



Calliope State School

7th March 2017

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

News from 1A

This Term in 1A we have been learning about fiction texts and how authors and illustrators use pictures and words to entertain us. We have made our own class book and created artworks using warm and cool colours to depict a character's emotions. Can you guess how the cow is feeling in our pictures?

In 1A, we strive to make our school a happy place by being bucket fillers. A bucket filler is a loving, caring person who says or does nice things that make others feel special. We imagine that everyone carries an invisible bucket which holds all their good thoughts and good feelings. We encourage others to be bucket fillers and not bucket dippers. Bucket dippers are people who say or do mean things.

When we fill people's buckets we fill our own bucket too.



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Principal's Piece

Hi everyone,

While Jeremy is on leave for a couple of days, I will fill in this week for the newsletter. We have lots of exciting events still happening during the second half of the term.

Building Update

Our new building is getting closer! We have another meeting this Wednesday to have a look over the construction and hopefully we will have a clearer picture of when we can move in. Admin will hopefully be moving over to the new building at the end of this week with phones being transferred over on Thursday and moving happening during the end of this week. We won't know what to do with all the space! The classrooms upstairs still have some work to be completed. We are hoping they will be ready next week but there are no guarantees at this stage.

There will still be some minor work to finish off over the next few weeks, mainly outside that will not disrupt classes in the new building. Thank you for your patience (I have been waiting over 10 years for a new Admin building!) and we all look forward to going in to the beautiful new building.

Toys at School

At Calliope, we do not encourage students to bring their own toys to school to play with at play breaks. Sports equipment is available during play breaks as well as puzzles, games and construction materials in the library and hall. If students do bring small toys along eg. Matchbox cars, it is only for play breaks and at their own risk. Staff and students will not spend learning time looking for lost and misplaced toys. There will be no swapping or trading of any toys at school.

Life Education

At the end of this term, for the last two weeks, we have the Life Education team visiting our school. Life Education visit every two years and have special programs aimed at student needs. Healthy Harold will also be visiting Calliope during the lessons! Information letters were sent home last week with all students, the cost being \$6.00. This is a fantastic program offered to schools and I can highly recommend it. A parent information session will be held on Thursday 23 March at 2pm.

Free Dress Day

Our Rotakids will be organising our first Free Dress Day for the year. It will be on Thursday 16 March with the theme – what you want to be when you grow up. It will be a gold coin donation for wearing free dress on that day.

Regards
Raelene
Deputy Principal



Why can separating from parents and carers be distressing for young children?

From around six months, most children begin to show distress when they are away from their primary caregivers. As they don't yet have a separate sense of self, babies see their parents or carers as part of themselves and feel a part of them is missing when they are apart. Babies may not understand you will come back after leaving them. Babies and young children may also feel anxious around unfamiliar people, though this may reduce over time. As children feel less intense separation distress and their familiarity with their early childhood services increases, they tend to worry less. Older children have developed a separate sense of self and therefore have a greater understanding their parents or carers will return.

Helping manage separation distress

Children vary in their levels of emotional sensitivity. Some children worry while others are more carefree. Most are somewhere in between. Parents and carers can work together with staff so their child has positive goodbyes and enjoy their time away from home (e.g when a parent or carer reminds their child of the fun they have with their friends at child care). Children feel distressed when they are confident that they will see their parents or carers again (e.g when a parent or carer reassures their child that they will see them at the end of the day).

When children are separating from their parents and carers they may behave in hard to manage ways (e.g. screaming, tantrums, or refusal). Understanding the meaning behind this behaviour and responding appropriately assists the child to manage their emotions and experience less distress (e.g by speaking softly to the child about their feelings, stroking their hair and providing a comforting hug). Children copy their parents and carer's emotions and behaviours. Children may interpret adults' anxiety or worry as indicating to them that their situation is unsafe and that they should be fearful too (e.g "the world is a dangerous place and I am not capable to handle it on my own").

Adults can help children manage their separation distress and help them feel safe by being calm, relaxed and reassuring, noticing their child's emotions and comforting them. A balance is required, however, for adults, it is important to find the balance between supporting and reassuring children and allowing children to have opportunities to practise managing their own emotions. By being emotionally available and showing understanding about children's fears, you help to manage children's distress when it is too big for them to manage on their own.

Adults can help reduce children's fear of separation from parents and carers by reassuring and comforting them.

Understanding Children's separation distress can be due to....	Adults can help reduce the child's distress by...
The way the child thinks "I don't feel safe without my mum or dad".	Supporting your child to develop helpful thinking and remind them of what usually happens when you are away from each other.
"Something bad will happen and I may never see them again".	"You can trust me to make sure that you are safe". "When I leave you, you are ok and I'll come back for you".
How they cope with feeling afraid.	Giving your child some ways to cope when they are apart from you.
"I am scared and I don't know what to do".	"Here is a kiss for you to keep in your pocket until I come back." "Here is a photo of us together to remind you that we will be together again soon." "Let's take some deep breathes to calm us down."
Picking up on parents' and carers' cues.	Being calm and helping your child to be calm too.
"Mummy looks worried and upset so there must be something wrong. Now I feel worried or scared too!"	"Mummy seems happy and relaxed. Seems like everything is ok. I feel safe. There is nothing to worry about."

For more information please see: <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/social-and-emotional-learning/positive-separations-helping>

Dates to Remember

14 th	Mar	P&C AGM
16 th	Mar	Free Dress Day
20-31	Mar	Life Education
22 nd	Mar	Interim reports
27-30	Mar	Parent Interviews
31 st	Mar	Principal's Parade

Office hours are 8am-4pm
Cash only, EFTPOS is
UNAVAILABLE in the temporary
office

Mini Music Book - \$7
Alphabet Scrapbook - \$14
Thrass Chart - \$7.50

School Banking

Reminder: school banking has resumed on Wednesdays. 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.



Stars of the Week

Prep A	Ethan	Prep B	Tyler
Prep C	Ella	Prep D	Macie
1A	Mason	1B	Harry
1C	Milie	1D	Kayden
2A	Sadie	2B	Cooper
2C	Cooper	2D	
2E	Charlotte	3A	Talia
3B	Brock	3C	Jenna
3D	Sonny	4A	Ruby
4B	Kaleb	4C	Georgia
5A	Arian	5B	Jessica
5C	Talen	6A	Jazzyana
6B	Nickea	6C	Mai
PE	Benjamin	Music	
Health	Gabrielle		

ICAS – Years 3-6

Each year the University of NSW conducts assessment tasks (competitions) for children across the South Pacific in a variety of subjects. The objective of these competitions is to help parents gauge the progress of their child against children in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. These competitions are not compulsory but are open to families willing to pay the cost to have their child participate in the task.

There are a variety of competitions to enter. Parents can enter their children in as many of these as they choose. We encourage parents to talk to their children to consider taking on this challenge. Children should consider tackling the subjects they demonstrate confidence in. eg: if they're good spellers, try the spelling competition. We will be offering the competition to students in years 3-6.

If you would like your child to take part in these tests please fill the form in the office and make payment by **Friday the 24th of March.**

If you would like further details please visit
<https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about#>

Word of the Week

examine

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.

Chappy News

Love Dare 15

Choose a way to show honour and respect to your spouse/partner that is above your normal routine. It may be holding the door open for her. It might be putting his clothes away for him. It may be the way you listen and speak in your communication. Show your mate that he or she is highly esteemed in your eyes.

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

Date Claimer:

22nd March 9-10.30am – Coping Cafe

A Note from MSP Photography

On Friday we took the following special group photos:

- **School Leaders**

This special group is an A4 folder presentation with the children standing together up the top with their individual portraits below.

These special group photo presentations are available for purchase for only \$27 each by collecting an envelope from the school office.

You have until the **24th March 2017** to Purchase at this price (orders placed after the **24th March 2017** will incur a \$20 search fee as the images will then be archived).

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your photo day experience with us, we would love to hear your feedback on 4921 3355 or by email at schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au

Keep smiling!!



Reminder – Life Education costs \$6.00. Payment is required by 3.15pm on Thursday 16th March. No late payments will be accepted.

P&C News

Our first meeting for 2017 was held on 2 February. It was a great turnout and we thank the new and returning members of the Calliope State School P&C.

A huge thank you goes out to our school community for your support and effort with our Krispy Kreme fundraiser. It was a great success with just shy of \$2,500.00 to go back into our school. That will just about cover the annual donation the P&C makes to school readers.

Our Tuckshop Convenor position is currently being advertised to our community. Please see the advertisement attached to the newsletter.

The P&C AGM is scheduled for 14 March 2017 and will be followed by our monthly meeting. All executive positions will become vacant at the meeting and our 2017 executives will be elected. We are always encouraging new memberships and for those of you who wish to extend your participation to an executive position, please contact me for a greater understanding of each role. We welcome your nominations.

The AGM agenda is as follows:

- Welcome to members and introduction of any special visitors
- Apologies
- Confirmation of minutes of the previous annual general meeting
- Business arising out of the minutes of the previous annual general meeting
- Receipt and adoption of the Association's audited annual financial statement and Treasurer's report (to include all relevant subcommittees' audited financial statements) Receipt and adoption of the President's annual report
- Motion to accept all applications for membership (to include renewal of existing membership and new membership)
- Election of Officers/Executive Committee
- Motion to change bank signatories to the newly elected Officers
- Confirmation of continuing subcommittees of the Association (including appointment of members of subcommittees)
- Appointment of the Association's Auditor
- Adoption of new model constitution (not required as 2016 remains in place)
- Motion to accept honorary life memberships awards (if any)
- General business

The P&C welcome school community thoughts and feedback. We all, as parents and citizens of the school community, have the important role of collaborating with our school administration and teaching staff in the education of our children. Let's work together as we continue to navigate our way towards a successful 2017 for our school.

Lisa Moore

Calliope State School P&C – President.

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TUCKSHOP CONVENOR – PERMANENT PART TIME

An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably qualified and highly motivated Tuckshop Convenor to work within Calliope Primary School.

Reporting to the Calliope State School P&C, the convenor is in charge of the day to day operation of tuckshop and is responsible for the effective and efficient operation of the tuckshop in accordance with the policies and directions as determined by the P&C Association and work safe practices. A food handling Certificate III (or the ability to gain), and knowledge of Smart Choices will be highly regarded.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To actively plan for and maintain high standards of food management and administration at all times;
- Prepare, cook and serve nutritional food to students and staff of Calliope SS;
- Ensure that correct food hygiene practices are adhered to;
- Maintain accurate records of all income and expenditure, adherence to P&C policies, procedures and operation requirements;
- Supervising volunteers and preparing rosters to cover workload and peak periods.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Please provide a brief (no more than 2 page) response to the following selection criteria. The panel will review all responses and determine the suitability of applicants for interview. Selection will be based upon responses to the selection criteria and the attached work profile.

1. Possess organisational and financial skills necessary to operate a school tuckshop (as a small business), including pricing knowledge, and an ability to deal with suppliers.
2. Demonstrated knowledge of :
 - a. Stock control and ordering,
 - b. Menu planning, food preparation and food hygiene standards, and Smart Choices Legislation
 - c. Catering would also be considered beneficial
3. Ability to supervise, direct and manage staff, and to train volunteers as part of the overall tuckshop team.
4. A proven working understanding of Quality Assurance and Workplace Health and Safety.
5. Strong computer competence with the ability to manage an online ordering portal.
6. Ability to be flexible and open to change with strong interpersonal skills necessary to relate to a wide range of people including staff, volunteers, students and other members of the school community.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The tuckshop will operate 3 days per week from 8.30 am to 2:30 pm.

Resume and selection criteria are required to be submitted via email to pandc@calliopess.eq.edu.au by 3pm on Friday 17 March 2017. Please note only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Community Notices

!!!REMINDER!!!

As it is fire season, we would like to ask parents to refrain from parking in front of the fire hydrant outside the pool.

Calliope Pool Number

0497 815 393

PBL lesson – Week 7

Using the Children's Crossing

STOP AND WAIT
BEHIND THE FENCE



WHEN THE CROSSING
SUPERVISOR BLOWS
THE WHISTLE TWICE,
WALK ACROSS THE
ROAD.



REMEMBER TO WALK YOUR BIKE ACROSS THE ROAD