



Calliope State School

06th March 2018

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

News from 1A

1A have enjoyed exploring and digging for mini beasts as part of our Science unit this term. The students have loved making their own dioramas to show a healthy habitat for a mini beast. We have also had some very slimy and wriggly show and tell items come in.



In English, we have been exploring imaginative texts and how authors and illustrators depict character's emotions. We have played around with warm and cool colours to show different emotions in our own artworks.



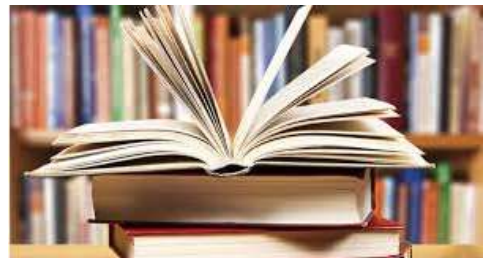
Principal's Piece

Reading Our Priority

A key priority for 2018 at Calliope State School is Reading. Why is reading so important? Reading is a crucial skill which supports people in their every day lives. Being able to read at a young age, can help ensure the best outcomes, regardless of future professions or life choices. As a school we have developed year level targets for students and support their reading development through the following:

- P-3 Guided Reading Sessions (3x30minute sessions a week)- this is small group reading with a teacher and teacher aide present.
- Year 4-6 Literacy Circles (3x30minute sessions a week)- small group reading of the same text followed by inquiry questions. Each class is supported by their teacher and a teacher aide.
- Daily phonics and cross curricular reading tasks.
- Promotion of home reading.

We ask that all students participate in a minimum of 15 minutes of home reading daily. *Have you done your 15 minutes of reading today?*



P&C AGM/General Meeting

Please be advised that the AGM and General Meeting has been postponed to 6:30pm on Tuesday 27 March. We apologise for the change of date but look forward to the election of our 2018 P&C committee.



Safe Schools Transport (SafeST) Meeting

On Tuesday night (6/3/2018) between 5pm-6pm we will be holding our first Safe Schools Transport meeting for 2018. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a subcommittee of the P&C, to look at transport needs for our school. Trevor Neumann from Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will be in attendance to explain what it is all about. Information about the SafeST can be found here: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/School-road-safety/Safe-school-travel-safest.aspx>

If you have concerns about school travel and the car parking, this is your opportunity to bring forward ideas and share them in a forum to help enact change.

We remind all road users of their legal responsibilities and need to use care around our school. If you observe dangerous driving practices around our school, please notify police of the details.

Fantastic Fun Friday

Last Friday was a wonderful chance to acknowledge our record breaking 400+ students who participated in our "Not so Winter Olympics" games in the hall. Students have the opportunity through our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) stamps to celebrate being Safe, Responsible and Respectful every 3 weeks. Thank you Mr Rowe and our school staff for organising and supervising this event.



PJ Reading Fest

A huge thank you to the students and parents who attended our first PJ read along session last Friday night. It was a great chance to celebrate our enjoyment of reading with special thanks to our guest readers, Mrs Cunningham, Nugget and Smiley and to the P&C for the milo and cookies. Acknowledgement also to the organisers, Mrs C, Mrs Goodman-Jones and Mrs Kettle.



Regards



Mark Wright
Principal

Attendance – Every day Counts

2018 School Attendance for Week 6						
Fri 23/02/18	Mon 26/02/18	Tues 27/02/18	Wed 28/02/18	Thurs 01/03/18		
93%	93%	97%	96%	97%		
Whole School Attendance for the Year to Date: 95%						
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92%	95%	94%	96%	94%	95%	94%

What an amazing effort we have made this week with regards to our school attendance! We had 20 of our 27 classes which were at or above the school target of 94%. Congratulations to 4A, our class with the best attendance for Week 6.

Every day counts because children achieve better when they go to school all day, every day.



School Disco – 8th March

The P&C are organising a school disco on the 8th of March. The entry is \$4. The times are as follows:

Prep – Yr2 – 5.30 – 6.45pm

Yr3 – Yr6 – 7.00 – 8.30pm

There will be food and cold drinks for sale at the disco.

Parents please collect your children from the hall. There will be no pass outs.

Free Dress, no theme for this disco.



!!DATES TO REMEMBER!!

8th Mar – DISCO

12th Mar – Parent Workshop –
Reading

13th Mar – SHREK Musical

15th Mar – HOLT BOLT

29th Mar – Principal's Parade

30th Mar – Easter Holidays start

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



Prep A	Koby	Prep B	Sean
Prep C	Lilly	Prep D	Summer
1A	Aiden	1B	Zoe
1C	Slater	1D	Ella
2A	Archer	2B	Tristan
2C	Ryan	2D	Jasmine
2/3E	Rhyan	3A	Xander
3B	Ciaran	3C	Lillian
3D	Ruby	4A	Abbey
4B	Rianna	4C	
4D	Liana	5A	Lydia
5B	Alexis	5C	Randall
6A	Evie	6B	Luke
6C	Jeff	HEALTH	Bayce
PE	Tahliah	MUSIC	

Word of the Week

addition – to find the sum of or the whole amount

ICAS Testing

Preparation for ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) testing has commenced. The P&C has agreed to sponsor the entry for students who received a Merit or above last year (in those particular tests). A letter with this offer has been sent out in the coming week. For the first time we will have ICAS in Year 2 available. Students identified through testing last year will receive a letter offering a discount to testing (Year 2&3 students). If you don't receive a letter from the school and you believe your child would benefit from participation a note will be available in the office. ICAS has testing available in the following subjects: English, Spelling, Writing, Science, Math and Digital Technologies. Further information on ICAS can be found at <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about> . All payments for ICAS will be due **Friday the 16th of March.**

Year 6 Fundraising

The Year 6's will selling raffle tickets at the school gates for the next 2 weeks for a chance to win multiple Easter prizes. The raffle will be drawn on 29th of March at Principal's parade.

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.**

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Chappy News

Thursday was the first day that Chappy Craft was held, with over 15 students attending to put their craft skills to good use. We made an Origami Pelican, it was nice to see the older students helping the younger students out, if they got stuck on a step.

Chappy Craft will be held every Thursday at first break on the 2A & 2B verandah.

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

- Who inspired you today?
- What was the best and the worse part of today?
- Was anyone in your class away today?
- What is something you saw that made you think?
- Who did you play with today?



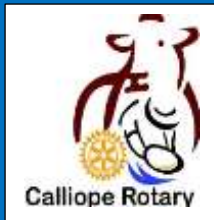
Chess Club News

Chesskid.com

Students at Calliope have the opportunity to sign up to Chesskid.com . Subscription to this website is open to all students at the school not just the ones in Chess Club.

Signing up with the school means that the subscription fee for 12 months is \$15. This provides Gold Membership which allows full, unlimited access to the entire ChessKid.com site and unlocks all of the ChessKid educational features including all of the Levels, guided lessons, unlimited live chess, slow chess, puzzles, computer workouts & more than 600 educational videos - with new content added all the time. The game history saves all of the games played on the site (Last year we had a coach analyse some of the games played on chess kids for the students travelling to state finals). If you would like your child to be part of chesskid.com please request a form from the office. Chess club students will be given a form this Wednesday 7/3/2018.





Community News

Calliope Pool Number

07 4975 6606

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**Attached:
Holt Bolt Flyer**

Job Vacancy

Kin Kora State School is currently in search of a casual School Officer. The position will be full time from the 19th of March until 27th April with a likelihood of extension. The role of the Schools Officer - Facilities/Grounds will include general grounds care, facility maintenance and equipment maintenance. If you are interested in this position please send a resume to krich178@eq.edu.au for consideration by this Friday 9th March at 3pm.

RotaKids

On the 1st of March at our meeting RotaKids made a decision to brighten up the school by making a 'Creative Day' that involves fabulous activities including; slime, marble painting, a treasure hunt and graffiti writing. 'Creative Day' will be on Thursday the 8th of March at 11am in the hall.

Bailey – Year 5

Parent Workshop – Reading

What: A workshop for parents around reading habits, reading strategies and hints (similar to the workshops that were run in 2017)

When: Monday 12th March 9:15am and repeated at 5:00pm

Where: Conference Room in Admin building

RSVP (if possible): kkett3@eq.edu.au or let the office know



Strings – Instrumental Music

Attention Students!!!!

Our strings program is looking for any students interested in learning the **Cello** or **Double Bass**. The Instrumental Program seeks to extend a student's experience in music through group lessons and through participation in either String Orchestra or Concert Band while at primary school. If you are interested, please email Mandy at merug0@eq.edu.au or pick up a note from the school office. Instruments are available to hire from the school.



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School Photos

School photos are almost upon us again! Our school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child. **School photos will be taken on the 19th and 20th of March.**

On photo day, **every student will be photographed** regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers in the future. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

You will have the option to order online or with cash in your student's envelope. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for **separated parents, blended families and grandparents.** You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write "Mum's order" or "Dad's order" on top of your envelope.

To **order a sibling or friends photo**, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online **at least 24 hours in advance.** *Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school*

If your child has been photographed in a **special group** (ie sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day. Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.

Keep smiling!!!



Weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

RESPECTFUL – I respect the learning of others’.

At school it is important for students to remember that we need to be respectful of not just ourselves and our teachers, but the other students who are trying to learn. So, to be respectful of others learning we should:



- raise our hands to speak without interruption;
- follow teachers instructions the first time;
- wait and take turns respectfully with classroom items;
- allow others to write and read in peace;
- and make sure we use our classroom items and respect other’s learning space.

Please take a minute to reinforce the importance of respecting the learning of others’ with your child, and remind them that they can receive stamps for respectful behaviour during class time.

PBL update

Fantastic Fun Friday happened on Friday and we had over 400 students in attendance! Well done to all those students who filled in their Stamp Chart with SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE behaviour in the classroom, and thank you to all the staff who helped them do so. We look forward to seeing your child/children have lots of fun the next Fantastic Fun Friday event.

Enjoy your week.

Brian Rowe
Student Welfare Team





Mental health basics: Suggestions for families

Things can happen in children's lives that make the risk of developing mental health problems more likely. It is usually not possible to eliminate all the risk factors that affect your children, but there are things you can do to reduce the impact of stress and help them build strengths for effective coping. The following suggestions identify the sorts of things you can do to support children's resilience in the face of challenging circumstances.

How you can help

- Spend time with children by having fun playing games, going to the park or going somewhere together as a family.
- Try to maintain routines as much as possible. Routines and consistency help children feel secure.
- Build and maintain supportive relationships with family, friends and early childhood staff. Talk with them about how they can best support you and your child during hard times. Tell staff about any concerning behaviour you are noticing at home.
- Try to help children to understand and manage their feelings; this can help them develop coping skills.
- Help children learn to cope with loss and change by providing support and reassurance, honesty and clarity. Help them also to understand that loss and stress are a normal part of life.
- Acknowledge children's feelings and try to understand and respect them, especially when they are going through a difficult time. Offer support and reassurance by asking questions and letting them talk about their feelings.
- Try to support children in building their internal protective factors (eg good communication and problem-solving and social skills) by acknowledging and encouraging their skills when guiding their behaviour.

Listen to children's concerns

Having a caring adult to turn to when they are troubled, someone who will listen, understand without judging, and help them solve problems, is a critical protective factor for children's mental health. Listening to children and understanding their concerns lets them know they are important to you. Remember, however, that children may not always be able to explain how they feel. By observing their behaviour and gently inquiring about it you can often get a clearer picture of how they are feeling.

Provide reassurance

Children often worry that the bad things they experience will happen again or get worse. For example, in a family breakup, when one parent or carer leaves the family, children often become anxious that the remaining parent or carer will also leave them. Similar worries are common when someone dies or is hospitalised. Often these kinds of fears are expressed through behaviours rather than words, such as becoming clingy, or being fearful about sleeping by themselves. Showing you understand children's fears and providing reassurance and support is important for helping them cope. Making sure that children know what to do and who to seek help from in case you are unavailable or unwell is also very important – particularly when chronic illness or stress may affect your capacity to provide support.

Provide security

Various kinds of stress and change can be very disruptive to family life. Maintaining regular routines, such as bedtimes and mealtimes, reduces disruptive impacts and helps to provide a sense of stability and security for children. Similarly, children are reassured by knowing that a responsible adult is taking care of them and looking after their needs.

Build children's strengths – and allow for vulnerabilities

Providing encouragement and positive feedback for children's developing coping skills helps them to build confidence in their ability to manage difficult situations. Acknowledging and appreciating the help and support that children provide to you during stressful times also helps to build their strengths.

At the same time, it is important to give children permission to not always have to be strong. Children who take on significant caring roles when parents or carers are struggling often hide their vulnerabilities. Their desire to avoid burdening parents and carers can cause additional hardship for these children, who need to know that support is available to them as well.

Talk to school staff

School staff can provide more effective support for children at school when they understand some of the pressures they may be facing in other parts of their lives. It is often very reassuring for children as well as for parents and carers to know that teachers or other school staff understand their difficulties and are ready to provide support. Staff at your child's school may also be able to provide you with support and advice, or help you find support services that can assist you and your children.

Seek additional help

If your child shows signs of emotional or behavioural difficulties, it is important to seek professional help early, so that problems can be addressed before they get worse. Getting support for yourself, through family and friendship networks, your child's school, or mental health or community services, is also very important.

Getting support helps to build your own resilience so you can provide more effective care for your children. For more have a look at our information about [knowing when to get help](#).