What's happening in ...

News from 1A

1A have had a sensational start to Term 4.

We love our reading and maths groups and are especially grateful to the teacher aides and parent helpers who we get to work with. In maths groups, we have been working hard on our problem solving skills and are becoming problem solving superstars! Our favourite activities are working on matching digital clocks with analogue clocks, hundreds board puzzles and mental maths sorting sticks.

Miss Tuttle has been taking us swimming this term. It can be a little cold on Monday mornings but we are becoming more confident and better swimmers every lesson. We are so excited that Miss Katrina and Miss Bec also join us in the pool.
Principal’s Piece

The weeks keep on flying by and we are now already in week 5! Some parents may have noticed that there is some clearing out being done in the administration building at the moment. In order to ensure we have sufficient class room space available for the beginning of next year we have opted to relocate the admin office. A pair of demountable buildings will be delivered to the school within the next couple of weeks and admin will be relocating on November 18. I anticipate that this will cause some minor disruption to communication and service provision and I thank you all in anticipation of your support on this matter. The buildings will be located adjacent to the hall. If you have any queries about this, please contact me via the office.

Dress Purple in support of Domestic and Family Violence Awareness

This Thursday, November 3, we will be holding a free-dress (as long as it’s purple) day to raise funds to support the Co-ordinated Community Response to Domestic and Family Violence (CCRDFV) – Gladstone organisation. This is an amazing organisation that works with the community to provide avenues of support for those impacted by domestic and family violence. As a school, we understand the profound effect that instability and not feeling safe can have on development and learning. We look forward to supporting this initiative into the future and encourage any member of our community in need of this type of service to make contact.


Do you need advice, help or support?
Please contact:
DVConnect Womensline on 1800 811 811
DVConnect Mensline on 1800 600 636
Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
Elder Abuse Helpline 1300 651 192
www.qld.gov.au/makethecall
World Teachers’ Day

Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our state. World Teachers' Day gave us an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.

Last Friday we were able to celebrate the contributions our wonderful teachers make to our school and our students’ lives. It was a delight to be able to also present several milestone certificates of appreciation to teachers with 5, 10, 20 and even 25 years of service in Queensland State Schools.

Teachers who received extra special recognition on the day were:

Mr Allan Greenbank – 5 years
Mrs Karryn Greenbank – 5 years
Ms Jacobi Leaver – 5 years
Mr Craig Little – 5 years
Ms Alexandra Heron – 5 years
Mr Ricky Pryce – 10 years
Mrs Hollie Pryce – 10 years
Mrs Kylie Kettle – 20 years
Mrs Kristine Booth – 20 years
Mrs Ann Pengelly – 25 years
Ms Raelene Norris – 25 years

Thank you all for your continued, dedicated service.

Jeremy Godden
Principal

QPARENTS

In the near future Calliope State School will be providing parents with access to a new, convenient, online parent portal called QParents. The QParents web and mobile application provides an easier way for you to interact with our school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.
Helping children cope with conflict

We see lots of conflict when two-year-olds play together as they are not easily able to see the world from other people’s points of view.

There are a few simple things parents and carers can do to help young children deal with conflict. If the child is very upset or disruptive, take them away from the situation to be with you until they feel more able to cope. Let the child know that you understand that they feel upset and you could say how you think they feel if they are too young to do so themselves. If necessary, remind them we show feelings with words and not by being aggressive, such as by hitting, kicking or biting. Stay with the child and let them know you are there to help.

For younger children you could make some suggestions about what might solve the problem for them to choose from. If necessary, take charge and decide what needs to be done, and explain to the children why you are taking these actions.

For example, “I can see you can’t share the bike right now. Let’s make pretend cars for you both to play with, let’s go and find the cardboard and paint”.

For older children, you might ask them for their ideas about what might solve the problem. You might also ask them what values they would like to draw on in order to make a good decision.

For example, “If respecting yourself and others was your top value in the situation, what would you do?”

For more information about Mental Health Matters

Word of the Week

**essential**

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**Stars of the Week**

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**P & C Meeting – Tuesday 8th November**

The P&C are holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday the 8th of November at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend the meeting.

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**Free Dress Day – Thursday 3rd November**

We will be holding a special free-dress day on Thursday November 3rd to support Domestic and Family Violence. Students and families wishing to support this cause with a gold coin donation can dress in **purple** for the day.

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**Year 6 Graduation**

Please save the date of 5th of December for the Year 6 Graduation which begins at 5pm.
Dare 7
For this week’s dare, get two pieces of paper. On the first one, spend some time writing out some positive characteristics about your spouse/partner. Then on the second piece of paper, write some negative things. Place both pieces of paper in a private place for another time. There is a different purpose and plan for each. Sometime during the week, pick a positive attribute from the first list and thank your spouse/partner for having this wonderful characteristic!
‘The Love Dare’ by Stephen & Alex Kendrick(Summarised)

Reminder: Chappy Morning Tea at Coffee Ink - Wednesday 2nd of November.

Year 6 Transition to GSHS
29th and 30th of November are the Transition days for the Year 6 students who will be attending Gladstone State High School in 2017. More information will be given to students in the future.

McHappy Day – 12th November
McHappy Day will be celebrated on Saturday, the 12th of November 2016. Our Strings band will be performing at the Boyne Island McDonalds on McHappy Day, which gives our students an opportunity to enhance performance skills while allowing them to build community spirit. Students need to arrive by 1.30pm for a 2pm performance. Band uniform, music and a music stand are required.

Student Banking finishes on 16th November
There are only 3 more weeks for students to deposit funds for student banking at school. Due to our office moving on the 18th of November, the school will be unable to process anymore banking for 2016. School banking will resume in term 1 2017.
Calliope’s Wide World of Sport

Interschool Volleyball
Last week the Calliope Cowboys played St. Johns. The team played extremely well and were only narrowly defeated. The Calliope Crushers played Gladstone West and the Boyne Bull Sharks. The first game against West was tough and West were convincing winners. The team rallied and played an awesome game against Boyne which came down to the last minute. Boyne came out winners by 2 points. This week the Crushers are playing Gladstone West at 4pm then our 2 teams will be battling it out at 4:30pm.

Junior Swimming Carnivals
Years 1-3 will be competing in mini swimming carnivals during week 9. Parents are welcome to attend and help out on the days – younger children are not permitted to be at the pool due to safety and supervision reasons. The students will be participating in a range of races and fun events.
* Prep – usual swimming times
* Year 1 – 28th of November - Monday 9:30am-11am
* Year 2 – 28th of November - Monday 11.45am-1.15pm
* Year 3 – 29th of November - Tuesday 1.15pm-3pm

Senior Swimming Carnival
The Senior Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday the 2nd of December starting at 12.30pm. Students are asked to nominate in at least one event. Parents, guardians and spectators are welcome to attend. The pool gates will be open from 12.15pm

Instrumental Music – Strings
There will be no strings instrumental lessons on Wednesday 2nd November. Strings Instrumental lessons will resume on Wednesday 9th November.