



# Calliope State School

6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Calliope Kids  
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



## What's happening in ...

### News from 2B

Students have been participating in a lot of practical and authentic activities in the first few weeks of this term to support and extend their knowledge and understanding of concepts being learnt in class. They have worked as scientists, artists, word detectives, engineers, authors, problem solvers and much more.

Our word detectives have been using their THRASS charts to identify phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (spelling choices) to use in their written work. Students have also written different endings to stories with familiar and new characters and are learning to create images that support meaning in their written work. In Maths, students have been focusing on Months and Seasons and the place value of two digit numbers. They have also collaborated as groups to consolidate their growing knowledge of two digit numbers by matching numbers with written words and place value images.

In HASS, they have been identifying how people connect with other people and places in their world. In Science, they have identified the properties of materials and investigated what happens when materials are combined.

Students have also learnt to identify characters, settings and feelings from our shared text, *The Twits*. This leads into their drama unit where they will endeavour to take on the roles of different characters from this play. This has been a HUGE hit with the students. It has been a busy and fun term so far and we look forward to what the rest of Term 1 has in store for us.



# Principal's Piece

The staff and community of Calliope State School have been working hard over the last couple of weeks towards implementing our Improvement Agenda. One of our three focus areas is Wellbeing. The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team has been developing our updated Responsible Behaviour Plan (RBP). Under the vision of "Together for Student Learning" the team have developed a set of values that drive the positive culture here at our school.

Calliope State School Positive Behaviour Values:

1. Consistency is Key – Implementation is Everyone's Responsibility.
2. Positive Language Models at all times.
3. 100% Calm 100% of the time.
4. Supportive Environment – Praise in Public; Reteach/Redirect in Private.
5. Expected behaviour is explicitly taught with consideration to developmentally age appropriate behaviours.

The PBL team are strongly encouraging parent and community members to be involved. If this is something you are interested in being part of, please contact our PBL Facilitator, Brian Rowe by phoning the school or emailing [browe42@eq.edu.au](mailto:browe42@eq.edu.au)

## Parent Information Afternoons

As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, next week our classroom teachers will hold their Parent Information sessions. Class teachers will discuss school expectations as well as classroom routines and procedures. This is also a time to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Prep – Tuesday 13 February 4.15pm  
Year 1 – Tuesday 13 February 3.30pm  
Year 2 - Monday 12 February 4.15pm  
Year 2/3E - Monday 12 February 5.00pm

Year 3 – Wednesday 14 February 3.30pm  
Year 4 – Wednesday 14 February 4.15pm  
Year 5 – Monday 12 February 3.30pm  
Year 6 – Tuesday 13 February 5.00pm

## Leadership Presentations

On Friday our 2018 Leaders were presented with their badges by Mayor Matt Burnett and Mrs Liz Cunningham. They represented our school exceptionally well with both of our special invited guests commenting on how great they were. Well done Leaders. You have made a great start to your leadership roles!



I have enjoyed getting to know the Calliope students, staff, parents and community since I have arrived. I am always happy to talk and look forward to meeting many more of you.

Kindest Regards



Rebecca Crapp  
Deputy Principal



## Policeman Pete's Corner

Welcome back for 2018. My name is Senior Constable Peter HAMILTON and I am your Adopt-a-cop for Calliope State School. I look forward to seeing everyone and being involved in the planned school activities throughout the year. I would also like to congratulate the student leaders who received their badges at parade on Friday.

I would like to remind everyone about school road safety. The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. However, there are some important points for parents and carers to remember when dropping off or picking up students.

Make sure you take extra care when parking your vehicle, when picking up or dropping off your kids. Ensure you don't park or stop in a "no stopping" area which is either signed or marked by a continuous yellow line. Parking in these areas can cause traffic flow issues and can potentially be dangerous to other motorists, pedestrians and students. If someone parks a vehicle illegally or dangerously they can be given a fine by police.

When you drive through a school zone, make sure you reduce your speed to 40km/hr. The standard school zone times in Queensland are 7.30–9am and 2.30–4pm. Calliope State School has flashing red light signs to warn drivers that they must slow down to 40 km/h. Drivers caught speeding in school zones can face a fine from police.

The Stop, Drop, Go area is a quick and safe way to see your kids off to school and collect them at the end of a busy day. They create a safe environment for children and keep traffic moving. If you are using the stop, drop, go area, you are only allowed 2 minutes in this area. If your child is not ready to get straight into your vehicle at pick-up time, you will need to drive round the block and queue to enter the area again. You can get a fine if you take longer than 2 minutes.

We all have a role to play when it comes to school road safety and if we remember these simple rules, you will be doing your part to keep students, parents, carers and teachers safe and will help to minimise traffic congestion around Calliope School.

This is Policeman Pete saying, "Have a great 2018 Calliope".

## !!DATES TO REMEMBER!!

12<sup>th</sup> Feb – GRIP Leadership Day

13<sup>th</sup> Feb – P&C Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent/teacher meetings

14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Coping Cafe

## 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

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 to please update your information by calling the office on 4975 8333 or emailing admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

## 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.

## Stars of the Week



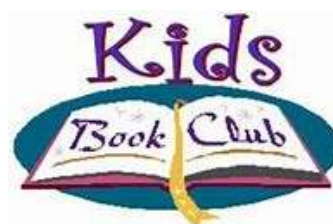
|               |          |               |           |
|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| <b>Prep A</b> | Liam     | <b>Prep B</b> | Albany    |
| <b>Prep C</b> | Harrison | <b>Prep D</b> | Makenna   |
| <b>1A</b>     | Isla     | <b>1B</b>     | Claire    |
| <b>1C</b>     | Shahkeia | <b>1D</b>     | Jacinda   |
| <b>2A</b>     | Hailee   | <b>2B</b>     | Parks     |
| <b>2C</b>     | Eliza    | <b>2D</b>     | Halle     |
| <b>2/3E</b>   | Kristin  | <b>3A</b>     | Sydney    |
| <b>3B</b>     | Mathew   | <b>3C</b>     | Charlotte |
| <b>3D</b>     | Ellie    | <b>4A</b>     | Dominic   |
| <b>4B</b>     | Ryder    | <b>4C</b>     | Keely     |
| <b>4D</b>     |          | <b>5A</b>     | Karley    |
| <b>5B</b>     | Zeak     | <b>5C</b>     | Austin    |
| <b>6A</b>     | Jade     | <b>6B</b>     | Jarivs    |
| <b>6C</b>     | Daniel   | <b>MUSIC</b>  | Taylor    |

## BOOKCLUB

Welcome back to a new year. As you would have noticed your child/ren would have brought home a Book Club catalogue on Friday. For those year 5 & 6 students who did not receive a catalogue and would like to order and have a younger sibling please use the same order form or the catalogue is available on the Scholastic site. Those parents that were with us last year you would recall the LOOP system for ordering books online. For our new parents the LOOP system is quite simple to use and it is explained on the catalogue that your child brought home. Book Club is offered once a term, generally at the beginning. The return date will be stamped on the catalogue that your child/ren bring home. All orders are due in by 3:30pm on the date provided. **NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.** The schools preferred payment option is the LOOP system however we do accept cash. If you are paying with cash, then the student needs to place their order form and correct money in an envelope with their full name and class printed clearly on the front into the Book Club box located in the office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office or via my email: [kboot12@eq.edu.au](mailto:kboot12@eq.edu.au).

Yours in Books,  
Mrs Kristine Booth





## PRAYER TIME WITH CHAPPY

**When:** Every Wednesday

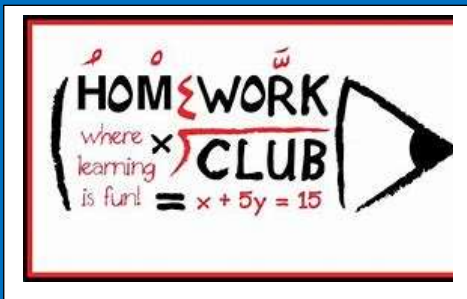
**Time:** 8:00– 8:30am

**Where:** Chappy Sonia's office



**OFFICE HOURS ARE  
8AM-4PM**

**EFTPOS is AVAILABLE in  
the office.**



## Chappy News

The first Coping Café is on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March. Coping Café was started over 2 years ago. It is designed to be a safe place for parents to come vent, cry, meet new friends, ask questions they may have about the extra support that is needed for their child or seek outside support for themselves, a family member or child. Coping Café is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month. It runs from 9.15-10.30am in the Conference Room with a morning tea provided. Coping Café is organised by myself and the school support team. We will often have a guest speaker or organisation come to talk or have a staff member talk about a topic that parents may be interested in. In the past we have had topics such as Anxiety in Children, Bothersome Behaviours, How to keep a balanced life etc.

Questions to ask your child instead of: How was your day?

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
4. Does everyone have a friend at recess?
5. Did your teacher read a book today? What was it about?

## Homework Club

Homework club is starting on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm – 4.00pm. Calliope State School alongside the Gladstone Aboriginal and Islanders Co-operative Society will be offering a free Homework Club. Staff will be able to provide support to students in Maths and English. There will be an afternoon tea held after the first session to meet the teachers running the program and for any questions you may have to be answered. **Please see attached flyer.**

## Attendance – Every day Counts

Congratulations to 2/3E and 3D on having the best class attendance, 99%, for Week 2. There were 23 classes who were at or above our School Attendance Target of 94%. The following percentages show the average attendance rate for Week 2 for each year level. It is great to see that all year levels were at or above the school target! Remember every day counts.

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Prep – 95%   | Year 3 – 97% | Year 6 – 94% |
| Year 1 – 95% | Year 4 – 94% |              |
| Year 2 – 96% | Year 5 – 97% |              |

## Community News

### Calliope Pool Number

**07 4975 6606**

**0497 815 393**

### Word of the Week

Investigate - carry out research or study, to find out more about a topic; find information about a topic

### P&C NEWS

#### ***Membership***

We warmly invite all parents/guardians to consider becoming a member of our P&C for 2018. It is great way to be informed of the goings on at school and to make a valued contribution to the school community. Keep an eye out for our P&C Welcome correspondence which will be circulated later this week.

#### ***Meeting***

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, 13 February at 4.30pm in the conference room at the administration building. We look forward to welcoming our returning members and our new families to the P&C.

#### ***Welcome Afternoon Tea***

Prior to our meeting on Tuesday, 13 February we will be hosting an afternoon tea outside the tuckshop for families to meet, chat and have a bite to eat. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### ***Communication***

We encourage families to keep up to date with the activities of the Calliope State School P&C by way of our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/CalliopeSSPandC>

We also encourage you to contact us via email if you have any queries that we may be able to support you with - [pandc@calliopess.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@calliopess.eq.edu.au)

Thank you for your ongoing support of our wonderful school. We are going to have a great year!



## Weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

### **SAFE – Bus procedures**

At Calliope State School we are SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE and this week the PBL focus is on **safe** behaviour and bus procedures.

If your child/children catches the bus, please take the time to go over these safety procedures with them:



- When the bell rings at the end of the day, go straight to the undercroft with your bag.
- Look for your line leader and sit in line quietly and wait for them to mark your name off the roll.
- Once your line leader marks the roll, they will dismiss you. You may play in both the undercroft and grass area.
- If you are late to the bus line because your teacher spoke with you after school, and your line leader is no longer marking the roll, you must go to a teacher on duty to have your name marked off.
- When the bell goes, return to your bus line in the undercroft, sit quietly, follow your line leader's instructions.
- Wait for your line leaders to move off to the bus area.

### **PBL update**

**Fantastic Fun Friday** is happening this Friday. Be sure your child/s blue Stamp Chart is in the draw to be eligible for an invitation. The first **Fantastic Fun Friday** of the year is going to a Technology Day and we would love your child/children to be a part of the fun!

Have a great week everyone.

Brian Rowe  
Student Welfare Team

