News from 2B

It has been a thrilling first couple of weeks in 2B with all of our students hitting the ground running to start of what looks to be an amazing year. We have been analysing the structure of narratives, and creating character profiles for some of our favourite stars of the page. Describing our own characters in detail has taught us about noun groups and how these help to give a reader a clear picture in their mind.

In Science, we have been having a great time growing our knowledge of mixtures. Exploring methods of combining and separating mixtures has made for some tasty experiments! Students have combined milk and flavouring by shaking to make a milkshake and have observed the large and small particles in the dry ingredients that are mixed to make chocolate crackles. Using their knowledge of particle sizes, students observed ways that these mixtures can be separated into groups of large and small particles.

Year 2 are developing an ever increasing vocabulary including their ability to describe mixtures as homogeneous, meaning all materials are mixed together without being easily separated, and heterogeneous, meaning materials never quite mix all particles together and can be separated fairly easily. Think about a strawberry milkshake, when this is mixed together it creates a homogeneous mix, but if I were to make a bowl of coco pops for breakfast, the crunchy bits don’t mix in and stay separate, making a heterogeneous mix.
Student Leadership Induction Parade

What a great sight it was last Friday to witness our 2017 School Captains inducted into their roles. We, as a school, are tremendously proud of our student leadership group for their commitment to our school, their classmates and the community. I am looking forward to a fantastic year. It is important to note that these students need not be our only leaders within the school. A leader, within a school context, is a student who strives to make their surroundings and relationships better with every opportunity. This can be demonstrated through safe, respectful and responsible behaviour as the foundation of actions and interactions at school and while in the community.

Pick-up and Drop-off times (Safe, Respectful and Responsible)

It has been great to be out and about in the mornings and afternoons as parents and carers deliver and collect their children from the classrooms and gates. It has always been one of the endearing features of our school that there is such a sense of community connectedness showcased through the social interactions of our parent body. While the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times provide an excellent opportunity for social engagements it is vital to remember that our classrooms are places of work and learning. With this in mind, may I please request that conversations held are done so in quiet manner respectful of the impact that parental distractions can have on the learning opportunities for students in nearby classrooms. Additionally, may I also request that topics of discussion and language used during conversations is appropriate for our Primary School setting?

Additionally, while I don’t want to be a killjoy, I must remind families that the playground equipment is not be used by siblings before or after school. The use of these facilities by non-students while not supervised by DETE poses significant legal risks.

A reminder also to please be aware that dogs are not allowed on school premises. Our first concern is for the welfare and safety of students and the many younger children that visit each morning and afternoon. While a dog on a lead may not seem to be a threat, the situation can often change. Please do NOT bring your dogs onto school premises.

I thank you in advance for your understanding and adherence to these requirements.
Enrolment numbers

Day 8, our official enrolment data collection date, has come and gone. I am delighted to announce that as at the time of writing this newsletter we have 623 students enrolled. Earlier decisions to create an extra class have certainly been validated and we are seeing a number of families still expressing interests in coming to Calliope SS. This ongoing increase in enrolment can be attributed to the continued success of our school, the dedication of our school staff to providing exemplary teaching and learning opportunities and the ever-increasing range of programs and pathways that are available to our students within academics, sport, the arts and community. Exciting times ahead.

Jeremy Godden
Principal

Chess Club

Our school has been recently been invited to take part in a Gladstone chess competition. This Friday at 11am students from year 2 to 6 can register interest in joining the school chess club. Initially it will be open to students who already have an understanding of chess due to the short amount of time leading into the first competition. After that students who want to learn will be invited to take part with the goal of competing in the May competition.

**Dates:** Thursday 23rd February, Wednesday 24th May, Wednesday 9th August (8:45-2:15pm)
**Cost:** $19 per competition (there is a term 1 discount so it will be $12)

**Transport:** students will have to provide their own transport to CQU Gladstone

**Contact:** if have any inquiries please email Ricky Pryce rpryc1@eq.edu.au
**Stars of the Week**

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**Class Parent Meetings**

During week 4 (13th – 15th February), classes will hold their Class Parent Meetings to provide information to parents about the class expectations and routines. Times are as follows:

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**School Photos**

The photo date is Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd March 2017. Personalised order envelopes have been sent home. Spare photo envelopes and sibling envelopes are available at the office.

**P&C News**

Our first P&C meeting for the year is to be held tonight at 6.30pm in the library. All are welcome to attend.

**Word of the Week**

extraordinary
Chappy News

Love Dare
Demonstrate love by willingly choosing to give in to an area of disagreement between you and your spouse/partner. Tell them you are putting their preference first.
‘The Love Dare’ by Stephen & Alex Kendrick (Summarised)

Tuckshop New
Tuckshop is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Tuckshop orders can be made via the flexischools website – [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Please update your child’s class on flexischools to ensure their food is delivered to the correct classroom.

School Banking
School banking resumes on Wednesday, on 8th February. Please hand in your deposit book to the office on Wednesday mornings for the banking to be processed. The office has more information regarding the school banking program. The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt handball
- Pencil & Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

Message for students
Please make sure your child knows before they leave home in the morning 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.

Prayer Time with Chappy

When: Every Wednesday
Time: 8:00 – 8:30am
Where: Chappy Sonia’s office

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. 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.

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.
Community Notices

!!!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.

Junior Golf Lessons – Term 1

Junior golf lessons start:

Wed 8th Feb 4.15 -5.15pm
Thurs 9th Feb 3.30-4.00pm or 4.15-5.15pm
Please call: Gladstone Pro Shop - 4978 2648

AGM – Calliope Kindergarten

14 Menzies St, Centre 2
Monday 20th February 6.30pm
(following the curriculum presentation) The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new Committee to lead the Kindergarten in 2017. All welcome.

Calliope Pool Number
0497 815 393
Welcome to 2017!
The music program is off to a great start this year with Instrumental Music and the School Choir seeing increased enrolments.

Choirs
After the success of our School Choir at the 2016 Eisteddfod, quite a number of students have decided to continue with choir this year. Due to the increased interest in the school choir, I have decided to create a Junior Choir consisting of students from Years 1 and 2. Students from Years 3-6 will participate in the Senior Choir.

Junior Choir will rehearse at first lunch on Thursdays during play time, and Senior Choir will rehearse at first lunch on Fridays during play time.

While every effort will be made to remind students of these rehearsals each week, it is their responsibility to ensure that they are on time and focused during singing time.

Instrumental Music
The instrumental programs are doing well this year, and it’s great to see so many students learning musical instruments through this program. This is a free program of instruction that we are very privileged to have in all Queensland schools, and is a fantastic opportunity for many students.

Some vacancies still exist in both the Strings, and the Woodwind/Brass/Percussion programs. If you were considering learning an instrument, it’s not too late to apply for a spot in Instrumental Music for 2017.

We are very privileged to welcome Ms. Angie Clifton as our Woodwind, Brass and Percussion teacher this year. Ms. Clifton has taught in the region for a long time, and has many years of experience to impart to the students at Calipso State School.

We also welcome back Miss Mandy Ruge, who will be continuing as our Strings teacher again this year.

Reminder:

Mini Music Books
This year, we are continuing to use the My Mini Music Book curriculum across all year levels except for Prep. These books contain lesson materials as well as assessment items, and are used for the whole year.

As a part of this, students are expected to have their own copy of the Mini Music Book for their current year level. These books are available from the office for only $7.

Weekly Program:

Tuesdays:
- Woodwind, Brass & Percussion (Ms. Clifton)

Thursdays:
- Strings (Ms. Ruge)
- Junior Choir Years 1-2 (1st Lunch – Mr. Kerr)

Fridays:
- Senior Choir Years 3-6 (1st Lunch – Mr. Kerr)