



# Calliope State School

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Calliope Kids  
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## What's happening in ...

### News from 5B

5B Loves hands on learning!

So far this year, 5B have been getting their hands on lots of interactive learning. Some highlights have included:

Chance and data games in **maths** - ask us about how unfair the 3-player version of paper-scissors-rock is!

Experiments in **science** - Last term we looked at how adaptations of Australian animals help them to survive in our harsh deserts. This term we have just begun to explore how light travels.

**Art** - We choreographed and performed some sensational dances that portrayed a theme. This term we are using iMovie to create a trailer for a movie.

**Technology** - is about to get serious! We've spent a term learning about boat design and this week we start building our very own motor boats to race across the pool!



# Principal's Piece

Welcome to week four! It's great to be back for what is sure to be another busy week this week at Calliope State School with NAPLAN, a visit from the Assistant Regional Director and a range of other activities. This week our year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of those students well in the tests and encourage them to do their very best, that is what will make us proud.

## What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

## Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

## NAPLAN 2017 timetable

	<b>Tuesday 9 May</b>	<b>Wednesday 10 May</b>	<b>Thursday 11 May</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>
<b>Year 5</b>	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>

## How is NAPLAN performance measured?

NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

### **What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?**

Where possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 12 May 2017.

### **Will I receive a report on my child's performance?**

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

### **Building updates**

We can see the light at the end of the tunnel with the completion of the building project almost upon us. We are currently awaiting delivery of materials to complete the covered walkway link (joining the existing path to C block). There is an awning to be installed on the admin building, our new digital sign and the completion and commissioning of the lift still to be completed also. As I'm sure we can all see, this project, while painful, is certainly setting us up for many years to come.

### **Uniform**

As the cooler mornings approach it is important to remind parents and carers that our school uniform policy requires students to wear a school jumper. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty in providing the correct uniform for students, please contact a member of admin to explore possible solutions. Our uniform, worn completely and correctly, serves as a visual reminder to our students and community of the expectations and values held dearly by the Calliope State School community. I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Regards

Jeremy  
Principal



## Dates to Remember

9-11 May	NAPLAN Testing
11-12 May	Mother's Day Stall
15 May	Pizza Day
24 May	P-2 Sports Morning
26 May	Yr 3-6 Sports Day

Office hours are 8am-4pm  
EFTPOS is AVAILABLE in the  
office.

## 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.a  
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We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

## Contact Details

We would like to remind all parents if you are moving or changing 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](mailto:admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au). If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.



## Stars of the Week

<b>Prep A</b>	Darby	<b>Prep B</b>	Nate
<b>Prep C</b>	Brooklyn	<b>Prep D</b>	Braxtyn
<b>1A</b>	Nevaeh-Arna	<b>1B</b>	Lachlan
<b>1C</b>		<b>1D</b>	Noah
<b>2A</b>	Keira	<b>2B</b>	David
<b>2C</b>	Drachen	<b>2D</b>	Liam
<b>2E</b>		<b>3A</b>	Noah
<b>3B</b>	Molly	<b>3C</b>	Chelsea
<b>3D</b>	Lani	<b>4A</b>	Kiara
<b>4B</b>	Britney	<b>4C</b>	Thomas
<b>5A</b>	Alesha	<b>5B</b>	
<b>5C</b>	La-La	<b>6A</b>	Ben
<b>6B</b>	Beau	<b>6C</b>	Carissa
<b>HPE</b>	Gian	<b>MUSIC</b>	Jessica

## Under 8's morning

Our annual Under 8's morning will be held on Wednesday 21st June from 9.15 – 10.45am. Our Prep – Year 2 students will be participating in the fun morning of activities.



## Word of the Week

Word	Syllables Each syllable part has a vowel phoneme	Phonemes	Vowel phoneme box
persuade	per/suade	p.er.s.u.a.de	er as in teacher a as in baby/tape

## Mini Music Books

A reminder that the Mini Music Books have been on the booklist since the start of the year and are a requirement for Classroom Music lessons. The Mini Music Books are available from the office for only \$7. Please ensure that your child has access to one for the remainder of the year.

## Prayer Time with Chappy

**When:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 8:00– 8:30am

**Where:** Chappy Sonia's office



**Father Daughter Walk  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at  
7.20am**

**Botanic Gardens**

**Cost: \$5incl, guided walk,  
sausage sizzle, drink and  
fruit**

**Please see attached flyer.**

### P & C NEWS

#### Uniform Shop

**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 the Friday.

Uniforms can be ordered through flexischools – [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

## Chappy News

### Love Dare 20

End it now. Identify every object of craving in your life and remove it. Single out every lie you've believed in pursuing this thing and reject it.; Pursuing some wrong things will lead you away from being the person you want to be and the person your spouse/partner can respect. Get rid of it.

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

## Mother's Day Stall Roster

The P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall this week. Please see below when your child's class will be attending the Mother's Day Stall.

### 2017 Mother's Day Stall

Time	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
9.30-9.45	Prep B	
9.45-10.00	Prep A	
10.00-10.15	6A	3B
10.15-10.30	6B	2C
10.30-10.45	6C	2A
10.45-11.00		5A
Break		
11.45-12.00	3A	1C
12.00-12.15	1D	4B
12.15-12.30	1B	4A
12.30-12.45	4C	
12.45-1.00	2D	Prep C
1.00-1.15		3C
Break		
1.45-2.00	1A	
2.00-2.15	Prep D	
2.15-2.30	3D	
2.30-2.45	2B	
2.45-3.00	2E	
3.00-3.15	5C & 5B	

## Pizza Day – 15<sup>th</sup> May

Reminder that it is Pizza Day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May to raise funds to help reduce the cost of the 2017 Year 6 Camp.

Prep – Year 2 receive pizza at first break.

Years 3 - 6 receive pizza at 2<sup>nd</sup> break.

## Community News

Mt Larcom Horse Sports will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Mt Larcom Showgrounds.

Please have your entries complete and ready to start activities at 3pm. There will be a range of traditional and fun events.

Pre-nominations are appreciated.

For more information and nominations, please contact Jenny Grother on 0409 751 158.

## Open Invitation

The next meeting of the Mt Larcom & District Christmas Carnival Committee will be an evening meeting at the Mt Larcom QCWA Hall on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. All clubs and individuals are invited to attend. We would love to have your input into this year's carnival.

## Helping Hands



Hi to all the families of Calliope State School,

A few things you might not have known about Helping Hands .....

You don't need to make a permanent booking with us - if you are running late from an appointment, stuck driving back to Calliope or you are a casual worker and your boss has asked you to stay back - you can ring us and ask us to pick up your child that afternoon. All we need from you is enrolment paperwork so all your information is in our system. It does not cost anymore to be casual than it does to have a permanent booking. You could use us once a week, once a month or just in Vacation care. We like to be as flexible as you need us to be 😊

We are open from 6.30am to 6:00pm and also open every day in the school holidays and pupil free days as well.

We are linked with Centrelink, if you are entitled to any rebates - you just pay the gap. Most families are entitled to Child Care Rebate and if you opt to pay the service, your fee is halved. Then some families are also entitled to Child Care Benefit and you are given a percentage by Centrelink - again you only pay the gap.

We also have a new coordinator starting with us next week, her name is Linda, she's an experienced Director and is looking forward to meeting the families at Calliope.

If you would like any more information please contact the service on 0409 26 7755 or email [calliope@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au](mailto:calliope@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au)

As we are getting a new coordinator you may also want to contact our Regional Operations Manager - Rochelle Anderson if you need any extra information on 0475 96 1675.



## Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

### Buddy Bench

We have two more buddy benches here at Calliope SS. Students can access the buddy bench when they are feeling lonely or sad because they have no one to play with. During our weekly PBL lesson students discussed ideas why someone would feel like they would need to use a buddy bench. Students made a list of opening statements that they could use when approaching someone on the buddy bench.

# BUDDY BENCH

If you choose to sit on the bench, you **MUST** say yes to the first friend who invites you to play, or walk and talk.

If you see a friend when you are sitting on the bench, invite them to play, or walk and talk.

Two friends sitting on the bench can turn to each other and invite each other to play, or walk and talk.



Thank you Trevor and Casey Black for supplying the Buddy Bench stickers.

**BLACKDOG**  
Stickers & Signs