



# Calliope State School

13 November 2018



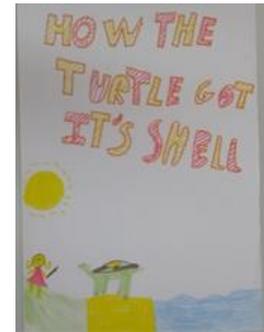
Calliope Kids  
are:  
**Safe**  
**Respectful**  
**Responsible**



## What's happening in ...

### News from 4D..

Students in 4D have been enjoying their Dreamtime stories unit in English. They have read and analysed a number of Dreamtime stories and are now up to writing their own. Once they write theirs, they are illustrating and publishing into a multi-media Powerpoint presentation with their own recorded voice!



In Science, they have been enthusiastically participating in Chemistry experiments all term. They have been testing materials and their water absorbency and colour fastness. Slime and paint have been made by mixing various materials together. Our class was able to expand balloons by mixing bicarb soda and vinegar into a sealed bottle. This was definitely their favourite experiment!



# PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

## School Improvement

"Every student succeeding is the shared vision of Queensland state schools. This strategy underpins regional and school planning to ensure every student receives the support needed to belong to the school community, engage purposefully in learning and experience academic success." This is the strategic vision provided by the Department. Here at Calliope State School, we are always working towards strategies that bring this to life. The school mantra of "Together for Student Learning" guides our decision making processes and our policies. We regularly share information around these at our P&C meeting. If you would like to know more, our P&C are meeting tonight in the administration building at 6pm.

## Pick up Plans

One of the strategies that helps students make it safely home each day is to have a pick up plan with your child. This includes where you will meet them, what time to expect you and road safety considerations. If your child is experiencing issues travelling to and from school independently, please consider using a supervised pick up plan.

## Rotakids Dinner

It was a privilege last night to be able to attend our Rotakids Dinner. The work they have completed this year is truly inspiring. The way in which they represented our school was exemplary. They spoke to a crowd of 200 people with confidence. Their organising teachers, Alexandra Heron and Donnella Smith-Ashton, are to be commended also for not only their dedication throughout the year, but for an amazing event last night.

## Leaders' Council Visit

Last week the student leaders' were invited to attend a Gladstone Regional Council meeting. They were provided with the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session with Mayor Matt Burnett and the Councillors. They asked some very probing questions about leadership and past careers. They were also part of the shared morning tea.

## Principles of Positive Behaviour Support

PBL is based on the principles of positive behaviour support, which are applied at the whole school level. Positive behaviour support places emphasis on the belief that all children can learn. It takes an instructional approach to behaviour, where expected behaviours are explicitly taught and students are acknowledged for meeting expectations. Behaviour problems are seen as behavioural errors, and adults work together to develop strategies which will allow all students to participate and succeed. Another key feature of positive behaviour support is the provision of a continuum of supports and interventions, depending on the needs of groups and individuals. Support is child-centred, involves families and is culturally and contextually appropriate. Students are taught academic and social skills in tandem, including the necessary social-emotional skills needed for school achievement and successful participation in the community. The ultimate goal is for students to become independent, reach their full potential, and lead fulfilled lives. (Taken from our Department website)

## Questions or Feedback

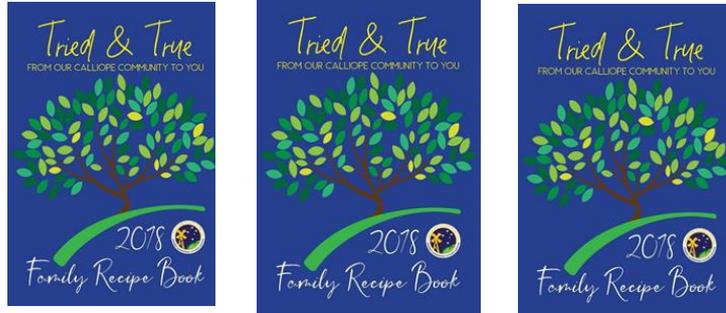
As a school we value your feedback. If you have questions about our processes or policies, please feel free to contact the school directly, to ensure you receive the correct information. You can contact us via email- [admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au) , phone 4975 8333 or our Facebook page- Calliope State School.

**Rebecca Crapp**  
**Deputy Principal**

## P&C News

### Recipe Book

Our recipe book is being compiled by the publishers at present and we cannot wait to see the finished product. Pre-sales are open now on Flexischools and via our email or FB page. Books will be ready for Christmas. The book will be in full colour and contains over 130 recipes, priced at 1 book - \$20.00, 2 books - \$35.00, 3 books - \$50.00



### Tuckshop

Our tuckshop is now stocking more ad hoc over the counter items for our children to enjoy. Students can check the tuckshop for daily specials. A new improved slushie recipe has been introduced and we have now returned them to our menu. They are available over the counter or via Flexischools. We have also introduced a lite sausage roll, which our ladies have taste tested and says it is a real treat. Keep an eye on Flexischools for these items.

### Monster Raffle

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.

Please continue to return your sold books to the P&C box at the office. If you require more tickets you can see the ladies at the office or contact us via Facebook or email [pandc@calliopess.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@calliopess.eq.edu.au).

Thank you to the families who are returning unsold books early. Any fundraising activity is completely at your family's discretion and we will appreciate the return of unsold books.

### Uniform Shop

As of next week, we will be opening the uniform shop twice weekly (Wednesday and Friday) until end of term. Please feel free to call in and see our lovely volunteers.

### Volunteer Shout out

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who offered their valuable time to support our school last week. You are all amazing and we are very thankful.

**Tuckshop:** Bev Kaine, Melissa Platten, Jessica Charles, Jess Buckingham and Wanda Lowe

**Uniform Shop:** Jess Buckingham and Tracey McCarthy

**Monster Public:** Holly Bryce, Aimee Mercer and Tracey McCarthy

**Recipe Book:** Jess Buckingham, Casey Black, Tenielle Wode, Lisa O'Connor and Melissa Platten

**Promotions:** Ann-Maree Macmillian

### Next Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held tonight at 6pm. All families welcome. We have child minding available. We are also forming our Calliope Country Carnival 2019 sub-committee at this meeting. Come along if you want to be part of it!

Have a great week!

**Lisa**  
**P&C President**

## School Road Safety Reminders

It is important to remember the importance of some basic road safety rules around school. Please drive carefully remembering the 40km/h speed zones. Be mindful of children and their parents walking and cycling to school, as well as those students catching buses or waiting to be picked up by parents in vehicles. Schools can be very busy places at drop off and pick up time, and your courtesy and patience are appreciated.



### Motorists and Guard Controlled Children's Crossings

When driving around schools, motorists need to be aware of children's crossing locations. When the orange Children Crossing flags are displayed, the crossing is in operation, and all drivers should be prepared to stop. Here are a few rules to adhere to:

- Look out for the advanced warning Children Crossing signs and flags.
- When you see the warden entering the road, you must prepare to stop your vehicle at the stop line just before the crossing.
- Remain stationary until all pedestrians and the warden are safely on the kerb or median.
- Do not overtake any other vehicle stopped at a Guard Controlled Children's Crossing.

### Pick up areas

When picking up children in the afternoon, here are a few suggestions for you to help ease traffic congestion around our school.

- Pre arrange a pick up place with your children.
- If possible, arrange to meet your children a little further away from the school.
- Arrange to meet your children 5 to 10 minutes later than school finish time to avoid congestion.
- If this is not possible, then always attempt to park on the school side of the road to collect your children.
- Use the Stop, Drop and Go pick up area – if your child is not there, move through the area and go around the block.
- Otherwise park your car further away and walk into the school ground to meet your children.

### Double Parking

Double parking is unfortunately a problem that places the lives of our young children at unnecessary risk. Double-parked vehicles are visual obstructions for young children trying to cross to the other side of the road. They also place children getting in or out of the car at risk, as they must venture to the middle of the road to do so. Please refrain from double parking around our school and use the other safer parking options available to you.

### Disabled parking

We have disabled parking bays reserved near our school. Please do not park or stand in these bays if you do not have an ACROD sticker in your vehicle. Even dropping your children off in these bays can be inconvenient for those people who need to use these bays. Please be considerate when around these reserved bays for the safety and convenience of others.

## 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
- absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au

We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

## Stars of the Week

<b>Prep A</b>	Charlotte	<b>Prep B</b>	Ainsley
<b>Prep C</b>	Indie	<b>Prep D</b>	Charlie
<b>1A</b>	Samuel	<b>1B</b>	Cain
<b>1C</b>	Braxton	<b>1D</b>	Charlie
<b>2A</b>	Kassadee	<b>2B</b>	Addison
<b>2C</b>		<b>2D</b>	Aaliyah
<b>2/3E</b>	Maddison	<b>3A</b>	Kayla
<b>3B</b>	Mia	<b>3C</b>	Indianna
<b>3D</b>	Gus	<b>4A</b>	Sonny
<b>4B</b>		<b>4C</b>	Jayden
<b>4D</b>	Peter	<b>5A</b>	
<b>5B</b>	Patrick	<b>5C</b>	Amy
<b>6A</b>		<b>6B</b>	Jayden
<b>6C</b>	Daniel	<b>Health</b>	Haasni
<b>PE</b>	Patrick	<b>Music</b>	Ashton
<b>LOTE</b>	Annabelle		

## Attendance

2018 School Attendance for Week 5, Term 4						
Fri 02/11/18	Mon 05/11/18	Tues 06/11/18	Wed 07/11/18	Thurs 08/11/18		
90.8%	87.2%	91%	92.5%	92.4%%		
Whole School Attendance for the Year to Date: 92.4%						
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.1%	91.8%	92.6%	92.4%	92.1%	92.6%	93.3%

Congratulations to 2B who had a great attendance rate for Week 5. Their attendance rate was 97% for the week! Also congratulations to the 7 classes which were at or above our school attendance target of 94% for Week 5. Remember, every day you are away is a learning day lost.

## Important Upcoming Dates to Remember

Tuesday 13 November	P&C Meeting 6.00pm
Thursday 22 November	Coping Café
Friday 30 November	Calliope Christmas Carols
Monday 3 – Tuesday 4 December	Gladstone State High/Toolooa High School Transition
Friday 7 December	Swimming Carnival - from 12:30
Monday 10 December	Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 12 December	Report Cards go home
Wednesday 12 December	Classes for 2019 go home
Thursday 13 December	Principal's Parade / End of Year Concert
Tuesday 29 January 2019	Term 1 2019 Commences

## Weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Welcome to Week 6 everyone. They say politeness costs nothing and gains everything, which is one of the reasons we are teaching 'Using polite language' as our PBL lesson this week. Good manners are vital, not only at school, but in the community and the workforce. For our kids to get ahead, it is important that they use "Please", "Excuse me", and "Thank you" as part of their regular vocabulary at Calliope State School. Please take a moment to encourage your child/children to use polite language.

Throughout the week we will be focusing on following teacher instructions straight away, which ties in nicely with being polite – by following instructions immediately kids are demonstrating that they are polite and respectful.

Lastly, Fantastic Fun Friday is on this Friday and the theme is 'Disco and sausage sizzle' for both the lower and upper school. At first break, Prep-2 will come along and enjoy some dancing and a sausage sandwich; and at second break, Years 3-6 will repeat this process. Well done to all the students who filled in their stamp charts demonstrating safe, respectful and responsible behaviour.

Have a great week.

**Brian Rowe**  
**Student Welfare Teacher**



## Coping Café

Parents come along and chat with support staff and other invited guests over a cuppa and cake. This is a great opportunity to get to know your children's support network and school community.

**When:** Thursday 22 November- Coping Café (last one for the year)

**Topic:** The famous holidays saying "I'm Bored."

**Where:** Administration Building – Conference Building 9.00am

## Commonwealth School Banking

Wednesday 5 December will be last week of school banking for 2018. If your student has 10 tokens or more, please place your order for rewards by Wednesday 21 November. Prizes can take two weeks to arrive at school.



## 2019 Booklist

Please find attached to the newsletter the 2019 booklist.

## 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.