide each child with the opportunity to be part of a class of children that will allow them the best opportunity to learn. We aim to form well balanced classes of children that take into account the social, emotional, academic and physical characteristics of each child. We aim to ensure that optimum use is made of the prior knowledge that teachers, parents and others have of each child prior to class placement. Your child will find out their class, teacher and new room as part of our transition process on Wednesday the 12 December 2018.

Year 6 Transition Days

Many of our Year 6 students have been taking advantage of the two transition days offered by Gladstone State High School. I had the pleasure of visiting the transition on Monday and it was pleasing to see Calliope State School students carrying forward their values of Safe, Respectful and Responsible into the high school setting. They were able to experience a wide range of high school experiences including the library, LOTE, Home Economics, Manual Arts, Science and Robotics.



Kindy Transition Days

We have also had our new preps for next year busy visiting us to get ready for BIG SCHOOL. Remember to keep an eye on our Facebook page for Miss Norris' handy hint to prepare for prep!

The Green Zone

This year we have opened a space in our school called the Green Zone. The purpose of this room is to practise our skills around the Zones of Emotional Regulation. It provides a space where students can discuss their emotions in terms of colours, which helps them build an understanding what happens to their bodies/behaviours when they feel various emotions, and how to appropriately apply strategies to problem solve. It is also an adult supported space that allows students to build their friendship skills.

School Leadership Process

Our Year 5 students have been busy running for our school leadership positions. These will be announced on parade this Friday 7 December. Our students have demonstrated amazing courage by delivering their speeches to their peers, teachers and parents. Students in Year 4 and 5 have completed the voting process.

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.

Rebecca Crapp

P&C NEWS

Recipe Book

Our recipe book is under production and we cannot wait to see the finished product. Pre-sales are open now on Flexischools and via our email or FB page. Books will be ready for Christmas. The book will be in full colour and contains over 130 recipes, priced at 1 book - \$20.00, 2 books - \$35.00, 3 books - \$50.00.

Monster Raffle

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.

Please continue to return your sold books to the P&C box at the office. If you require more tickets you can see the ladies at the office or contact us via Facebook or email pandc@calliopess.eq.edu.au.

Thank you to the families who are returning unsold books early. Any fundraising activity is completely at your family's discretion and we will appreciate the return of unsold books.

A reminder that all books must be returned sold or unsold by **6 DECEMBER 2018**.

Traditional Christmas Raffle

Given we have asked for family support this year with the Monster Raffle, we have decided to have "Lucky door prizes" at the Principal Parade on 13 December in lieu of our usual Christmas hamper raffle. All parents, students and staff who attend will receive a lucky door ticket. Prizes will be:

1st Prize: Whole leg ham and Lions Christmas Cake

2nd Prize: Half leg ham and Lions Christmas Cake

Senior Swimming Carnival

The senior swimming carnival is on 7 December. We will provide a limited canteen. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or wish to help out.

Volunteer Shout Out

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who offered their valuable time to support our school last week. You are all amazing and we are very thankful.

Tuckshop: Bev Kaine, Melissa Platten, Jessica Charles, Jess Buckingham and Wanda Lowe

Uniform Shop: Jess Buckingham and Tracey McCarthy

Promotions: Ann-Maree Macmillian and Bec Harlow

Community Carols: Tenielle Wode, Lisa O'Connor, Holly Bryce, Jess Buckingham, Jessica Charles, Aimee Mercer, Tracey McCarthy and Bec Harlow

BAM: Bec and Harvey Harlow

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will only be open **TUESDAY** and **WEDNESDAY** next week. The menu will be limited and published on Facebook later this week.

Uniform Shop – 2019 Book Drop Off

The 2019 book drop off will be on 22 January from 2-3pm. The uniform shop will be open in the hall from 1.30 – 3.30pm on this day.

Have a great week.

Lisa Moore
P&C President

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.

Stars of the Week

Prep A	Kaci	Prep B	Adele
Prep C	Riley	Prep D	
1A	Paige	1B	Ethan
1C	Caitlin	1D	Joshua
2A		2B	Ruth
2C	Jamie	2D	Malakai
2/3E	Chelsea	3A	Sienna
3B	Nathan	3C	Hayley
3D	Blake	4A	Kayla
4B	Jarell	4C	Ryder
4D	Isabel	5A	Thomas
5B	Savanah	5C	Maxwell
6A	Toby	6B	Rihanna
6C	Toya-Lilly	Health	Allison
PE	Boden	Music	Blake
LOTE	Caleb		

Attendance

2018 School Attendance for Week 8, Term 4						
Fri 23/11/18	Mon 26/11/18	Tues 27/11/18	Wed 28/11/18	Thurs 29/11/18		
88.1%	89.7%	91.2%	94.5%	92.3%		
Whole School Attendance for the Year to Date: 92.4%						
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.9%	92%	92.4%	92.4%	92.1%	92.7%	93.4%

Congratulations to 3A for having the best attendance rate for Week 7. Their amazing attendance rate was 99% for the week! Also congratulations to the 8 classes which were at or above our school attendance target of 94%. Remember, every day you are away is a learning day lost.

Swimming Carnival

Please note students are competing in year levels not age groups due to time constraints. Students have already done their nominations during PE lessons.

Year 1

Thursday 6 December 1:45 - 3:15pm

Year 2

Wednesday 5 December 1:45 - 3:15pm

Year 3

Monday 3 December 1:45 - 3:15pm

Year 4-6

Friday 7 December 12:00 - 3:15pm



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. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.



Book Drop Off 2019

On Tuesday 22 January, classrooms will be open between 2.00 – 3.00pm for parents and carers to drop off books before the start of the school year. The uniform shop will also be open from 1.30 – 3.30pm on this day.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas card Post Office has started! It will be open for the last two weeks of the term. A Christmas post box will be at the student entrance to the office. Students post their Christmas cards with the student name and class on the front. Our Year 6 students collect, sort and deliver the mail each day. Candy canes are not to be put into any Christmas cards.

Helping Hands

With Christmas and 2019 fast approaching, Helping Hands Calliope have an amazing holiday program for your children.

If you have a new prep child starting in 2019, they are welcome to attend the holiday program in January starting on January 7. This is a great way to introduce your prep to the school, meet new friends and have a great time! If you would like to enrol please go to helpinghandsnetwork.com.au and go to the Families tab and register your child.

If you would like more information please phone 0409 267 755 or email calliope@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Lost Property

There is a large quantity of lost property located under B Block. We encourage parents and students to please check under B Block if your child has lost any lunchboxes, jumpers or hats during the school year. These items will be donated to charity on Wednesday afternoon if not claimed.

2019 Intentions

If your family is leaving Calliope State School at the end of 2018 (excluding Year 6's), can you please advise the office at admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au this will assist us with our school numbers and class allocations.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday 10 December	Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 12 December	Report Cards go home
Wednesday 12 December	Classes for 2019 go home
Thursday 13 December	Principal's Parade / End of Year Concert
Tuesday 29 January 2019	Term 1 2019 Commences

Weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

As the end of year approaches and excitement builds, it is important to stop and remember the importance of road safety. It is for this reason that the PBL lesson today is on Safe: Crossing the road safely. In order to minimise kids running out onto the road, we will be taking the time to remind students about:

- Crossing at the school crossing only;
- Waiting for the whistle signal that it is safe to cross;
- Walking across the road calmly; and
- Ensuring we always do so in the full view of an adult.
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Fantastic Fun Friday is this Friday and all students who have handed in their stamp charts will be going to a classroom to watch a movie in a cool, air-conditioned environment. At first break, Years 3-6 will be first (they have swimming carnival second break), followed by Prep-2 at second break.

Finally, on Thursday 13 December every student who received an A or a B for behaviour on their report cards will receive an ice block at break time as a reward for their positive behaviour choices this year. Well done to all those students – keep it up in 2019.

Brian Rowe
Student Welfare Teacher



Christmas Holidays and School Watch

With our Christmas Holidays starting on December 14, I would like to ask for our school community's help in keeping our school safe and secure over the holiday period.

We need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our school. No one can access the school grounds after hours without written permission from the Principal.

If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number - 131 788.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let's work together to help create a safer school community.





Help our Kids get Safely to School

Become a School Crossing Supervisor and make a real difference to the lives of school children.



Working with us you will:

- be paid a generous casual rate of pay with leave loading
- be entitled to long service leave
- have access to the government superannuation scheme



Position: Relief School Crossing Supervisor

Where: Calliope State School

Hours: Up to 15 hours per fortnight max of 1.5 hrs per day.

Pay: Casual rate: \$30.35 per hour includes loading

Duties: Assist children crossing roads at local schools

- If successful training is provided and you will be required to undergo a health assessment and a working with children Blue Card check provided by the Department of Transport & Main Roads

For any further questions or an application package please contact Calliope State School office on 4975 8333