



Calliope State School

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Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

News from 3D 3D are Learning with Lexia!



This term 3D have been participating in a trial for a new online reading program called Lexia Reading – Core 5.

This exciting program addresses multiple areas of reading including Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Structural Analysis, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension. This great interactive program is personalised to each student's reading abilities, addressing elements that need attention and then accelerating them as they complete the required activities and units within the various levels. Students are required to do a minimum of 60 minutes a week with 40 minutes completed at school and 20 minutes at home or before school.

We have also incorporated the Lexia skill building exercises into our weekly Daily 5 English Activities that are practiced in class.

3D students have been hugely successful in embracing the programme with all reaching their weekly goals, and 11 out of 21 students already completing their first Lexia levels in the first 3 weeks!

They are amazing Lexia Super Stars and the sky's the limit ☺



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**P & C Meeting
Tonight 6.30pm**

Principal's Piece

Contemporary society is very different to what it was when I/we were children. Through the relentless introduction of new technologies, we now live in a world where information is readily accessible through a wider range of devices and mediums. As a school, we challenge ourselves to keep pace with this changing world and continue to update and improve our processes to provide greater access to school information. Some of the current communication methods and processes for our school include:

- Same-day notification system for unexplained student absences via SMS.
- School Facebook page that continues to increase likes and followers. I encourage parents to follow the page and stay in touch with the wide range of events, activities and achievements throughout our school.
- Mid-Semester parent-teacher interviews, end of semester report cards and opportunities for parent to make appointments with teachers throughout the year as required.
- Regular class updates distributed by the teachers to parents.

This is only a small sample of the measures used to ensure communication between the school and the community. These processes involve a wide range of staff and varying degrees of time and resource commitment to make them effective.

Our teachers play a vital role in the communication process. However, it is important to remember that their primary function and focus must be on the teaching and learning needs of their students. Student learning is the focus for our school and whilst communication is important, it must not come at the expense of quality planning, preparation and classroom teaching. I ask that this is considered prior to any requests for additional information outside of the structured communication and reporting processes.



Prep Enrolments

Our 2017 Prep enrolments have been increasing daily. To assist with our staffing and facility planning for next year, it is vital that all Prep aged children for next year are enrolled as early as possible. Enrolment information (for any year level) can be obtained through the school office.

Dogs in School Grounds

On Friday last week I requested that, in the interests of health and safety as well as the operations and management of the school, that dogs not be brought into the school grounds (service dogs are the exception). I also reminded students of the potential issues with approaching another person's dog uninvited. Advice from veterinarians and dog experts recommends teaching children to always seek permission from the dog's owner before approaching or interacting. If the dog is tied up and the owner not clearly identifiable, it is best to stay away.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Reading – tips for parents

The love of reading can be fostered by parents in many ways. The *wordless picture book* allows the reader to use their imagination, use of different vocabulary, provide a stage to use different/funny voices, build on literacy skills and to showcase to children that pictures carry and add to the meaning in written and non-written texts types. Below are a couple of links to an article with tips on sharing wordless picture books with your child as well as a link to an Australian wordless book list site which also includes a range of tips and activities for fostering the love of reading in your child.

www.readingrockets.org/article/sharing-wordless-picture-books

www.mylittlebookcase.com.au

Jeremy Godden
Principal



Dates to Remember

6	September	P&C Meeting
14-16	September	YR5 Camp
16	Sept	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

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

Office hours are 8am-4pm



Stars of the Week

Prep A	Locky	Prep B	Brian
Prep C	Xavier	Prep D	Nevaeh-Arna
Prep/1E	Haasni	1A	Indianna
1B	Blake	1C	Lillian
1D	Xander	2A	Brayden
2B	Izaac	2C	
2D	Maddison	3A	Amber
3B	Caleb	3C	Nate
3D		4A	Jeff
4B	Logan	4C	
5A	Zac	5B	Ashton
5C	Carissa	6A	
6B		6C	
PE	Jade	MUSIC	Avril

Word of the Week



Mt Larcom State School – Parent Information Evening – 7th September

Primary & Secondary Parent Information Evening

Mt Larcom State School is holding a **Parent Information Evening** next **Wednesday, 7th September 2016**, in the **Resource Centre**, followed by a tour through the classrooms. All staff will be in attendance and there will be displays, a slideshow and tea & coffee provided. This is a great opportunity for new and current families to come along and see the fantastic things that are happening at Mt Larcom State School. To assist you, we will be holding the Information Evening at two time slots. In the event you cannot make the first session at 4.00pm, you may be able to make the second session at 5.30pm.

Where: Resource Centre

When: Wednesday, 7th September

Time: First Session - 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Second Session - 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Chappy's Corner

Dare 3

Whatever you put your time, energy and money into will become important to you. It's hard to care for something you are not investing in. Along with restraining from negative comments, BUY your spouse/partner something that says, 'I was thinking of you this week.'

'The Love Dare' by Stephen & Alex Kendrick (Summarised)

Pink Salt Girls Camp

Come along to the first ever Pink Salt Girls Camp from the 14th-16th October. The weekend will be filled with fun games, campfire, chill out time with friends and a Carnival night. We will also dig deeper into asking the bigger questions of life such "Who is God" and "What our purpose in life is?"

When: 6pm Friday the 14th Oct - 1pm Sunday 16th October

Where: Tanyalla Conference Centre

Aged: Year 6 to Year 11

Cost: \$70

To register see Chappy Sonia or

Email: pinksaltteencamp@gmail.com



Instrumental Music Recruitment - 2017

"Interested in boosting your child's brain power and improving their results at school?" Neuroscience has shown us that LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT does all this and more. The Queensland Instrumental Music Program is a comprehensive tuition program in which students learn orchestral (String) or band (Woodwind, Brass and Percussion) instruments through instruction on a group basis. If you wish for your child to be considered for enrolment in the instrumental music program for 2017, please collect a form from the school office. The music program is eligible for students in year 3-5. There are school instruments available to hire for \$150 to help with the costs and lessons are free. Forms are due back to the office this Friday.

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.

Prayer Time with Chappy

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 8:00- 8:30am

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



Student Banking

Reminder - Student banking day is every **Wednesday**.



!!!REMINDER!!!

With fire season rapidly approaching, we would like to ask parents to refrain from parking in front of the fire hydrant outside the pool

Message for students

Please make sure your child knows before they leave home in the morning to how they are getting home. If you require a message to be delivered to your child during the school day, it is necessary to let the office know before 2nd break which is 1.15pm. We understand that some messages after this time is unavoidable but also we would like you to be aware that these messages may not be conveyed to your child due to class changes etc. We will endeavour to deliver late messages but cannot guarantee the message can be given to your child. It is best that you contact the office ASAP if there is a change in your child's normal routine.

Students arriving late or early departures

Parents are asked, where possible to avoid making appointments for your student during school hours. Parents are reminded that if you are signing your student out it must be done through the office.



Health Alert

Chickenpox

We have had a confirmed case of chicken pox reported at the school. Chickenpox is a highly contagious disease. The disease results in a characteristic skin rash that forms small, itchy blisters, which eventually scab over. It usually starts on the chest, back and face then spreads to the rest of the body. Other symptoms may include fever, feeling tired, and headaches. Symptoms usually last five to ten days. Students are excluded from school until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least five days after the rash first appeared in non-immunised children and less in immunised children.

Scarlet fever

We have had a confirmed case of Scarlet fever at the school. The signs and symptoms include a sore throat, fever, headaches, swollen lymph nodes and a characteristic rash. The rash is red and feels like sandpaper and the tongue may be red and bumpy. It most commonly affects children between five and fifteen years. Students are excluded until well and has received antibiotic treatment for at least 24hrs.

Prevention of Illness

Parents and caregivers, please be aware there are a number of coughs/colds/flu and stomach bugs in and around our area at the moment. Some medical conditions require exclusion from school and/or childcare to prevent the spread of infectious conditions among both staff and children. We ask all caregivers to be mindful of exclusion periods for the various common conditions. If you are in any doubt, please either refer to the Queensland Health website <http://access.health.qld.gov.au> for information on exclusion periods or pop into our office for information. Students are encouraged to thoroughly wash their hands before eating and do not share drinking cups and eating utensils.

Stop, Drop and Go

The Stop, Drop and Go area helps reduce traffic around the school at peak times. Please ensure your child knows you are waiting in this zone and they must report to the area as quickly as possible to allow the zone to be continuously moving forward. Parents must not park in this area and leave their car unattended and MUST be prepared to move on if their child/children are not moving to the area promptly.



Community News

Gladstone Softball

Please see attached flyer advertising Gladstone Softball Sign On – Saturday 10th September 2016 10am – 12pm

State Of Origin Calliope Holiday Clinic

17th of September, 2016
9:30am- 12:00pm
Bunting Park, Sutherland Street, Calliope.

Boyne Valley Adventure Club

Please see attached flyer advertising an Adventure Camp on Awoonga Dam – 17-19 September. Great family fun and newcomers are welcome.

School Holiday Tennis Coaching Clinic

Please see attached flyer advertising the School Holiday Tennis Coaching Clinic.

Gladstone Regional Council Holiday Program

Please find attached the Holiday Program for the Gladstone region.

Gladstone State High School Enrolments

Year 7 enrolments for 2017 are now open at Gladstone State High School. Enrolment packs can now be collected from the Gladstone SHS Administration building. Upon collection of an enrolment pack, *all* students either need to provide proof of residence in their catchment (rates notices, electricity bill, etc) or confirm a sibling currently attends the school before a pack can be distributed. Upon enrolment, students will be required to have an interview with a member of Gladstone State High Schools leadership team. Opportunities for these interviews at our primary school will be made available and advertised soon.

Calliope Pool Opening Hours

Calliope Pool will be opening on Saturday 17th September 2016. Hours will be:

School Term: 5am – 9am/3.30pm-7pm

School Holidays: 5am – 7pm

Weekends and Public Holidays: 9am – 5pm

Bookings are now available for Term 4 swimming lessons at Calliope Pool. Bookings with payment can be made weekdays at Calliope pool between 9am-10am and 3pm-4pm. The contact number for the Calliope Pool is 0497815393.

Coffee and Cake



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GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

and

Coffee Ink

Shop 6, IGA Centre, Calliope
4975 6600

Present
Coffee, Cake and Chat for Chappy
Wednesdays
9-11am

Coffee and Cupcake \$9
\$2.50 from every coffee and cupcake go towards our Chappy.

Monies raised go towards our Chaplain who provides social and emotional support to our school students and community.